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This picture from the early 1900s shows the original path of Baslow Road which passed the Totley Rise shops. At the top is the 'beer off', run by Marrisons as a family grocers. The brewery at that time was Mappins which has long gone.

Totley's buses: From bad to worse

"There's no stop near me. I don't know where they go. They're infrequent. They're slow. They're expensive. They're usually late, and the timetable's hard to follow. They're dirty. They're full of germs." So say those who either never use buses, or suffer at the hands of the bus companies when trying to use them.

Totley's lifeline into Sheffield is the 97, and, if you walk down to Bushey Wood Road, the 98. In May last year the frequency was reduced to every 30 minutes on each route.

That's one every half-hour from Totley, and in theory that's a bus every 15 minutes from the bottom of Bushey Wood Road. The reality is that because of delays and cancellations, people can often wait up to an hour for a bus. Displays at stops are often meaningless. The timetable is an aiming point that no bus-user seriously expects to happen, and one suspects the drivers largely don't either. A bad joke!

Why are they so often late, or cancelled? There must be some good reasons?

70 years ago most people didn't have cars, and houses were near main roads. Since the 1960s almost everyone has tried to get a car, and a house with a garden ever further from bus routes. Workplaces and other commitments are further from home. People could walk more but don't, because it would take longer and time is of the essence.

Buses can carry larger numbers, and hopefully if they do they'll remove more cars from roads. More frequent services will attract more users, but also more costs. And more users mean more stops and therefore slower progress, making them less attractive as they jerk along.

The bus to Hillsborough or the Northern General Hospital must thread its way through narrow streets clogged with cars. It's easy to understand the driver's challenge. But if buses were allowed more time to complete a

route, they'd need more buses on that route and that means more costs. Too great a proportion of many routes is crawling through gridlocked roads around the city centre and choked suburbs. Single file traffic, traffic humps, double parked cars, blocked bus lanes. There are no easy solutions.

Too many cars, too many buses at stops for too long - not least in long lines obstructing each other in High Street and Charter Row. That's where the crews get their vital breaks. It's often overlooked that their driving hours are limited by law, and they're subject to the same calls of nature as passengers. Too many delays for too long and the bus has to be turned short or cancelled.

First South Yorkshire lost £2 million in the last year, can't afford more expenses, and they want to sell. Negotiations are almost certainly going on. It's not just in Sheffield but nationwide. They've already (*continued p.3*)

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Totley's buses: From bad to worse (from page 1)

sold to *Go Ahead* and *Diamond* in Manchester. Reports suggest *Diamond* are doing even worse than *First*, although *Go Ahead* seem to be doing OK. The basic facts are the same whoever operates the deregulated services. Same staff, buses, garages and crowded roads. SYPTE has less to spend to support unprofitable services so fares are unlikely to fall, and fare rises lose more users – a vicious circle.



Buses stack up on Sheffield High Street

There is a silver lining for Totley travellers. *TM Travel's* 218 service remains half-hourly and keeps better time by going via Nether Edge. It's a commercial service and will continue as long as it's well-used. Try a trip to Bakewell or Baslow for a walk, lunch or a drink. Chatsworth's fully open from 21st March but still a good place for a walk and there's £2 off entry with your bus ticket. It's cheaper than the 97/98 too.

And don't forget the little M17 taking you to the amazingly popular St James' Retail Park! It's totally supported by SYPTE so again if we don't use it we'll lose it.

Chris Morgan

Totley Open Gardens

Totley Open Gardens this year will be on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July, from 1pm until 5.30pm.

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

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

In 2019, the proceeds from the TOG weekend went to the following local organisations: Cherry Tree Support Services; Transport 17; Totley CAB; and Totley Library.

Jennie Street
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Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Gosforth Valley Walk

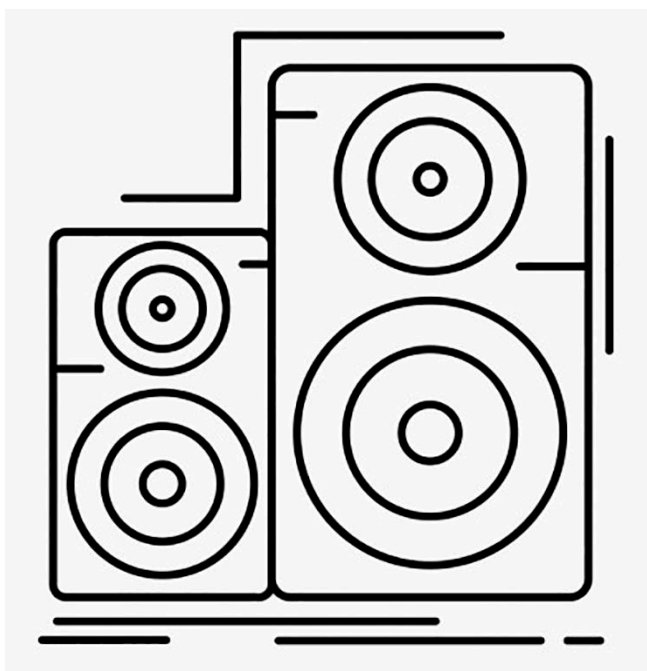
On Wednesday 26th February at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Jolly Farmer pub in Gosforth Valley. We will go up to Cartledge and then Cowley Hall, then back to the Jolly Farmer where we will have lunch (optional). If you wish to come just turn up on the day.

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church. A short cut is available.

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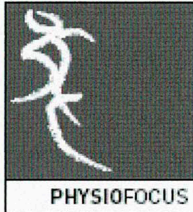
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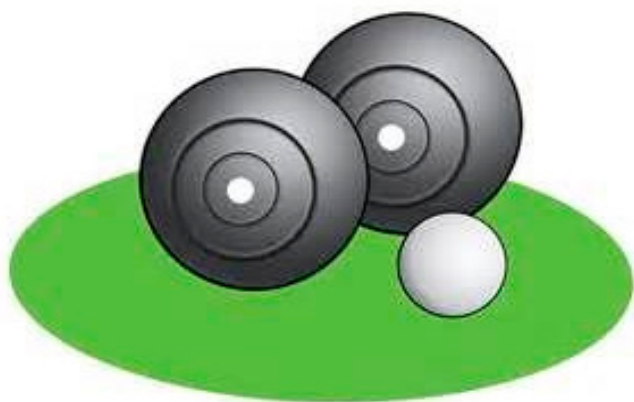
Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding Open Mornings on Saturday 18th April and Saturday 25th April 2020 between 10am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at Crown Green Bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as free instruction will be given and practice sessions organised.

Crown green bowling is an outdoor activity which provides an opportunity to meet people and forge new friendships.

Our Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Playing groups are made up by members as they arrive.

Friendly Inter-Club Matches are held throughout the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed on the club. Social events are held regularly throughout the year including Dinners and Treasure Hunts as well as regular Coffee Mornings during the close season.



Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeydale Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the Pavilion.

The Bowling Green is situated on the right hand side at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Complex where ample car parking is available.

Please come and join us at our Open Days, equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels), where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a selection of bowls from which you can choose to borrow for play.

If you require any further information, please contact: Doreen or Richard Bertram (telephone 0114 289 1423) email: richardsprinta@gmail.com

Totley Yard Sale

There will be another Totley Yard Sale on Sunday 26th April from 10.30.

This will be the 9th Yard Sale, which is popular among buyers from across Sheffield and beyond.

You sell your unwanted goods from the front of your home. A list of vendors is produced for selling to all punters, and the Yard Sale is advertised widely on social media and in the local press.

Vendors pay £6 to take part, and this money goes to Totley Open Gardens, who combine the money with the funds raised by the Open Gardens event. These funds are then distributed to local voluntary and community organisations.

Since this is a community event organised voluntarily to raise money for local groups it is appreciated that everyone contributes the £6 in order to take part and pays as early as possible.

If you would like to take part in the Yard Sale, to book your name on the Vendors List, please contact Jennie Street on jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk or Tel. 236 2302.

More on the Laverdene Swifts

Sally Goldsmith's article on swifts in the December/January edition, was most topical for us as we had just been talking about building or buying a swift box. My neighbour, John, an enthusiastic birdwatcher, had called me earlier in the year to say that the swifts were back, and we counted, with difficulty, 18 to 20 birds over our houses, not realising that they might 'belong' to Laverdene. A few days later, we were surprised to see a small flock appear, at great speed, over a 2 metre high fence, swoop down and fly across our lawn, before rising above the 2.5 metre high garage - an experience not to be seen again, unfortunately.

I started researching boxes, and found the Bristol Swifts web site. Wow, what commitment. A gentleman has been studying them for years, and has, according to the site and photographs, 17 on his semi-detached house (I am reliably informed that is now 27) and studies them in detail, spending, apparently, most of every day of the season watching them.

As a result he has carried out modifications to find the best box. He has found a manufacturer, based in Hathersage, Derbyshire - email Lester@peakboxes.co.uk and web site www.peakboxes.co.uk.



Swift leaving one of Lester's boxes. Photo courtesy of Lester Hartmann.

Lester Hartmann is very friendly and helpful, but prefers to have visitors by appointment only, due to the confines of his premises, and the fact that he is very busy - he and his wife won Best Stand in Show at the International Bird Fair last year - his first exhibition.

His boxes are made of a Poplar based plywood, which does not use formaldehyde glue which is a carcinogen, and believed to be a deterrent to birds. He can make a box to fit an apex, any angle, and makes boxes for many other birds. As the material is light, he has developed a fixing technique which only needs one person to fix and erect them. His latest development is a bat box affixed to the bird box.

He has a tentative booking to speak at the Friends of Gillfield Wood meeting in April.

His swift boxes come complete with feathers for the egg scoop, painted black inside, choice of right- or left-hand landings, and can be single or multiple nests. Having seen the work that goes into them, I think, as a woodworker myself, that they are a bargain, starting at £30 plus delivery.

Collection, by appointment, can also be made.

Roger Hart



Neighbourhood Watch

The dark nights have as usual produced the expected outbreak of burglaries and other crimes that have plagued our local areas every year. Despite numerous alerts and warnings about taking simple precautions too many of these incidents could have been prevented. Whilst alarms and CCTV are ideal as a preventative measure there are many simple and inexpensive ways to make your property less attractive to the rogues. Putting table/standard lamps (at least two in different rooms) on timers from about 4pm until you get home from work is a simple effective way of giving the impression the property is occupied. There are very inexpensive TV screen simulators that make it look as if a TV is on in the room, or even having a radio come on. These will help make your property that much safer and less likely to be targeted by the criminals.

If you have UPVC front, back or patio doors, these will almost certainly have eurolocks fitted as standard. The typical standard lock can be "snapped", and entry gained within thirty seconds. Keys, bags phones etc, left near the door can be taken, (and even cars) and the thieves will be away before you even react to any alarm - even if it is switched on. The latest version of these locks is classed as virtually unbeatable and will defeat most criminals. The "Ultion" anti-snap locks cost a bit more but the protection they give far outweighs the increased cost. Some of our NHW members will check your locks for you at no charge and provide details to take to Harrold's locksmiths to get you our preferred price. If you want more information, my contact details are below.

