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# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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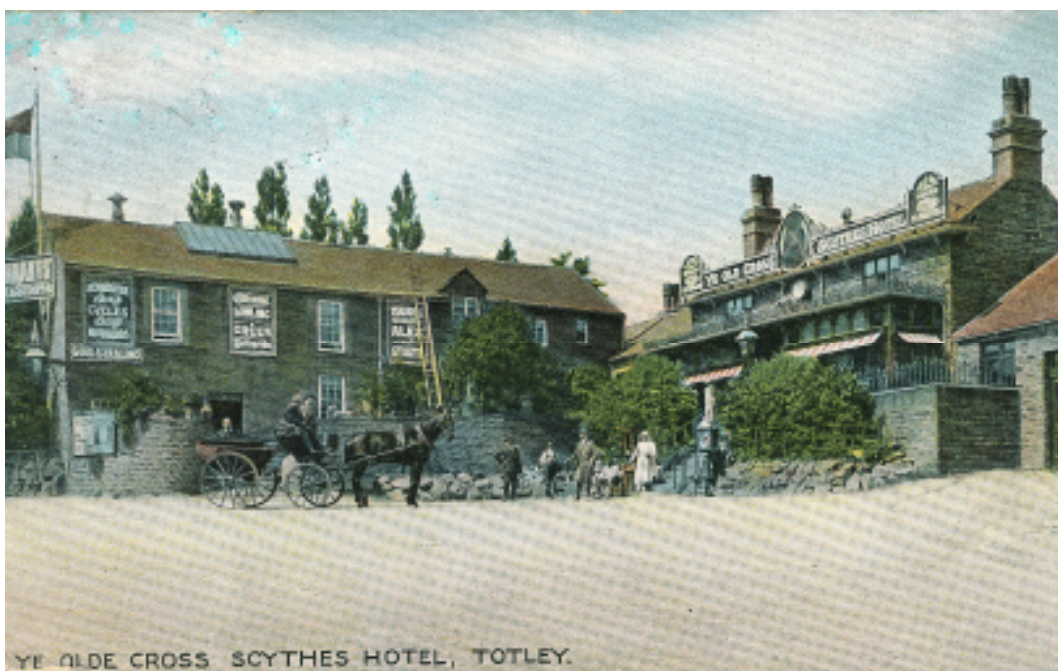
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Two well-known views of Totley from around 100 years ago. Both are still recognisable – even without the traffic! It is 30 years since the *Totley Residents Association* was formed – our ‘pearl’ anniversary and this is the 300<sup>th</sup> edition of the ‘Indie’. A celebration is planned to be held in Green Oak Park on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## Totley Residents Association Update

Recently, I have been reading through some of the earlier Totley Independents. They make interesting reading, 30 years on and TRA are still protesting about the same problems as in 1977!

Traffic problems on our roads, trying to prevent the erosion of our green space, trying to stop trees from being felled, trying to find somewhere for the community to meet, nothing changes, so it seems.

TRA used to hold events in Green Oak Park so our Birthday Celebrations on July 1st will be following in the footsteps of days gone by.

For the next few months we will be very busy preparing for the "Big Day".

Our aim is to make July 1st a day to remember for everyone.

Watch this space for details. Please be ready to come and give a hand.

The Police Bike and specialist equipment for our Community Constable Mark Wadsworth has cost £1802.00. This has been paid for out of TRA Funds. Some shops, businesses, churches and residents have been very generous, but we need more people to give something to the fund.

A reminder that the Halifax on the Rise have kindly offered their help. TRA have opened an account where members of the community can leave donations of cash or cheques. Any cheques should be made out to TRA.

There are also collecting boxes at Cassons Electrical shop and at Baslow Road News & Off Licence. Please drop in your small change, it all adds up.

Thanks to all those who have already made a donation. So far we have £448.00 in the Halifax account, so we still have a long way to go.

No doubt you have seen the Notices down the Rise asking for comments about the proposed Junction Improvements at Bushey Wood Road and Bus Stop alteration at Grove Road. It is hoped residents who received notification will have responded.

