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A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Totley Residents Association Update

TRA Committee have had a very busy month collecting petition sheets from everyone who spent time asking people to support us.

I would like to repeat what I wrote last monththank you to all the shops and many members of the community who worked hard collecting the signatures.

Between us we amassed a total of 1,303 signatures.

On Wednesday 7th November, I attended the full Council Meeting to present the petition to Councillors and Officers.

My presentation made it plain; the petition expressed the residents concerns about the future of the 97 bus terminus at Cross Scythes.

I informed those present that there has been a bus turning point at Cross Scythes since 1911. Before that a horse drawn service which began in 1885 served the community.

I also pointed out that contrary to popular belief, not all residents of Totley own cars and therefore a bus is needed to allow elderly and disabled residents to maintain their independence and to enable them to go about their daily lives. There are many other residents who do not wish to drive into the city, they also need a bus.

The Community as a whole require a bus which completes its journey at Cross Scythes or beyond, not half way down Baslow Road.

Alternative suggestions of the Totley Grange Estate and Main Avenue are not acceptable to the Community.

Residents' suggestions that the bus could turn at Broad Car beyond Cross Scythes were put forward.

It was also pointed out to the Council that the problem of this bus service has arisen at regular intervals since the 1960's.

A permanent solution MUST be found.

Finally I asked the City Council to consult with First Group, Enterprise Inns and SYPTE to retain the terminus at Cross Scythes or re-site it at Broad Car. My request to attend meetings was refused by the Council. We will have to be patient, nothing will happen overnight. The various options will be examined and costed out. This will take some time, but our petition must have given Council officers food for thought! TRA will be keeping a close eye on progress of events. We will keep the community informed of any developments.

Finally for 2007, may I wish everyone an enjoyable Festive Season. I do hope you have remembered to buy one of the unique Totley Revisited Calendars for 2008.

Happy New Year

Avril Critchley Chairman TRA

PUZZLE CORNER

A Christmas Quiz.

The answer to each clue is traditionally associated with Christmas.

1. Girl, 2. Another girl, 3. Yet another girl, 4. River,
5. Country, 6. Firm, 7. Jack, Queen, King, 8. Daft,
9. Trains and dolls, 10. Expensive sounding precipitation,
11. MISS MATCH STRAPS (anag.9...6),
12. I SPECIMEN (anag. 5...4), 13. SOME LET IT (snag. 9),
14. DIN GULP DUMP (anag. 4...7), 15. JUST SEA FINN (anag. 4...5),
16. Command – Arms, 17. Steal, but not outside, 18. Famous actor, or actress, 19. Gasp letter silent play,
20. LO HIS MALT PARTY CHAPS {anag.5...9...2...3}

FREE NATIONAL BUS TRAVEL NEXT YEAR

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR LETTER

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) is writing to 250,000 people with Senior Citizen or Mobility passes this week inviting them to order their new free bus pass for next year. Letters will be hitting door mats over the next few days.

Anyone who is eligible for the pass is being urged to look out for the renewal letter - as they will need a new pass to claim the concession next April.

When people receive the form all they have to do is confirm their details are correct, sign it, attach a new passport photograph and return it in the prepaid envelope provided.

The new passes will then be posted to home addresses during March 2008, in time for the new concession to start in April.

Roy Wicks, Director General of SYPTE said: "We are urging people to keep a look out for the letter and return it to us as soon as possible so we can get their pass ready for next year. This is a great opportunity so don't miss out by not having a pass."

The new National Concessions Scheme entitles pass holders to free travel on buses anywhere in England. However, in order to obtain this concession, travellers must obtain a new pass as their existing pass will only be valid in South Yorkshire and only until October 2008.

To be eligible for a new pass customers must live in South Yorkshire and be 60 years old and over or be disabled and entitled to a Mobility Pass.

SYPTE has launched a county-wide marketing campaign to make everyone who currently has a South Yorkshire Senior Citizen Pass and Mobility Pass aware of the changes that are coming.

The new pass will be a plastic photo card and quite different in appearance to the existing paper product. It will provide free travel on buses throughout England from 0930 Monday to Friday; and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, in addition to the existing South Yorkshire scheme. If you would like more information about the National Concession Pass call Traveled on 01709 51 51 51, visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com or pop into any Travel South Yorkshire information centre, where staff are happy to help

CONGRATULATIONS!



Martin Scriven's greengrocers on Totley Rise has this year celebrated 40 years in the trade. This business was started by Martin's parents back in 1967 and has been very successful; at one time they had two shops on Baslow Road.

It is now the only remaining fruit and vegetable shop in Totley – at one time there were five.

Christmas Post

Recommended last posting dates:-

UK last posting dates

Friday, 14 December	Standard Parcels
Monday, 17 December	Second Class
Thursday, 20 December	First Class
Friday, 21 December	Special Delivery Saturday guarantee
Saturday, 22 December	Special Delivery

International Airmail

Friday, 7 December	South and Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East (except Japan), New Zealand and Australia
Monday, 10 December	Japan, USA, Canada and Eastern Europe
Thursday, 13 December	Western Europe

International Surface Mail

Monday, 1 October	All non-European destinations (except USA, Canada, Middle East, Far East and South Africa)
Monday, 15 October	Middle East and Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore)
Monday, 29 October	Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, Canada and the USA
Friday, 16 November	Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland
Friday, 30 November	Western Europe

SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY



Registered Charity No 511146

Conductor - Peter Collis

Monday 3rd December 2007, 7.00 p.m.

**Sheffield Cathedral
Messiah (Handel)
with South Yorkshire Symphony
Orchestra**

Tickets £13.00, accompanied children under 16 free
concessions £10.00, Students £6.00 at the door

Monday 10th December 2007, 7.30 p.m.

**Dore Parish Church
Come and Sing Messiah**

This is your chance to sing it - and munch a mince pie or two, washed down with something appropriate!