One of the simple ideas we promote is having a neighbour as a key holder for your property, not just when you go away on holiday but all the time. One of our members unfortunately lost his house keys whilst travelling back to Sheffield on a train, but fortunately he had left a spare key with a neighbour



so he could gain access to his home without having to resort to more costly remedies. More often the spare key comes in useful should your property get broken into whilst you are away. This will allow the responding Police Officers to gain access to the property where necessary, but on no account should a keyholder enter the property if the alarm goes off, as you don't know who may be in there. Call the Police on 999 and wait for them to attend. They will respond promptly and not mind if it is a false alarm.

This leads to the question of what number to call the Police on. We have all heard the stories about the response time when using the 101 number, and in all honesty there is some truth in what you have heard. However, the advice from SYP

is as follows.

If you see a crime taking place or something life-threatening then call 999 immediately. The sooner they know the better and the more likely the chances are of catching the criminals in the property or nearby.

If you come home and find your house has been broken into and the rogues have gone then use the 101 number. This will not be an emergency however disturbing it may be to you. You can also report this type of incident online at the link below and not have the wait-time on the phone - <https://www.reportingcrime.uk/>


There have been several comments recently about cold callers from various companies, legitimate or otherwise. Last week I had a meeting with Trading Standards and was given some good news about what can now be done. If you have an official "No Cold Calling" sticker clearly visible on your front door or window then any company or their representative ringing your bell or knocking on the door, without an appointment, can now be prosecuted for harassment. This requires you to take any leaflet or card (to identify the company) and then ask them to leave. You should then report the incident to Trading Standards who will take any action that needs to be taken.

At the time of writing we need two coordinators for Totley North and South. Julie Gay took on the role, as a temporary measure for us, in June but has had to resign due to family commitments - and her sterling work keeping our area as free from litter as possible! The coordinators' role mainly consists of acting as a conduit for the dissemination of weekly incident reports and notifying us of any new members. There are no costs involved - just a little time and public-spirited attitude. Please contact me if you can help.


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Friends of Dore & Totley Station

It's getting busier down at the station

From time to time we conduct surveys to see how many use the commuter trains and can now compare figures over 4 years. They can't be precise. There are reasons why odd days chosen at random aren't fully representative but the trend is upwards. It can safely be said that over 400 commute from the station before 8.30 most weekdays, more going towards Manchester than Sheffield.

Not all are commuting. The new service at 5.15 to Manchester Airport on 16th December was used by 8 who went all the way. That's useful for those with early flights and may make it possible for business users to spend a full day in a European centre and get back on an evening train to Dore.

Difficulties with 97/98 buses are encouraging more to use trains. For a single journey into town it's actually cheaper by train than bus, and trains take only 7 minutes, non-stop. Trains are scheduled to leave Dore & Totley for Sheffield at 7.57, 8.04, 8.24 and 8.28 and over 150 make use of them.

We still have, and will continue to have until 2023, a lack of trains back to Dore from Sheffield at many times of the day.

Latest official passenger number statistics estimates based on ticket sales have just been released for 2018/19. They show 198,948 used the station compared with 178,500 in 2017/18, an increase of 11.4%. For 6 months of that period Northern provided no Saturday services due to strike action, Saturday being the busiest day for leisure users. With a full 7 day service now restored we should see an even bigger increase for 2019/20.

What's new?

At long last Northern's Class 142 Pacers have gone? No, not quite, not yet. Most are now lined up in sidings at scrapyards awaiting recycling. A small number are going to heritage railways to provide cheap rides during quieter periods and some are going to museums. However, about 20 have been kept back in Manchester until May. They can only be used if attached to a better unit that's compliant with modern



standards. That means we may see them in the dark, attached to evening commuter trains out of Manchester. Very soon no trains will have toilets that discharge onto the tracks!

We are now getting the longer Class 150, 156 and 158 trains. They're 30+ years old, but are being refurbished for another 10 years. Let's not get too carried away, but it's possible that by May we'll have an occasional brand new Class 195, the type now being used on the Nottingham - Leeds route that stops at Dronfield.

TransPennine Express have three new classes of Nova trains being used on most of their routes, but not ours! They've had major teething problems and the intended cascade of their older Class 185 trains that should have come to us months ago has been delayed. By the time you read this most of the busiest trains stopping at Dore should have 6 coaches. That will make an immense difference for those catching the 7.14 and 8.14 for Manchester.

Defibrillator

This installation has been delayed, not for lack of money, but because the various parties involved with anything rail related can't sort out who needs to give permission to who, who will fix it, and confirm longer term financial responsibility for maintenance. FoDaTS have agreed to monitor on a regular basis. Maybe it will soon appear. A cynic might marvel at how quickly the Amazon box appeared when income was involved!

Planters and a bench

A few snowdrops are already in flower and the crocuses and daffodils are starting to show. Abbeydale Rotary Club have kindly agreed to provide a bench and two planters to go beneath the large conifer at the entrance, providing somewhere to sit while waiting to be picked up by family or taxis. Installation by Easter is envisaged.

Zozzy's Coffee

Zoe Kent and her partner Lee started operating their early morning coffee facility out of a Smart car and trailer at 6am on 7th January. They intend to trade Monday to Friday from 6.00 until about 9.30. Their 3 month trial licence from



Northern allows them to trade for longer but this seems to be the busiest period. The more we use them the longer they'll stay open. Zoe has a full time job so we'll probably see more of Lee. They're learning how cold it can be at those early hours!

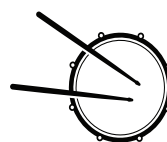
Looking ahead

The car parking situation is currently being considered in a feasibility study for SYPTE, part funded by TransPennine Express. The Liverpool - Norwich route may see changes in December, possibly moving to TPE - although that decision might get deferred again to 2021. There's more to write about for the next edition.

Happy 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

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Walking the Dog....

Rony Did you hear the Radio Sheffield programme we did about Totley Jack?

Jack No.

Rony It started with my old pal Jamie Campbell driving me into Totley. And we talked about where Totley started and whether we were in Abbeydale, or Dore, or even Millhouses if you look outside St John's church.

Jack You've written it all in the *Independent* before, Rony.

Rony But I've not written about how Totley Brook Road isn't in Totley? And how the river on Totley Brook Road isn't the Totley Brook because the Totley Brook is the one that goes through Gilly Woods?

Jack Jamie didn't understand when you tried to tell him that. And I don't now.

Rony You must have listened to the broadcast if you know that.

Jack Listened to the beginning. You've told me it all before.

Rony When?

Jack Whenever we walk there.

Rony I haven't told you how Jamie's dad murdered my mum at St John's though?

Jack Did he?

Rony He did... And, anyway then we went to the chemist and met Taj and he's been there 23 years and he's a Unitedite.

Jack So am I.

Rony Course you are.

Jack We're making the ball do the work this season, and tightening up the defence and it's goals that count and -

Rony So then we went into the Library. And Norman showed us his new LED lights and his new loo. Never been in the Library. Dogs aren't allowed. Norman also explained the 1974 octagonal pods and how the Library had been saved and I met a family who'd come all the way from Dore to use our library for their King Eggy homework. And I met Carolyn and Marion and they weren't like the old librarians who had those magic stamps that could put the date in your library book a fortnight ahead. And there were shelves of Dr Dolittles in those days and the rude books weren't allowed, just blocks of wood saying they weren't allowed.

Jack Dogs are allowed to wait outside libraries getting bored and ignored.

Rony So then I interviewed Phil about the *Totley Independent* and there have been 400 editions in 40 years and it's only 20p and it's full colour printed in London SE and it has 50 contributors and Phil came to Totley in 98 because he thought it would be quiet. Oh, and the Grove is the coldest road in Totley.

Jack Bored.

Rony I went up the allotment and my great great niece Bronwyn told me Totley was kind of posh and Jamie said how Green Oak Park seems like a secret park because there's no road you can see it from.

Jack Bored.

Rony I said Jamie should shush or I'd tell people about his father murdering my mother at St John's.

Jack Did he? Really?

Rony So next I went to see Caroline and we talked about her funny bike and her Olympic torch and her 31 years here and then we talked about the park -

Jack My park?

Rony - because she backs onto it too.

Jack My park.

Rony Your park Jack, and we talked about how it once had tennis courts and a cricket pitch you can still see sometimes thanks to global warming, and a bowling green and the most sloping football

pitch in Sheffield.

Jack And then you went home for your tea.

Rony You must have listened to the whole radio programme, right to the end, if you know that?

Jack All right, I did. It's not got many dogs in it has it? And Totley has loads of dogs. Wuff!

Rony Wuff yourself!

Jack You wuff yourself yourself! And what is this about Jamie's dad murdering your mum, anyway?

Rony He did. They were both in *Night Must Fall* which is a murder play the TOADS do sometimes, and when I was little, every night from Thursday to Saturday he strangled her. But Jamie thinks he only strangled himself, and then only once, years later when he was trying to get off stage through the window because the door had jammed.

Jack What happened to your mum after she was murdered?

Rony Everyone pretended not to notice and we had a lukewarm cup of Nescafe each and a ginger biscuit, and my dad made a speech because he was the Chair.

Jack You know how to enjoy yourself in Totley don't you?

Rony Yes, and that's why people stay in Totley.

Jack What about dogs though?

Rony Dogs stay too. You did.

Jack I didn't have much choice did I? It was either you and Sally in Totley or the RSPCA in town and they only keep you for a week before - they don't. But can I tell you a dog joke?

Rony Not if it's who's the dog's favourite composer.

Jack It's not. It's why will a dog never win *Strictly*?

Rony I don't know. Why will a dog never win *Strictly*?

Jack Because dogs have - two left feet! Thank you and goodnight listeners, everywhere.....

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Welcome back to another fantastic term at TASS! We hope all of our families, friends and community have a very happy and peaceful 2020!

In the spirit of being a Global Neighbour and spreading God's love at Christmas, our lovely junior children chose to spend their class Christmas money, not on themselves, but on helping people who are less fortunate. They bought a goat and safe water for a family of four, supported girls' education in the majority world and financed a room for a homeless young person in this country through Crisis at Christmas. We are so proud of all of them!

In fact, throughout the year, our lovely, caring children raise money to help others through organisations such as 'Children in Need' and Fair Trade, as well as supporting more local charities through bun sales. They plan, organize and run these events themselves- the hardest part is finding a space in the packed diary!

Our Global Neighbours representatives have decided we should take part in Fairtrade fortnight and World Water Day and will be organizing fund-raising activities.

A shared vision

In the autumn term all our KS2 children took part in a very exciting textile project arranged by Mrs Underwood and led by local artist, Karen Herrick. Each class worked together on a different part of a design that became a beautiful handmade banner made up of felting, appliqué and stitch.



Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow at TASS

The different representative groups have been developing their skills of organization and leadership in many different areas.