A map for the proposed Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at Baslow Road / Mickley Lane also came into the public domain. This was a surprise, as TRA had been informed by the officer from Development Services, Traffic Section, that the map would not be available for public comment until the end of February / March.

Several phone calls later it was discovered the map had been released too early, by mistake.

TRA have arranged a meeting with Council Officers to discuss the map when it is available. Notices will be put up at the junction so residents and shopkeepers will have an opportunity to comment.

At the last SWAP meeting held in November, Mary Bagley Director of Parks and Countryside gave an update on Green Oak Park Entrance. This was a response to questions raised at the October meeting. The minutes state that the proposed alterations to the entrance would cause some root loss to the magnificent oak tree.

A far greater threat to the tree was a severe butt disease caused by a fungal infection.

Inspection of the tree by a qualified arboriculturist, gave us to understand that the fungal infection was not causing too much of a problem. Oak trees are noted for compensating infections. This is why they are able to live for many years.

As the oak tree is on the pavement, it is the responsibility of Streetforce.

TRA asked them for comments. They came and test drilled the tree. Their conclusion was the fungal infection is not creating too much of a problem at the moment. There are no health and safety implications to the public; it will be checked again in a year.

The Streetforce arboriculturist was unhappy that the tree roots could be damaged if the entrance was widened. He indicated he would oppose any root disturbance under the canopy of the tree. The canopy spreads across the entrance to the park and over the garden of the lodge keeper's bungalow.

Alterations proposed by Parks and Countryside would damage the tree and eventually cause its death, not a very good idea for the Council Department responsible for promoting Sheffield as a GREEN CITY !!

Avril Critchley

Chairman TRA

## 300 Not Out

In May 1977 a group of tenants from the Green Oak Area suggested the idea of a Residents Association for Totley. In Alan Jockel, the local vicar, they found a man to help champion their cause.

In June 1977 when it looked possible that such an association could be formed and launched (on 1 July 1977 in Green Oak Park, Totley Independence Day), the idea of a newsletter suggested by Brian Edwards seemed a good idea and in Brian's hands, together with a small group of helpers The Totley Independent hit the streets. The first edition sold out in a very short time.

Brian, of course, had set the benchmark for this magazine and his usual high standard became the order of the day.

In the meantime John Perkinson had taken on the job of distributor, a post he still holds today, no shirker our John.

Those that followed Brian as Editors and compilers found their work cut out with the amount of time, patience and dedication required to produce a monthly magazine (and no issue has ever been missed).

Obviously times have changed since the early days of the magazine, when the biggest asset was an electric typewriter, no computers, and the magazine was assembled by hand and the smell of adhesive and "cow-gum" filled the house for days.

Well, I remember working through the night, missing Bank Holidays and arranging family holidays so as not to coincide with Totley Independent deadlines.

In the early days no-one ever gave thought to how long the magazine may go on for. But now we are able to look back nearly 30 years (and I still have every copy!)

The Totley Independent has always been a respected publication, and as Editor in the late 1970s/80s I was regularly invited to give talks across the city and to journalists on courses at Richmond College. Not bad for a local rag.

From a talk given at Totley Library we were able to donate the £10 fee as the first donation to help launch Transport 17.

So what will the next milestone be? To celebrate the 50th edition we gave away a free bookmark and a printed balloon, how times have changed!

Later in the year Totley Residents Association celebrate their 30th anniversary (Pearl), no doubt The Totley Independent will continue to be the jewel in its crown.

Mike Williamson

## The Talk of Totley

### A COMMUNITY POLICE VIEW.

Can I first wish you all a happy and safe 2007. Can I also thank the editor of Totley Independent for allowing my colleagues and me this small space to pass on our thoughts.

From my point of view this article is a bit like looking into a Crystal Ball. I have to try and second-guess Crime trends with a view to hopefully preventing and Detecting Crime. Naturally as a Police officer my main remit is Crime but I want also to address some local issues that cause me some concern.