Tickets £7.00, including wine and mince pies

Tickets available at the door or from
Blue Moon Café, St James Street 0114 276 3443
Or by post – Michael Buxton, 3 Tapton Mews, Tapton
Crescent Road, S10 5BE (Tel 0114 266 8257)

If you would like to know what time the concert will end
please ring 0114 268 3812

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Saturday Dances will commence at 8 PM from 12th JAN.

Councillor Surgeries

Conservatives:

4th Saturday of each month 10.00 to 11.00 am Dore Village Society room, Dore Old School, corner of Vicarage Lane and Savage Lane, Dore,. Contact details: telephone 273 4108
Email: anne.smith@sheffield.gov.uk

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 p.m., Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore
Contact details: telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

www.totley.org.uk



Transport 17

I can't believe that another year has gone by. It has been a very

busy year and an interesting one in the minibus world. The support and help during 2007 has been tremendous and if this continues, we look forward to buying a new minibus in 2008. We need every penny that you can spare.

Our thanks to Michael Finn and John Savournin for keeping our office and 3 buses running every week. We, obviously, could not get anywhere without our volunteer drivers supported by their escorts.

The lunch and social clubs have become like the T17 family over the years. We thank the Cheshire Home and the Catholic Church for their help keeping our buses safe and all the shops, especially "The Ironing Shop", not forgetting Totley Library.

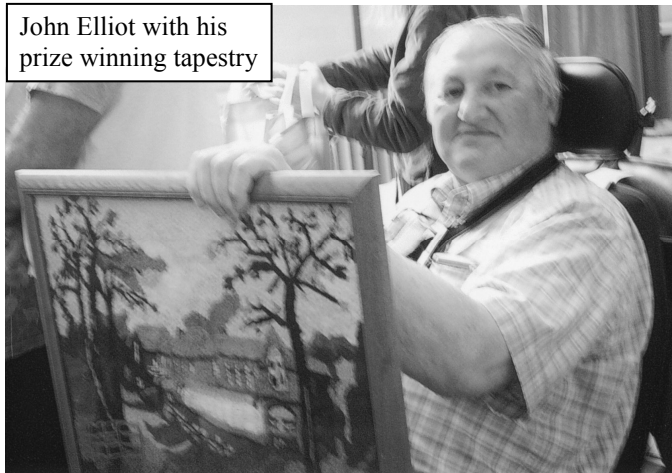
We are also very grateful for the continuing support given by Totley Residents Association and Totley Independent. Our office on Baslow Road closes on Friday 21st December and re-opens on Wednesday 2nd January 2008. We hope everyone, especially our passengers, has a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. God Bless. Margaret Barlow

Cheshire Chat

This autumn has been a busy time for staff and service users at Mickley Hall.

John Elliot was delighted when he won first prize for his tapestry of Mickley Hall at The Totley Show. John who was a local farmer before his disability is also a keen photographer of birds and wildlife, and has taken some excellent prints of birds on his bird table outside his window. On the weekend of 21-23 September Mickley Hall held its first art show. It was opened by the popular artist Joe Scarborough and showcased work by many local artists. £639.22 was raised for the Home and there was very positive feedback from the visitors in terms of how the service provided at Mickley has changed their attitudes towards disability. We hope to repeat the art show again next year.

John Elliot with his prize winning tapestry



29 September was the day of the Autumn Craft Fair which raised £728.22. Visitors and service users enjoyed the day and the variety of crafts on sale. Christmas Cards are on sale at Mickley Hall at the moment. Chris Immerson, a long term service user, was pleased when his picture of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was chosen to be printed nationally for The Leonard Cheshire Foundation.

Leonard Cheshire relaunched in October with a new name and logo. It is now Leonard Cheshire DisABILITY with the emphasis on ability.

We are always pleased to see members of the local community at our events and would like to say thank you for your support. Please look out for more events including the Victorian Christmas Fair on 5 December 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and Carol Singing with wine and mince pies (free) on 24 December at 11.00 am.

Ann Lee Volunteer Support Group

A Puzzle for Readers

A letter written in the last 30 years contained all the numbers from 0 to 9 in the date and address, using the format:-

XX/XX/XXXX - Date

XX Totley Lane - Address

What were the earliest and latest dates that the letter could have been written and what were the 2 largest numbers that could have been the corresponding house numbers?

Dinner's On Me

One afternoon a wealthy lawyer was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the roadside eating grass. Disturbed by the sight, he ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate. He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied.

"We have to eat grass." "Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you" the lawyer said. "But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there, under that tree"

"Bring them along," the lawyer replied. Turning to the other poor man he stated. "You come with us also."

The second man, in a pitiful voice then said, "But sir, I also have a wife and SIX children with me!"

"Bring them all, as well," the lawyer answered.

They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine was. Once underway, one of the poor fellows turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The lawyer replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place; the grass is almost a foot high!"

Totley History Group

The inaugural meeting of the Totley History Group will be held 16th January at 7pm in Totley Library, if you are interested – please come and join us.

Totley Townswomen's Guild



To mark 21 years of Totley Guild 46 members attended a celebration lunch at the Fleur de Lys, Totley on 2 October 2007 – excellent food and good company!

Entertainment was given by the "Troubadores" (a Group from Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society) and a delicious birthday cake was cut by Mrs Bessie Renwick, a founder member.

NEXT YEAR, YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE MEMBERS AT OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON!!

Do come along and visit us. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 10.00 am in the Methodist Church Hall, Totley Rise, you will be warmly welcomed.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 18 December at 10 a.m., Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

"DEBBIE HILL"

Mobile Hairstylist

Phone 07977 969911
for an appointment

No. 97 Bus Service to Totley

Following the public meeting in September, we have consulted the Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, the bus company, the management of the Cross Scythes and the Highways Development and Control section of the Council and continued to research the issue. Below is a summary of findings at this stage:

Maintaining the service:

Due to bus deregulation the Council has no powers regarding routes, frequencies, choice of bus company. This is a private market – the companies can terminate or change the service at any time (subject to 3 months notice.)