The School council has been very busy in their meetings with a variety of school issues:

- The re-launch of the healthy Snack shack
- Names for the Woodland workshop areas

- Meeting with Taylor Shaw to discuss the lunch menu and future events
- Deciding what to do on 'Children in Need' day
- What kind of curriculum they would like to feedback to their teacher

Looking to the future

We will be holding our annual Aspire Day on Friday 14th February 2020. We try to give our children a real insight into what they could aspire to in their future by asking parents and friends to come and talk about their own work. We look forward to having a real variety of different talents, jobs and professions on show.

We have another very busy term ahead with a lot to look forward too!

A range of very popular after-school activities will continue to run through the week and includes art club, badminton club, Adventure club and Chill zone, football club and dance club. To enrich our curriculum, our music lead has arranged for all of KS2 (the juniors) to see the Halle Orchestra on 6th March, and children in Y5 will have the opportunity to improve their riding skills and develop their road awareness through the Bikeability programme.

We are supporting our Y6 children with revision for SATs using an IT revision programme. Last year's Y6 really enjoyed these sessions and felt they helped prepare them for the for the SATs tests later in the year.

TASS PTA Fun-d Raisers

Our superstar team's efforts meant we raised over £2000 to spend on new books with Usborne! Amazing! The school Christmas fayre, which was supported by so many local people and companies, was also a great success.

"Look behind you!" All the children enjoyed a Christmas pantomime of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

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

Karole Sargent and Trudi Brown, Proud Headteachers

Dore and Totley Tennis Club

The Dore and Totley Tennis Club at 48 Devonshire Road has just installed a brand-new playing surface and is inviting local people who are interested in playing tennis to come along to our opening event to see the new facilities and obtain details about social play events which are free for the first three visits. The opening event is on Sunday 5th April at 10.30am.



This will be an opportunity for those who might be interested in joining the club to come along and see the facilities. You will also have an opportunity to play on the courts from 10.30 to 11.30 on Sunday 5th or at our first summer season social play event on Monday 6th April at 6pm, Wednesday 8th at 6pm or any other Monday or Wednesday at 6pm.

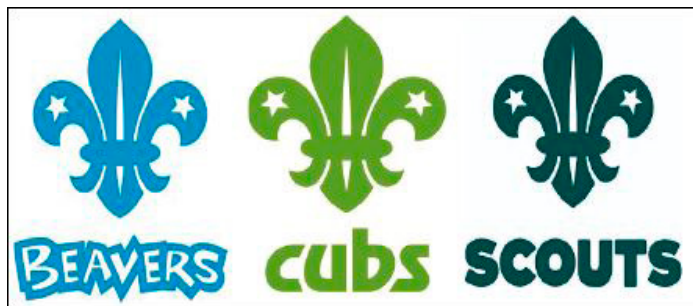
We are a small local club with excellent facilities and offer a good range of social tennis and local league teams. The club is always keen to welcome new members of all ages and abilities, and details of membership and club activities can be found on our website at www.doretotley.co.uk

Pete Alcock, Committee Member

Totley Scouts

A very Happy New Year to all our members, their families and the Totley community. All the sections enjoyed a lovely break over the Christmas period and we are now back in full swing refreshed and with some great programmes for our new term.

Just before we broke for Christmas we had a fantastic Christmas Weekend Sleepover with our Beavers and Cubs in Derbyshire. We made lots of fantastic Christmas crafts, had movie nights, played games, had an amazing Christmas dinner cooked by some wonderful volunteers for 70 of us and Father Christmas even came during the night and left a small gift after we wrote him letters and left them under our Christmas tree. It was a lovely festive weekend and many thanks to all those who made it happen.



We are now going to be looking forward to the fact that Spring won't be too far away and that means our sections can get out and about again. The dark nights haven't stopped us though and we have all had some fun torchlight walks during the end of last term.

As always, our thoughts turn to our summer camps and planning for these starts in earnest. The Scouts are planning their first camp of the year at Easter to combine with our

annual celebration of St George's Day. Our Scouts are also taking part in a large international camp in the summer which takes place in the grounds of Chatsworth House. Peak Camp takes place every 5 years and plays host to 4,500 young people and 1,500 volunteer members of staff and Chatsworth is once again opening its grounds to us for 2020. It is an amazing experience for the young people to be able to take part in this camp. We have participants from all over the world coming to Derbyshire for a week of fantastic activities, making new friends and being part of the Guiding and Scouting family. We encourage our young people to fundraise to help towards the cost of attending this camp so please look out for their fundraising activities over the next few months.

Finally, we have a big plea for help. One of our fantastic Beaver Leaders, Charlotte, is leaving us in April to start a new job working away from Sheffield. Charlotte runs our Tuesday night Beaver Colony and has a large group of 30 enthusiastic young people coming along each week. We are therefore in urgent need of some new Beaver Leaders to take Charlotte's place. No experience of Scouting is necessary to do this - just a love of working with children and giving something back to the community. It would be lovely to find some people who might like to take over before Charlotte leaves, which would mean that they could work with her for a few weeks and get a feel for the role. Ideally, we could do with two or three people to come forward. It is much easier to spread the workload if there are a few people doing the job together. Please have a think if this is something you might like to do, or do you know anyone who might like to do something like this. We would love to hear from you if you are interested and you would be welcome to come down and see what Beavers are all about. Please get in touch with me - my details are below.

Sue Bridgens, Group Scout Leader
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Charging your electric car at home

Electric cars have arrived! We are increasingly having to get used to the idea of silent vehicles whispering along our roads using clean energy and producing no carbon emissions. Of course, many say that electric cars need to make some noise for the sake of the safety of pedestrians – and this indeed may come about in the near future. More than 63,000 electric cars were sold in the UK in 2019, and the government's *Road to Zero* strategy is that at least 50% of new car sales should be low emission by 2030, but hoping for 70%. Measures taken by the government will help deliver cleaner air, and a better environment.

And there is good news for company car drivers. The government says that company car drivers choosing a pure electric vehicle will pay no benefit-in-kind (BIK) tax in 2020/21. After a long wait, HM Treasury has binned the previously published BIK rates for 2020/21. Instead it has created two new BIK tables for company car drivers – a table for those driving a company car registered after April 6, 2020, and one for those driving a company car registered before April 6, 2020.

HM Treasury says that for pure electric vehicle with zero tailpipe emissions, company car drivers will be taxed at 0%, thus paying no BIK tax at all. Furthermore, the zero percentage rate is also extended to company car drivers in pure electric vehicles registered prior to April 6, 2020, who were already looking forward to a much reduced rate of 2% for 2020/21. The full article can be found at <https://www.fleetnews.co.uk/news/fleet-industry-news/2019/07/09/no-company-car-tax-on-electric-vehicles-says-government>

For the electric vehicle (EV) user, there are substantial savings to be made, not least because you don't need expensive petrol or diesel. But you do need to be able to charge your car battery to keep it running. We have all seen EV charging points at places like supermarkets and in some cases at the roadside but for convenience sake many EV users will need to charge their vehicle at home.



Installing an EV charger is not however a do-it-yourself affair! Chargers draw on large amounts of power and they are "smart" systems so all electrical devices being used in the home such as cookers or electric showers are monitored, and if the system gets close to the maximum amount of power available for that property it will reduce the amount of charge going to the vehicle. So the system will link to the wi-fi router and to the electrical supply company so that they know where the demands are, and where the peaks in power use are. The installation of home chargers has to be done in line with regulations – it's not at all like charging the traditional 12v car battery!

Here in Totley, EV drivers are fortunate in having a local installer on hand to carry out this work. MandMade was founded in 2006 by fully-qualified and award-winning electrician Mandy Reynolds. Mandy has strong association with Totley; she is the daughter-in-law of well-known Totley residents the late Dan and Isabel Reynolds. The company is endorsed by 'Which?' as a trusted trader, and is now an approved EV charger installer.

Charlie Coupland is technical manager, working as consultant to MandMade. Charlie explained to *Totley Independent* that unlike traditional car batteries, EV batteries take up more than half the weight of the typical electric car. He explained that "government grants – specifically called the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) – are available towards installation of home chargers, but only if the charger is installed by an approved installer and all boxes are ticked. For example there has to be a designated parking space – the vehicle cannot be kept on the road and charged from the home supply. If there is no off-road parking space, there will be no EVHS grant and the vehicle must be charged elsewhere."

This will mean half an hour's parking at a supermarket where already there are many charging points, though because these points deliver direct current straight to the car battery charging is quicker and the battery may well be at least half



charged within that half-hour. There are also installation points in some areas mounted at the roadside for vehicles to be charged on-road, though there is rising concern about the safety aspects of having cables trailing across pavements. And of course the EV user has to pay for the charging facility. For many users at home installation will be the preferred alternative.

Taking into account the grant, the cost of installation to the householder will be in the region of £1000-£1500, though of course this has to be set against the kind of savings explained above. Charlie also pointed out that the electric vehicle with its huge battery is a substantial energy store. Many people will keep their cars at home for most of the time – they will not be continuously driving up and down motorways – and if the car battery is charged overnight with low-cost power you have a big reserve of electrical energy at your property. So if you want to use electricity during the day you can tell the smart charger to take power from the car rather than take it from the electricity company. Additionally, if EV owners have solar panels on the roof, the situation is even better – when the panels are generating power during a sunny day and that power is not needed in the home, solar panels can feed power straight into the car to be stored in the battery and delivered back when needed!

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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

Councillors' Surgery, 2nd Monday of the month, 6.00–7.00pm

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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.

Thursday:

Natter Group 10am -12noon

Friday:

Craft Group (People Keeping Well) Every fortnight, 10.30-12.30.

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

Music With Mummy 10.30 - 11.00am for ages 14 months to 3 years, and 11.15 - 11.45am **Jolly Babies** for ages 0 - 14 months. Email beccamwm@gmail.com for more details and prices.

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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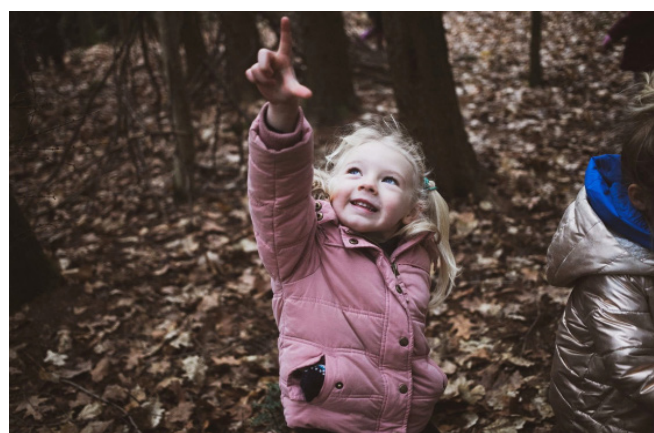
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natural resource to enhance our curriculum. Gillfield Wood is a particular favourite here at Totley primary school due to its close proximity to school – within walking distance even for our youngest children – and for the beautiful woodland habitat it offers.