As we enter the Spring I would like to offer a few reminders to people about various matters which if considered might save them future headaches. From a Crime Prevention point of view can I remind people that after Christmas burglars know full well that houses are well stocked with brand new equipment. They also know that most people will not have UV marked this equipment with their Post code and house number (pens can be obtained from me for free) they also know that without this info, stolen goods are easy to sell on at car boots etc. Also as the days lengthen the same ne"do well turns his attention to garden ornaments and sheds. He knows that stolen garden items including hanging baskets are easily sold off at Car Boots with no questions asked.

Can I also mention two of the most stolen items we have at the moment. These are Satellite Navigation Systems, in particular portable ones, and Laptops. PLEASE PLEASE if you own either of the above would you remove it from your vehicle overnight. A review of the crimes committed in our area for last year show that we suffered most of our crime in the first three months. Lets Crack Crime Together.

This also applies to Students/landlords. Its amazing how much Crime is committed against Students who move to pastures new in houses with poor Security i.e. Door/window locks etc with loads of Brand new Laptops/ mobile phones/I-pods/Playstations etc, etc. These students are easy pickings for seasoned Criminals.

If anyone has any concerns about Crime Prevention matters as a Team we are more than willing to offer any advice. Comprehensive advice can also be found on the website [www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)

As you might be aware the Policing team for Dore and Totley consists of two Police officers who are soon to be joined by one PCSO. Whilst each has its own remit and responsibility for an Area it is thought that we should tackle both areas as one. With that in mind we have tried to tackle such local issues as graffiti and Youth disturbance. The PCSOS whilst on patrol make notes of Graffiti etc and ensure that these are tackled by the council. Whilst it might not be appreciated that this can be a priority it should be born in mind that once the fabric of a neighbourhood starts to deteriorate it's not long before Crime and disorder rises. This leads me onto Youth Disturbance and the impact this has on such a relatively quiet neighbourhood as Totley. The team is working in partnership with the Local Churches and youth groups to ensure that our local youth are not only catered for but also controlled in their activities. This work has included many visits to groups and the local schools. Hopefully this work should restore some of the peace to our area.

Speaking of Community involvement I would just like to mention that on the First Monday and Third Wednesday of each Month I try to hold a drop in surgery at the Totley Library between 2pm and 3pm. Whilst I don't serve hot foods you will be given a warm welcome. Please feel free to drop in for a chat about any Policing issue which concerns you.

THE POLICE BIKE. I have been a serving Police Officer for a long time and often am at a loss for words. But I would just like to say a massive THANK YOU to the people of Totley and especially the Totley Residents Association for the provision of a Police Bike. My Colleague P.C. Spencer has used a bike for a long time and I know just how useful this can be. It should prove most useful in tackling the various types of crime especially Youth Nuisance that we seem to suffer.

Well I think that's enough. Any of the Dore/Totley Policing team can be contacted on the following numbers below 0114 2963187 or at Totley Box on 0114 2963681 or e mail [mark.wadsworth@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mark.wadsworth@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

I hope to make this a regular feature but cant promise due to Policing Commitments but be assured if I have anything to say I shall let you know.

Mark Wadsworth Pc 486

Totley Community Constable.



"I'VE HAD A LOUSY WEEKEND  
THE WIFE BOUGHT ONE OF  
THOSE WATER BEDS AND I WAS  
SEA SICK ALL NIGHT!"

## 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](mailto:anne.smith@sheffield.gov.uk) or [michael.waters@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:michael.waters@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](mailto:keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk)

## TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

[www.totley.org.uk](http://www.totley.org.uk)



## ***Transport 17***

I hope that you all had a happy Christmas and that 2007 started off well for you. Tony Bradbury and I are beginning our 18th year as escorts. How time flies!! We send congratulations to Peter Gauntlet, one of our drivers, and to Jane, his wife. They had a grandson just before Christmas. Lovely news.