Nevertheless, Senior Council Officers insist that the 97 service will be retained, but both a terminus area and a safe turning point are required.

The position at the Cross Scythes:

The hotel management have no plans at this time to extend their accommodation. They appear content to continue allowing the use of the forecourt as a bus turning point - subject to fee negotiation (presently £7,000 p.a.), but may not agree to it remaining a terminus.

The meeting on December 6 is critical in this respect.

Alternative terminus locations presently being studied by Council engineers include:

- Owlter Bar roundabout – the extra 3.5 miles could cost the bus companies upwards of £80,000....
- The lay-by above Dysons (inbound route) – an additional 2.4 miles; may also require further rental/purchase costs; has some engineering problems....?
- The picnic access adjacent to Gilleyfield wood (outbound route) – safety? Intrusive? further rental/purchase costs

but well worthy of consideration....?

- Totley Grange estate open space – although lacking any specific protective measures, it may be too intrusive, too costly (upwards of £100,000) and too far away from top end of Totley....?
- Lay-by space beyond Liberty Foods (outbound) – would still require a turning point ... at Cross Scythes?
- Main Avenue – insufficient turning room....?

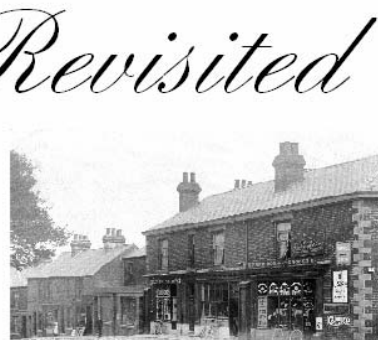
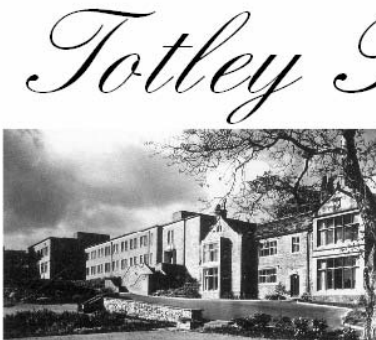
None of these options are ideal; no costings/design studies are complete at this time and compulsory purchase schemes are not considered viable. Safety issues, informed by South Yorkshire Police rule out some options; costs or timescales may inhibit others.

The list above will be weeded out beforehand and preliminary proposals will not be ready until early next year. Council Officers assure us that a full round of public consultation will follow.

The Totley Residents Association has presented a 1,300 name petition to the Council and this will give Council engineers significant pause for thought!

We must retain the existing bus service to the top end of Totley.

Cllr. Keith Hill



Totley Revisited

Calendar 2008

As well as sales from Totley Rise Post Office and Totley Library, the Totley Revisited Calendar is **now available mail order** at a cost of £4.69. Please make cheques payable to Totley Residents Association and send your name and delivery address to 'Totley Revisited, c/o 65 Main Avenue, Totley, Sheffield, S17 4FH'.

A Grand Festive Season Walk.

Let us take a local walk to whet the appetite on this Christmas morning.

Distance 7.5 miles, allow 3 hours to enjoy this pleasant moorland trek.

Proceed down Totley Hall Lane, stile into forward field path to Gillfield Wood. Turn right for 350 yards to lower path on our left, cross the bridge that spans the Totley Brook and 2 field lengths with gentle incline to the charm of Fanshawe Gate Hall. Just above the hall locate a stone stile on our left to join a series of field paths that lead to the Hamlet of Lidgate (Holmesfield Road), cross the road to assigned footpath across several field paths to enter Horsleygate Lane, adjacent to the fashionable Horsleygate Hall (home of the Ponsford family). History abounds in this area, turn down the lane for a few hundred yards. Locate a field path that takes us into the heart of The Cordwell Valley. Cross the Millthorpe Road with care and a stone stile leads into the lovely scene of Smeekley Woods. This was fox hunting country. You may hear the beagle hounds barking at the nearby kennels. The path follows the bubbling stream of the infant Barlow Brook towards Carr Lane and the old water treatment plant. Head to our right up the rough track that splits the region of Ramsley Moor for nearly 0.5 mile to the main highway of the A621 road. The views have been first class on this stretch of the walk; proceed for 300 yards in the direction of Baslow. Cross the main road with care. To enter Big Moor via a stile path heads forward for 600 yards across the moorland slopes. Historical interest all around with old guide stones and tumulis. Note the wild stretch of Barbrook Reservoir. Just beyond the lodge locate a main track that takes us forward to the Owler Bar Fox House road. Head back towards Owler Bar for 150 yards and on our left enter a kissing gate into Totley Moss. Do not forget to replace the chain back over the stone pillar. Head back towards Owler Bar for 150 yards keep to the wall towards that natural gas supply building. Then swing over to our left along a well defined track under Flask and Brown Edge. The huge stone cairn that dominates the skyline acts a good guide, the views are breathtaking. As we descend Blacka Hill and wind our way across the heather track to the steep fields above the rifle range the whole of Sheffield and the South Yorkshire scene spreads before us like an aerial map, to our left is the charm of Blacka Moor, Houndkirk and glimpses of the Ox Stones on the skyline above Burbage Moor. Head for home along Moss Road and Sports Field by the side of the Cricket Inn. We gaze back with pleasure as we stroll the cobbled causeway to Hillfoot Road and Totley but vow to return to explore further delightful walks on our own doorstep.

John C Barrows

STOP THAT JUNK MAIL!

Over 3 billion (yes that's billion) items of junk mail were delivered by the Royal Mail in 2006, 78,000 tonnes of which went straight into landfill sites.

To stop it, go to www.mpsonline.org.uk and have your name removed. It is a very quick process and you will not only stop all that annoying junk mail but make a little contribution to the environment!