In the first week of the Spring term, our Foundation Stage children (age 4 and 5) had a great trip to Gillfield Wood to explore the flora and fauna of the environment in mid-winter. Earlier in the school year, our Y3 children had a great time in the woods, this time in role as Anglo-Saxon settlers seeking shelter and building dens. The woods also feature regularly in our cross country team training runs and we are hoping to get out there again soon now that the worst of the mud has started to dry up!



Getting outdoors is long proven to have benefits to children's fitness and well-being, as well as promoting all kinds of learning out of the classroom. It also feels more important than ever before to develop children's awareness of global environmental issues and a sense of local pride by encouraging them to step out and get in touch with the stunning nature just a few minutes' walk away....

(Photos courtesy of our lovely professional photographer mum, Danielle Richardson)

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

People Keeping Well

To ensure that we are still providing activities and services that are right for you we will be running a consultation in February. This will take a number of different forms. There will be a workshop for people to identify any gaps in the area that we could fill or any barriers preventing people from engaging with our activities. We will be asking for feedback on the Age UK Sheffield website and the local Facebook forums and you will also be able to complete a questionnaire from Totley Library. And if you have any ideas or want to provide any feedback I can be contacted via email Joanna.woodward@ageuksheffield.org.uk or by phone on 0114 250 2850.

Our Community Grant fund can be used to set up any activity or service up to £500, so if you have an idea the partnership can support your project. All we ask is that you update us as to how things are going. For an application form please see our PKW page on the Age UK Sheffield or contact me for an email or paper copy.

The new Intergenerational Singing project with students at King Egbert School will be a very exciting and pioneering programme that will put Dore and Totley on the map. Please contact me if you would like to get involved.

We will be running a consultation on the use of Green Oak Park and its buildings through our questionnaire which you can get at Totley Library from February and also online. These are early consultations which we will use to work with the council on how to use this community space for everyone to enjoy.

Joanna Woodward, Community Development Worker

National Trust Rangers in Nepal

While their colleagues were carrying out winter repair and tree work in drizzly Derbyshire, lead National Trust ranger Rachel Bennett and colleague Lucy Holmes have spent nearly three weeks meeting fellow rangers from 70 different countries at the ninth World Ranger Congress in Nepal's Chitwan National Park.

The idea was for the 650 rangers from Africa, Asia, Europe the USA and Australia to listen and learn from one another.

"Every day was really inspiring," said Rachel. "Everyone there was committed to protecting wildlife, and to working with local communities to both make people's lives better and help the local wildlife."



Rachel Bennett (right) and Lucy Holmes at Longshaw in the rain

One of the conference themes was female rangers, and the challenges they often face. Women rangers are quite well represented in the Peak District, said Rachel, but women only make up a small percentage of the global ranger workforce.

"In some places, it's not seen as acceptable for women to do this kind of work."

"Someone once asked me when I was busy digging a hole if I'd actually prefer to be putting my make up on," said Lucy.

"You just shrug that kind of thing off."

The Longshaw women met the Akashinga rangers of Zimbabwe, a special team of women rangers who patrol a former trophy hunting area of the Zambezi Valley to deter and catch animal poachers. The Akashinga, recruited from women who had been raped, assaulted or orphaned by AIDS, work with local people to encourage the protection of wildlife.

Evidence shows that women rangers invest more of their income locally, said Rachel, and by talking diplomatically to local people can help communities to value wildlife as an asset and support anti poaching schemes.

"These women really are in the front line against poaching," said Rachel. "We told them how amazing they are. Despite the challenges, people like that are fully committed and willing to put their lives on the line for what they believe in. I think that's a really powerful message."


Whether their working day involves rhinos, red deer, crocodiles, or great crested newts, Rachel said there are many common aims for all international rangers. "We're all engaging people in their local wildlife, and in respecting and protecting the environment," she said.

"Here, both of us patrol the Peak District, one of the busiest National Parks in the world, and we want the people we meet to support what we do and love the rich wildlife we have here as much as we do. So when we ask them not to have barbecues, or to keep their dogs on a lead, we're not trying to spoil their fun, it's because we want them to help us protect this wildlife."

But there are not enough rangers to protect the world's wildlife on their own, said Lucy. "So we have to get everyone behind the idea. And everyone's next door neighbour."







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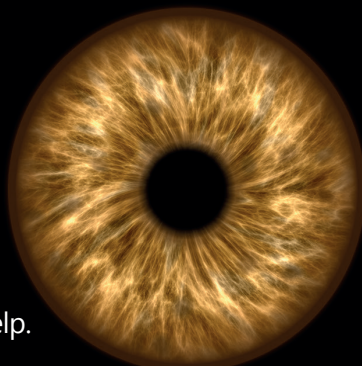
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What's on at the Library



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Could you spare a few hours a week to help run Totley Library?

We rely entirely on volunteers to run Totley Library. There are no paid staff – everything is done on a voluntary basis. There is always lots to do and we are always on the lookout for new volunteers.

We are looking for people to help us in many different roles: first impressions count, so keeping the library clean and tidy is a really important role; we are coming up to the busiest time of the year for the gardening team who would welcome more help; our cinema club needs people to help with setting up and operating our projection equipment; we want more people to join us doing library duties, especially people who might, in time, be prepared to take on a bit of responsibility for running the library; and we need more people willing to act as trustees, helping to run Totley Library as a whole.

All these jobs are important. None need take more than a few hours a week. If you think you might be able to help, please ask for more information at the library, or call 0114 236 3971.

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! The first-prize winner in the November draw was Amanda Hardwick, and the second-prize winner was Eva Ellis. In the December draw, the first prize was won by Wendy Sawyer, and the second prize was won by Alison Dollimore.

'Findmypast' and 'British Newspaper Archive'

We are offering both these services on the public computers in the library. Both services can be accessed from any of the new public computers. Only one instance at a time can be active but both are independent – this means that if someone is accessing FMP on one machine, another user can access BNA on another computer at the same time. Users can register their accounts and by doing so, they will also gain access to the *My Research* area which will enable them to keep track of their searches and bookmark their viewed items into folders and use the family tree program to build their family tree.

Children's Events at the Library

There will be a Harry Potter Book Night event on Thursday February 6th from 3.30 - 5.30pm. There will be lots of craft activities and games including Wand Making, Potion Making, Decorate a Dragon's Egg, Make a Hedwig Owl, Dobby's Sock Game, Find the Gryffindor Sword Game, a Treasure Hunt, puzzles, quizzes and our very own version of Quidditch. The entry fee will be £2.50 per child which includes all games and crafts. Refreshments will also be available to purchase. Please enquire at the Library for more details!

Our Babytime sessions are held every Tuesday (except school holidays) between 1pm and 1.45pm, with singing, action rhymes, musical instruments etc for babies - and parents/carers can stay as long as they like afterwards for a drink and chat.

We have a new music session on Fridays called Music with Mummy. The times are 10.30 to 11.00am for ages 14 months to 3 years, and Jolly Babies for ages 0 - 14 months from 11.15 to 11.45am. Email beccamwm@gmail.com for more details and prices.

Totley Library Cinema – February and March

Children's Films:
Sunday 23rd February, 2pm: Toy Story 4
Sunday 22nd March, 2 pm: Ralph Breaks the Internet

Films for adults:
Friday 14th February, 7.30pm: Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
Thursday 20th February, 3pm: Casablanca
Friday 20th March, 7.30pm: Red Joan
Thursday 26th March, 3 pm: Gone With The Wind

Tickets available from Totley Library.

Community Art Space at Totley Library

Are you a local artist? Would you like to exhibit and sell your artwork while getting involved in a rewarding community initiative? Or perhaps you are looking for that perfect piece of art for your dining room or a unique present for a special occasion.

Totley Library Community Art Space is an innovative venture showcasing the works of new and established local artists. Artists currently exhibiting include Gina Hodges, Anne Smith, Ian Hastings and Keith Oaks and the ARTfulness group.

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



One of several paintings on show by Anne Smith

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting new venture and who would like to exhibit in April 2020 and July 2020. For further information, please call in at Totley Library and take a look at the Art Space or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

Library Gardening

2019 was a really successful year for the library gardeners. We welcomed three new volunteers to the team who added a huge amount in terms of gardening experience, hours contributed, humour and friendship. Alongside other library volunteers, we organised and ran a very successful plant sale in May, raising over £1500 for the library funds. Following this, we joined the library's 5th birthday celebrations in October, running several outdoor, Autumn-themed activities. These were enjoyed by people of all ages so we plan to do an Autumn fundraiser for the library this year incorporating some similar outdoor activities - we hope to see you there.

Throughout 2019, individual volunteers worked hard to clear, re-plant, and maintain significantly large areas of the grounds including the flower bed at the bottom of the car park, the large planted area by the front door, and the grassy areas. Thank you to all those who supported the gardening team and the events through the year. It has been very much appreciated and significantly contributes to the successful development and maintenance of the library grounds.

Our plant sale this year is going to be held on Saturday 2nd May. A slight change of the usual date because the date of the May bank holiday has been altered. Please keep us in mind as you tidy your gardens, divide perennials, and plant seeds in the next few months. We welcome all plant donations, the quality of which significantly contributes to the success and popularity of the sale.

Our first meeting this year is on Thursday 6th February. If you would like to join us and/or are able to help with donations for the plant sale, please contact Fiona Smith at fionaksmith@gmail.com.



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What's love got to do with it?

So Christmas is all over for another year and Easter Eggs were spotted in supermarkets on Christmas Eve! As January turns into February we will all be exhorted to demonstrate our love by purchasing Valentines cards and gifts and a whole host of other special treats. Nothing wrong with that of course and it is nice to be appreciated but where did this all begin? And what has love got to do with it?

Not much is known about St Valentine, who is commemorated in the Christian calendar on February 14th. There is some uncertainty as to who Valentine actually was and historical evidence is rather sketchy. Valentine was a popular name in Roman times so he could have been one of several potential Saints. One popular story is that Valentine was believed to have been a Catholic priest living in Rome in the 3rd century at the time of Emperor Claudius. Claudius was involved in a number of bloody and unpopular conflicts and needed to maintain a strong army. Also known as "Claudius the Cruel", he was finding it difficult to recruit men and he believed this was because married and betrothed Roman men were too concerned for the welfare of their families and were reluctant to leave their wives and girlfriends for fear of being killed in battle.

In order to solve this problem, Claudius decided to ban all marriages and engagements, believing that without this distraction, men would be more interested in war. When Valentine heard this he disagreed and continued to perform marriages in secret, until Claudius found out and jailed and tortured him. According to legend, Valentine was imprisoned in the home of a nobleman who had a blind daughter. The nobleman was not a Christian but was so concerned for his daughter's well-being that he allowed Valentine to pray for her, and she was miraculously healed. After witnessing this miracle his whole family converted to Christianity. Shortly after this, Valentine was condemned to a gruesome death, but before his death on February 14th he is thought to have sent a note to her and signed it "from your Valentine".