The lunch and social clubs we serve use up a lot of time and energy, not just to provide food and activities, but applying for and maintaining their funding. A lot of them hire two buses from us to deliver their members safely. If the buses are full, then people have to go on the club's waiting list to be picked up. It would be very uneconomic for the clubs to be billed for a bus containing one passenger. Also it would not fit in with the times we would need to get passengers to any other clubs on that day.

We service over 30 clubs every week as well as extra trips and outings. It takes a lot of planning and as clubs are charged on their mileage, we don't want to cause them unnecessary expense.

May I ask our passengers to let us know when they do not want picking up or are back after illness or holidays. It is particularly important that they let their lunch clubs know when they will not be attending.

Our number is 236 2962 and there is an answerphone for when the office is un-manned. Someone is usually there between 9am and noon every Monday to Friday.

I hope we don't have bad weather so that we can do our jobs and get everyone out and about. Mind you, it takes a lot to stop us. We are intrepid.

Margaret Barlow

## **Totley Townswomen's Guild**

2006 was an enjoyable year for the Guild. Two coffee mornings, one at the home of Mrs Rita Farmery in August and one at the home of Mrs Hamiyet Onal in October, a reception at the Town Hall attended by representatives of the Guild and our birthday lunch. Our choir gave several concerts throughout the year as well.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall at 10.00 am and after a short business meeting we have a coffee break, followed by a speaker. There is a sales table with items kindly brought by members and a raffle.

Do come along and join us, we are a very friendly Guild.

### **VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Activities held each month include – social studies, choir, exercise class, drama (play reading), rambles in Derbyshire, and various outings to places of interest throughout the year. Secretary Hazel Brown, telephone 236 8952.

## **KING ECGBERTS PRIZE GIVING 2006**

Mrs. Ferdinand's Award for the student achieving the highest marks at A level was given to Alex Scown.

The Alison Firth Award for the student who achieved despite personal difficulties was presented to Abbie Cooper.

Dorothy Firth

## **Women's World Day of Prayer Friday, 2 March 2007 at 10.30 am**

### **Dore Methodist Church**

Everyone is welcome, coffee afterwards  
Speaker – Mrs Dell Cook

Any enquiries to Rosemary, Telephone 2363027

### **TREE ISSUES**

As a Totley resident for over 30yrs I take a great interest in my environment and I become very angry when I see and read what Sheffield City Council get away with in the Totley area. Over the years we have gradually lost parts of our beautiful environment such as:-

- The Meadow which was situated where a Housing Estate has now been built on Back Lane.
- A coppice at the bottom of Whites Drive, on Mickley Lane this land had tree preservation on five trees, of which at least four have been felled to allow the builders to put up those monstrous apartments what an eye sore on a lovely country lane.
- We are apparently going to lose at least 17 trees on the old Green Oak Nursing Home.
- We now have to be very careful that we do not lose the old Oak Tree at the entrance to the park on Mickley Lane.

The Sheffield City Council has a lot to answer for. I feel one department does not appear to know what the other department is doing. I read with interest in The Star that Sheffield City Council are promoting:-

- Bigger Green Belt planned around city
- Parks and green spaces improving
- Council's use of Brownfield sites praised.

Trees have a vital part to play they are invaluable to the environment in which we live; the destruction of so many trees is detrimental to any area. I feel very strongly that unless a tree is diseased or damaged and a danger to the public then trees should be left to grow and give pleasure to the community, and let builders build on Brownfield Sites and leave areas like Totley to be enjoyed by the people who live here.

Mrs. M. Marshall.

## **Totley Probus Club for Retired Gentlemen**

We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10 am at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road.

We have a variety of interesting speakers and also some social outings.

### **New members would be very welcome.**

Anyone interested please contact :

Edward Camm (Chairman) Tel 236 6095

John Appleton (Secretary) Tel 236 6106

## LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

As a result of concerns raised by Totley Residents' Association about the refusal to display community notices in the library, Avril Critchley and Jennie Street met with Janice Maskort, Director of Libraries and Information, on Wednesday 29th November, to assess the situation of noticeboards and information in Totley Library.

