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A Winter walk in Gillfield Wood (Photo: Chris Measures)

At last - Totley's new Scout Hut gets the go-ahead

It was back in August 2016 that the *Totley Independent* reported the Totley Scouts were to have a brand-new Scout Hut. At that time, after four years of discussions, we stated that there had been an agreement to renew the lease on the land on which the Scout Hut stands.

It is only in the last few weeks however that Scout Leader Sue Bridgens has been able to announce that "we have finally been able to secure a new lease from the Council, meaning that we now have to do some serious fund-raising to build our much needed new Scout Hut."

Why has it taken so long for the lease to be agreed? Sue explained to the *Totley Independent* that the Totley Scouts organisation has been working to secure a new lease from Sheffield City Council since 2015. There

have however been problems and delays, and Sue explained that "sometimes it felt that we would never secure a new lease, as obstacles were put in the way and the fate of the group seemed to hang in the balance".

Councillor Colin Ross has been supporting and helping the Scout group in this process. Several attempts were made to get the new lease signed off, but problems were encountered. Cllr Ross explained that complications arose regarding water tanks under the site, but even then, he felt, it was taking too long. "Then at the last minute the Council inserted a clause in the draft lease to the effect that the site was to be restored to its original condition at the end of the lease - meaning that the Scouts could then have been faced with a demolition bill!" (continued p.3)

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At last Totley's new Scout Hut gets the go-ahead (from p.1)

Cllr Ross managed to get this deal-breaking clause removed, and the lease has now finally been agreed. As Cllr Ross says "the council should be supporting voluntary organisations and not putting obstacles in their way!"

Totley Scouts has been running since 1944, and they currently have over 120 members between the ages of six and 18 – and there is a waiting list. Sue Bridgens explains that "commitment from our leaders is strong and they all give up a great deal of time to ensure that the young people coming through our doors have the best Scouting experience we possibly offer."



The old scout hut - not in great condition!

She pointed out that the existing building dates back to 1983 but "is slowly falling down round our ears, and it is with great relief that we can now begin to make plans to have it replaced."

Fundraising has already begun to build the new Scout Hut and the organisation thanks those who have been generous in supporting it so far. The provisional plans indicate that a minimum of £200,000 is needed for a new building – a daunting amount of money to try to raise. "At present," says Sue, "we have just over £10,000 so there is a long way to go! If TI readers can help, or if they know of anyone with time, ideas, experience or access to funding, please contact us via email at hallamadccubs@gmail.com or give us a ring on 07971 400434."

Totley Antiques and Vintage Sale

The Antiques and Vintage Sale held on Saturday 9th November proved to be extremely popular. There were 22 sellers and crowds of people coming to browse all through the day.



Thank you very much to Hazel, Ann, Jean and Judy who did an amazing job in the kitchen selling wonderful cakes, and making bacon and veggie sausage rolls. And thank you to volunteers Sarah, John, Carol and Isabella who took turns taking entrance fees at the door. Hugh, the Totley Open Gardens Treasurer, turned up at the end to fetch the takings and got roped in to help put all the tables away - thanks Hugh!

The Sale made an amazing £935 for Totley Open Gardens Association. This will be added to the takings of the Open Gardens weekend in July 2020, to distribute to local voluntary and community organisations.

A second Vintage Fair is planned for March 2020 - date still to be confirmed. Because there are now many more sellers wanting to book, we are considering booking the Dore Masonic Hall if it is available.

This is the only Antiques and Vintage Fair now running in Sheffield, so is proving very popular with buyers and sellers. The Sale was organised by Jennie Street, Linda Wheawall and Chris Jenkins.

If you would like to book a stall at the next Vintage Fair, please contact Chris Jenkins as she manages the bookings. You can contact Chris by email on christine.jenkins1@sky.com or telephone 0114 4180700.

Jennie Street



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Gillfield Wood**

Diary for December and January

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December

Monday 2nd: Dragonflies and Damselflies An illustrated talk by Stuart Davies, local photographer, about the life cycles of Dragonflies and Damselflies, particularly local species, and the importance of ponds for them and other wildlife. Photos will be shown which were taken by the speaker when surveying for the British Dragonfly Survey over the past few seasons.

7.30pm, Totley Library. Refreshments available.

Sunday 22nd: 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.

January

Sunday 19th: 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.

The above date in January may change as confirmation is needed with the Ranger service.

Advance notice:

February 2020

Monday 3rd: "Free Bird" An illustrated talk by Pete Brown. An outline: "In 2016 well-known local bird watcher Pete Brown set out to see how many bird species he could find in the Sheffield area during the year at no cost to his pocket or the planet. Birding by bike, boots and bus pass Pete set a target of finding 150 species and, through sponsorship, of raising £1,500 for Cancer Research UK. "Free Bird" is the story of that adventure.

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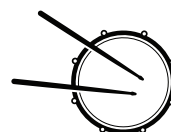
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Transport 17

Busy!!! Busy!!! Much going on for Transport 17!!!

Firstly, in the office: we were very pleased to appoint Kerry Machon as our new admin assistant. She started at the beginning of October and is settling into the role, getting more familiar with the running of Transport 17. A warm welcome to Kerry, and we hope she enjoys being a part of the team. Having a new person in a role often means new ways of looking at things and new approaches which will hopefully move us more into the 21st century. Coming to terms with all of this is not always easy but we will get there in the end.

The three events in September were all very successful for us. The first was Totley Show. The quiz Jenny Nuttall and her daughter created, sponsored by Hamnett Wealth Management, was a real success, raising about £60. There was much head-scratching as people tested their knowledge of Totley. Sally Goldsmith was the winner with 18 points, so well done Sally!!! It is good that we can have the bus at the show as this is what people associate us with. Our volunteers were busy chatting to people about what they do. Their commitment and the pleasure they get from volunteering comes through loud and clear. All this resulted in us recruiting a new volunteer, Andy Birch, so thanks and welcome to Andy! Thanks to all our volunteers for the time they gave on the day and to all of you for your support. We are proud once again to benefit from the donation we receive from the show and look forward to receiving a cheque at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you Totley Show Committee!

The Pea and Pie Supper, with entertainment from Totley's own Jimmy McWilliams, at St John's Church on Abbeydale Road South on 28th September was a fantastic evening. It was a revival of what used to be a very successful event and



*Jimmy McWilliams at the
Pie and Pea evening*

clearly continues to be so, judging by the comments and thanks we have received. It was a really good 'do' - the hall was packed and there was a great atmosphere with so much catching up being done. Liberty Foods provided excellent pies all served piping hot. Various volunteers from Transport 17 had spent a lot of time setting the hall up which provided a lovely backdrop for the event. Jimmy was in fine voice and a delight to listen to. In a true music hall style he got

everyone involved with some of the songs. Huge thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the whole event tick along so smoothly and provide a lovely social evening - and we raised £800 which was a fantastic



result. Particular thanks must go to both Jimmy and Mike Finn for working so hard to make the event a success along with Netta Barnes, Hazel Brand and Diane Ellis. Liz Thompson, who organises the Lunch Club at St John's, has been hugely supportive of the event and we would like to thank her too for her commitment to it. Biggest thanks though go to Jimmy for providing such excellent entertainment. Well done all!

On Monday 30th September we held our Pairs Duplicate Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club. We weren't able to run the event last year so it was good to have it back in our programme this year. Libby Ireland did a sterling job in dealing with all the organisational issues helped by Ruth Kerr. Our thanks go to Stan Heywood, who runs the day for us, helped by Graham Jessop. The golf club was an excellent venue: it was a beautiful day so several people had their lunch on the balcony in the sunshine admiring the view. Many thanks to all the staff there. We didn't have quite as many tables this time but hopefully everyone enjoyed their day and will pass the word onto their friends for next year. We made £662 which was a very satisfactory result, so thanks to all who supported us by coming along.

When you read this we will have held our Annual Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes which will hopefully have been as successful as it has been in previous years. We hope that you enjoyed it. Thanks must go to the hardworking committee fundraising events sub-committee who helped gather items, price and label them, and then helped on the day. Huge appreciation goes to the Cross Scythes for their support and thank you to Deb Leonard for her continued support which we much appreciate. Most importantly though, the event wouldn't be what it is without your good selves being there.

We have just received information from the Co-op regarding the Local Community Fund that we have been a part of this year - we have been presented by Dore Co-op with a cheque for £4,664.95. What a fantastic result and a direct result of your support at the Coop. We can't thank you all enough. The money is going directly into the bus fund and will help us on our way to achieving the £52,000 needed to replace the MX05. We understand we can apply to be a part of the scheme again but sadly missed the last round of bidding. However we fully intend to apply in the next round.

Jenny Nuttall went to the Totley Open Gardens meeting to receive a very generous cheque from them for £950. What a fantastic event that is. Thanks must go to all those wonderful gardeners who work so hard to create such special places to inspire us all. Finally we have received two donations. One was in memory of Bill Glossop, which was bequeathed to us in his will, and we are very appreciative of his generosity and support. The other was £500 from St Marks Church. Thank you!

Well it has certainly been quite a summer and autumn for successful fund-raising for the organisation, and it will all be a huge help as we strive to meet the financial demands of running Transport 17.

It just remains for me to wish you all the very best for the coming festive season and a truly special 2020.

*Sandra Longley
(On behalf of the Management Committee)*

Totley Show 2019

Report from the Chair of the Society

The 34th Show seems a long while ago now. This year we brought ourselves into the digital age and we have a Facebook page. This was set up and managed by Carolyn Rawlings. As you will see later in the article, we think this was one of the reasons for a substantial increase in entries to the Show. It enabled us to post regular updates and it also created a platform for local people to get in touch and ask questions about the Show.

We also improved our programme, changing it to colour and expanding it to eight pages. A lot of preparation was needed and our thanks go to Gail Wyman for the hours of effort she put into designing the new programme and to Totley Primary School for printing and collating it.

We were well supported by the following sponsors who each had an advert in our programme: Totley All Saints Church; Hamnett Wealth Management; Omega at Abbeydale; the Cross Scythes; The Crown Inn; Totley Rise Methodist Church.

As usual we had great support from the following shops and businesses, who donated raffle prizes, in alphabetical order there were: Amrita Nutrition; Totley Co-op; the Cross Scythes; Glamourama; the Ironing Parlour; Liberty Foods; Luxury Box; Martin Scriven; Rendezvous; the Shepley Spitfire; Mr Singh at Totley Pharmacy; the Fox; the Gin Wagon; Tops for Jeans; Totley Deli; Totley Rise Newsagents and Post Office; Totley Tails and Whiskers; and 195 Headlines.

Friday 13 September came - not the best date for setting up if you are of a superstitious nature, but everything went well. Despite not having the usual assistance from a local farmer (he was busy harvesting crops in his field that evening) to help us transport all the tables to the school, we still had the support of the local Scout Group, which was a great help as always.

On Saturday morning we had a busy time processing all the entries, which were nearly 20% up on last year. All the increase could be attributed to the Children's Section, where the entries more than doubled from 59 to over 120. The most pleasing figure was that 121 individuals had entered items, which is a substantial increase on last year's number of 86. We think that more people in Totley are aware of the Show than ever before and this may be down to the Facebook page. The quality of the entries by local people never ceases to amaze me! It was lovely to see all the tables full of entries, particularly the bottom table with the flowers, fruit and vegetables - not to mention the Children's Section with over 120 entries. The crafts, and in particular the woodwork and quilting sections, were of a fantastic standard! Pictured above is the winning entry in the 'Open Woodwork' class. What talented people we have in our area!



The footfall in the afternoon was similar to recent years, with plenty of people catching up with friends and neighbours over a drink and cake. The buzz in the halls was great to see. The main raffle took an extra £30 and we think that was down to the efforts of the volunteers selling the tickets.

As regards the stallholders, in recent years we have usually only had local groups and charities. This year however we had the Bluebell Wood charity for the first time. All the stallholders were pleased with the interest on their stalls, and they all want to come back next time. The Cubs and Scouts group took nearly £300, well up on last year, and the Knit and Natter group more than doubled last year's takings.

However, it is not all about the money, and many people

commented on the friendly and convivial atmosphere of our Show. That was shown by how well 'Phil the Bin' was greeted when walking round the halls. He provided a great element of fun, as well as communicating the more serious message about littering.



We had a new entertainment group this year, in the form of the Tuneless Choir (pictured below). They went down well and the audience were pleased that they handed out song-sheets, encouraging them to join in. We also had the regular group of Seven Hills Quartet - or were there five this year? We are grateful to the band for the use of their PA system both for opening the Show and for the presentation of prizes and the auction at the end.



It was good to see that the Best in Show was won by someone in the Children's Section, Chloe Challis. Her entry was a rainbow unicorn cake (pictured below). Their family, with the children, parents and grandparents have always been big supporters of the Show. Unfortunately for Chloe this is her last year to be eligible in the Children's Section!



Totley Show 2019: Report from the Chair of the Society (continued)

There was one of the largest crowds I have seen at the end of the Show for the presentations and the auction. The auction was very well conducted, as usual, by a very entertaining Rony Robinson.

We managed to make a surplus of just under £500 this year. As we now have a satisfactory reserve in the new society we are able to donate the entire surplus to our two local charities, Transport 17 and the local Cubs and Scouts new Scout hut fund, each receiving £250.