Scholars have studied this and other stories claiming to explain the origins of the modern day romantic celebration of love, but have found that many of the stories have no basis in truth. Such is the doubt about these stories that the Catholic Church no longer venerates Valentine in their liturgy although he is still listed as a Saint. Saint Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers, epileptics, travellers, fainting, the plague and of course lovers.

Fast forward to the Middle Ages and the poet Geoffrey Chaucer is credited with introducing Valentine's Day as a celebration of love. In 1382 Chaucer wrote the *Parlement of Foules* which celebrated the first anniversary of the engagement of



**For this was on seynt
Volantynys Day
Whan euery bryd comyth
there to chese his make.**

**Geoffrey Chaucer ~ 1382
Parlement of Foules**

King Richard II to Anne of Bohemia. The caption in the illustration above translates as "For this was on St. Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate."

Until this time, the celebration of Saint Valentine held no romantic links at all. However, this poem came at a time when romance and courtly love were very much in fashion and it caught the public imagination. Other poets of the day also began to make links between spring and the mating of birds and the romantic association began to take hold. By the 18th century, February 14th was firmly established as an occasion to celebrate love between partners by the exchange of flowers and other gifts. In the 19th century the idea of sending cards was so well established that they started to be mass produced. And the rest, as they say, is history!

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New Year – New You

As I'm writing this, I realise it is January 12th. If you're wondering about the significance of this date, it is the date on which most people give up on their New Year's resolutions. Since we have just seen the dawning of not only a new year, but also a new decade, more people than ever are likely to have set themselves some goal. By the time you read this, January 12th will have long since passed, so you may well have already given up. However, all is not lost. As with most things that are difficult, it is not surprising that many people do not reach their goal at the first attempt; do not be afraid to have another attempt. Indeed, January can be a less than ideal month to make significant and challenging changes; we are usually struggling with dark days, cold weather and hangovers from the holiday period (emotional or financial). Trying again afresh a month or so later with renewed vigour may be more successful.

The most popular resolutions remain the same every year. We all promise ourselves that we will live healthier lives so the most common resolutions are to lose weight and stop smoking.

The huge health benefits of stopping smoking have been repeatedly publicised for decades now particularly in reducing incidence of cancer and improving the health of your heart and lungs. As most people are aware of this, a large proportion of the population are now non-smokers. Some people do however continue to struggle giving up.

The health benefits of losing weight are just as significant but have generally been less well publicised. Many people who endeavour to lose weight are probably thinking primarily of cosmetic improvements. We are now seeing more discussion about the "impending obesity epidemic" and the subject of a healthy weight has been in the news quite a lot lately particularly in relation to the increase of diabetes in the western world. Due to less active lives and richer diets this condition is becoming more prevalent. The success of these campaigns can be seen in the reduction of sugar in drinks as a result of a specific tax. Weight loss can also benefit your heart and lungs. Losing excess weight can also help with pain relief as your weight bearing joints will be under less stress. You will even sleep better.

Stopping smoking and weight loss both can give you more energy and help you lead more active and fulfilled lives. If you are one of many who have these targets please come and see us at Totley Pharmacy for help and advice.

To help you stop smoking we stock a full range of products which will make quitting easier. These include patches which are changed daily but also on-demand products such as gum, lozenges or sprays for a quicker effect. There is plenty of evidence showing that people who quit with the help of Nicotine Replacement Therapy and a support program have far higher quit rates at 4 weeks and 12 months. It is also a very expensive habit, and the cost of NRT nowadays is cheaper

than smoking. Indeed a very useful motivator can be to put the money you save towards a reward such as a holiday.

While it can be difficult to achieve in practice, weight loss is a simple matter of using more calories than we consume. Sensible dietary changes and modest changes to your activity levels can achieve weight loss although results may be modest too. We can advise you on such changes and what constitutes a healthy diet. If you wish to achieve greater and quicker results you will need to be more pro-active. To help you achieve this we stock a variety of supplements and meal replacement products. Our meal replacement products are very high quality and high in protein with a low glycaemic index, and so keep you satisfied for longer. This means you eat lighter meals and snack less. This method has been proven for many years to achieve weight loss and is very flexible with you replacing one or two meals a day with a tasty alternative.

A more recent way to lose weight which is rapidly gaining popularity is the use of Very Low Calorie Diets. This is the most efficient way of losing weight and will produce the greatest weight loss at the quickest rate. When followed properly you can expect to lose a stone a month (a stone and a half for men). While this method has only recently started receiving mainstream publicity, healthcare professionals have known about the benefits for years and some have offered the service. We have been providing this option to our patients for over a decade now and have seen many patients who have achieved this rate of weight loss with quite a few going on to lose as much as four stone each. This is achieved because your body will be forced to draw calories from your own fat reserves. However, any such program should always be monitored by trained healthcare professionals. Our pharmacists have completed the training to be able to provide you with expert support. Compared to these programmes, trying to eat a healthy nutritious Very Low Calorie Diet with foods is almost impossible, and you are likely to risk complications. Total Food Replacement formulas however are low in calories but nutritionally complete, so they will keep you healthy, well-nourished and comfortable while you lose weight.

The benefits of this program go far beyond just cosmetic improvements. The radical nature of it produces changes in your body that can reverse diabetes and reduce blood pressure. If you are interested in this option, pop in for a chat - we will check your BMI, undertake a medical screening and ensure the program is compatible with any medicines you take and any other conditions you have. We will then support you all the way with weekly meetings. With all the health and cosmetic benefits weight loss provides together with the confidence it produces, I really think anyone who wishes to lose weight should consider this new method.

If we can help you achieve your goals this year, hopefully next year you will have less to worry about when putting up the next calendar.

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National Tree Week

National Tree Week is the UK's largest tree celebration, inspiring communities across the UK to plant thousands of trees each year. The campaign began in response to the Dutch Elm Disease crisis in the 1960s, which wiped out more than 20 million Elms.

Recently the Friends of Gillfield Wood received from OVO Energy, through the Conservation Volunteers, a generous donation of a variety of trees and shrubs for planting - 200 in total. They arrived just in time for the group to take part in the National Tree Week celebration and carry out the planting of a majority of these 200 whips at the west end of Gillfield Wood on Sunday 24th November last year.

Some of the shrubs such as Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Dogwood and Guelder Rose were added to a hedgerow we recently created at the edge of the wood around the bus terminus area. Rowan and Crab Apple trees were also planted in the nearby picnic area. In addition Willow trees and Alder trees were planted within the woodland that was created approximately 27 years ago at that end of Gillfield Wood. The latter trees should take well to the damper conditions this area has to offer, but only time will tell.



On the following Saturday, November 30th, a small group of Friends of Gillfield Wood members planted some Silver Birch and Downy Birch whips in another part of the wood to celebrate Tree Charter Day. Hopefully these whips will eventually create a small stand of birches within the wood to go some way towards replacing a good number of old birch trees that have sadly fallen down through rotting with age or have succumbed to high winds.

The call for a Tree Charter was initiated in 2015 by the Woodland Trust in response to the crisis facing our trees and woods in the UK. The Charter for Trees, Woods and People was launched at Lincoln Castle in November 2017, on the 800th Anniversary of the Charter of the Forest in 1217; it sets out the principles for a society in which people and trees stand together.

Trees do so much for us every day, such as improving air quality, storing carbon, conserving water, preserving soil, supporting wildlife and improving our wellbeing; it is therefore vital that we continue to plant trees, especially as we are due to lose so many through diseases. It is understood that we need to plant, throughout the UK, around 30,000 hectares of trees every year for the next thirty years - this is approximately the size of the Isle of Wight in trees every year. Quite mind boggling, but we hope you will be inspired to plant a tree this year, if you can, or perhaps join in the National Tree Week celebration next November.

Chris Measures

Please see our events diary in this publication if you are interested in joining us on any of our Practical Conservation Mornings this year. You will be made very welcome.

'Totley Independent' Community Donations

We're pleased to announce that at the Annual General Meeting of the *Totley Independent* Community Interest Company, it was decided that donations this year will be £1100, to be split as follows: £250 to Totley Community Resource and Information Centre (Totley Library); £250 to Transport17; and £600 to Totley Scouts towards the cost of a replacement scout hut.



**Friends of
Gillfield Wood**

Diary for February and March

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

February 2020

Monday 3rd: "Free Bird" 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.

Saturday 15th: Bird Walk - the first of the year. Meet Chris Measures at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane by the metal gate at 9.00am. All welcome, no experience necessary. Warm clothes and suitable footwear are recommended as it can be muddy. Walk lasts between 2 and 3 hours. Don't forget your binoculars if you have them. Let us hope we see a few winter thrushes.

16th February and 29th March: Conservation Work Mornings, 10am for 2 to 3 hours. There is always a SCC Ranger there with appropriate tasks (light and heavy) and tools.

We meet either at the Baslow Road bus terminus, the Scout Hut on Aldam Road, Totley or at the end of Totley Hall Lane. The meeting-points are advertised on posters around Totley, in the local press and, nearer the date, are emailed out. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

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Gardening Tips for February and March

Here we are again, another new year! Where do they all go? I hope you are well rested after the celebrations and are ready and raring to get stuck into the gardening jobs.

I have been thinking about how I got interested in gardening. My first encounter with seeds was at school, when I was probably about 6 or 7 years old. The teacher gave us a bean seed each, a jam jar and some blotting paper. We put the blotting paper around the inside of the jar, placed the bean between the blotting paper and the glass, added water, and a week or two later the bean put up a shoot and put down a root. I was hooked!

The gardening class started later. Mr Bown as I recall was very strict and we had lots of rules, which still apply, regarding safety - long before health and safety as we know it today. Your common sense was used to the full in them days. or a gentle tap with a dibber reminded you to take care with the various tools. The dig-for-victory was well established, and we grew mainly vegetables which were added to the school dinner menu.

My mother was the gardener at home. She was a farmer's daughter (Kentish - they grew cherries and hops). We had a very small garden - too small for cherries or hops. Half of it was taken up with an Anderson air raid shelter that was taken up later. My mother planted mainly vegetables to supplement the food rations, and we had a lovely raspberry patch. She loved lily of the valley flowers, and when in season they would fill the house with their fragrance. I helped as much as I could, mainly by weeding and watering.

As a teenager I must admit I did not do a lot of gardening what with studying, homework, etc. Also my weekends were taken up with scouting, but that is another story.

Time passed. I got me a wife, and a house with a garden. It was in a bit of a state when we moved in (the garden I mean) but eventually we got it into shape to accommodate two lively boys and their friends. It had a rather nice level orchard which used to be a tennis court and it was totally enclosed by fences so it was quite safe for children to play. It also had a sunken section to one side where we grew veg and raspberries! One of my many neighbours (we had eight of them surrounding the plot) and I shared a load of compost made from waste material from weaving mills. It was called "Organifax" and came from Halifax, and smelt like Oxo. I had the best cabbages I have ever grown. But we could never find a supplier after the first load, which was a pity as if we could I would possibly have done better in the Totley Show!