Janice Maskort was very much in agreement with our concerns and it was agreed that the entrance hall of Totley Library should be cleared of the large machine which no-one uses, a screen would be purchased for the front of the library, on which to display information to be visible from both sides, and noticeboards and a shelf would be erected around the inner window. Books for sale could go on the shelf and TRA and community notices on the boards. This would tidy up the entrance significantly and also create more visibility for information.

In addition, the space in the children's library has proved very cramped for the chairyobics class run by the TRA, and we also had a discussion about replacing what are known as "Kinder boxes" - the ones that hold the large books for small children - as they are terribly heavy to move. Janice Maskort also agreed to investigate costings and funding for more mobile, lighter boxes.

Obviously all depends on Janice Maskort finding funding for these items, but the TRA was very pleased that she responded so positively to our concerns and was willing to try and make improvements happen.

Watch this space.

Jennie

### Community Coffee Mornings, Raffles and Items for Sale

Confusion seems to have arisen in recent weeks regarding the role of libraries as community facilities, following some contradictory advice which we have received regarding financial and other regulations.

This message, which will also be sent in hard copy to all service points, sets out our policies.

#### Coffee Mornings

We encourage and support community groups to hold coffee mornings in our libraries, where space and facilities permit. This includes access to kitchen facilities within our buildings. We do, however, have to follow sensible Health and Safety guidelines which mean that hot kettles and/or tea urns should not be located in public spaces where there is the risk of an accident.

#### Community Group Raffles

Library staff are not permitted to run raffles **for the public** within libraries. However, community groups may organise and run their own raffles. The tickets and any cash collected would be the responsibility of the group running the raffle.

#### Sale of Items of Local Interest

Our libraries have a clear role to sell items of local interest such as parish magazines, community newspapers, books and paintings by local authors and artists. Many of these items will only be available through community outlets such as libraries and it is important that we support local writers, artists and groups.

Staff can collect money for such items and store it in local safes. However, such monies must be **clearly labelled** and **separately bagged** from council money. We will shortly produce a disclaimer form for customers who wish to sell

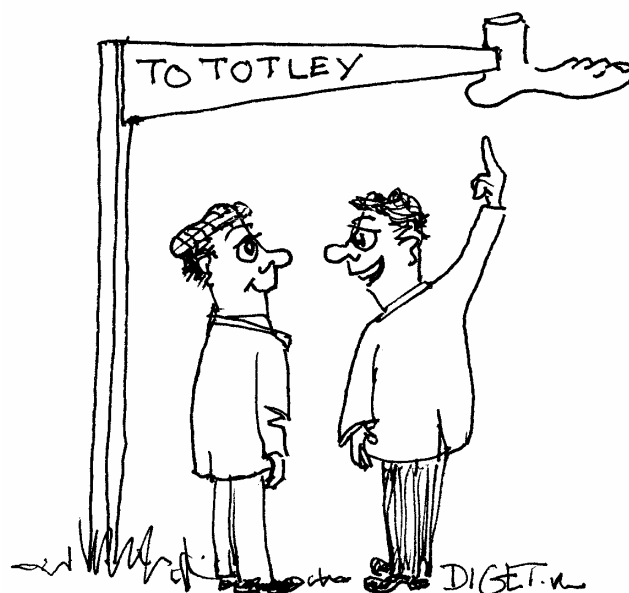
items to sign stating that cash is collected is done so at their own risk.

Staff cannot sell items which they have produced themselves, eg greetings cards, as this raises issues around competition and conflict of interest. However, staff may sell books and other materials of local interest. If staff are uncertain on this point, please refer to a member of Strategy Team.

Community Information

A revised poster policy will be issued shortly.

Janice Maskort and Strategy Team



I RECKON WHO EVER MADE THAT SIGN USED TO BE A CHIROPDIST!

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**DON'T SAY YOU DIDN'T KNOW**  
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**GO TO THE TOTLEY WEBSITE!**

[www.totley.org.uk](http://www.totley.org.uk)

Find out about events or read reports, or view photos of Totley people and activities.