Above: entries in the 'Decorative Buns' and 'Sewn Garment' sections

I would like to thank all the members of the committee who helped make this year's Show a great success again. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon - not least the extra helpers we had at the end of the Show which enabled us to tidy everything up within 90 minutes!

Just after finishing writing this article I heard that my predecessor, Hetty Moran, has sadly passed away. She was always very enthusiastic about getting involved in local affairs, as well as being Chair for two years. Our committee have fond memories of her time organising us all and we pass on our condolences to her family.

Mick Warwick, Totley Show Chair

Swifts and the Laverdene Estate

When the swifts return each May to nest under the eaves of the houses on the Laverdene estate off Mickley Lane, it reminds me that the world is still turning! All summer we are treated to their aerial acrobatics, swerving and screaming over the streets and Green Oak Park. They never rest, always on the wing, hoovering up insects. The best time to see and hear them is in the evening when it is warm and still, or in the early morning. In late July or early August they leave for their long journey back south to Africa.



We are truly privileged to host these birds – there has been a 57% decrease in their breeding numbers in the UK between 1995 and 2016. This has made swifts an amber-listed species meaning that there is great concern for their future. It is believed that their plummeting numbers nationally are partially caused by them returning to find their nesting sites gone, often due to building work on roofs and gutters.

What can be done? Everyone wants to maintain their houses

and it's great to extend into roof spaces. But before you do, think of the swifts and make sure that they still have somewhere to return to. One of the best ways might be to buy and install a special swift nesting box. There are lots of ideas for where you can buy them - or even construct them - at <https://www.swift-conservation.org/Shopping!.htm> You might even increase the amount of nest space available! You can also find out more at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/conservation/conservation-and-sustainability/safeguarding-species/help-us-help-swifts/>

Swifts are one of the great sights and sounds of Summer. Perhaps you can also help next year by counting the swifts. Also, by letting me know if swifts are nesting under your eaves or in roof spaces under tiles? I will make sure I return numbers of swifts and nest sites discovered to the RSPB and local bird groups.

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What's on at the Library



Fifth Birthday Celebration

The beginning of October this year marked the fifth anniversary of Totley CRIC taking over the running of Totley Library. To mark the occasion a celebration event was held in the Library on the afternoon of 5th October. The event was opened by our local councillor Colin Ross and the festivities began with a song by Julie Gay and her band of litter pickers conducted by Phil the Bin. We were then entertained by the Rock Choir followed by the Seven Hills Quartet. It was a brilliant community event enjoyed by all age groups; one of the highlights was an interactive poetry stall run by Sally Goldsmith which enabled her to write this poem using both written and verbal responses from local people. You'll find the poem on page 9 of this issue, and on page 31 there's an account of the event by a regular library user, plus some photos!

Our New Website

It's gone live!! The new website for Totley Library, which we hope will be easier to use and more attractive, is now operational. Please have a look at it and let us have any feedback so that we can make it as useful as possible for all our users.

Volunteers Needed

One of the continual challenges of running a volunteer library is the need to find new volunteers. Whilst we are always happy to welcome new volunteers wanting to work in the Library we also need volunteers who are happy to work in other areas and we have a pressing need at present to augment our cleaning team. Our aim is keep the Library clean and tidy at all times and we are looking for people might have an hour or so to spare who could come and help keep this community space looking lovely! We have also identified a need to give a fresh impetus to our marketing and publicity activities and two of our Trustees are working together to develop a new marketing strategy. They would love to hear from anyone who would be like to be involved in activities such as writing articles and making use of social media, or anyone with a background in marketing and/or publicity.

We are also always looking for people to take on management and organisational roles and are currently looking for a treasurer.

Please call in at the Library, or call 0114 236 3971, if you are interested in helping out.

New Books and Chairs

We continue to add new books to both the council stock and our own "Orange Sticker" scheme. Look out for our cosy Christmas reads and lots of new Best Selling titles. In addition we are expanding our History section (including local history) and developing the Younger Readers section. If you have young children just beginning to read, we have lovely new First Stage reading books and are colour banding the books in line with the reading schemes used by local schools. New chairs have now been purchased to go with our new computers.

Community Art Space

If you are looking for that special Xmas present, call in at the library and have a look at our Art for sale. We are currently exhibiting work by Angela Harpham, Andrew Jefferies and the Artfulness group.

Christmas Closure Dates

The Library will be closed from 1pm on Saturday 21st December and will re-open on Friday 3rd of January.

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners!

The first-prize winner in the September draw was Sally Steel, and the second-prize winner was Arthur Stobbs. In the Octo-

ber draw, first prize was won by Collette Duke, and the second prize was won by Anne Warburton.

Events at the Library

Totley Library Cinema – Winter programme

Children's Films:

Sunday 19th January, 2pm: The Grinch

Films for adults:

Thursday 16th January, 3pm: Red Joan

Friday 24th January, 7.30pm: Green Book

Tickets available from Totley Library

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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.3, 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 stepoutssheffield@gmail.com. See www.healthwalksinffield.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.

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A Poem for Totley Library

Sally Goldsmith

Totley Library – five whole years of being run entirely by volunteers! The Library asked for my help, as a local writer, at their special celebratory event. I suggested I might construct a poem from people's responses to using the library – their stories, what they liked, what they remembered. The week before the event, volunteer staff collected these, sticking them onto a lovely display board, made to look like a shelf of books. I gathered these together and also chatted to people at the event. Then it was a cut, paste and edit job to construct those that could fit together to make a poem celebrating our vibrant, busy library. Here it is.

Five Years On

The door slides open
on this community's beating heart –
"Totley library – wow!"
Still here? How?
We stood up, planned,
out of despair took hope

and look – new books,
more than a hundred volunteers!
"Hats off" to gardeners, cleaners,
bright paint, disabled loo,
fresh carpets and computers too.

Take Wednesday mornings – "a buzz" –
kids gluing, singing because
you can come with your mum,
"for colouring in and making stuff",
Gruffalo, Peepo, Dogger, Tom Thumb.

The coffee morning, walkers gather,
dicky legs and hearts no matter,
set out half ten, then back again
for tea, coffee and biscuits too.
"All hail those cakes, the refreshments crew!"

"Remember the plant sales, whole place busy?"
"The day I got dizzy and lay on the floor?"
"That Christmas and the mummers' play?"
"The lovely care home escapee,
how we gave him a cuppa and called him a taxi?"

"Can't do without it – most days I'm here."
There's book group, yoga, French and craft,
now local painters can show their art,
film nights – ice cream, Mama Mia,
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Ask Your Pharmacist

Help Us Help You

This winter, NHS England and Public Health England are using the unifying 'Help Us Help You' campaign to increase people's understanding of the actions they can take to help the NHS to help them. This campaign promotes appropriate self-care and illness prevention measures, and provides guidance on prudent use of NHS services during the winter period.

Keeping seasonal coughs and colds at bay

Please pop in to see us for advice on what medicines should be in your cabinet and how to help you and your family get through the winter season. We will also tell you if you need to see a doctor.

We can also advise you on natural options to help you deal with colds, and also to boost your immune system.

Many over-the-counter medicines (including paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available to relieve symptoms of common winter ailments such as colds, sore throat, cough, sinusitis or painful middle ear infection (earache). Always seek advice from your pharmacist at the first sign of a cough or cold before it gets more serious. The sooner you get advice, the sooner you are likely to get better.



Flu and flu jabs

Flu can lead to serious illnesses, such as pneumonia and bronchitis, and even death in vulnerable people. You are more at risk if you are older, have a long-term condition, or are pregnant.

Make sure you get your free flu jab if -

- you are 65 and over
- you have a long-term health condition
- you are pregnant

Ask for the flu jab at your GP surgery, or if you cannot get an appointment, pop in to see us for a flu jab without an appointment. Make sure you do this as early as possible, as supplies will be limited.

Flu is very infectious and spread by germs from coughs and sneezes, which can live on hands and surfaces for 24 hours. To reduce the risk of spreading flu:

- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible

Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

Staying warm

It is important to keep warm in winter – both inside and outdoors. Keeping warm over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Below are some tips from NHS England -

- if you're not very mobile, are 65 or over, or have a health condition, such as heart or lung disease, heat your home to at least 18C
- keep your bedroom at 18C all night if you can – and keep the bedroom window closed
- have at least one hot meal a day – eating regularly helps keep you warm
- have hot drinks regularly
- draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts

- get your heating system checked regularly by a qualified professional

Keep active when you're indoors. Try not to sit still for more than an hour or so. Wear several layers of light clothes. They trap warm air better than one bulky layer.

You may be able to claim financial and practical help with heating your home. Grants available include the Winter Fuel Payment and the Cold Weather Payment.

For more information on how to reduce your bills and make your home more energy efficient, go to the government's Simple Energy Advice website. Or call the Simple Energy Advice helpline on 0800 444 202.

It's worth claiming all the benefits you're entitled to as soon as winter begins.

NHS 111

If you need medical advice when your doctor's surgery or pharmacy is closed, call 111 or go online to 111.nhs.uk They will signpost you to the best source. Remember, you do not usually need to go to A & E for most winter ailments. Not only can this be a waste of your time, it can also place a huge strain on NHS resources. NHS England is suggesting you regard Pharmacy as your first port of call, so please pop in to see us, or give us a call. If you are struggling to get out, we are happy to deliver any medicines (either prescription medicines or over the counter medicines) to you.

NHS England also advises that we look in on vulnerable neighbours and relatives. Check on older neighbours and relatives, and those with heart or breathing (respiratory) problems, to make sure they:

- are safe and well
- are warm enough, especially at night
- have stocks of food and medicines so they do not need to go out during very cold weather

If you're worried about a relative or elderly neighbour, contact your local council or call the Age UK helpline on 0800 678 1602 (8am to 7pm every day).

Tajinder Singh

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Gardening Tips for December and January

The sun is shining but there was frost on the lawn this morning, the first of the season. We have just put back the clocks. I don't know whether it makes much difference these days, the working days for some people are flexible enabling them to suit their workload to the time. A lot of people work from home so the different light value will not worry them. The farmers used to like the time difference but whether it affects them these days I am not sure.

I have had to go to hospital (aaah!!!). I did a stupid thing! I forgot the rule I had knocked into me when I was an apprentice, to keep both hands behind any form of cutting edge - chisels, files, saws, and especially hacksaws as they can give you a nasty gash (5 stitches!). Quite sore at the moment, and I didn't get a lot of sympathy from you-know-who, because I was bleeding all over the carpet! She sho'd me back into the kitchen where it's OK to bleed: she looked (and was) very concerned and drove me to the hospital. NHS Hallamshire - fantastic, considerate, efficient, cannot fault them at all, a wonderful service. By the time you read this I should be back on my feet, after a little while convalescing (well, you have to milk it as much as possible, eh lads? No washing up etc etc).

We are off to Scotland in a few days to visit our son John. They usually have a gardening matter to cope with when we get there. Their biggest problem (or smallest at the moment) is a new puppy, a cockerpoo. I am sure she has the run of the garden (it is quite small) and will ruin the lawn unless anything she leaves behind is not watered well. John is not a bad gardener as you would expect - he reads gardening tips in the TI.

We have just planted 50 wallflower plants. They were a nice decent size, bare rooted they are, in one of the raised beds in the veg area. They should give a pleasant aroma and a good display in the spring. We are a bit behind with the greenhouse insulation - the cold snap has come as a reminder to get it done as soon as possible. The geraniums are in and other tender plants are being made ready to go in. Now is the time to do the winter care jobs, wrap up plants which cannot be moved indoors and give low growing ones a mulch of straw or hay to keep them nice and snug during the winter months.

I have just cut the lawn possibly for the last time this year. I will be putting a dressing of winter feed on when we get a fine day, so that we will have a good healthy lawn in the spring. Fertilising always makes a big difference to the way the lawn stands up to the wear and tear. An old gardener friend of mine used to say grass grows by inches and is spoiled by feet (and pups).

Clear away leaves on the lawn as quickly as possible as they will turn the grass yellow. Leaves are a problem in our garden - we have a very large oak tree at the edge of the plot which takes a long time to shed its leaves, therefore we are clearing them for a few weeks. It is easier to clear leaves when they are dry. Compost them separately. When they are rotted down (a year or so) add them to the compost heap or use them for potting medium. A garden vac can be a time saver but can be heavy and cumbersome....

Flowers: Dig any vacant ground and top dress with a good manure or fertilizer, but if you are putting in bedding plants next season don't overdo the fertilizer or they will make more green than flowers. A touch of bone meal or hoof and horn will do nicely. Make sure your insulation around the plants which are likely to be affected by frost is adequate, straw or agricultural fleece or even newspaper can help. Newspaper can only be used where it is a sheltered spot, otherwise it goes all soggy and freezes up. You can take root cuttings at this time - oriental poppies, perennial verbasiums, anchusas and phlox can be propagated this way. Dig up a root, mark the top, cut into small pieces about an inch long noting the up end, and push them into a sandy compost in a well-drained box or pots. The tops of the cuttings should be just level with the soil. Place in a greenhouse either warm or not and water moderately. They will be slow at shooting, and in late spring when they are properly hardened off the small plants can be established outdoors.