In 1971 we moved to Totley and started the Busy Bee DIY shop, and behind the shop we developed the garden over a number of years with various extensions which many of you have seen at the Totley Open Garden weekends. If you haven't, then it will be open again in July. I look forward to seeing you then!

Enough reminiscing. No time for sitting down - you must be ready for one of the busiest times in the garden. We are in the midst of tidying up (early January), still clearing leaves, and mulching the various beds with fresh compost (homemade). It is a slow job because it has to be carried in muck tubs to the different sections of the garden, but it always looks very tidy when it's done. The lawn has had its winter feed so it should be looking healthy come the spring. It will have another light feed around April just to give it a boost so that it can stand up to the weather and footwear during the summer.

I will be sowing seeds by the time you read this: beans (French and runners) and any bedding flowers that Christine might need to top up the hanging baskets and tubs. She uses most plants these days, but sometimes needs a few extra plants to fill in any gaps. Hopefully they will be looking very floriferous when you come to visit us on the Totley Open Garden weekend in July.

Don't forget gardening is good for your health so keep up the good work and enjoy it... ooh me bad back!!!!

February

Flowers: Cut down old perennials and fork round plants. Work in a bit of Growmore or similar. Clean up rockeries and top dress with compost and chippings. Plant out (on fine days) herbaceous perennials. If you have a heated greenhouse, sow summer bedding plants, like snapdragons, fibrous rooted begonias, busy lizzie, petunias and verbena.



Petunias

This will give a bit of room later for the faster germinating varieties. Give the flower beds a top dressing of compost (taking care not to disturb any plants or bulbs). This will loosen up the soil, which the bedding plants will appreciate.

Watch out for slugs, especially those around newly-sprouting shoots such as delphinium and hollyhocks. Put down slug bait or beer traps as soon as they appear.

Vegetables: Add lime to soil as necessary, two weeks before any sowing takes place. Also work in a dressing of Growmore or similar balanced fertiliser. Onion seeds should be showing through by now — if you haven't planted them by now, get them in, or the prizes at Totley Show will go to someone else (me for instance!!). Top dress sprouting broccoli and spring cabbage with nitro chalk. Clear and prepare ground, ready for planting, as soon as crops are finished.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: Prepare ground for any spring planting you have in mind. Fruit trees growing in grass often make little growth because they are starved of nitrogen. This can be remedied by feeding now with sulphate of ammonia or nitro chalk. Protect fruit bushes from birds with a covering of fleece or netting as the buds begin to swell. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries now. Cut them back just short of ground level. Prune gooseberries before growth is too advanced.

Firm in any newly planted bushes and trees that may have been loosened by frost. Prune late flowering clematis. Cut hard back shrubs like spirea, callicarpa, trumpet creeper. Prune winter flowering jasmine and other winter flowering shrubs as soon as they have finished flowering. Trim back heather with shears as blooms fade, to prevent them getting straggly.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Several greenhouse plants require pruning now: bougainvilleas should have last year's growth cut hard back. Bouvardias, gardenias, fuchsias, zonal and ivy leaved pelargonium should be cut sufficiently to give them a solid foundation for the coming season's growth. Start watering (sparingly) from now on. A rise in temperature will help but is not essential; they all need as much light as possible. Later in the month, start dahlia tubers if you want to increase your stock of plants. Place tuber in a deepish box with a base of peat or potting compost. Put more peat around them until the fleshy tubers

are just covered but the stumps of last year's growth are just showing. Water them and place the boxes in a light or semi-light place. As soon as growth starts, they need as much light as possible. Water as necessary; any temperature over 13C (55F) will start them into growth.

Pot early begonias and gloxinia tubers; as schizanthus become established in their final pots, they should be fed a liquid feed once a fortnight. All feeding of pot plants should be done sparingly, nothing is gained by giving too much. Do not feed dry plants — water them first. Seed planting and propagation by cuttings can be started in earnest now. Try a few types you've not had before, it makes for a bit of variety in your life. I usually have 4 or 5 new varieties each year as well as Chilterns Lottery mixture (greenhouse plants). They put all the seeds left from last year in a pot and give them a stir and packet them. I have had some weird specimens as well as some fine, unusual pot plants. I have never been disappointed yet.

Lawns: Keep clean, spike and top dress if you didn't do it last year. Keep off if it is frosty. Watch out, spring is just around the corner.

March

Flowers: If you haven't sown your annuals already do so now, or you will be running a bit late. Early March is a good time for potting particularly summer and autumn flowering ones, and those which are grown for their foliage. Winter flowering plants are a different matter and are best repotted as soon as they have finished flowering. Sow herbaceous perennials and rock plants; these are quite easy to grow, and include delphiniums, lupins, gypsophilas and many more. Towards the end of the month plant gladioli and monbretias - make successional sowings over a 4 to 6-week period.



Gladioli

This will lengthen the flowering time. Work in a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore around herbaceous plants. Weed other beds and start hoeing if weather permits. Dead head daffodils. Lift, split up and replant overcrowded clumps of snowdrops.

At the end of the month sow hardy annuals where they are to flower in borders. Lift and divide herbaceous perennials such as golden rod, michaelmas daisy and yarrow when clumps become overcrowded.

Vegetables: Prepare early seed potatoes by exposing them to light in a cool frost-free place (chitting) ready for planting out later in the month. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered place, make a small sowing now and more later. Sow lettuce outdoors unless the weather is very bad. Choose a cabbage or cos type, and sow seeds thinly. Sow broad beans and peas outdoors, choose an open cultivated plot.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: Feed cane and tree fruits with balanced fertilizer; give blackcurrants a feed of nitro chalk.

Make sure newly planted fruits are firm in the ground and mulch well. Towards end of month prune roses height down to 6 inches or so off the ground though with Floribundas, 12 inches minimum depending on the type. Plant new raspberry canes and strawberries, and complete the planting of tree and bush fruit early in the month.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: If your greenhouse is empty (what a waste!) give it a good clean inside and wash down with disinfectant. If it has plants in, then wait for a fine day to do this. Clear all of the plants out, as most of them will not tolerate even the smallest amount of disinfectant. The greenhouse should be filling up with seedlings and rooted cuttings. These must have plenty of light and air and the temperature maintained around 13 to 16C (55 to 60F) for the majority of popular plants.

Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants such as heliotrope, fuchsias, pelargoniums (geraniums) as soon as they are long enough, around 3 inches for geranium, fuchsia and heliotrope. Cucumber and melon could be sown now in a warm greenhouse, though I generally wait until the end of the month.

Gradually increase watering of indoor plants. Feed actively growing plants with potash, liquid feed tomato fertilizer is ideal. Put a bit of potting compost on plants such as ferns and aspidistras. Repot cacti towards the end of the month. Sow summer annuals for planting into pots for a late show in the greenhouse such as cigar plant, busy lizzie, stocks, schianthus etc. Houseplants such as maidenhair fern, button fern, and spider plant can be divided and repotted.

Lawns: Deal with bare patches by turfing or reseeding. Aerate and spike compacted areas. Prepare areas for seeding or turfing next month.

Don't forget the Totley Show in September – now is the time to make plans!

Cheerio for now,

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Transport 17

January 2020 - a new year, a new decade and as I write this article the dates on the calendar are already flying away. Hopefully you will have had a lovely festive season and I guess like for us all, it is now just a distant memory.

2019 ended on a real high for Transport 17. Back in deepest November we held our Christmas Fayre which was a huge success raising £1097, building on the £1000 raised last year. Faces both old and new attended. There was a fantastic atmosphere as people enjoyed the social occasion and the usual amazing refreshments provided by the Cross Scythes - cakes as well as mince pies this year - scrummy. As always huge thanks go to Ben and Scott - without their generosity we would really struggle. Once again they allowed us to take over their space and fill it with stalls, provided staff to support the event and helped in so many ways that all contribute to what we are able to achieve.



Glennis Longley and Christine Barker enjoying the Cross Scythes scrummy cakes

Bottles disappeared at a rate of knots as people tried to win something more attractive than a bottle of water on the Bottle Bonanza Lucky Dip!!! There was a wonderful range of raffle prizes on offer, The Strictly Christmas Stall got everyone into the festive spirit and the Cake Stall had lots to tempt us with. Deb Leonard had a successful morning too which is great as she is so good at supporting us. This time she posted a live video clip of the event to promote the Fayre on the day - the wonders of modern technology!!!

Transport 17 are so lucky to have a great team of volunteers who give their time and effort to fund-raise for us. They are right up there with the volunteers on the buses as being the heart of Transport 17. There are too many of them to mention individually but each and every one of them puts their strengths to the fore, whether it be securing raffle prizes, helping to collect items for the stalls, pricing up and preparing for the event, running a stall on the day, promoting the event or just pestering and badgering people to part with their hard earned pennies! They are a brilliant team to have on board and as Chair of the Fundraising Events Subcommittee I cannot thank them enough for their time, effort and commitment. It couldn't happen without them. I know that Mike Finn and the Management Committee would reinforce all I have said.

The other aspect that makes our fundraising events so successful is the support we get from the local community, not only from businesses but also individuals which of course includes you!!

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Colin Ross and Laura Gordon, the Liberal Democratic Candidate for Hallam, who

popped in to support the event. They have been very supportive of Transport 17 and its role in the community. Visits like this help us to further promote the role of Transport 17 further afield and demonstrate how we work with the community to keep this very small and local charitable organisation operating. We look forward to their continued support.

Les Firth presented us with a cheque for £250 from the proceeds of Totley Show. Thank you once again to the Show Committee for their continued support. We have also received donations from Mr & Mrs Cotterill, Mr K Belbin, Saint Marks Church £500, Provincial Grand Charity £100, Totley Independent £250, Rotary Raffle £300 and cash donations of £48.50.



The Strictly Christmas as new stall run by Dot Firth, Barbara O'Connor and Pauline Perkinson

However, the icing on the cake, a true Christmas present, was the extremely generous donation from the Jockel family. As you will probably be aware Alan Jockel, Stella's husband, set up Transport 17 and Stella has continued his work providing donations and in the past has helped with the fundraising. The donation this time has given the bus fund a substantial boost so replacing the MX05 in 2020 is looking like a reality and has given us a real focus for fundraising events as we push for the total of around £52,000. What a great start to the new decade.

Planning is already afoot for events this year. First will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th March at the Cross Scythes. The committee will shortly finalise arrangements for this. There will definitely be a Chocolate Bonanza Lucky Dip and a raffle, so pop the date in the diary and we will all look forward to seeing you there.

Our involvement with People Keeping Well continues. It is good to be able to help facilitate some of the activities associated with it. Each week we take people to the Dementia Café, and we were also able to take the Sporting Memories group to visit the Football Museum in Manchester.

In December 2018 we reinstated the social get-together for our volunteers which was a great success. It was never in doubt that it would be repeated, but we just ran out of time to do it in 2019, so we have it arranged for the end of January at the Shepley Spitfire. It is a great opportunity for Transport 17 to say thank you to all the volunteers and for everyone to catch up with each other.