Send your information or photos or comments to the website for inclusion.

[admin@totley.org.uk](mailto:admin@totley.org.uk) or ring John Beazer 236-2302

## 20 YEARS OF PRINTING TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

We were very pleased when, in 1984, we were asked to print Totley Independent. When we realised that this issue would be the 300th, we thought it was time to make a small contribution to the hard work that the Totley Independent editorial team put into producing "The Independent".

During the production process we read various sections of the paper and remember, month after month, year after year, seeing the same names of contributors and advertisers, supporting "The Independent". Jo Rundle and Don Ashford are names that have been appearing for many years. Busy Bee, B.K. Jeavons, John Heaths and Martin Scriven have advertised for most of these years. Totley Hall Farm has had a continuous presence both through their advertising and the events they have produced and supported. John Perkinson has distributed the Independent as long as we can remember, friendly, helpful and a joy to work with.

During this period mobile phones have come to the fore. VHS has risen and fallen and computers are now present in most homes. The computer has had a massive effect on printing and publishing, so many items are now output by the small home office direct to their own printer and many people now produce their own artwork for printing by us. The use of the internet has also reduced the demand for printing as the paperless office becomes closer to reality. The type of printing has changed completely, whereas we used to use around 50,000 sheets of A4 80gm copier bond per week, we use very little now, but now use, literally, tons of 130gm gloss art paper. The specifications are higher and quality is paramount.

The way that Totley Independent is now printed has changed beyond recognition from the way it was produced 20 years ago.

The editor used to provide the artwork on 2mm thick boards, two pages, imposed as printer's spreads, i.e. the two pages as they would be printed, on each board, complete with hand drawn cutting marks. The artwork was both typed and photocopies of drawings and rub down lettering, there were no photographs, but some incredibly good line drawings. The boards were re-used, month by month, and some areas on the boards had as many as ten layers of artwork all stuck down with Cow gum.

Cracks in the lettering and drawings were regularly encountered and carefully filled in, by hand, where possible. Each artwork board was placed on our camera and photographically reproduced onto a printing plate. This "direct to plate" system was the basis for "Instant Print Shops" of that era, rather than having to make negatives of the artwork and then expose the plate through the negative. Having produced the plate we would then, carefully, delete from the plate any shadows caused by the thick areas and any spots of dirt or gum.

The press we used in 1984 was basically a high level duplicator, American built and using mainly pre-war technology with the addition of electronic counting and double/missing sheet detection. The Independent was printed at a running speed of around 6,000 impressions per hour, either three or four sheets of oversized A3 printed on both sides that used to take around 3 hours to print. After leaving for 24 hours to dry, the paper was trimmed to size and during the last Friday afternoon in each month, four of us would sit round a table hand collating and folding "The Independent" which, in those days was not stapled.

The value of the equipment used for producing "The Independent" in 1984 was around £18,000.

This issue of "The Independent" was supplied to us on a CD together with laser printed proofs of how it should look, the files being created in Microsoft Word by your hardworking Editor. On our PC we converted the Word files to pdf and imposed the pdf pages in Adobe InDesign and final laser proofs printed out, after checking the proofs against those supplied by the Editor, the InDesign files were sent direct to printing plate. The printing plates are imaged at 3200 dots per inch. The press that is now used for printing "The Independent" is German built with total electronic control and runs "The Independent" at around 9,000 impressions per hour. With semi automatic plate changing, the four sheets that comprise "The Independent" are printed in less than 90 minutes. The printed sheets are trimmed along the long edges on an automatic pre-programmed guillotine. The trimmed sheets are collated, stapled, folded and the open edge trimmed all by machine in around 45 minutes.

The value of the equipment used for producing "The Independent" now, is around £170,000.