Azaleas

Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rotting bits and dust the cuts with flower of sulphur. Prune clematis, jackmanii and the hybrid types. Increase stocks of rhododendron and azaleas by layering, that is, bending one of the lower branches down to earth and pegging it down. A bit of sand mixed with the soil where it touches the ground will help, and a small nick in the branch will also encourage it to 'strike' sooner.

Vegetables: Dig any vacant plots, clearing away any crops that are finished. Leave the clods of earth large so that the

frost can get at them - this is the only thing that frost is good for. Oh, and it also knobbles a few slugs. Check your soil condition and balance the pH. To suit the crops you are going to grow, do not add any lime to freshly manured soil, as the lime locks the goodness in the manure and takes a long time to be of benefit to the soil. Protect cauliflowers from frost by bending a leaf or two over the curds.

You should all know by now if you have been paying attention, that Boxing Day is the traditional day for planting onion seeds, especially for the Tooty Show. Kelseo or Robinsons mammoth are the real whoppers. If you want really good flavoured onions use Ailsa Craig seeds, they are great for kitchen use. If you are not growing from seed, onion sets make good bulbs but are planted in May under cloches or April in the open (Turbo or Sturon are good varieties). Seeds need to be in deep boxes or in individual fibre pots. Pots are best because there is less root disturbance when planting out in May or April and therefore less check to growth. They don't need a lot of heat - 55 to 60 degrees or so, lowering to 50 degrees F when they show through. Start planning what you are going to plant and where, trying not to plant the same crops in the same place as last year: rotation is the order of the day. Buy the seeds in good time so that you have an early start if the weather is clement (we hope).

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: Continue pruning if it is not already done - it must be completed by the end of January. Also the winter tar oil wash - this will kill off any aphid eggs and other nasties waiting to pounce in spring. Check any potted shrubs and ornamental trees in pots, making sure they're comfortable in their winter quarters and that they have not blown over or the insulation is loose. These things can be expensive so a little thought at this time can save a lot of heartache later.

Cover any soft fruit bushes with fleece or netting in January as birds can be a nuisance pecking off developing buds. Treat spring flowering almonds and any shrubs or trees susceptible to silver leaf curl or black spot or canker with a good healthy quality fungicide, choosing a bright calm day. Wear



Flowering Almond

a mask and any other protection recommended by the manufacturers. If we have snow this winter go round knocking it off the branches of conifer trees, as the weight of snow can seriously deform this type of tree, especially if they are quite small ones.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Your greenhouse should not be empty at this time, but if it is, give it a good clean up with a good disinfectant, especially if you had nasties in there last season. Those proper gardeners who have plants in will have to be extra careful when disinfecting and cleaning. Cleaning the glass is particularly important as in the winter the growing plants will need as much light as possible during the shorter days. While you have the disinfectant out, give the empty pots and trays a good dowsing ready for the busy springtime ahead. Where watering is needed, do it sparingly and don't splash around - you need to keep the atmosphere as dry as possible. On sunny days, even in winter, the temperature can be quite high, so be ready to ventilate when it reaches 60°F or so, but remember to close the vent in the afternoon, or when it turns dull, as the temperature can drop quite rapidly.

Mid-January is the time to sow cyclamen (they take 15 months to flower), geranium and begonias. Start taking chrysanthemum cuttings and at the end of January you can start off begonia and gloxinia tubers. Begonia will need a minimum temperature of 55°F. Gloxinias need more - around 60 to 65°F. If you can't maintain these temperatures leave them dormant until later.

After the daffodils and hyacinth you got for Christmas have finished flowering give them a weak feed of house plant food and let the leaves die back before storing the bulb away until next season. It's a shame to throw them away and they will give good flowers given the chance. Mother Nature is wonderful you know, especially if she is given a little help from us wonderful gardeners (ha ha!).

House plants don't like high temperatures and draughts (well most of them) so don't put them near heating appliances. The non-flowering specimens will not need a lot of water at this time, so standing them on damp pebbles and spraying over them will do just fine. The exception is any plant with hairy leaves, they need watering from the bottom, though again, quite sparingly. It's given me quite a funny turn thinking that there may be an empty greenhouse out there!

Lawns: As usual rake up any leaves etc. but only on fine days. Don't walk on lawns if it is frosty or snow-covered or you will have yellow footprints in your grass in the spring. If you have a wet spot on your lawn area give it a bit of sharp sand - that should help. If that does not cure it, then land drains are the answer, but that can be quite a big job. Don't forget the old mower may need an overhaul - it's cheaper to have it done before February. Whilst you are at it get the shears out, as they may need a bit of fettling too.

A Happy and Joyful Christmas to you all and a good gardening year to all you proper gardeners. Don't forget the Totley Show and as the scouts say, Be Prepared!

Cheerio for now,

Tom

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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Christmas Concert Time Again!

Here we are at the back end of the year again and it only seems like last week that we were performing *Yeoman of the Guard*! Where does the time go? I've a feeling Br*x*t has distorted time. When will it ever end? As this edition of *Totley Independent* will be out in early December, I cannot guess what will happen in later December so I hope our music will at least cheer people up, I'm sure we will all be needing it! I will save detailed information about our next show for future editions - suffice to say that we will be performing Gilbert & Sullivan's *Patience* next year from the first to the fourth of April so get it into your diaries. Before then we have our Christmas concerts by the Troubadores which we are now rehearsing for.



This year, Monica, our esteemed concert chorus mistress, has picked festive music as the theme. From my point of view it is lovely to sing both traditional carols and new songs that I have not sung before. Some easy ones, and of course some more difficult ones which need a fair amount of work. We have nice arrangements of traditional carols, some of which we hope you will join in singing, and some splendid individual items as usual.

There are two concerts this year. One will be at Holy Trinity, Millhouses, on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm, and the second one will be at our usual venue, Dore Methodist Church, on Saturday 21st December at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £8 each for each concert and both include light refreshments as always. The Millhouses tickets are available from John Savournin (telephone 07754 894379) and for the Dore concert from me on 0114 2362299. If we don't see you at either of the concerts, have a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Derek Habberjam

Councillors' Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

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

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

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The Big Totley History Treasure Hunt!

Totley History Group organised a quiz in October, as part of the 5 year celebrations of Totley Library being run by volunteers. The quiz sheets were sold for £1.00 each, with all profit donated to the library funds. The prize draw was held on Monday 4th November.

The winner received a £10.00 book token and a year's free entry for two people to Totley History Group meetings. The runner up received a year's free entry for two people to Totley History Group meetings.

The winner of the draw was Stuart Sawyer, and the runner-up was Janis Riley.

Here are the answers to the Quiz:

1. The old water pump was situated on Baslow Road. It was just inside the boundary hedge of what is now R.C. Chapel of the English Martyrs.
2. The Inn opposite the top of Mickley Lane was called The Greenoak Inn.
3. The Pleasure Gardens on Baslow Road were called Victoria Gardens or The Monkey Gardens. Either accepted.
4. The row of terraced houses and shops at Totley Rise are known locally as 'Bricky Row' or 'The Rise'. Either accepted.
5. The Post Office / Newsagents now occupies the shop where Marrison's grocers was.
6. Edith Spring owned and ran the sweet shop on Totley Rise for 47 Years. AKA Mrs Spring. Either accepted.
7. Bonner's newsagents shop was the last shop, on the corner, at the lower end of Bricky Row. It is now a hairdressers called # Bae Hair.
8. Oldhay Brook and Totley Brook converge at the end of Mill Lane, to form the River Sheaf.
9. The boundary stones are on the wall of the bridge over the Oldhay Brook. The stones read: Bakewell 15 miles - Parish of Totley - Parish of Dore - Sheffield 5 miles.
10. The old library building is now a hairdressers called The Hair Bar.
11. This library was opened in 1939.
12. V. Martin's newsagents shop is now 'Seasons' cafe and gift shop.
13. The United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road was moved there in 1908. It was known locally as the 'Tin Tab'.
14. The monarch's cypher on the post box belongs to George V. This is the only acceptable answer.
15. Totley Tunnel was opened for passenger travel in 1894. This is the only acceptable answer. (It was initially opened for goods transport in 1883)
16. The name on the signal box is Totley Tunnel East.
17. The name of the school on Grove Road that closed in 1966 was Dore And Totley High School. Will also accept Dore High School.
18. The present Methodist Church was opened in 1896.
19. The old millpond on Back Lane served Totley Rolling Mill.
20. The Slaughterhouse on Back Lane was owned by Thompson butchers.
21. Before Marstone Garage the grassy corner plot was used for Open Air Wesleyan Services, and then a Fire Station. Either accepted. It is now a Veterinary Surgery.
22. The industrial area between Glover Road and Queen Victoria Road produced chemicals (pyroligneous acid, naphtha and charcoal) in the latter half of the 19th century.
23. The area became known locally as the Chemical Yard.
24. The pub on Mickley Lane is called the Shepley Spitfire, so-called because the Shepley family of nearby Woodthorpe Hall raised the money for a new Spitfire, after losing three of their five children in World War 2. One of the sons was Douglas Shepley, a Spitfire pilot who took part in the Battle of Britain. He was shot down and killed in 1940. The new Spitfire that the family paid for was named the Shepley Spitfire.
25. The stone near the junction of Mickley Lane and Baslow Road marks the Western boundary of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Abbeydale.



Seasonal Highlights at Totley Primary

With the festive season just around the corner, all at Totley Primary are looking forward to

what I'm sure will be another cracker of a Christmas! There are many longstanding school traditions here that we love to embrace at this time of year. We feel that these give our school a real sense of identity and help to bring our school community together at a time when this is right to be the top of our wish list!

2019 will mark the 11th consecutive year of our whole school trip to the Lyceum pantomime in Sheffield, although the expansion in our school numbers now means that we have to run separate visits for infants and juniors. This is such a powerful experience for children to have together with their classmates, and one which we are eternally grateful to our fantastic PTA for funding - year in, year out. The PTA also put on a gift swap each year, which gives children a chance to purchase a surprise present for parents and carers and have it professionally wrapped by our army of parent volunteers.

These regular visits to professional productions hopefully give the children inspiration to take into their own Christmas performances, which we hold separately for children in Foundation Stage (a traditional nativity), Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. These opportunities for children to perform in front of their parents and carers are such special occasions which build great teamwork and confidence, as well as a chance to explore different interpretations of Christmas themes.

Our school kitchen's take on the traditional Christmas dinner is always a hit, and the fact that this corresponds with Christmas jumper day makes this a very jolly occasion indeed, with extra sprouts for the staff!

So all the best this Christmas from all the children and staff at Totley Primary. We hope that you have a peaceful time with your loved ones and see out the decade in style. Next step, the roaring 20s...!

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher



Totley History Group Programme 2019

17th December A change of day, but this is our usual visit to Ecclesall Church for the **Spitewinter Concert** with Sheffield Folk Chorale. Winter music across the centuries. 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

22nd January 'The Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall' with Dick Shepley. Totley Library, 7.30pm.

26th February 'The Old Town Hall - Past, Present and Future' with Valerie Baylis. Totley Library, 7.30pm.

Over the years Totley History Group has acquired numerous items, such as Brian Edwards' archives, books and equipment that are currently being stored in various locations.

We would like to bring all the items together and wondered if anyone might know of suitable storage facilities in the local area? We would be prepared to pay a modest rent for the right location. Please contact Norman Rolfe, on 07860 373692, if you know of any potential places.



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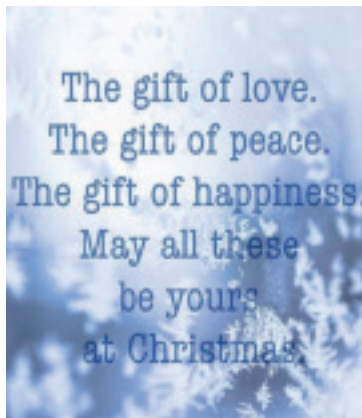
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The First Christmas

The story of the Nativity, the birth of Jesus, is often referred to as "The First Christmas". However, the first recorded date of "Christmas" being celebrated on December 25th was in 336, during the time of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine. St Augustine of Canterbury was probably responsible for introducing the celebration of Christmas to large parts of England in the 6th century. Celtic parts of Britain were already Christian but it is not clear how they celebrated the birth of Christ.

It is widely accepted by biblical scholars that the birth of Jesus didn't happen on December 25th and there are many theories as to how this date was chosen. No one knows for sure, but over two thousand years after the event, the date remains the same.

A "First Christmas" can mean different things to different people. It may be a joyous time, a baby's first Christmas, the first Christmas in a new home, the first as a couple or family. For others Christmas can be a painful "first", following the loss of a loved one, or it may mark a first Christmas learning to live with pain and sadness. A "first Christmas" can be a mixture of joy and sorrow in equal measure. Over two thousand years ago, that original first Christmas was much the same - the joy of the birth, perhaps tinged with the sadness of rejection and poverty.



Every year, around October or sometimes even earlier, we are advised by glossy publications and other media sources, of all the products we need to make this Christmas "the best ever". Those of us of a more sceptical frame of mind might suspect that these annual exhortations are designed with commercial interests in mind. Of course, there is absolutely nothing wrong with wanting to make the celebration special and memorable. How that will look will vary according to individual tastes, beliefs, preferences and circumstances. When it comes to celebrating the birth of Jesus opinions vary.