1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for November

1st Prize No 52
Phillips Easy Care
Steam Iron
Mrs Gilbert, Rowan
Tree Dell

2nd Prize No 30
£10 Voucher
Mr Taylor, King
Ecgbert Road

Peter Casson

Creationist theory

On the first day, God created the dog and said: "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" So God agreed

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's rather a long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God agreed

On the third day, God created the cow and said: "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said: "That's a very tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, be merry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But man said: "Only twenty years? Please could you possibly give me my twenty, plus the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty. Is that OK?"

"Yes, OK. " said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun, have children and support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH

You will be made very welcome at any or all of our Christmas Services and other activities.

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 8 pm

Carols by Candlelight.

A traditional service of carols and readings.

**FRIDAY 7TH, SATURDAY 8TH, SUNDAY 9TH
DECEMBER**

Journey to Bethlehem

The Christmas Story brought to life. See the Diary Dates on the back page for times and booking.

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 10-30 am

All age Worship and Toy Service

Receiving new toys for Bluebell Wood.

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 10-30 am

Youth Church Christmas Service

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 10-30 am

A Christmas Celebration

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 6-30 pm

Reflect on Christmas

Led by Margaret and Roger Hoyle

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4-00pm

Crib Service (lasting about 40 minutes)

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10-00am

Family Christmas Celebration.

Refreshments will be served after most of these services.



TOTLEY HALL FARM'S CHRISTMAS 'LIVE NATIVITY PLAYS' ONCE AGAIN



We have recreated the Bethlehem stable scene in our barn complete with live animals, Sunbeam our cow, Dorset ewes and lambs, and Spirit our donkey, giving it a flavour of real authenticity and atmosphere.

The children who came last year enjoyed dressing up as Mary, Joseph, the angels or wise men and playing out their role as we narrated the wonderful nativity story. The parents filmed or photographed the performance in between joining in the carol singing. The after performance refreshments proved very popular, particularly the mulled wine for the adults! Santa's house was the main attraction for the children as they collected their presents from him, although the free donkey rides were a close second!

Why not give the whole family a Christmas treat this year

by coming to one of our plays? The whole event lasts approximately 1½ - 2 hours, the narrated play taking about 30 minutes at the beginning. Do visit our web site at www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk for pictures of last year's performances and a list of special options for groups and clubs that start at £4 per person.

Below is a schedule of this years performances and we would love you to join us for this unique and special start to Christmas.

2007 Ticket Prices (NO PRICE INCREASE)

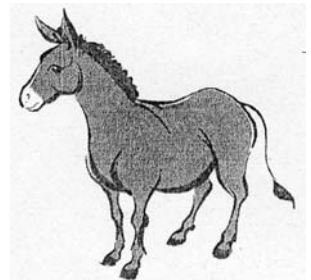
Adults @ £8.75 - includes tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies.

Children 3 - 16 @ £8.75, Children 2 and under @ £4.50 – includes a present, drinks and Christmas biscuit.



Sat 8th Dec		1:30	4:30	
Fri 14th Dec			4:30	6:30
Sat 15th Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30
Mon 17th Dec			4:30	6:30

Tue 18th Dec			4:30	6:30
Wed 19th Dec			4:30	6:30
Thu 20th Dec			4:30	6:30
Fri 21st Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30
Sat 22nd Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30
Mon 24rd Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30



For further information, or to book your places using our credit card hotline, please call Jenny on 236 4761

Horses at Totley

I still visit the horses at Totley Bents each weekend to hand round a few carrots and apples. There has been a significant change in personnel since my last article. My favourite, Lara, the elegant filly born on 27 May 2000 has like her mother Anna before her, departed to pastures new. Theresa tells me that her new owner loves her to bits. Lara will be missed.

Entering Penny Lane I come across Bonny, the Shetland pony carrying a young girl accompanied by the girl's mother. Bonny has her bit on and unable to eat at present so I give a few carrots to the mother to be eaten later.

The next horses to be seen are 2 brown specimens. One named Soppo I believe, the name of the other horse escapes me. These 2 eagerly devour their share of the carrots and apples. I get my supplies from Martin Scriven but the supply of apples has been increased recently by apples from the garden of a former neighbour of mine in King Ecgbert Road.

Next stop is at the stables adjacent to the Cricket Inn. Inside are to be found Peggy, who is a large powerful brown mare, Daniel, Caprice and Milly who all gratefully accept their share of the fare. Milly, born on 15 July 2005 looks more like her mother Anna each time I see her. Theresa is busy outside preparing a new arena in which to train the horses.

In a field opposite the stables Meg, now in her 4th year, waits patiently to be fed. In the next field Merlin the Shetland pony comes quickly to the gate when he hears my whistle. Before I finish feeding Merlin Bonny returns in time to get a second helping.

Approaching the farm at the foot of Moss Road my whistles bring Punch and another horse whose name I do not know to the boundary wall. Punch, a tall white gelding, must be about 40 now and has been resident here for many years. Latterly he has become more reticent but today he is first in the queue, much more like his old self, when he had a voracious appetite. The other horse has a keen appetite and eagerly eats his share.

My final call is to the top field up Moss Road adjacent to the firing range. Usually Herbie is to be found waiting at the gate. However, today he is grazing in the field but quickly responds to my whistle, together with Aran the sturdy white gelding who is some 10 years old. Now that Lara has departed Herbie has become my favourite. He is a large piebald horse with an insatiable appetite and air of authority. He has been resident for many years. As usual 2 brown horses come to the boundary wall of a field on the opposite side of the road while I am feeding Herbie and Aran and I give them the remains of the fayre.

I derive much pleasure from these visits and hope they will continue for some years to come, God willing.

Hugh Percival

PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

1 December to 23 December

Christmas at Gulliver's

Gullivers Kingdom, Matlock Bath 01629 580540
info_kingdom@gulliversfun.co.uk

2 December

Castleton Farmers Market

01433 620699 in Village Hall, lots of fresh, locally produced food

7 December

Christmas at Ashbourne

01335 343666 Christmas tree lights turned on, children's lantern parade, late night shopping and street entertainment, free parking from 1-24 December after 2pm.