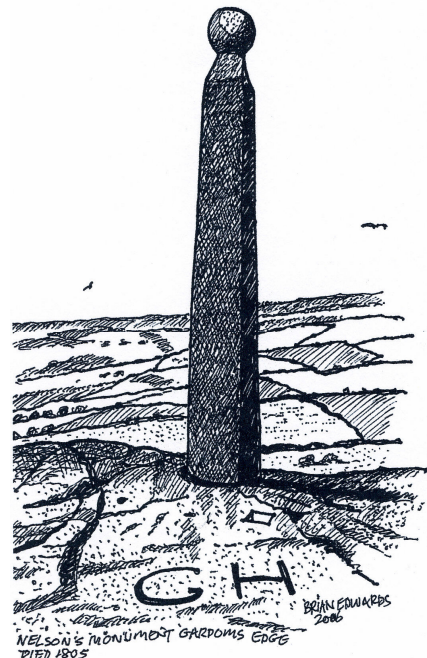
To mark the Pearl anniversary of the Independent and this, the 300th issue, the cover has been produced in full colour at no cost to Totley Residents Association.

We wonder how the "Indie" will change over the next 20 years, hope we are here to see it and hope that "Totley Residents Association" continues to enjoy the support it has received over the last twenty years.

Malcolm Senior - Starprint

## SALUTE TO THE ADMIRAL

Nelson's Monument or Nelson's Pole stands proudly on Birchen Edge near Baslow, and is not far from the Robin Hood pub. The monument was carved and erected by Samson Savage and others, including George Herrington (whose initials are carved on an adjacent rock). The monument has 21st October 1805 chiselled into it, recording the death of



Admiral Nelson. One hundred years later the local doctor called Wrench organised a procession up to the Pole and delivered an address ending with three cheers for Nelson. To record that occasion, George Sheldon carved Oct 21 1905 on the monument. Nearby, three gritstone slabs called the Wain Stones are carved with the names of three ships at Trafalgar: Victory, Royal Soverin (misspelt) and Defiance. On the other side of the Barbrook River Is a Monument to Wellington.

Brian Edwards

## Alternative power – Let's do it right in Totley

The benefit of hindsight is a wonderful thing and it is very rare we have the opportunity to stop and take stock before we make the same mistakes.

Remember the surge in demand that led to a plethora of mobile phone masts being erected on farms, fast food outlets, and school grounds to name a few. Then suddenly the masses realised there could be some dangers in where these masts were erected and action groups metaphorically started to throw themselves in front of the bulldozers.

The government assured us there was no danger either from masts or mobiles but now the dust has died down the government have commissioned a 5-year study into the effects of mobile radiation, this would not be happening if they were so certain that the technology is as safe as they keep telling us. Who knows what will be found in five, ten or fifteen years time, who could have predicted the catastrophic effect of smoking when fifty years ago doctors routinely recommended it to patients with anxiety!

Today's must support fashionable cause is saving the planet. Fail to recycle, dare to own a car, clean your teeth with the light on or fail to use public transport and you run the risk of being castigated by society in much the same way Hollywood stars were in the great communist hunt in the 1950's. How often do you hear politicians and news reporters refer to 'stopping' global warming, who do they think they are King Canute? We cannot stop global warming, we can only prevent speeding it up and we cannot blame carbon emissions for the demise of the woolly mammoth.

From the outset let me state for the record I am like most people and fully support ways of reducing waste of valuable resources and we should all try to change our wasteful ways to the good of others and the environment. However, I do not think we should rush in without some consideration of the consequences of our actions.

The political parties are rushing in head first to convince us that they are the greenest party by cycling to work followed by a car, changing taxes to reflect your carbon footprint (although we all know the money won't be spent on reducing the effects of global warming) or sitting on the fence agreeing with everyone else whilst doing nothing.

Sheffield City Council appear to be desperate to demonstrate they are environmentally progressive by supporting applications for **COMMERCIAL GRADE** wind turbine erected in residential areas without applying due diligence or thought to the consequences of their actions. Our local Councillor Keith Hill is fully supporting applications for two 100ft structures (3 houses high) sited less than 200 metres from residential houses.