But the message of that First Christmas has never been about glitz, presents and fine food and how we celebrate the day. It is a message of hope, love, light and life. It is a message for ALL people, no matter who they are, whether they like a full-on celebration or nothing at all. It is a message for people of faith or none. We can hear the message or we can choose to ignore it. The message of God's love takes no account of who we are or what we have done. After a difficult and turbulent year both nationally and internationally the message of that First Christmas is one that many would like to hear.

You are welcome to join our Christmas Celebrations at All Saints:

Wednesday 18th December: Carol Singing in the pubs (7.45 at the Cross Scythes and from 8.30 at the Crown)

Sunday 22nd December at 5pm: Candlelit Carol Service, followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 24th December at 4pm: Crib Service – donations of items for Baby Basics Charity welcome (nappies, newborn clothes, soap, wipes etc)

Tuesday 24th December at 11.30: Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December at 9.30: Family Service followed by shortened Holy Communion

Wishing you a very happy Christmas on behalf of All Saints Church, Totley,

Liz Hayden and Angela Waite, Churchwardens, Totley All Saints

WEA Language courses

Just a few words to remind you about the Workers' Educational Association's successful language courses at St Johns, Abbeydale Road South, Totley (near Dore Station/end of Twentywell Lane).

We currently have a number of French courses available from Beginner to Advanced levels, Italian Beginner and Intermediate, and a new Spanish Beginners' course. These will all be in their second term by January, but all are welcome to join – and don't worry if you're new to the language – there'll be plenty of opportunity to catch up.

In addition, we hope to have a brand new Learn German through Story course in the new year – more on that later.

For information on any of the above, please contact me on 07958 940821 or email sylviamay@gmail.com.

*Sylvia May
Tutor, Modern Languages, WEA*



Carers Outreach Project (COPE)

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• **Wednesday 4th December 10 am – 12 noon**

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We intend to set up a regular group by the new year in the Dore and Totley area to find out more, please get in touch with us on the details below:

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As I wrestled with the new 'too clever by half' ticket machine at Dore and Totley railway station, I got to thinking about my days on the railways when things were so much simpler. The new technology takes a long time to operate and seems to defeat a lot of people who stab at the machine's touchscreen to no avail while the queue builds up behind them. In my day, and yes, I do remember the 1960s, issuing railway tickets quickly and correctly and giving timely information was a matter of pride for us. Rush-hour queues were very rare even around the London area where I worked: five or six cash customers per minute was the norm. At my last station, tickets of 5½ million passengers a year were checked as they entered and left the platforms. Nowadays, despite the



A busy booking office in the London area with its racks of tickets

threat of penalty fares, some people do appear to board trains without having a ticket. Most train managers will do their best to get through their trains to sell tickets to any people who are travelling without them. But as Dore and Totley station is so near to Sheffield where many of our trains terminate, staff are already packing their bags ready to get off and get to their next job or a cup of tea.

Revenue protection is as much of an issue now as it was in my days on the railway. Apart from guards on the trains, we had travelling ticket collectors known to us as 'the snappers'. They wore plain overcoats and boarded trains before producing and donning their impressive Ticket Inspector's peaked cap covered in 'scrambled egg' gold braid out of a cloth bag. Thus equipped, they asked to see the tickets of every passenger and the colour of their money if they didn't have the correct ticket. Miscreants had their names and addresses taken and sometimes cases ended up in court. And so it was in 1878, although this time the unfortunate miscreant was the stationmaster at Dore and Totley. His case, summarised below, was fully covered in the pages of the *Sheffield Independent* newspaper.

In November 1878 Mr Francis Wood, who had recently been stationmaster at Dore and Totley station was charged with embezzling several sums of money belonging to the Midland Railway. Wood had already been dismissed by the railway company. A Midland Railway detective in August 1878 had travelled from Derby to Dore & Totley but he had deliberately produced a ticket valid only as far as Dronfield. On alighting at Dore & Totley he gave Wood the extra 2½d fare from Dronfield. Several other inspectors of the Midland Railway made similar journeys with incorrect tickets and again paid the excess fares due to Mr Wood at Dore & Totley station as he was the only man on the platform. However, when the Midland Railway auditors came to check the excess fares paid in, they found no trace in the records of the excess fares paid to the Dore & Totley stationmaster by the inspectors.

Francis Wood first appeared at Eckington Petty Sessions where he was bailed for £50 and two sureties of £25 each. Several hundred local people had signed a character reference for him. The case was referred to the Derbyshire Quarter Sessions to be heard in January 1879. He was charged with

embezzling 2½d and various other sums of money amounting to 11d which was the property of the Midland Railway company. At the Quarter Sessions, the Midland Railway inspector from the accountant's department produced the Dore & Totley station's excess fare book which had to be entered up daily. It was noted that none of the test excess fares that had been paid in were visible in the entries made. In evidence, the defendant said that Dore was a pretty place and that in the summer he had to deal with a lot of excursionists. About 14 passenger trains stopped in a day along with additional "luggage trains". Mr Kennedy, for the Midland Railway, said that one of the excess fares paid in, 1½d from Ecclesall to Dore & Totley, was in October, which was not a busy month. Solicitor Mr Weightman, defending Francis Wood, said that the man had raised himself from the position of porter to become a stationmaster. He contended that the omissions were accidental and certainly not deliberate. Mr Kennedy then gave evidence of two further instances of missing excess fares for which the defendant was responsible. The jury retired and returned with a verdict of "not guilty" in each instance. This decision was received with applause in the court.

Clearly, the Midland Railway went to a lot of trouble to protect their revenue, even trying to catch out those members of their staff who were cheating the system or simply doing things wrongly. Mr Wood never worked for the railway again and he was replaced by Mr Mark Millard who served at our station for the next 34 years, including the time when the Hope Valley line and two more platforms were added to his responsibilities. When Mr Millard retired in 1913, he was presented with the proceeds of a cash collection for 'his unfailing courtesy and attention'. If only the correct tickets were quicker and easier to buy nowadays, and that current train operators were as keen on revenue protection. It's a forlorn hope, but if the much-delayed improvements at Dore and Totley station lead to even greater increases in passenger numbers, we may well qualify for part-time staffing. How much nicer to be getting tickets and help from a human being such as Mr Millard!

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Overall Best in Show: Chloe Challis for 'A Cake: any recipe' in the Children's Section

HANDICRAFTS: Best of Class: Pamela Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1. Knitted or Crocheted Item	Susan Ashmore	Rebekah Newman	Susan Ashmore
2. Decorative Cushion	Pamela Challis	Judy Needham	Hannah Corbey
3. Soft Toy	P. Challis and S. Ashmore	-	-
4. Sewn garment	Ingrid Fearnough	Hannah Corbey	Susan Bridgens
5. Cross Stitch	Janet Chapman	Janet Chapman	-
6. Quilting/Patchwork	Tina Shepherd	Pamela Challis	Susan Ashmore
7. Greetings Card	Elizabeth Wigglesworth	Susan Bridgens	Pamela Challis
8. Open Handicraft any medium	Jennifer Burns	Gail Wyman	Viv Filleul

DOMESTIC SECTION: Best of Class: Dorothy Firth

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
9. A Cake (any recipe)	Pamela Challis	Lynne Thompson	Sandra Doyle
10. Victoria Sandwich	Dorothy Firth	Pamela Challis	Susan Bridgens
11. Dundee Cake	Duncan Froggatt	Tom Steel	Susan Bridgens
12. Carrot Cake	Sandra Doyle	Chris Scott	Sowmya Mony
13. Free From (any recipe)	Lynne Thompson	Sharon Court	Sandra Doyle
14. 3 Fruit Scones	Dorothy Firth	Susan Bridgens	-
15. Loaf of Bread	Mell Camateras	Glyn Foley	Sally Goldsmith
16. Jam	Maxine Walton	Stella Kelly	Rebekah Newman
17. Lemon Curd	Chris Scott	Maxine Walton	Susan Bridgens
18. Marmalade	Ann Powell	Susan Bridgens	Ian Laurie
19. Chutney	Sally Goldsmith	Glyn Foley	Duncan Froggatt

FLORAL SECTION: Best of Class: Pamela Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
20. Floral Arrangement	Pamela Challis	Elizabeth Walkden	Pamela Challis
21. 3 Cut Home Grown Flowers	Jennie Street	Karen Bell	Elizabeth Walkden
22. Flowering Pot Plant	Duncan Froggatt	Pamela Challis	Jennie Street

FRESH PRODUCE: Best of Class: Chris Caroe

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
23. 4 Eating Apples	Martin Challis	Duncan Froggatt	Connie Froggatt
24. 4 Cooking Apples	William McGowan	Claire Calvert	Chris Caroe
25. 8 Blackberries	Chris Caroe	Jennie Street	Felix Chen
26. 5 or more Mixed Vegetables/Salad	Chris Caroe	Jennie Street	Jennie Street
27. 3 Courgettes	Chris Goldie	Jennie Street	Laura & Alice Taylor
28. 5 Matching Runner Beans	Catherine Wigglesworth	Chris Caroe	Jennie Street
29. 5 Tomatoes	John Perkinson	Chris Goldie	Jennie Street
30. 1 Cucumber	John Bailey	-	-
31. Heaviest Marrow	Ian Bell	John Bailey	Chris Caroe
32. Longest Runner Bean	Sally Goldsmith	Ian Bell	Chris Goldie
33. 3 Eggs from Own Hens	Jennie Street	Sally Steel	Hannah Corbey

ART: Best of Class: Andy Meaker

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
34. An Original Poem	Michael Rushforth	Claire Calvert	Michael Rushforth
35. Oil or Acrylic Painting	John Wells	Lorna Robinson	Kate Caroe
36. Watercolour	Stella Kelly	Tina Warwick	Tina Warwick
37. Sketch in Ink or Pencil	Andy Meaker	Andy Meaker	Richard Caroe
38. Upcycled Art or Sculpture	Ernest Adlington	Ray Sables	Hannah Corbey
39. Open Art any medium	Jean Walker	Claire Calvert	Katie Limb

40. Open Sculpture any medium	Valerie Wrigglesworth	Ray Sables	Richard Howe
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PHOTOGRAPHY: Best of Class: Simon Walkden

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
41. Black and white	Katie Lazard	Simon Walkden	Glyn Foley
42. Portrait	Simon Walkden	Jessica Spencer	Mell Camateras
43. Animal - Domestic	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Michael Rushforth
44. Landscape	Simon Walkden	Michael Rushforth	

WOODWORK: Best of Class: Andrew Rose

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
45. Wood Turning	Andrew Rose	Andrew Rose	Andrew Rose
46. Open Woodwork	Andy Meaker	Stuart Barton	Elizabeth Wrigglesworth

CHILDRENS SECTION: Best in Class: William and Chloe Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
47. Vegetable Animal (up to 8)	V. Foster & B. Shaw	William Challis	Toby Hobson
48. Vegetable Animal (9 to 14)	Jessica Camateras	Chloe Challis	-
49. 3 Decorative Buns (up to 8)	W. Challis & E. Bridgens	Naomi Fearnough	Naomi Fearnough
50. A Cake any recipe (9 to 14)	Chloe Challis	Lexi Walker	James Caroe
51. 3 Biscuits (up to 8)	Naomi Fearnough	Charlotte Davies	Sebastian Lee
52. 3 Biscuits (9 to 14)	Chloe Challis	Hannah Goodwill	-
53. Decorated Gingerbread	Chloe Challis	William Challis	William McGovan
54. Egg Cup Flower Arrangement	Elizabeth Bridgens	Isabelle Brearly	William Challis
55. Painting or Drawing (up to 5)	Bridie Shaw	Richard Caroe	Mia Jiranek
56. Painting or Drawing (6 to 8)	William Challis	Aditi Acharya	Zoe Wade
57. Painting or Drawing (9 to 11)	Sophie Else	Erin Knight	Sophie Else
58. Painting or Drawing (12 to 14)	Lexi Walker	Lexi Walker	Oliver Scott
59. Lego Model <25 cm sq (5 to 8)	Charlie Clarke	Isla Glover	Jonathan Caroe
60. Lego Model <25 cm sq (9 to 14)	Lottie Glover	Oliver Scott	Felix Chen
61. Colour Photo (up to 14)	Jessica Rai	Jessica Camateras	I. Rai & G. Camateras
62. Open Any Medium (up to 8)	W. Challis & U. Steel	-	-
63. Open Any Medium (9 to 11)	Lottie Glover	Lottie Glover	Alice Watkinson
64. Open Any Medium (12 to 14)	George Camateras	James Caroe	-
65. Handwriting (up to 8)	Bronwyn Shaw	Zoe Wade	Isla Glover
66. Handwriting (9 to 11)	Peter Caroe	Felix Chen	Erin Knight
67. Handwriting (12 to 14)	Chloe Challis	Alice Taylor	Lexi Walker
68. An Original Poem	L. Walker & C. Challis	-	-

We thank the 121 exhibitors who entered 393 entries for all to see.