8 December

Ranger Walk – Step back in time

01433 670216 4 miles around Castleton village ending at Peveril Castle for an English Heritage jam and wine tasting session. Meet at Castleton Visitor Centre 11am, finish 3pm or optional tour of Castle. Booking essential, buses from Sheffield

8 December to 9 December

Christmas Weekend

Longshaw Estate and Visitor Centre, Longshaw Estate 01433 637904 longshaw@nationaltrust.org.uk Decorations to make festive music, Christmas shopping and warming meals from our tea room.

Artists and Designers Fair

Pavilion Gardens, Buxton 01298 23114 paviliongardens@highpeak.gov.uk Local artists and buy original work. £1. Children and senior citizens free.

9 December

A Victorian Christmas

Eyam Hall Historic House, Eyam 01433 631976
info@eyamhall.co.uk

Take a tour by lamplight, see how games were played and what food was eaten and discover the difference in celebrations above and below stairs. Victorian Christmas tours can be booked for parties of 10-30 people, daytime or evening throughout December, Christmas tours 12.00 to 4.00pm each Sunday. £8 includes mulled wine and mince pie

Craft and Gift Fayre

Hartington Village Hall 01782 822713
biddulphartscrafts@hotmail.com
50p inc tea/coffee

14 December to 16 December

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Paupers Pit Theatre, Old Hall Hotel, Buxton 0845 1272190 info@oldhallhotelbuxton.co.uk. A superb family comedy performed with only 3 actors and a partridge £6/£5

15 December

Regional Food Fair

Pavilion Gardens, Buxton 01298 23114 paviliongardens@highpeak.gov.uk
Come along to sample and buy a wide range of locally produced products

15 December to 16 December

Carols by Candlelight

Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton 01433 620571
treakcliff@bluejohnstone.com

Come along to sing carols underground in the cavern accompanied by a brass band. Includes festive refreshments £7.50/£4.50

20 December

Buxton Farmers Market

Pavilion Gardens, Buxton 01298 23114

paviliongardens@highpeak.gov.uk

Lots of fresh local produce for sale.

22 December

Bakewell Farmers Market

Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, Agricultural Way 01629 813777 agricultural.businesscentre@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

22 December to 23 December

The Devil's Arse Sings

Peak Cavern, Castleton 01433 620285
info@peakcavern.co.uk Carol singing in the entrance to the cavern, accompanied by a brass band £7.25/£6.25/£5.25
Admission by prebooked ticked only

Carols by Candlelight

Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton 01433 620571

Treakcliff@bluejohnstone.com

Carols underground, accompanied by a brass band £7.50/£4.50

22 December to 24 December

Santa and Steam Specials

Peak Rail, Rowsley South Station, Off Harrison Way, Darley Dale 01629 580381 peakrail@co.uk Santa and entertainment on the trains, gifts for all children, seasonal refreshments for adults. Book early £9/£8/£4

23 December

A Victorian Christmas

Eyam Hall Historic House, Eyam 01433 631976
info@eyamhall.co.uk

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26 December

Boxing Day Raft Race

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Out and About with Nature

Mid November and I have just been standing in Gillfield Wood ankle deep in leaves; what a wonderful autumn, the colours have been superb. Glancing down at my feet makes me realise just what a lovely mix of trees grow in “our” wood, with the path littered with leaves from oak, beech, sycamore, silver birch and alder and then there are those golden pine needles from larch and fir. Add to this the brook, the holly, the ivy and the ground vegetation in the wood and overall it is a super habitat for wildlife. Of course what adds to its value are the surrounding fields, pastures, hedgerows and moorland, all rather special and exciting in their own right.

As I stood in the wood I could hear Great Spotted Woodpecker calling behind me as a party of tits worked its way through the branches above me. The party consisted of Great Tits, Blue Tits, Coal Tits and a dozen Long Tailed Tits that looked like cotton buds as they zipped from tree to tree. Tits do like to feed together at this time of the year and it is always worth checking out such parties in the wood because you might find treecreeper, nuthatch or goldcrest mixed in amongst them. Just standing still and allowing these parties to pass over and around you is a great experience as individual birds can come very close at times.

Frost was laying on parts of the outlying fields where the sun had not managed to reach and I could not help reflect on the warmer months before when chiffchaff and blackcap were singing in various parts of the wood and a garden warbler with its beautiful rich bubbling song had claimed territory as well. These visitors have now sensibly migrated south to warmer climates where food for them is more abundant than here at this time of year. In their place I am now seeing and listening to wintering fieldfare and redwing as they move between berry laden bushes and I search the tops of alders for feeding siskin. Most of these latter three species come to our shores from the continent to add a splash of colour to our winter days.

Where I was standing in the wood is where a pair of sparrowhawks successfully reared three noisy young earlier this year. From this same area I have watched a fox lying out in the afternoon sun. It was resting under a large hawthorn bush, curled up tightly but with ears erect and alert. The field where it lay, I had sat one moonlit night in May and watched a badger climb effortlessly over a nearby wall to make its way across the wet pasture feeding as it went....I only lost sight of it when it pushed itself under a five bar gate and disappeared across the next field.

Jackdaws are as usual passing overhead calling loudly, as raucous Jays make their presence known in the wood with their distinctive hoarse calling. Jay numbers are particularly good this autumn so it has not been difficult to see these fairly secretive birds flying in and out of the wood, quite often carrying acorns in their beaks. Magpies, Rooks and Crows can be found feeding in local fields but earlier this year two Ravens joined them during a short period of harsh weather. At the same time Meadow Pipit and a Stonechat also came down from the moors to feed with Edwin's sheep.

Due to the lack of rain recently Totley Brook was meandering quietly through the wood this morning. As a result a Grey Wagtail was finding time to work the mud and fallen leaves on the open edges of the water in search of food. The Grey Wagtail is a cracking bird with its yellow vent contrasting beautifully with the grey back and black wings. Hardly a month has passed without me encountering one of these birds along the brook so there is a good chance they have tried to breed locally this year. Not to mistake this bird with their black and white relative the Pied Wagtail which appears in our fields in small numbers particularly in the winter where the sheep are grazing at the end of Totley Hall Lane.