I am pleased to report that since I last wrote we have welcomed two new members to the Management Committee - Karen Goldthorpe and Rosie Fry. They both have a wealth of experience which will be invaluable to Transport 17. We hope that they will enjoy helping to keep the wheels turning at Transport 17. They are both helping out with fundraising events and you may well have met them at the Christmas Fayre.

After such a positive end to the year it is disappointing to report that we have not got off to the best of starts in 2020. Sadly our administrative assistant, Kerry Machon, is going to be leaving us on the 17th of January, as commitments with another job have meant she is unable to fulfil the role at Transport 17. Kerry's short time with us has however provided an opportunity for us to evaluate the administrative assistant role and whilst there is going to be short-term pressure in the first instance we hope for long-lasting benefits. Nose to the grindstone once more!!!

Finally, we at Transport 17 wish you the very best for 2020.

Sandra Longley (on behalf of the Management Committee)

New home for rare woodland bird

A rare woodland bird is to benefit from a home makeover at Blacka Moor

Blacka Moor nature reserve has received a boost for rare woodland birds following the completion of a 12 month habitat restoration project by Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust.

This project was made possible thanks to an award of £20,000 from Viridor Credits Environmental Company, through the Landfill Communities Fund, which funded a year-long programme of works to improve the ancient semi-natural woodland on the nature reserve for migrant bird species such as pied flycatcher, spotted flycatcher and redstart. Careful



Common Redstart

thinning of the woodland, opening up glades and removal of invasive species such as rhododendron and sycamore have improved the habitat for birds. Removal of smaller trees surrounding the largest veteran trees in the woodland, known as "halo thinning", has opened up space for these giant woodland trees to thrive.

With the help of volunteers, 46 nest boxes have been installed to provide safe breeding sites for the target bird species. The creation of open space within the woodland and the installation of a new woodland pond will boost insect numbers, providing an important food source for breeding birds. Finally, to help visitors learn about the nature reserve and the wildlife which lives there, three new interpretation panels have been created and a new leaflet printed.

Nabil Abbas, Living Landscapes Manager at Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, said: "Small numbers of rare woodland migrant birds arrive at Blacka Moor every spring looking for suitable habitat to breed, having spent the winter in Africa. These bird species are red-listed, meaning they are globally threatened, and have suffered severe declines in breeding population and range over the last 25 years. We're delighted that this project has enabled us to improve conditions for these birds at Blacka Moor, providing better opportunities for them to breed and start the recovery of their populations".

Gareth Williams, Operations Manager at Viridor Credits, said "we are proud to be able to work with Nabil and the team at Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust to deliver another win for wildlife. The effects of the project will be far-reaching, demonstrating that local green initiatives can have global effects."

If you would like to help your local Wildlife Trust to look after wildlife habitats at Blacka Moor, please come along to one of our regular volunteer work days. For details see www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on.

Correction!

First, a reader has written to correct a statement first published 40 years ago in the *Totley Independent*, and repeated in our feature in the last issue "It Was Forty Years Ago Today...". It seems that the Laverdene estate was built,



not by A. Laver, but by James Laver. This was the same builder that built Abbeydale Park Rise and Crescent, Abbeydale Road South, the Rushley estate in Dore, and many other housing schemes in Sheffield. All of the wood used in these buildings came from A. Laver – timber merchant and brother of James. We're happy to correct this long-standing error!



The Ripple Effect
Community Bereavement Support
Dore and Totley United Reformed Church
Totley Brook Road
Drop in Sessions and Cafe
10am - 12 noon
Wednesday 22 January
Wednesday 19 February
Wednesday 18 March

For more information please contact Sheffield Mind
 Tel: 0114 2584489
 Email: ripple@sheffieldmind.co.uk

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Totley Rise Methodist Church

The Church on the Rise!

Regular Services Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Focus Church: February 9th and March 8th 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

Messy Church: We hold a Messy Church at Totley Rise Methodist Church on a Saturday afternoon most months. Every Messy Church has a particular theme. All are welcome - contact Rachel Wilson on 07912352543 for more details on themes and activities. Tea and snacks are included.

Messy Church is not just a club for Kids to come and do activities - not just a bridge into "normal" church - not just a social activity for Saturday afternoons. If Messy Church isn't any of these things then what is it?

Messy Church is an all age way to help people discover Jesus, not just church families but the whole community. A relatively new concept, it has now spread not just nationwide but also internationally (Denmark have to call it something else as they don't have a word for messy in their language!). This happy mixture of games, craft activities, food and lively worship all based on a bible theme is bringing families together in a new and special way. Churches that have been providing Messy Church are finding that it is creating a new worshipping congregation in its own right. Messy Church is here at Totley Rise.

Come along and give us a try, you won't be disappointed.

Tuesdays at TRMC

Every Tuesday there is a lot happening at TRMC:

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.



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.

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 com-



munity. Young and old, men and women are all welcome. 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.

The Quiet Garden

Our garden will soon be sprouting the wonderful signs of spring, displaying new growth. It is a place that shows what can be created by the commitment and hard work of volunteers and is an encouraging place to come and sit and wonder about our creative God.



The garden at TRMC has been the backdrop for shepherds and sheep, crosses and fun days. In 2013 the church affiliated with the Quiet Garden Movement and has been focusing on enhancing the garden to become a place of stillness, and the place of reflection. The Quiet Garden Movement encourages the provision of places where people can set aside time for renewal, contemplation and prayer. There are currently about 300 quiet gardens in 18 countries, and the idea has grown to encompass quiet spaces in churches, schools, hospitals, and prisons. The gardens are open to people for stillness and reflection.

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

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Happy New Year everyone. Let's hope that sanity prevails this year because there has not been much in evidence from our lords and masters over the past few years. Enough, Derek! On to more joyful matters.

The concerts, while musically and comically excellent, were not as well attended as they have been in the past but I fear that this was due to lack of publicity as much as anything. Unfortunately I was not too well around deadline time for two of the local papers and missed it but nevertheless the Dore concert was pretty full. It was the Millhouses one which suffered a little. I have to thank Gwen Nimmo in getting us to a very high standard for the concerts and to Monica Eyley for selecting such a splendid programme of festive music.

Never mind, I'm back in the saddle again so I can bore you all with more about the Society.

We have two concerts of G & S music coming up, (both with the same programme with selections from several operettas), one at Whittington Moor Methodist Church and the other at the Merlin Theatre. Both concerts are aimed at raising funds for the two venues as well as ourselves and the programme will be filled with favourite G & S songs from several of the operettas.

The Merlin Theatre concert will be on Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm with tickets being available from the Merlin Theatre via this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-with-gilbert-sullivan-tickets-88661730623> or by telephoning Gill Rugg on 01142489573 / 07813672766 as well as on the door.

The Whittington Moor Methodist Church concert is on Saturday February 29th at 2.30pm with tickets from Mike Spriggs 01246233475 / 07484169003 or Gill Rugg 01142489573 / 07813672766. It is advisable to buy tickets for this venue as it is always very well attended. Tickets for either concert are £8 each.



Alex Hayward- Brown and yours truly in concert. Alex is cast as a poet - Archibald Grosvenor - in 'Patience'

We hope as many of you can attend one of the concerts for two very good reasons. First, you will have a wonderful afternoon/evening's entertainment where many of the songs will be so well-known

there will always be a temptation to join in; and second, you would be helping to raise funds for two organisations which contribute a lot to the well-being of the less able.

Then, of course, we have our annual show at the Merlin Theatre, Meadow Bank Road, S11 9AH. We could not be more pleased that we have retained Stephen Godward as musical director and the brilliant Graham Weston as producer. Both are masters of their art and will ensure that it will be a wonderful show. It runs from Wednesday 1st April to Saturday 4th April 2020. The Wednesday, Thursday and Friday performances will be at 7.30pm and the Saturday performance will be a matinee only at 2.30pm.

The operetta this year is *Patience*. It is a satire based on the aesthetic movement of 1860-1900 where poetry was king and Algernon Swinburne and Oscar Wilde ruled the day. Gilbert takes the Mickey mercilessly with dear Archibald and Reginald whom the ladies adore while the Dragoon Guards, who think that they own the ladies, turn their hand to all sorts of ridiculous antics to try and win them back. It makes for an evening full of fun with Sullivan's music sure to send you home singing *Say Boo to You*. For tickets - £15 and £7.50 (under 16s) - ring John on the ticket hotline - 0114 2363797 or 0758 5802915 after 7.30pm.

We hope to see you at either concert and the show so 'til then I hope the winter is not too dramatic.

Derek Habberjam

Sheffield Rotary Club Raffle

Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club organise a raffle each year, but with a difference. We do all the organisation, get the licence, get the tickets printed and provide the prizes, but we offer a registered charity the opportunity to sell the tickets, for which they receive 80% and we take 20%, from their ticket sales, for our charities. There is only one stipulation from us. To make it worthwhile from the administration point of view, we need the charity to sell a minimum of 50 tickets, preferably 100.

Interested? Give me a call.

Roger Hart tel. 07831 305881



Totley History Group

Programme 2020

26th February Valerie Baylis, 'The Old Town Hall, Past, Present and Future'. Sheffield's old town hall on the corner of Waingate and Castle St. has been empty since 1996.

25th March Penny Rea, The History and Residents of Zion Graveyard, Attercliffe.

Both meetings start at 7.30pm at Totley Library

Ward Pot Applications

Your Local Councillors have access to Council funds that can be used to help community groups in Dore, Totley, Bradway & Whirlow. This is known as the 'Ward Pot' and although limited in size it has enabled us to support and develop many local initiatives.

This year we have been able to give funds to Transport 17, Totley Health walks, the Bradway Community Hall, and Whinell Quarry Gardens. In previous years we have supported for example Totley Library, Dore recreation ground and local lunch clubs that provide much needed activities for elderly residents.

Funds for this financial year have all been allocated but we encourage community groups to get in contact with us as soon as possible for next year. Applications can be made now for projects in 2020-21. If you need more details of the ward pot, contact Colin, Joe or Martin directly. Our contact details can be found on page 12 of this issue.

Colin Ross, Martin Smith & Joe Otten

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road, S17 3QS

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020.

Our Carers cafes continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 am until 12 noon. Anyone is welcome to call in, with their cared-for person or on their own.

Carers Café

Do you live in the Dore and Totley area and look after a friend or family member?

**Join us at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church
First Wednesday of each month, 10am-12 noon**

Next Café: Wednesday 5th February

- A friendly chat
- Tea and cake
- Meet others who understand your situation
- Visits from relevant organisations
- Get a break from caring

For more information contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or email jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk



On the third Wednesday of each month we have a Bereavement drop in cafe with support from Janet Browne from Sheffield Mind. Upcoming dates are February 19th and March 18th, from 10 am until 12 noon.