Organic Wildlife Gardening

We cannot complain that there has not been enough rain so far this year, but it would have been nice to have had more warmer, sunny days, and fewer strong winds at times. While plant growth took off, some of the taller plants struggled to withstand the wind and heaviest downpours, but most of them recovered. Sadly, the worst damage was done in two areas where local cats had hidden among taller plants below or near bird-feeders in the hope of catching birds. I do wish, while caring for their cats, many of which will no doubt be from rescue centres, people would take more responsibility for the serious damage they do to our wildlife. I have now moved the feeders so that they hang over lower-growing plants which has helped.

Trees are very important for pollinators early in the year, when their blossom provides both pollen and nectar. They also support many varieties of caterpillars. They have grown strongly this year, especially the three largest Hawthorns which have been well used by birds for cover and also gave young birds confidence to move safely round the garden.



Field Scabious, self-seeded Poppies and Betony border the patio and gave a pretty show for most of the summer

Having sought some advice from a local ornithologist, I took the opportunity when guttering was being replaced to have four swift boxes fixed below the gutters on the side of the house. Ideally, they need to be in colonies and not facing due south. I am told that, in the late summer, the young ones will be looking for new nesting sites, although they may not use the boxes for a year or so. There are colonies in our area - not far away - so we are hopeful that they will find our boxes to their taste and take up residence!! The roofers happily did this job and have agreed to come back, when necessary, to clean up any mess on the walls!!

The rain kept the two water-butts full for most of the summer. Rain water contains no added chemicals and is, therefore, much better than tap water for cleaning and filling water dishes, which I do every day.

During the summer, as more varieties of flowers bloomed, the number of pollinators increased and, apart from on very wet days, the flowers were keeping them busy from morning until dusk. Along with the established Betony, Field Scabious

and Marjoram, popular long-lasting flowers included Greater Knapweed, Chicory, Ox Eye Daisies, Purple Loosestrife, Red Clover, Birdsfoot Trefoil and Self Heal, along with the shade-loving Nettle Leaved Bellflowers and Wood Cranesbill. Meadow Cranesbill is popular too.

One plant I thought would not be worth planting is the annual Herb Robert, but it is easy to grow, looked lovely under trees, and, when the pink flowers died off, new ones replaced them and flowering went on for months - from April to September!

I have been particularly pleased about the butterflies. In previous years, they tended to visit briefly and move on, but this year there were more and they have stayed in the garden for most of the day. Varieties seen were Orange-Tip, Large, Small and Green-Veined Whites, Gatekeeper, Small Tortoiseshell, and Meadow Brown.



A Gatekeeper among the grasses - a frequent and delightful visitor

There are also a lot more spiders around (at least four species - I hope to identify more of the wildlife in my garden when time allows!) - and from large to very tiny. Clearly, they are finding the garden to be a haven and many invertebrates find the crevices in the dry-stone walling around my patios a good place to be. Some of the spiders come into the house where they are not so welcome and are carefully put outside again . . . and probably again and again!!

There are also more insects of varying sorts generally, some flying around under the Hawthorn trees and, so far this summer, one earwig, which I haven't seen here for a long time. When the light was right (particularly on some summer evenings), it was possible to see real blooms of tiny insects filling much of the garden.

The situation with Canadian Pondweed is certainly better now, and the October "pond maintenance" will hopefully be a chance to remove any that is getting a hold again. Similarly, green slimy weed is reducing, as I have been trying to keep that under control more regularly using a pond net to carefully remove it without upsetting any wildlife.

I saw one Green Dragonfly fly from the pond to the side of the garden, but it disappeared among the plants. I was disturbed to read that, if they fly into another garden, they might succumb to any chemicals used there. In fact, after twenty years of chemical-free gardening, I may not be able to officially call it organic if chemicals are used nearby - which is very disappointing. Red Damselflies tended to stay in the garden and were seen on the Field Scabious and Greater Knapweed.

A slim moon-shape of grass has been allowed to grow longer at one side of the largest pond and wildflower meadow plants are being introduced, along with some that like a damper area. Poppies were sown there last year and bloomed well and some of the seeds have grown in this meadow area again and, also, further afield, giving a very natural and random look to the garden.

The lawn has been green and healthy - even during very hot

periods. Clearly, the worms and micro-organisms in the soil below have been recycling any debris and there has been no need to scarify at all. The lawn is never mown too frequently, even during the wet spells we have had, or treated in any way as chemicals will destroy the living organisms in the soil which not only recycle any debris but are vital to the many processes involved in maintaining a healthy, nutrient-rich soil.

Very disturbing was a report on a recent BBC *Countryfile* programme concerning green bin collections. The contents are composted and various companies prepare and package it to sell on to garden centres. I have recently mentioned that some are labelled "organic", but there can be no guarantee of that as many gardeners still use chemicals, despite the damage they do to the soil and to wildlife. Even worse is to hear of the discovery that considerable amounts of plastic have been found in these composts and, as well as being used in gardens, it is also used on farmland where our food is grown and animals are fed. On a farm shown on the *Countryfile* report, pieces of plastic were quite obvious, but many of them were extremely small and not easily seen. Organic farmers use various methods to compost the waste - both animal and vegetable - that they produce on the farm, and crop rotation, even growing a crop to then dig in to add nutrients, are techniques being increasingly employed in an overall effort to ensure a sustainable and truly organic approach to fertilising their land.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is a well-known charity which endeavours to maintain animals and plants around the World. The reasons why species become rare are many, but, currently, climate change is having a huge impact. In this year's summer issue of the WWF magazine, there is an article by Kate Bradbury about the loss of bees and how vital they are to us. She said, "We cannot live without bees, but, in the UK, they are being pushed to the brink. So this summer, let's make every garden an oasis for pollinators" - well, it's a bit late for this year, but, hopefully, more people will start to include our many native wild flowers in their gardens. These really offer our insects the very best chance to survive and there are wild flower growers who can supply them but we also need to badger our garden centres to emphasise how they should be championing our natives - both plants and seeds - not only to help our pollinators, but also to reduce the enormous environmental damage done producing all the cultivated plants they sell.

At the recent UN Climate Change Conference in New York, the young environmentalist, Greta Thunberg, gave a short speech which said so much. I cannot forget the look on her face and the repeated phrase "How Dare You". What a brave young lady.

Marian Tiddy

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On The Beat

Hello to all Totley residents.

Dark Nights Security

Since my last article the clocks have gone back and evenings are closing in rapidly. It is at this time of year that residents are requested to be extra vigilant in terms of their own and the communities' security. Dark nights give criminals the opportunity to carry out their activities under the cover of darkness.

Residents are reminded of the need to ensure that their homes are locked and secure at all times even when at home. When not at home or returning from work you may want to think about having a number of light timers on before you return home.

Totley Graffiti

Residents may have noticed to their displeasure the increase in graffiti in our area over the last few months. Due to the nature of such activity it is difficult to locate offenders. Residents should be aware that SYP currently run an operation where we are attempting to identify and where possible prosecute offenders. When I receive photographs from members of the public I now put them out on the SYP alerts system in an attempt to gain information. Can I respectfully ask that any resident with information which may lead to identification of offenders is passed to myself at my email address below. This can be done confidentially if necessary.

Pop-in Police Stations

Pop-in Police Stations are now in place in the Totley area. I hold such Pop-ins on a regular basis at Totley Library on Baslow Road. The aim of these Pop-ins is to provide an opportunity for local residents to come and speak to me in a friendly environment and let me know of any policing issues that they may have but do not feel it necessary to contact 101. Any residents who for whatever reason cannot attend can still pass on their concerns through my email address, again below. For information my date for the remainder of 2019 is Wednesday 11 December, 2pm - 4pm.

SYP Alerts

As previously published, SYP alerts are a means for SYP and myself to inform residents of relevant information of a policing nature in a timely manner. Residents can register by going onto SYP's website and follow the path for registration.

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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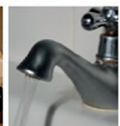
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THE TIME TRAVELLERS

As so often happens when the evenings start to draw in and the weather discourages our outdoor historical activities, the Time Travellers ramp up our programme of talks and presentations and move indoors.

Autumn kicked off with a talk in September about Meersbrook Hall. Time Traveller member, archaeologist and historian Ken Dash spoke to a near capacity audience about the little known house tucked into a corner of Meersbrook Park. Another full house at the Dore Old School in September heard an amusing and informative description from Time Travellers member and Chairman of Friends of Dore & Totley Station, Chris Morgan, about the development of the railways locally and in particular, the Totley Tunnel. Chris followed up this talk a few weeks later by leading a walk along the route of the Tunnel between Dore and Grindleford. At the end of this walk we were given a special look inside Padley Chapel near Grindleford. This small but beautiful 15th century gatehouse of the former Padley Manor, also known as Martyrs Chapel, has a fascinating history and is well worth a visit.



Padley Chapel

The Time Travellers have a number of special interest groups and this year our Brigantes Group organised an excellent exhibition in the Dore Old School as part of the annual Heritage Open Day in September. The theme was 'The Brigantes – daily life in Iron Age Britain' and displayed ancient crafts such as hand spinning and natural dying to almost 150 visitors.

Every year since our formation in 2011, the Time Travellers have embarked on an excursion to an interesting part of the country. In the past we have visited Hadrian's Wall, Stonehenge and Chester, and this time it was the turn of historic Norfolk to come under our scrutiny. One of the iconic sites that just had to be seen was the Bronze Age site of Flag Fen with its wooden causeway to its 'island' and boats hewn from tree trunks. It was a busy few days with lots to see including the Neolithic flint mines of Grimes Graves, tours of Norwich, Roman Colchester and Kings Lynn, the recently reopened visitor centre at Sutton Hoo and the castle and abbey at Castle Acre.

More than 20 of our more enthusiastic 'diggers' plus a few people getting their first experience of real archaeology braved the wet weather during a week-long dig at Whirlow Hall Farm in early October. This number was bolstered on one day by a dozen youngsters aged between nine and 15 from the Sheffield Young Archaeologists Group. Last year an excavation at this site discovered charcoal in a test pit at Whirlow. This was the same location where a Bronze Age flint

arrow head had previously been found and thought to be of archaeological significance. Samples from the pit had been dated to 5,500 BC, the late Mesolithic period when people were hunter gatherers. Our dig reopened last year's trench and extended the area of excavation to reveal a large oval hearth and a second hearth of later date. Samples were taken from this second hearth for radio carbon dating. A large number of angular stones in a linear band were also revealed, the exact purpose of which is still to be decided. Despite the mixed weather the dig was thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part and we hope to return next year to learn even more from this important site.

Robert Allcroft led his ever-popular archaeological walk to the Froggatt white coal kiln and lead smelting site in October. This allowed more members to see one of the best preserved examples of a 17th century white coal kiln, all set in our gorgeous Peaks woodland. Our monthly coffee mornings continue to be popular with members, providing an informal and friendly environment to 'chew the fat' about all things archaeological and historical. As well as more coffee mornings we have lots of events lined up including a report from Tom Parker, the site Project Officer for ARS Ltd, about recent excavations at the site of the Roman Fort at Navio (you might know this better as Brough, on the road to Castleton). Then in November we have a historical talk by Carl Clayton about William Humfrey's part in the development of lead smelting in Derbyshire. Finally, to mark the winter solstice, the Time Travellers will be holding our annual celebration, looking back at another very busy year for amateur archaeologists and historians in and around Totley.

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

Glynn Burgin, The Time Travellers

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Would you believe it - we're more than half way through the first term already! So many exciting things have happened! Time has flown by at Totley All Saints!

There have been trips out of school including an 'Egyptians' trip to Western Park museum; a visit to the Crucible Theatre to see *Sir Scallywag and the Battle of Stinky Bottom*, for the whole of the infants, and a visit to the Cathedral for year 6. We've taken part in the European day of Languages and Unicef's "World's Largest Lesson", which focuses on the future and encourages students to shape the world they want to see. In addition, we have had a workshop delivered by The British Red Cross discussing refugees and stigma, and an assembly presentation about homelessness from Mr Schofield from UNICEF.

That's on top of all of our usual lessons and activities! As we always say - it's all happening at TASS!

TASS Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Celebration took place in October and was a special time of thanksgiving held at All Saints Church, Totley. This involved children in every year group contributing with prayers and bible readings as well as some superb singing from the whole school. Parents and carers contributed with tinned and dried foods which were donated to the Burngreave Foodbank. We'll be visiting the church again in early December ready for our Christmas service - we can't wait!

TASS Remembers

Our Remembrance Assembly for children took place on Monday 11th November and reminded the children how war can affect us all by remembering the sacrifice made by young men who actually attended TASS before later going on to fight - and give their lives in WWI. This certainly brought history alive for our children.

Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow

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

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

The TASS CREW Council, which was started last year as a group of children from Y4 to Y6 whose job it is to improve Religious Education and Collective Worship across our school, has gone from strength to strength. They take regular feedback from their classmates as well as children across the rest of the school and meet regularly to discuss CREW matters including planning and leading assemblies, evaluating RE lessons plus developing new ways that we can build our Christian ethos as a church school.

TASS is a Bully Free Zone!