Walking the fields on the Totley side of Gillfield Wood at different times of the year can always produce nice surprises, such as a Little Owl on a fence post, a Yellow Hammer

singing “little bit of bread and no cheese!” from the top of a hedge, a Kestrel feeding young in a gnarled old tree or a Buzzard drifting low overhead as it carefully scans the fields. These lovely fields and old hedgerows also attract butterflies such as Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral and Peacock that take advantage of nettles, thistles and the wide rough borders of some of the fields. Meadow Brown, Painted Lady, Comma and Orange Tip may also be encountered. The Speckled Wood butterfly can also be found in the glades or edges of the wood. This is a delightful small brown butterfly with pale yellow markings; it has been successfully expanding its range north in recent years and they can quite often be seen spiralling up in front of you as you walk the woodland paths.

This is just a flavour of what is out there and I have not even mentioned the wild flowers, insects and dragonflies. So much to see, hear and enjoy at any time of the year and it is on our doorstep. There is of course so much potential for increasing the variety and amount of wildlife in the area and there is so much potential for providing the opportunities for everyone to become “one with nature”. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and do hope you experience and enjoy the wildlife around you in the months ahead, no matter what the weather.

Nuthatch

Churches for Youth in S17

If you had the opportunity to get your hands on £1500, I wonder what you would do?! Well this was exactly the opportunity that was presented to young people at Totley All Saints Church this time last year. They were invited to be imaginative about how they could use that kind of money to do something that would encourage their friends to come along to church. The money came from the Youth Evangelism Fund which was a pot of money offered as a once only offer from the Sheffield Diocese. And so after some deliberation, they came up with the idea that they would like to convert the old crypt into a new youth lounge.

As with all good renovation projects, doing this hasn't been without its complications and a shifting timescale has meant the space is only very recently finished. But also like all good renovation projects, it seems like it might have all been worthwhile.

Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen might well have been appalled at the potential blue and yellow colour scheme but impressed he would have to be when he saw the finished result. Clean and modern laminate flooring; accessories by IKEA have made the space look great. A large white area on the wall will allow for films to be easily projected onto the wall and kind donations of sofas and other pieces of furniture make the space look inviting and warm. Decisions about the décor have been the domain of the young people themselves and much of the work has been done by them too, relying on experts only to do the more technical jobs. Arms ached and clothes looked like they would blend into the walls after a day of painting! All that remains now is for the space to be used and the young people to enjoy the fruits of their labour!

Ben Harper, Youthworker, Churches for Youth in S17

Gardening Tips for December/January

We have just been up the garden. It is a lovely sunny day and we still have a lot of colour, the frost has nobbled a few dahlias and nasturtiums but the brave little pansies are still showing their little faces, we have a lot of tidying up to do, the leaves are everywhere, they seem to have dropped off at once and in my garden. We have leaves from trees which are not growing in my patch so the wind must have blown them quite some distance. We are making a space for a small shed to accommodate the tools etc which are bulging out of the old one. It takes us a bit longer to do this sort of job. I hope to have it in service before Christmas, weather and backs permitting. I expect you have sent your letters off to Father Christmas noting your requests. I hope you have asked for something sensible like a compost bin or garden rake, at the same time noting some New Year resolutions like making an effort to enter The Totley Show. In gardening terms it is not that long to September, even the knitting and craftwork need to be started and the children can practice making veg animals and miniature gardens. I would like to see more exhibits in 2008. The craft and art sections turnout was not up to the usual Totley standard this year. I will have to start knitting or embroidery. When I started doing bits for the domestic section it seemed to kick start the entries, perhaps if I made a scarf or jumper it would make things happen. I know I certainly would not win any prizes unless they gave one for dropped stitches. December and January can be pretty miserable outside; I think planning and ordering seeds and plants can help lift the gardening spirit, sit back in the armchair dreaming of the lovely things that are going to happen when all the planning is completed. Tidying up on fine days and digging spare ground will help to settle the turkey and Christmas Pud, do not over do it. Little and often is the rule. I suppose that "little" is the operative word at this time.

Flowers Clear away leaves and debris from around the borders, protect any tender plants with sacking or twigs. We have not had a bad winter for some time now, so I reckon we are due, and if we get frosts without snow this can do a lot of damage even to the hardier plants, so take precautions. Half prune rose trees, this will keep the bed looking tidier and help prevent wind rock which can form holes at the base, which fill with water and can rot the base of your plants. Firm around the base of plants. Prune clematis, Jackmanii and Viticella classes before February, they can be cut back to about one foot off the ground. This will keep plants small if you want a larger covering allow the framework of the main vines to form and then prune each side growth back to one joint. Pick over any plants in frames, remove dead leaves etc and dust with fungicide. Check dahlia tubers, remove any rotting parts and dust with flowers of sulphur. When cutting evergreens for cutting Christmas decoration use a sharp pair of secateurs and cut in a way as not to disfigure the shrubs and trees. Firm in any cuttings which may have loosened. If the roots of hardy primulas have been exposed by heavy rain top dress with compost of soil, peat and sand. On good days when the soil is not too heavy vacant borders can be dug over and prepared for bedding unless the soil is poor – do not add any manure. Annuals flower best in a soil that is not too rich. Beware of slugs damaging carnations and pinks and deal with them as soon as possible. A beer trap is very effective but a bit smelly if left too long. Trim back winter flowering heathers as the blooms fade, using shears to prevent them getting straggly.

Vegetables Dig and manure any vacant plots earmarked for vegetables. Root crops should be grown on ground manured for other crops the previous season so these just need digging over. It is now time to sow onion seeds, if you want whoppers, for the Show, the Kelseo or Robinsons mammoth for size and Ailsa Craig for the kitchen, Boxing Day is the traditional day for setting seeds. Turbo onion sets are good for kitchen use and can be planted in March/April time.