Do you love to sing? If so join our new intergenerational singing group, comprising over 50s and students from King Egbert's school. The first meeting for over 50s will be on Tuesday 25th February from 10 until 11.30 am, at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church. Contact Elaine on 07929 720977 for more details.

In February we welcome Rev. Bev Brazier who is coming to Sheffield from the Yukon on a ministerial exchange with Rev. Zaidie Orr.

Elaine Ferguson

A Recommendation to Gardeners

Looking for good value products for your garden?

Go to Dronfield Horticultural Society, which has a large hut selling all sorts of items - flower and vegetable seeds, potatoes, onion sets, bulbs, pots, trays, hanging baskets, tools, composts, grit, fertilisers, water barrels, watering cans, and all sorts of accessories loved by gardeners. They even sell vegetable plants in season.



They don't have all the fashionable and expensive ranges that a garden centre has, but they have all the basics, at good basic prices. Their seeds especially, are not only good value at £1.20 per packet for all seeds, but are Kings seeds, renowned for reliability.

Their prices are very reasonable because this is an organisation run by volunteers, with few overheads, and little mark-up.

On top of this, you can always get advice from the people who run DHS - they are very experienced gardeners and will usually know a good answer!

The opening hours are restricted, but if you note them, you make the journey when they are open - it is worth it and you are supporting a community project.

The Trading Hut is on the Cecil Road Allotment Site, Snape Hill Crescent, Dronfield S18 2GQ. Opening Hours:

Sundays: 9.30-11.30
Tuesdays: 19.00-20.00 (April-June only)
Saturdays: 14.00-15.00 (April-June only)

Membership is £2 a year. New members welcome.

Jennie Street

Totley Vintage Fair

There will be a Totley Vintage Fair on Saturday 14th March from 10am to 4pm in St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Antique and vintage dealers will be selling a variety of interesting items. Teas and cakes will be available, and entrance will be £1.

The Sale is being organised by Chris Jenkins, Linda Wheawall and Jennie Street, so put it in your diary to come along and browse the items.

The last Fair raised £935 for Totley Open Gardens so we hope to repeat this success in March.

There are still a few places left for stallholders at £15 per 6ft table, so if you wish to have a pitch, contact Chris Jenkins by email at christine.jenkins1@sky.com or tel. 0114-418-0700

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People Keeping Well Activity Timetable

Activity	Location	Date/Time	Booking required
Exercise To Music Class	Dore and Tolley United Reformed Church	Mondays 2pm-3pm + Coffee	No booking required Transport 17 now available (numbers permitting)
Body Conditioning Class	Dore and Tolley United Reformed Church	Thursdays 2.30pm-3.30pm +Coffee	No booking required
Sporting Chatler	Tolley Library	Every other Friday 10.00am-12.00pm February 14 th , 28 th March 13 th , 27 th April 10 th , 24 th	No booking required
Sporting Chatler Cinema (Sport does and films)	Tolley 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 Tolley Outdoor Task Force Including Tolley Library Gardening and Litter Picking in Dore and Tolley	Tolley – Tolley Library Dore – King Egbert School Library Gardening –Tolley 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. Tolley: All Saints Tolley Church Hall on Tolley 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.Woodward@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Cars, buses, trains - or shanks's pony

There's strong feeling that we should use cars less and public transport more. You'll have read elsewhere about bus issues. Drawing larger numbers to our local station is great, and many walk or cycle, but a lot come by car. By taking traffic out of the city centre we're concentrating more at the bottom of Dore Road. Something must be done!

It will take years, but a start has been made to more fully understand the issue. SYPTe are conducting a feasibility study for extra parking provision. Friends of Dore & Totley Station have carried out surveys to get an idea of where people come from, go to, and by what mode of transport. A lot more come from S17 by car than many imagine. By 7.30 the 129-car capacity free car park is normally full.



Cars parked alongside Ecclesall Woods on an ordinary weekday in January

A survey was conducted this month to better understand the numbers parking outside the free Park & Ride car park. It counted those parking near the station about 8.45 - 9.15 and believed to be using trains. The total was 117.

As far as possible allowance was made for local residents parked outside their homes, trades people, employees of local businesses, and dog walkers in Ecclesall Woods. Cars were parked as follows:

Five Trees Avenue	5
Outside Alms Houses	20
Flats by station	12
Dore Close	4
Dore Road	52
Abbeydale Road South	24

Users of the two hairdressers and the Summer House restaurant by the station take empty spaces in the car park if available during the day, but there's reasonable space within 500 metres along Abbeydale Road South after 9.00. Evening users of the Summer House and Rajdhani Restaurant find it very useful.

It's impossible to be precise, but a significant number of cars left in both the car park and nearby stay for several days and sometimes for up to 3 weeks. We can't be sure where the users have gone but our best explanation is that a significant number are making business or leisure trips from Manchester Airport. White frost on cars before trains run suggests there may be over 30 such cars at weekends.

The situation is destined to get more problematic as the station's popularity increases, with numbers rising by 11.4% in the last year. Numbers travelling towards Sheffield have risen, though many of these are not being officially recorded because they board without tickets, arriving just before the train departs - thanks to train-time apps, and last-minute diversions from the adjacent bus stop! Many regular Manchester passengers travel on season tickets booked from Sheffield so don't appear in Dore figures.

Dore & Totley is the fastest growing station in Sheffield, despite having more late trains than almost any station in Britain! This information gives considerable food for thought!

Chris Morgan

Fell and Hill Relay 2019

250 teams of fell and hill runners arrived for last autumn's 2019 British Fell and Hill Relay Championships on the National Trust's High Peak moors. Hosted by the local Dark Peak Fell Runners club, the relays are "a prestigious and substantial national event," said Dark Peak's David Holmes.

It was a monumental three year task to organise, he added, but the club was determined to ensure the championships worked for the local people and countryside as well as for the 1,500 athletes.

"In our view, the National Park is giving us so much: it's a phenomenally beautiful wilderness place to do exciting fell racing, and I think people will go away stunned by the countryside they've been running in, and impressed by the stewardship of landowners like Severn Trent Water and the National Trust," said David. "In some ways, we're on the take, so we want to make sure we give something back."

The Peak District National Park Authority ask event organisers to seek permission from all landowners along proposed event routes. Landowners of the moors above Ladybower, the National Trust, have an online event application page, and say organisers should ideally apply a year beforehand, as Natural England also often have to clear events running through sensitive areas.

"Organised events are at an all-time high," said Katherine Clarke of the National Trust, "which is good news for us because we want people to enjoy the places we look after. But we also need to keep a balance between enjoyment and protection of the countryside."

People love running, cycling, climbing and walking in the Peak District because of its landscape and wildlife, she added, but if an event is in the wrong place at the wrong time, or not organised sensitively, it can cause damage to the landscape, disturb wildlife or disrupt the lives of local people.



Runners in action (Photo: Mark Harvey)

Dark Peak Fell Runners spoke to farmers and landowners and held public meetings so everyone knew how to make sure the championships left minimal impact while still bringing plenty of income to the local camping, eating and drinking economy.

Over 170 volunteers guided visiting runners and spectators, coaches and cycle parking were provided to reduce cars in the Derwent Valley, and Runners Against Rubbish organised pre and post championship litter picks.

"The National Park, National Trust and Severn Trent are working in this area all the time, they know where the sensitive places are and they have the expertise to help you avoid making mistakes," said David Holmes.

"By working with them from the start, you'll actually get a better event. In the end, it was a thrilling day for us after the years of planning."

David Bocking, National Trust

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MONDAYS	<p>COFFEE MORNING, All Saints Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45am.</p> <p>TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm.</p> <p>RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm.</p> <p>SLIMMING WORLD, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Call Catherine Haynes on 07718 205733.</p> <p>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.</p>
TUESDAYS	<p>PILATES, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372.</p> <p>BABY TIME, Totley Library, 1-2pm. A fun music session with songs, rhymes and simple musical instruments for babies aged 0-18months</p> <p>COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon.</p> <p>KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm.</p> <p>CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Drop-in, free, impartial and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon.</p> <p>CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.</p> <p>JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.</p>
WEDNESDAYS	<p>PILATES CLASSES, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk.</p> <p>COFFEE in the Library, 10am-11.30am.</p> <p>STORY TIME in the Library, 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.</p> <p>TODDLER GROUP, 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Liz Hayden 07969 826464.</p> <p>HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk. For more information see Totley Library item in this issue.</p> <p>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING, All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm.</p> <p>CHILDREN'S FITNESS CLASSES for pre-school girls and boys aged 2-5. Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.10am, Abbeydale Sports Club. Free taster sessions. See www.minimovez.com or call Steph on 07838 818743.</p>
THURSDAYS	<p>BELROBICS, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.</p> <p>NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, various locations. Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details.</p> <p>ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276</p> <p>PUSHCHAIR CLUB, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1.30-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details.</p> <p>PILATES CLASS run by qualified Pilates Instructor/Physiotherapist for all abilities and ages. 1.30 - 2.30pm, 5.15-6.15pm and 6.15-7.15pm at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. Call Emer on 07792 422909.</p>
FRIDAYS	<p>MUSIC WITH MUMMY in the Library. 10.30 - 11.00am for ages 14 months to 3 years, and 11.15 - 11.45am Jolly Babies for ages 0 - 14 months. email beccamwm@gmail.com for more details and prices.</p>

FEBRUARY

MON 3rd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD "Free Bird". An illustrated talk by Pete Brown. 7.30pm, Totley Library. For more information see page 19.

WED 12th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Stephen Gay, "Through Kirton Tunnel - Sheffield to Cleethorpes Pt. 2". Visitors welcome.

SAT 15th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Bird Walk with Chris Measures. Meet at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane 9.00am. mFor more details see page 19.

SAT 15th DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY A concert of Gilbert and Sullivan Music. 7.30pm at Merlin Theatre, Meadow Bank Road, Nether Edge S11 9AH. Tickets £8 each from Gill Rugg 0114 2489573 / 07813 672766 or the Theatre link www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-with-gilbert-sullivan-tickets-88661730623

SUN 16th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. For more details see page 19.

TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, David Templeman, "Sheffield in Tudor and Stuart Times" Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.

WED 26th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Illustrated talk by Valerie Bayliss, "The Old Town Hall: Past, Present and Future". Totley Library, 7.30.

WED 26th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by John Taylor, "In War and Peace: The Life of William Cavendish, 1st Duke of Newcastle". Visitors welcome.

SAT 29th DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY A concert of Gilbert and Sullivan Music. 2.30pm, Whittington Moor Methodist Church, S41 8NA. Tickets £8 each from Mike Spriggs 01246 233475 / 07484 169003 or Gill Rugg 0114 2489573 / 07813 672766

MARCH

WED 11th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Prof. Charles Sterling, "Some Heroes and Heroines of Science". Visitors welcome.

TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Annual General Meeting, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.

SUN 22nd MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

WED 25th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Penny Rea, "The History and Residents of Zion Graveyard, Attercliffe." Totley Library, 7.30pm.

WED 25th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by John Stone, "A Short History of the Solar System". Visitors welcome.

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