In November, we marked Anti-Bullying Week where we focused on what bullying is, what it isn't and what we can do about it if it is happening. We also asked children to wear odd socks as part of 'Odd Socks Day' which is meant to be an opportunity for children to express themselves, celebrate

their individuality and raise awareness around anti-bullying. At the end of every year, we always send out our parent questionnaires and the question 'Does this school deal effectively with bullying?' is always the one with the most 'don't know' responses. Whilst this is good (as most parents don't know because their child has never experienced it as an issue) we still want our parents and carers to have full confidence that if it does happen, then it will be dealt with effectively. As such, we have a couple of booklets dealing with this issue entitled: TASS is a Bully Free Zone and the No Touch Rule at TASS. These are our way of letting parents know what our expectations are in terms of children not hurting others, but also detail what bullying is and (importantly) what it isn't.

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

TASS Woodland Workshop

Our 'Woodland Workshop' continues to be developed and with the pond area and fire pit provides our children with a fun and exciting way to learn in an outdoor setting. Such outdoor opportunities are well known to improve children's self-confidence, resilience, safety awareness and communication skills. We also have a fully developed curriculum and children take part in a whole range of activities including: den building, wood craft, playing games and even cooking around the fire pit! We also hold regular 'Wild Reading' sessions where children can invite a chosen adult to sit around the camp fire and read their favourite books.

TASS PTA Fun-d Raisers

Each year the PTA leave themselves with a hard year to follow but somehow they always manage it!

They've set off with a bang so far this year. We have had a Sponsored Read in conjunction with Usbourne Books, which raised an amazing amount for new books; a space themed non-uniform day and bun sale; a Bonfire Family Breakfast and a Harvest themed craft competition as well as an "Arty Party". The next events led by the PTA Fun-d Raisers will be PTA Christmas Fayre (6th December), key stage discos (11th December) and carols on the yard (20th December).

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

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Totley Rise Methodist Church

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Regular Services Information

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

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

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

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

Christmas Services

Sunday 8th December, 10.30am: All age Christingle service

Wednesday 18th December 7pm: Contemporary Carols

Sunday 22nd December, 6pm: Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December, 4pm: Christmas Eve family crib service.

Wednesday 25th December 10.30am: Christmas Day All age celebration.

Journey to Bethlehem

Our very popular annual Journey to Bethlehem takes place on 7th and 8th December, from 4pm until 7pm. Tours last 30 minutes and are free, but need to be booked. You can book a tour, and get more information about the event, by ringing Sue Kirkman on 07854 968011.

LEGO: Let's Enjoy Getting Older Together! The LEGO group usually meets at the church at 9.15am on the second Friday of each month then drives into the local area for walks of about 8 miles. There is always a lunch stop, usually at a conveniently placed

local pub (the walks are planned with that in mind). The walks take place whatever the weather. After one particularly wet day Terry was heard to say that he was thinking of renaming the group LEGOFS - Let's Enjoy Getting Our Friends Soaked!

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

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

Focus Church: December 15th and January 12th 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 wel-



come. The group offers 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.

The Church/Community Rebuilding Fund

On the 8th November we had a night of Jazz 'n' Swing with vocalist Trish Heenan and "Just Friends" - Malc Stevenson (bass/vocals), Trevor Williams (drums), Feed Fields (guitar/vocals), Andrew Watson (piano), Steve Holmes (saxes/clarinet/flute) and Eric Sinclair (trombone/vocals).

Everyone enjoyed a delicious supper of chilli, rice or jacket potatoes followed by a great night of entertainment. 100 people attended, raising over £500 for the Church/Community Rebuilding Fund.

A big thank you to everyone involved in making it a big success. Look out for further events coming up in the new year!

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

It Was Forty Years Ago Today....

Just for the sheer nostalgic fun of it, below is a selection of items which appeared in the *Totley Independent* of December 1979

DID YOU KNOW THAT Aldam Way etc., were named after one most illustrious William Milner who had the middle name of Aldam too? Mr. Milner JP MA was a local magistrate who went to live at Totley Hall towards the end of the last [nineteenth] century. He married the daughter of the Sharrow Wilsons, the well-known Sheffield snuff makers. He obviously had a nose for the lady! The Laverdenes were named after the builder of that area, that well-known neighbour to third division leaders Sheffield United. You guessed it - Mr. Laver. As far as we can tell there never was, however, a Mr Queen Victoria. However we do know that that road was once called Victoria Road and didn't Queen it until more recent times. But do you know which year? If you are the first correct guesser we will, as first prize, write to South Yorkshire Highways Department and ask them to name the next new road in Totley after your very self. There is no guarantee that they will concur.

NEARBY NOSH

The former Beauchief Hotel has just reopened after extensive alterations as the Beauchief Restaurant. Most of the main courses are sauté cooked in copper pans at the table and there is a comprehensive menu. The emphasis is on fresh home-made food. All the rolls are freshly made each day, as the desserts on the sweet trolley. We give here a selection from the menu to give a rough idea of prices and range of food.

Hors d'oeuvres: home-made soup 40p, prawn cocktail 95p, seafood platter £1.80. Entrees: home-made steak, kidney and mushroom pie £2.80. Fillet steak Rossini, cooked with pate in a wine sauce £4.90. The price of the main courses includes chips and a roll and butter. There is a selection of vegetable and mixed salad or priced at 45p. Desserts: selections from the sweet trolley at 70p. Freshly ground coffee and Brontë coffee liqueur. At good choice is available from the wine list with house wines at £2.64 a half-litre.

CLEAN SWEEP

Where have all the road sweepers gone? asks Mr E.J. Wilkes of Baslow Road. Before the war, about 1938, three men with their horse and cart would sweep Baslow Road every Saturday morning. The horse, called Victor, belonged to Mr Kirby who lived at a farm nearby. Mr Wilkes knew Totley when it was a village 40 or 50 years ago. Since then the bowling green has become a car park next to the Cross Scythes pub. 'Totley was kept clean and swept regularly', he said, 'but it has never been the same since the two pubs opened "night-

clubs". There is often trouble in the discos at the Fleur de Lys and Cross Scythes pubs. Mr Wilkes said, 'Totley has been turned upside down and the police are often up here sorting out the troublemakers'.

Mr Oldham of the Cross Scythes pub informed us that as the bowling green was only used by a select few, it obviously made more sense to use the area as a car park for the benefit of ALL the customers at the pub.

TOTLEY YOUTH CLUB

For almost a year now All Saints Church Hall has been providing members of the Totley Youth Club with a weekly meeting place each Friday between 7.30 and 10pm. The club, which provides help for all local church functions, is designed mainly for youngsters in the 14 to 18 age group, who are also given the opportunity of a say in the running of the club through a junior committee system. In addition to its regular activities such as snooker, table tennis and darts the club holds a monthly disco, which always proves very popular. A series of special events have also been organised including a 12 hour sponsored five-a-side football competition last February. The fact that the club is able to operate with a maximum membership of 100 is proof not only of the ever present need for organised youth activities but of the success of this club in meeting those needs. Further information can be obtained from either Pete Winter or John Holding.

BLOW IT!

The Grove in Totley has been described by residents there as the coldest road in Sheffield. You only have to experience the blustery conditions to agree with their views. As the prevailing westerly winds, coming off the moors, whistle directly down the road and chill you to the marrow, The Grove has justifiably earned its reputation.

COLD COMFORT

If you think that cold and snowy Decembers are a recent invention you're wrong. Decembers in Totley through the late 1870s and 1880s were ones of very heavy snow falls and severe frosts affecting road conditions. In December 1881 only a quarter of the children attending the village school in Hillfort Road were able to beat the weather. In December 1885, although it was less severe, many of the local children were ill with whooping cough. As a Christmas treat in December 1889 children were given sweets on breaking up for the school holidays. Previously in December 1883 Miss Yates had left the school after seven years as the first headmistress

and of course the weather was again very bad. In January 1891 children were invited to tea in Totley Hall by Mrs Milner, winter garments were given to each child as well as toys from the Christmas tree. It was so cold in January 1909 that the infants in the school 'were unable to handle their leads' so they had stories and games instead. The older children were more fortunate - they took it in turns to stand near the fire. When Mrs Milner visited the school in February 1913 she took along photos, extracts from books and newspapers and she spoke of the fate which had overtaken Capt Scott the previous year in the Antarctic expedition. The children were very interested - perhaps the conditions sounded familiar!

ON MONDAY 19th OF NOVEMBER

the *Independent* was invited to take part in a lunchtime Radio Sheffield programme. It proved to be an enjoyable experience, although our two representatives, John Perkinson and Mike Williamson, were taken somewhat by surprise at the prospect of appearing on a live programme and apprehensive when they realised it was also a "phone-in". Due to the courtesies extended to them by Dinah Maiden and the production team, they were more at ease by the time their interviews began. "Never has half an hour passed so quickly" was the overall conclusion they reached. Although many areas of our magazine and the various functions of the residents Association were discussed in a lively manner, there are certain obvious comments and details they failed to mention during the course of the show, but this was probably due to lack of experience and was something (radio) that the magazine had not come into contact with before - at least it broke new ground. Community activities and local magazines would seem to fit incorrectly with a local radio program. "We would like to have given a little more information on the current setup, the excellent letters and information we are once again receiving from the readers and to have thanked in a more positive way those, including the local artists, who answered our recent appeal for help. Would they like to do it again? "Why not?" was the reply "It most certainly gave the magazine a wider boost than it has had before".

COMPLETE the following without cheating:

There once was a lady from Totley
Who had a complexion most motley
One day on her skin
She poured rum and gin

.....!

Walking the Dog....

A Christmas Miracle Play For Totley

Rony I know it's a bit early, but here's your Christmas present Jack.
Jack What is it?
Rony Unwrap it and you'll find out?
Jack No thanks. I don't believe in Christmas any more.
Rony It's Jesus' birthday?
Jack Dogs don't have birthdays.
Rony Right, but this present is not your birthday present, it's your Christmas present. So open –
Jack Dogs don't have Christmases.
Rony Oh don't be so dog-in-a-manger Jack. Open it whatever it's for. It's Christmas.
Jack And what about the other animals at Christmas?
Rony They kneel at the manger. There are sheep and cows and turkeys and... sheep and...all sorts of animals.
Jack No dogs?
Rony Not by name but –
Jack And what happens to all the animals at Christmases for ever and ever after, amen? They get eaten for your Christmas dinners.
Rony If we didn't eat animals there wouldn't be any animals Jack, but –
Jack You don't eat dogs?
Rony No of course we –
Jack Because dogs are horrible.
Rony Not always.
Jack They always are in the Bible.
Rony You've been googling again?
Jack St Paul says beware of dogs. Samuel has a dead dog. Isaiah has a dumb dog. And in Kings 1, dogs lick the blood of Naboth and shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel...And in Proverbs 26 the dog returns to his vomit.
Rony Yes, but all that's a long time ago and –
Jack And there are no cats the at all anywhere in all the Bible. Not one single cat.
Rony Well, I'm sure that at Christmas –
Jack You don't believe in Christmas anyway.
Rony I do at Christmas.
Jack That's only because your birthday is on Christmas Eve. And I bet you'll try to sneak that into your *Totley Independent* article again this Christmas.

Pause

Rony Open your present Jack?
Jack No. I'm trying to think.
Rony What about?
Jack Death.
Rony Very festive.
Jack Your lot go to heaven when you die, don't you?
Rony Some of us do.
Jack Where do I go?
Rony Doggy heaven probably, but open your pr –
Jack Does it say there's a doggy heaven in your Bible?
Rony It says there's a dog star. And 'dog' is 'god' backwards as well. So would you now please open your present?
Jack No.
Rony Why not this time?

Pause

Jack Tempuss died last week, after 17 years. Tempuss was a cat. There are no cats in the Bible. So they can't go to heaven. Even cat heaven, because there can't be a cat heaven because there aren't any cats. So when I die, I'll never meet Tempuss again. So I'm not going to die. And when I do die I'm still not going to believe in Christmas ever again.
Rony Poor Tempuss, but –
Jack I loved her.
Rony We all did.

Pause

Rony A dog is not just for Christmas, Jack.
Jack This dog is just not for Christmas at all, Rony.
Rony So can I say happy Un-Christmas to you instead?
Jack If you want.
Rony Then can I give you your Un-Christmas present?
Jack If you want.
Rony And then take an Un-Christmas photo of you both on my phone?
Jack If you w – what do you mean 'both'? What 'both'?
Rony Both of you. Unwrap her, then?
Jack What her?
Rony Her!

Jack unwraps her!

It's a black and white cat puppet!

Rony Sally sent off for her on the day Tempuss was put to sl –
Jack Can she speak, like our Tempuss could?
Rony I'm sure she will – if we love her.
Jack I loved Tempuss. Not straight away of course.
Rony What shall we call her?
Jack Tempuss of course!
Rony We should take a photo to mark the magic occasion, but I've lost my phone. Oh, hello Sally!

Enter Sally, joining the play a bit late because she's been in the woods

Sally Hello everybody! And a purr-fect New Year to everyone else! I've got my phone here so I can take a photograph of our happy ending.
Jack Beginning...We'll miss her though, won't we?
Sally and Rony Of course.

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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 December 6 th , 20 th January 3 rd , 17 th , 31 st February 14 th , 28 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	Dore Parish Church Hall	Saturdays, 10.30 – 11.30	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 waiting 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	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!!