When the weather is dry pull a little soil around the stems of spring cabbage, this will help bring the plants through the winter more safely and gives them better anchorage. Gathering brussel sprouts should be in full swing now. Do not remove the tops of plants until all the sprouts have been gathered and only pick the best tops for use. It is a good plan to lift a few leeks and heel them in somewhere handy so that they can be got at if the weather turns really nasty. They will keep like this for some weeks. Dig a runner bean trench 2 to 3 feet wide and 1.5 to 2 feet deep. Ridge the soil up each side so that the beneficial effects of the winter can work on it.

Onion plots needs a bit of extra preparation to give a good size. Dig deeply and apply plenty of manure or well rotted compost, spread bonfire liberally over the top, if available, as well as bone meal and hoof and horn meal at the rate 4oz per square yard (that has given away my secrets now).

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit When the weather is favourable spray fruit trees with tar oil winter wash. This will keep off any insect eggs lurking in crevices; use a fine, forceful spray, a calm day is advisable. Finish off any pruning preferably before Christmas. Apply a dressing of sulphate and potash, 1oz per square yard. It will encourage fruitfulness and good ripening.

Check over any blackcurrants for big bud mite. The effected bud will be globular instead of healthy pointed buds. Pick all the affected buds and burn them. Blackcurrants will enjoy a dressing of sulphate of ammonia. Mulch around raspberries to avoid the shallow roots to being exposed to frost. Check grease bands on apples and pears and renew the grease where necessary.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants Water sparingly, keep indoor plants away from hotspots, i.e. radiators and stoves. Increase the humidity by spray or by standing plants on wet gravel. Watch out for aphids and deal with them as soon as seen (the little devils breed like mad!), plant pins are very effective. There is a new product that combats vine weevil, if you have this menace you might like to try it, "Provado" is its name. Cut back geraniums and re-pot, if you are re-potting your fuchsias screw off the bottom half of the root system and discard and then re-pot as tightly as possible. I did not believe it either but it works wonders. Do not let them dry out or stand in wet conditions.

Watch the ventilation carefully in the greenhouse or conservatory, open vents on good days and make sure closed by mid afternoon, even on sunny days; do not open on freezing foggy days. Make preparation for chrysanthemum cuttings. Sponge the foliage of the large evergreen plants such as dracaenas, crotons, ficus and palms.

Thoroughly clean all pots, boxes and seed trays, ready for sowing later, Freesias that are coming up to flowering stage will benefit from a feed from weak liquid manure. Cyclamen should be potted into 3/3.5 inch pot.

Lawns Rake up leaves and rubbish. Spike and sand any wet patches. Keep off the grass in frosty weather unless you want yellow footprints on your lawn. Send your mower off for service, it is cheaper before February.

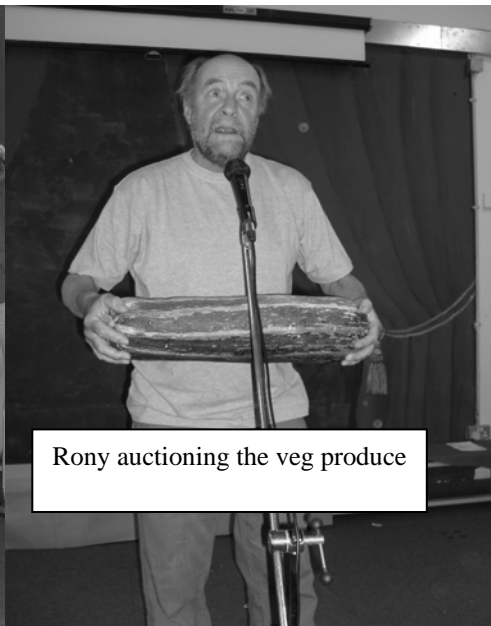
I hope you have a happy and joyous Christmas and a fruitful gardening New Year.

Cheerio for now, Tom

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Isabel Biggs won Best in Class in Children's Section with James Rose



Rony auctioning the veg produce



James Rose won Best in Class in Children's Section with Isabel Biggs



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Jim Morgan receives his trophy for best in Show



Some of the artwork



Cucumber crocodile made by James Rose

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Flight of a Thousand Eyes is about much more than adventure. It's also about raising awareness and funds for the charity ORBIS which delivers ophthalmic training to medical personnel in developing countries. It does this by means of the world's only flying eye hospital, a converted DC-10 airliner, which has an operating theatre, consulting rooms and teaching rooms on board. Sheila commented: "We decided to support ORBIS because of its connection to flying and because of the work it does in Third World countries. After a few glasses of wine one evening, it seemed like a good idea to have as our aim the raising of sufficient funds to pay for 1,000 cataract operations at £20 each. So the elegant title, Flight of a Thousand Eyes, was created."



Sheila Dyson and G-CCYS, otherwise known as "Charlie", a Cessna 182Q

"One of the countries we flew through was Bangladesh and, for some reason, I really took a shine to it. The countryside is rich and fertile, and the people are so friendly. They looked after us very well and gave us all the help we needed. I was deeply impressed. When we came back, I realized that ORBIS had a major project established in the Khulna Hospital in the south-west of the country where cataracts are a real problem. So we decided to aim our fund raising towards that specific project. We have collected nearly £5,000 already but still have a long way to go."

In order to push the fund-raising along, Sheila has written an account of the journey and published it in a booklet, called Flight of a Thousand Eyes. As it has been fully sponsored, all the proceeds go to ORBIS. Available from Sheila, tel 0114-2642773, it costs £10.

ORBIS can be contacted at www.ORBIS.org

The story behind the ruins

Blacka Moor's natural resources have been used for centuries. White coal pits (related to the lead smelting industry), burial mounds and a stone circle are just some of the hidden treasures on Blacka. It seems that every inch of land was used for human benefit: heather was used for roofing thatch, bracken for animal bedding, berries were picked for jellies and preserves, the grasses and dwarf shrubs were used for grazing, the pastures were 'improved' with manure to make better grazing land, trees were coppiced for hurdles and cut for firewood, and the larger timber was used for construction. With all these resources being utilised to the full, you can imagine what it would have been like to walk across Blacka Moor - an entirely different experience to today. There would have been people working across the landscape, and Strawberry Lee Farm (in Strawberry Lee Pastures) would have been alive with the sounds of livestock, and the barking of the working dogs in the farmyard.