Small Mammal Trapping

13 October 2019: A joint event organised by Friends of Gillfield Wood and Sorby Natural History Society

Late afternoon and the traps had been set. As we walked back from Gillfield Wood in the fading light, it continued to rain. Robins and Dunnocks were calling from the cover of hedgerows while Carrion Crows croaked from nearby trees, and as we left the fields of Totley Hall Farm we could not help but wonder what the following morning might bring. Altogether there were sixteen traps we would need to check: would we catch anything?

Not the best weather for trapping small mammals, but at least the specially-designed Longworth traps we were using had plenty of bedding and food in them should the traps trigger and a mouse or vole be caught inside for the night.

Although we rose the next morning to even more rain, a surprising number of adults and children gathered eagerly together, eighteen in total, for a short walk into the wood with the sole purpose of investigating the contents of each trap. At the first site, seven traps were collected from sheltered and well-hidden places on the floor of the wood. Five of these proved to be empty but, from one of the other two traps, the first small mammal was carefully extracted, along with its bedding; it was carefully manoeuvred into a clear plastic bag for all to see.

There was, of course, great excitement amongst all those attending, especially the two children. Val Clinging of Sorby Natural History Society was leading this annual event and took the opportunity to explain the differences between a mouse and a vole, but before she could finish, a little voice confidently proclaimed "It's a Vole!" and it was, a Bank Vole. The vole was then transferred from the plastic bag into a perspex box, allowing everyone to take it in turns to have a close-up view.



The children were then asked if they would like to help find and collect the other two traps from this site, and of course they were only too keen to do this. They quickly found the traps under the trunk of a fallen tree where bark and leaves had been used to hide both traps. As they did so the children noticed the flaps on the traps were in the closed position. This does not always mean there is a small mammal inside but sometimes your hopes can rise when the trap feels that bit heavier than when empty.

So, with much anticipation once again, the contents of the traps were emptied into two plastic bags and..... both children were thrilled to find they had each been successful. With a great deal of pride they were able to show everyone their catch, one Wood Mouse and one Bank Vole. It was now quite clear for all to see the differences between the two species, the mouse having those larger ears and bulging eyes and its coat was a much lighter coloured brown; and as the mouse stretched upwards inside its box it had noticeably whiter underparts. What was also quite clear, the mouse was far more active and fast in movement than the more sedate voles.

The other trap from this same site was found to contain

another Bank Vole, so nine traps and four catches was regarded as a good result. Then after various members of the party had had the opportunity to carefully release the mammals back into the undergrowth from which they had been found, we moved onto our second site. Here, another seven traps had been set, four at the edge of the wood and three under the cover of a hedgerow just outside the wood. The latter three traps were unfortunately found to be empty but pleasingly three more Bank Voles had been caught in the other traps. On this occasion, as it was still raining, the small mammals were just transferred into plastic bags for identification purposes before being released.

Despite the poor weather conditions everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and to fulfil the wish of one of the children a Bank Vole was released onto her open hands as she held them close to the ground. She was captivated by the moment and was able to watch the tiny creature cautiously move across her fingers and then scurry away into the undergrowth. A perfect ending to this year's trapping session, and as we walked back to Totley Hall Lane in deep conversation it was clear we were all looking forward to attending a similar event next autumn; hopefully on a day when it is a little bit drier!

Chris Measures

Apologies to anyone who had planned to attend the above event on October 6th. Due to the adverse weather forecast for that Sunday morning it was postponed. As it turned out, the weather that morning was far better than had been predicted and better than, as it happened, the 13th. Hindsight is a wonderful thing!

Sorby Natural History Society covers a full range of natural history interests in Sheffield and the surrounding area, providing for the interested beginner through to the specialist. The Society was formed in 1918 in honour of Henry Clifton Sorby (1826-1908). It caters for all ages and abilities and it arranges field meetings, lectures, surveys and workshops. In addition it produces a monthly newsletter and an annual Sorby Record. Should you be interested then please look at the Society website and consider joining as the diary of events each year is quite remarkable.

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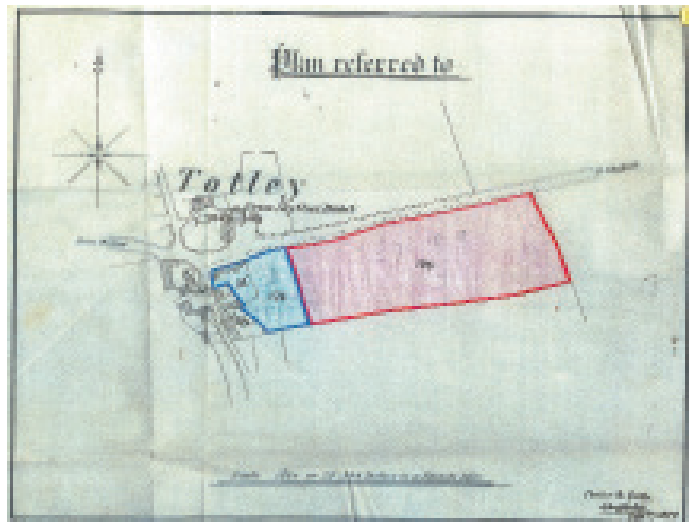
Thomas Earnshaw and Totley Grange

The first Thomas Earnshaw was born in 1816 in Dronfield, Derbyshire. An indenture dated 22 June 1829 between his father John Earnshaw and James Green, pen-knife grinder of Sheffield, witnessed his apprenticeship as a pen-knife grinder for a period of seven years. By 1840 he was living in Club Gardens, Sheffield and in that year his third child also called Thomas (the second) was born. In 1861 the family was living at the Ball Tavern, Carver Street, Sheffield and ten years later was at the Crown Inn, London Road, Sheffield. The second Thomas married Hannah Copley in 1861 and by 1871 the couple were living at 69 Broomhall Street. Thomas was then listed as a Fish and Game dealer.

Land at Totley

An indenture dated 2 April 1875 confirmed absolute sale by Thomas Andrews to Thomas Earnshaw of land and hereditaments at Totley measuring 2 acres, three roods (1 rood = quarter of an acre) and 14 1/2 perches (1 perch = approximately 30 and a quarter square yards) bounded to the north and east by land of Ebenezer Hall and to the south by the Baslow to Sheffield turnpike road (heretofore the land had been two pieces, Cawston Croft and Yew Croft); and on 31 December 1875 the freehold was conveyed to Thomas Earnshaw at a cost of £946 17 shillings and sixpence. There is another conveyance between Ebenezer Hall to Thomas Earnshaw of the freehold ground, buildings and hereditaments at Totley, dated 27 March 1878, of 3 acres and nine perches which included Moorview House and six cottages of Shrewsbury Terrace at a cost of £2,428. The land abutted Thomas Earnshaw's previous purchase to the south. To the north and east was the land of Mr Ebenezer Hall.

On 26 March 1879, from Helen and Charles Beckett, Thomas Earnshaw purchased land of 1 acre together with a dwelling house and the terrace of houses facing the turnpike road and the Cross Scythes public house for £600, marked 174 on a plan referred to by Fowler and sons, Sheffield on September 21, 1879 (see picture below). Additionally from John Howard, Thomas purchased the land to the east of the one acre (marked 176 on the same plan) also facing the turnpike road, of 4 acres, 2 roods and 35 perches for £1500. Subsequently the house on the one-acre plot was demolished.



Totley Grange

Between 1883 and 1888 Thomas Earnshaw built Totley Grange and its Lodge on the land he had purchased north of the Baslow to Sheffield turnpike road. He also built stables, a stable yard and a coach house accessed via Butts Hill past Cannon Hall Farm, together with a range of glasshouses within the walled garden. Later he built Grange Terrace; which was a row of eight houses, to the east of the existing Terrace on the one-acre plot, facing the turnpike road.

On 1 June 1885 the *Sheffield Telegraph* quoted "prize hothouse grapes grown by Mr Earnshaw of Totley Grange are now ready for cutting". On 31 July 1890 the *Telegraph* quoted "Totley Grange gives its name to a variety of tomato".

By 1881 Thomas and Hannah Earnshaw had moved to 89-91 Broomhall Street, Sheffield. Their children were Thomas (the third) born in 1865, Arthur in 1871, Hannah in 1875 and Bertha in 1881. Finally, Anne was born in 1884. In the 1891 census they were still living in Sheffield, But Thomas's father (the first), aged 75 was living in Totley Grange Lodge. Thomas (the second) and Hannah's eldest daughter, also Hannah, aged 16 was living with her aunt, Sarah Copley in their newly built Totley Grange, pictured below.



1892 saw many purchases by Thomas of different varieties of orchids, lilies and camellias for the glasshouses. Also in 1892 Thomas Earnshaw purchased three cottages in Butts Hill, Totley from George Boot for £260. One of these was known as Greens cottage (later, in 1989 a new house also called Greens Cottage was built on the site)

Thomas Earnshaw made very regular visits to the Grange from Sheffield; and on one of these, when checking the gardens, he was caught in the rain and developed a cold which progressed to pneumonia. He died on 3 May 1893 aged 58. The *Evening Telegraph and Star* of 5 May reported his funeral cortege leaving Broomhall Street for interment in Ecclesall churchyard. His obituary was recorded in the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent* of 4 May 1893. It quotes "in 1875 such had been his success that he built an handsome residence in Totley, known as Totley Grange. Strange to say he only slept there once..."

In addition to his freehold land and buildings in Totley he also owned freehold land and 59 houses or cottages in Sheffield with 28 other leasehold houses or shops.

The family continued to live in Totley Grange. Hannah Earnshaw, now widowed, with her children and their maternal aunt Sarah Copley. Their elder son Thomas (the third) took over the family fish and game business in Broomhall Street, Sheffield. The second son, Arthur, qualified as a Doctor of Medicine at Guys Hospital, London. The elder daughter, Hannah, married and moved to live in Vienna. Bertha continued to live in the Grange, was married and later moved to Baslow. Anne married and lived in Sheffield before moving to live in Moorview House, Totley. Their mother Hannah died in 1937.

In 1943 Totley Grange was used for essential war work by J.G. Graves, assembling wire bundles for a range of World War Two aircraft, and in 1948 the trustees of the Thomas Earnshaw (senior) trust converted Totley Grange into five flats.

On 6th of March 1953 the trustees signed a deed of exchange with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Sheffield for the compulsory purchase of the land in Totley to the south of the turnpike road for £444.10 shillings. This was the land purchased by Thomas Earnshaw in 1879 for £1500. It is now the site of Totley Primary School.

In 1965, Totley Grange, the Lodge, all of the outbuildings and gardens and approximately 6 acres were purchased by George Wimpey. The buildings were demolished and it now comprises 65 houses as the Totley Grange estate. Subsequently the houses in Grange and Shrewsbury Terraces and Moorview House have been sold, and finally the remaining one-acre plot behind Grange Terrace was sold.

Richard Maw (Great-grandson of the second Thomas Earnshaw)

Totley Library: Celebrating five years of volunteering!

My, time does fly. It was only five years ago that the Totley library became managed by the Community Resource and Information Centre and began to be run by local volunteers who kept abreast of what was needed to make the new venture a success.

Through their efforts it wasn't long before there was a significant expansion in the facilities offered, including an increase in community activities. Indeed, for other libraries threatened with closure, it was an excellent role model, not only for actual survival but what could be done, and done extremely well. When sufficient funding wasn't available from government sources, with little hope of improvement during the foreseeable future.

For anyone visiting the Library to read, to browse, to use a computer, to glance at a newspaper, or to look through a selection of informative notices, it was 'all there', and all under one roof for four and a half days a week – not counting evenings when meetings, films, talks and sessions on special interests are held. In effect, there is much more happening than just daytime usage.

And, as for the children and helping them to develop reading interests and craft skills at an early age, Totley Library was top of the class. What a pleasure it was to see them perusing bookshelves and flipping through hard copies of text and pictures that held their attention while they gained learning skills that would stay with them for life.

For adults, the social aspects of on-the-spot chats and get-togethers, and the opportunities for being with other people, particularly for those living on their own or with limited mobility, are of particular importance.

In addition to what goes on in the building itself, the grounds are looked after admirably by able and more than willing volunteers. In fact, a day or so before the 5th of October



celebration when the rain was falling heavily and I was rushing to get home, I saw a brave soul on hands and knees, and no umbrella in sight, seeing to flowering plants near one of the paths near the front entrance, presumably so all would look neat and tidy for the approaching anniversary celebration.

It left me thinking that if there was a Nobel Prize for unbridled dedication, it should have been awarded there and then!

On the big day, soon after the opening at 2pm, there appeared to be around 200 in attendance, from ages six months to four-score and ten. There were conversations and smiling faces in abundance, as though it was an enjoyable family gathering. Drinks and tempting refreshments were available and it was obvious that the best of home baking was in ample supply.

Excellent entertainment was provided by energetic jiving by whatever body was encased in a metallic looking suit labelled Phil the Bin who was soon joined by several children who hoofed it with such skill that they could have scored highly on

Come Dancing. In addition a most enthusiastic rock chorus of ladies rocked with such vigour that they could easily have outshone loads of pop groups. And, within a few seconds of starting to sing, they had the audience swaying in tune.



Although I frequent the Library fairly often, there were a fair number of people present at its anniversary that I didn't recall seeing before. However, from how they savoured the



occasion, with many staying until the event ended at 5pm, preceded by the grand presentation of a beautifully iced celebration birthday cake complete with glowing candles, full credit should be given to those who made it all possible.

To add even more icing to the cake, during the whole of the three-hour event, insofar as I could tell, there wasn't a single smart phone or pad-tapping finger in sight. What better in the way of deserved demeanour could one have asked for? Shame there wasn't an official present from the Guinness Book of Records, but there's only another five years to go before CRIC year ten comes round.

Arthur Kaufman (a regular library user)

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road, S17 3QS

Carers Cafe

On Wednesday 4th December join us at our Carers Cafe from 10am until noon. Anyone caring for a friend or family member is welcome to drop in at any time for a chat with other carers or advice from the Sheffield Carers Centre. The cafes will continue in the new year on the first Wednesday of each month.

Christmas services

On 15th December we invite all members of our community to join us in singing carols, led by Rev. Simon Copley. Christmas Day worship will be at 10am.

We wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

Friends of Dore and Totley Station

Extinction of Class 142 Pacers

This article was to have featured a tribute to the Pacer trains that were introduced 35 years ago and were to have been withdrawn and scrapped before the end of 2019. They may be getting a 3-6 month stay of execution but in the meantime we've asked if we could have two of them at busy times to ease the crush. In the mid-1980s they were expected to last 20-25 years but have been patched up to soldier on. That story should be coming in the next edition, or maybe the one after that! We're seeing some double units so passengers' feedback is being noticed.



Still rattling along- Pacer recently photographed at Dore and Totley station

Unfortunately our latest setback is that some of our Sunday stopping services are being cancelled. This is because Manchester based trains like ours rely on drivers working voluntary overtime on Sundays and too few want it often enough!

What's new?

The second platform! At long last things are starting to happen. Back in August FoDaTS committee members met Network Rail's project sponsor for the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme that will provide a second track and platform at Dore & Totley. We were very unhappy to discover that the project had slipped back another year with completion not expected before December 2023. A representative from SYPTe was present at our meeting and fed back to Sheffield City Region and Mayor Dan Jarvis. After his visit to open our canopy a few months ago he was not at all pleased to hear this news. At the time of writing we can't reveal every detail we know but it's fair to say Dan is now rattling cages and with some success. An air of urgency is starting to blow through.

Unfortunately we don't think Network Rail will have the new station fully operational before late 2023, much as Dan may try to get it ready earlier. There's too much civil engineering requiring track access and diversions. However, in August when we spoke to Network Rail 2024 was mentioned as a possibility. We are all determined it will not slip back that far. Sheffield City Region are in active negotiations with Transport for the North and have spoken to Network Rail at both the highest national and northern levels. FoDaTS have been writing and talking to as many as we can reach and had another meeting with Network Rail on 7th November. Further meetings will be taking place. Cost cutting is our fear so that all the details aren't completed to get the best effect.

A feasibility study into extra parking is imminent, but is unlikely to bring more formal spaces before 2024/5 at best.

Amazon locker Peak and defibrillator

Amazon locker Peak is proving popular for deliveries and collections, with maybe as many as 20 on some days already. By Christmas it might be almost full on some days. We're in

discussions with Northern, TPE and SYPTe to install a defibrillator at the station. FoDaTS has received a donation to be put towards this worthwhile project. It seems we only need Network Rail's permission so installation should happen fairly soon.

Planters and volunteers

Watch this space. In addition to planting lots more bulbs we hope you'll see some improvements around the station by the spring, if not before. More detail in the next edition. Our volunteers have recently appeared in a promotional video for Northern, Dore being one of about 10 of their 478 stations included to show diversity, with Dronfield and Darnall being two others.

The past and the future

1870 marked the opening of Bradway Tunnel and the line between Sheffield and Chesterfield so you may see some events in celebration of that 150th anniversary. Dore & Totley Station didn't open until 1872 so we'll have cause to celebrate our 150th in 2022. In December the passenger numbers for 2018/19 will be released. We had almost 6 months of Saturday strikes to contend with in that period so the steady 5% increase sustained for over 10 years must have been impacted. Nevertheless we'd expect the trend to have continued upwards.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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 - njbarnes@outlook.com. There's lots of information on our website at www.fodats.net

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Totley Scouts

Apart from the exciting news about our new lease (see pages 1 and 2) we can tell you that our sections are well into the Autumn term now and are all busy with a packed programme.



The Beavers have had visits to The Climbing Works where they spent a lovely evening learning climbing skills and playing games. In the next few weeks they will be visiting the fire station and looking forward to some seasonal activities towards the end of the term.

The Cubs have all been busy with badge work this term as we prepare to get our older Cubs ready to move to Scouts in January.

The Scouts have been out and about and spent a great day one Saturday trying their hand at caving. They have braved the cold nights cooking outside and enjoying campfires.

In the next few weeks the Beavers and Cubs will be having a Christmas Camp (indoors in case you were wondering) and we are looking forward to a lovely festive weekend all together with a Christmas Tree, Christmas Dinner and lots of other festive activities and games.

As always, we are on the lookout for more adult help and extra pairs of hands. Our groups are always growing in size and the more hands the better, especially with our younger sections.

Please get in touch if you can help.

*Sue Bridgens
Group Scout Leader
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The following article was published in the 'Guardian' on 27th September. It is reproduced here with permission.

Country diary: the stream's lazy crawl is deceptive

Ed Douglas

Gillfield Wood, South Yorkshire: After heavy rain, the Totley Brook has teeth, and the threat of flooding is ever-present

Sally Goldsmith pauses on a wooden bridge spanning the thin stream of Totley Brook to tell the story of this ancient woodland, in spring thick with bluebells and wood anemones, rich now with red haws and rowanberries. Sally, a poet and activist, knows as much as anyone about this rumpled corner of country tucked into the lee of high, forbidding moors. The story she has traced here includes a who's who of progressive thinkers: John Ruskin, William Morris and Edward Carpenter. Just up the hill lived the Clarion Ramblers stalwart Bert Ward. A few hundred yards downstream on Totley Brook was Bill Keane, last of the Sheffield ramblers on the Kinder Scout mass trespass to leave us.

Some things remain a puzzle, though, even to Sally. She directs our attention to a stone post stuck in the streambed and invites suggestions as to what it's for. A tenter post, someone suggests, used to support the frame on which woollen cloth was stretched – on tenterhooks. There have been sheep hereabouts since the 13th century, when monks built nearby Beauchief Abbey. Tenter posts were often made of stone in Yorkshire; there are fine examples at Marsden. This one, however, has ironwork fixed in it and Sally offers a more likely explanation. Pairs of them were placed every hundred yards or so and then fixed with wooden battens to slow the stream after heavy rain.

Fine weather has reduced the flow to a lazy crawl, but the young river's meandering, deep-set course shows that in full flood it has teeth, gouging out the crumbly shale and burrowing among the roots of bankside oaks. Most of the trees in Gillfield were felled during the second world war and then replanted. A few survivors, ancient giants gnarled and twisted from the river's power, were left behind. Their root systems, half-exposed, grip the friable rock for dear life. The threat of flood remains; for those like me who live downstream, where Totley Brook becomes the River Sheaf, the implications of the climate emergency are only too obvious. There has been talk of gigantic embankments to control flooding, threatening the charm of this gorgeous landscape. Restoring the moors above Gillfield seems the smarter solution: slowing the water nature's way and leaving our more clumsy efforts to the history books.

Remembrance Service



The Service of Remembrance was held at Totley War Memorial on Sunday 10th November

New Parkrun at Millhouses

Runners, joggers and walkers at one of the UK's largest parkruns clocked up their millionth kilometre this September, while organisers of a new city parkrun at Millhouses Park geared up for their first event this autumn.

"It's such an amazing achievement to reach a million kilometres," said Sheffield Hallam parkrun event director David Knapton, adding that the Sheffield Hallam University team who launched the event over nine years ago would never have thought such a figure was possible.



Since the launch with 36 runners in 2010, over 22,400 people have taken part in the free five kilometre run around Endcliffe Park, totalling now 1,002,290 km between them. The weekly event beat its attendance record twice this year, in January (868 runners) and May (884) and local parkrun volunteers decided to find an alternative south Sheffield run to help manage demand.

The first run at Millhouses took place in October, and will now operate at 9am every Saturday like Sheffield's other parkruns at Graves, Concord, Manor Fields, Hillsborough and Endcliffe parks, and Rother Valley just over the border in Rotherham.

"I've been delighted to be part of the team bringing a new parkrun to Millhouses park," said parkrun ambassador volunteer Fran Marshall. "Sheffield City Council was supportive from the start and we secured funding from local running clubs and Sheffield Town Trust. There's a great core team of volunteers in place ready to bring the new parkrun to Millhouses."

Flood risk curtailed some of the early Millhouses runs, but the event is now up and running again.

Volunteers and participants are welcome at all seven city parkruns, and directors encourage runners to try the picturesque but slightly smaller runs at Concord and Manor Fields, which usually have 50-70 runners rather than the 700 or so of Sheffield Hallam.

It's hoped that the new three lap run through Millhouses Park will attract new parkrunners living close to the park, along with people from south Sheffield currently running at Endcliffe – dogs are not allowed at the Millhouses runs due to the twisty course, but are welcome at Endcliffe Park.

"Sheffield must be up there as one of the top running cities," said David Knapton. "With some of the best social running clubs and groups in the country, the support we receive at Hallam is amazing. Parkrun gives an opportunity for everyone, no matter what ability, to get involved in running and have fun, which is so important in keeping people active and healthy in this great city."

After taking part in the run "around 200 times" Brian Rossiter, who lives near Endcliffe Park, was surprised to receive a special round of applause after crossing the Hallam finish line as the runner clocking the collective 1,000,000th kilometre. "I do it because it's fun, to keep fit and to keep my weight down," he said. "But I never thought I'd run a million kilometres."

David Bocking

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- MONDAYS** **COFFEE MORNING**, All Saints Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45am.
TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm.
RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm.
SLIMMING WORLD, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Call Catherine Haynes on 07718 205733.
TUNELESS CHOIR, Totley Rise Methodist Church, every fortnight, 7.45pm - 9.15pm. For more information and prices see advertisement on p.22 of this issue, or call Karen Cook 07759 375312.
- TUESDAYS** **PILATES**, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372.
BABY TIME, Totley Library, 1-2pm. A fun music session with songs, rhymes and simple musical instruments for babies aged 0-18months
COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon.
KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Drop-in, free, impartial and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon.
CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.
JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES**, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk.
COFFEE in the Library, 10am-11.30am.
STORY TIME in the Library, 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.
TODDLER GROUP, 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Liz Hayden 07969 826464.
HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinffield.btck.co.uk. For more information see Totley Library item in this issue.
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING, All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm.
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- THURSDAYS** **BELROBICS**, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.
NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, various locations. Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details.
ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276
PUSHCHAIR CLUB, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1.30-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details.
PILATES CLASS run by qualified Pilates Instructor/Physiotherapist for all abilities and ages. 1.30 - 2.30pm, 5.15-6.15pm and 6.15-7.15pm at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. Call Emer on 07792 422909.

DECEMBER

- MON 2nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** "Dragonflies and Damselflies". Illustrated talk by Stuart Davies about the life cycles of local species. 7.30pm, Totley Library. Refreshments available. For more information see page 3.
- SAT 7th JOHN WADE SINGERS** Christmas Concert, Millhouses Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Adults £8 (concessions £7) children free. For tickets call Jenny on 0114 2360798 or Helen 0114 2351433.
- SAT 7th and SUN 8th TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH** Journey to Bethlehem, 4pm - 7pm. Tours last 30 minutes and are free but booking is necessary. To book ring Sue Kirkman, 07854 968011.
- SAT 14th DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY** Concert by the Troubadores. 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Millhouses, Grove Road S7 2GY. Tickets £8 tel. 07754 894379.
- TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, Christmas Meeting. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.
- TUES 17th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**, Spitewinter Concert. Winter songs through the ages with the Sheffield Folk Chorale and Guests. Ecclesall Parish Church, Ringinglow Road, 7.30pm.
- SAT 21st DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY** Concert by the Troubadores, 2.30pm at Dore Methodist Church, Savage Lane Dore, S17 3GU. Tickets £8 tel. 0114 2362299
- SUN 22nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details see page 3.

JANUARY

- WED 8th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by David Templeman, "Street Names in Central Sheffield". Visitors welcome.
- SUN 19th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details see page 3.
- TUES 21st TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, Catherine McKay, "Sovereign Isle of Man", Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.
- WED 22nd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP** Dick Shepley, "The Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall", Totley Library, 7.30pm.
- WED 22nd TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Paul Thompson, "The T.T. Races". Visitors welcome.

If your organisation wants to publicise its events, or if you know about any local event, such as community markets or concerts, which you'd like to let people know about, please send details to Totley Independent (copydates are provided on the back page or on our website at www.totleyindependent.co.uk) and we'll do our best to include the information on this Diary page!

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