This was brought to life for me recently when I came across the 1937 Clarion Ramblers' Handbook by G.H.B. Ward. Ward writes of Blacka Moor, in particular Strawberry Lee Farm, and the demise of farmsteads: *"Strawberry Lee Grange... is a monument to the neglect of 'sporting' landowners of the past and the gradual reduction, and/or, elimination of sheep and cattle-grazing on the moorlands - plus the neglect in not repairing, renovating and modernising farm houses and buildings..."* Ward recognised the loss of the vitality of the working farm. There are positive aspects of this loss, as reduced grazing has resulted in a variety of habitats across the moor; however, continued lack of management would result in woodland developing across the site, flying in the face of what J.G. Graves bequeathed to the people of Sheffield. In a letter to the Sheffield Telegraph in February 1933, he wrote, *'The object of the purchase is to preserve the moor in its natural state....'*

Strawberry Lee Farm was sadly demolished in February 1936, only 3 years later - what a shame that he was not able to save this small farm. Rather optimistically Ward says *'we would fain hope that some day, moorside farming will again be a feature at Strawberry Lee and a house and farm buildings be rebuilt; with the right to "turn" sheep and young cattle on the moor and Totley Moss....One of the fields might be used for school and Sunday school parties.....'* Of course today in a small way we have 'turned' young cattle onto the moor, though the resurrection of the farm buildings is neither feasible nor desirable now. We also have school parties visiting each year, so to some extent we have helped to fulfil in part Ward's vision.

One story in the article relates to a Mr. George Sampson, who bred West Highland cattle at Strawberry Lee Farm. Ward tells the tale of Mr. Sampson winning every class at the Royal Show. The bull was killed around 1886 and its head mounted and displayed at the Fox House Inn and later at Longshaw Shooting Lodge. Coincidentally the cattle now grazing at Blacka Moor are Highlands, though we have no intention of keeping a bull there, or displaying its head at the Trust offices!

Later in the article there is reference to young lads collecting birds' eggs, including those of nightjar. It would be wonderful to see the return of this bird to Blacka Moor, and not beyond possibility, as they have been recorded in the Eastern Moors. A grazing impact assessment was done last year for the moor in relation to the recent cattle grazing, and nightjar was cited as a bird that may return with suitable management. Nightjar need structural variety amongst heather, with plenty of open

patches (the cattle should help break up the tall, dense heather), and scattered trees and scrub for churring posts.

There is a wealth of information about Blacka Moor, including archaeological surveys. Copies are available on CD, donations appreciated. If you'd like to hear more about the history and archaeology of Blacka Moor, you could join us and Peak District National Park Authority Archaeologist for a guided walk **Heathland Dwellers - the story of human occupation at Blacka Moor on Sunday 3rd February 2pm to 4.30pm (2008)** -. Book well in advance, as places are limited (phone 0114 279 2667).

Annabelle Kennedy (Nature Reserves Manager)

THE MIND BOGGLES!

Whilst preparing Totley All Saints School historical records for deposit with Sheffield Archives, I came across this curious handbill which seems to have no connection with the school. The Zelos appear to be a performing duo possibly in

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the late 19th or early 20th century and who the heck were these Continental Novelty Experts who offered Classical Gymnastic Exploits and Novel Equilibristic Feats. And what on earth are EXCITING TEETH PERFORMANCES WITH HEAVY WEIGHTS ETCETERA?? Did Marie and Charles go around offering their services to schools or were they performing at Totley's Victoria Pleasure Grounds, perhaps lodging in the long-gone Kings Arms Hotel which (by coincidence) is now a dentist on Baslow Road. Don't let me put you off that filling folks!

When mentioning performances, did you know that the 1820 Trust Deeds of the Bethel Chapel in Cambridge Street, Sheffield, stated 'Under no circumstances whatsoever shall any preacher be allowed to occupy the pulpit wearing trousers'.

Brian Edwards



Answers to Christmas Quiz..

1. IVY; 2. HOLLY; 3. CAROL; 4. DOVE; 5. TURKEY; 6. STABLE; 7. CARDS; 8. CRACKERS; 9. TOYS; 10. REINDEER; 11. CHRISTMAS STAMPS; 12. MINCE PIES; 13. MISTLETOE; 14. PLUM PUDDING; 15. INFANT JESUS; 16. PRESENT; 17. ROBIN; 18. STAR; 19. PANTOMIME 20. HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

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2. Be sure you really want to lose weight for yourself. Doing it to please someone else may only lead to short term weight loss.
3. Take advantage of all the group support at your local Slimming World class. Even if you are not a 'joining in' person, you'll be surprised how motivating it is.
4. Accept that you will have ups and downs in your weight loss journey, and be forgiving of yourself if you hit a difficult patch.
5. Listen to your 'inner script' and make a conscious effort to talk to yourself in a positive, encouraging way.
6. Keep up your interest in your healthy eating plan by trying new foods, new recipes, and new ways of using your Sins. This will help you avoid getting in to a dieting rut which can be boring and demotivating.
7. Be honest with yourself about what you are expecting from your weight loss and how you are getting on with Food Optimising week by week. People who set unrealistic targets for weight loss or body shape are more likely to give up than those who set achievable targets and share their ups and downs.
8. Go back to your class even after (especially after) you've had a weight gain. You will not be judged, just helped and supported.
9. Keep setting new goals and rewarding yourself for milestones until you reach your target weight, and afterwards!
10. Don't put your life on hold until you've lost weight. You can still enjoy life and lose weight. Think of your dreams and ambitions and bring them to the fore. The positive feelings you get from starting to 'live a little' can only help your motivation and your weight loss.

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JANUARY 2008

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