Keith has to concede it may reduce neighbouring property prices by 30% for at least 5 years but thinks it is worth it because two houses will benefit and excess power can be sold at a profit to the National Grid. And guess what, like lambs to the slaughter we all support applications such as these (provided they are not in our back yard) for fear of being called the modern day Luddites.

Yes we need alternative technologies to be developed and used but not at any cost. Who in their right frame of mind can condone a 100ft commercial grade turbine being erected on a densely populated estate to benefit just two households at the expense of hundreds of residents?

Where is the protection for the individual who suffers from epilepsy triggered by photo flicker? News reporters will always warn you that reports contain flash photography, why, because we know it does trigger epileptic attacks. But ask the supporters of turbines and they will produce mountains of 'proof' it does not exist from turbines. Who will care when the whoosh effect prevents a whole community from sleeping soundly at night? Who would have thought it when a chunk of ice weighing

hundreds of kilos breaks off a turbine blade and is propelled by centrifugal force at 100Km/hr in to the adjacent school playground? No one would have thought it and why, because **Sheffield City Council have failed their citizens by failing to adopt any guidelines on the siting of wind turbines.**

No doubt if the unthinkable happened and that chunk of ice killed a child in the adjacent school playground a council spokesperson would state that with hindsight we should have considered the dangers and put rules in place to govern what can be erected close to dwellings, schools and people.

Yet the answer is simple, stop rushing to be the first to erect **INDUSTRIAL GRADE** turbines in the suburbs of Sheffield by opportunists who are only concerned with making a profit selling their excess power to the National Grid and start a process of consultation and consideration to govern the installation of such monumental structures. Let the Council show the way of doing it right first time and prevent action groups having to metaphorically throw themselves in front of yet more bulldozers. Erect these commercial structures in appropriate places e.g. in estuaries, off shore etc. and install **HOUSEHOLD GRADE** roof turbines and solar panels for the conscientious in residential areas.

Just to demonstrate how cynical some of these applications are, consider this. In Sheffield there are two applications for commercial grade turbines. For application #1 in Dore an objector hired an architect/expert on wind turbines to look at the impact of the application, the consultant reported back fully supporting the objector and gave pages of reasons why the application should be rejected. For application #2 in Totley the applicant hired the same consultant to submit and support his application and the consultant has contested the objections previously raised and supported in application #1! Without guidelines this type of cynical abuse will be abound and peoples health and safety will not be a factor just the profit.

Now for those of you who are reading this and no doubt thinking Nimbism, the writer says he supports alternative energy but not in his backyard, consider this. How many of you use a mobile phone? How many of you have signed a petition or objected to a phone mast or know someone who has? Once one or two of these **commercial turbines** are erected in residential areas many more will follow, renovation and buy-to let for profit will be unfashionable, the erection of masts with very small footprints (but 100ft high) will be this years fashion as speculators will quote president and squeeze them in to the smallest spaces or Parks and sell the electricity generated back to the National Grid.

Before you know it, while you are celebrating living in a progressive city where wind power is rife it will suddenly be your turn to be whooshed to sleep or flattened by flying icebergs unless this Council adopts a responsible attitude and puts guidelines in place to protect the many from the few! Remember the mobile phone mast that was never going to affect you or your children? **Commercial turbines** should only be erected in appropriate places and solar or small turbines near residential areas. The government must have concerns over the siting of these units in residential areas as they have just commissioned a report to look in to issues of Amplitude Modulation of Aerodynamic Noise, a phenomenon the experts tell us does not exist, or does it?

Kevin Walker

**NOTE** For residents who filled in the yellow feedback forms sent out with a freepost return address to the Libdem offices. The feedback forms are for the Libdems information only and have not been passed on to the planning officer. Your views for or against the turbine application do not count unless you write to Miriam Pewsey, Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield S1 2SH quoting planning application 06/02271/FUL

## Gardening Tips for February

I hope you have recovered from the holiday break and are ready and raring to get cracking in the garden. Don't go too mad, remember your bad back etc. Tidying up is the order of the day, digging any vacant plots, give the old hut or fence a coat of preservative, if we get a fine day fix the wobblerly pavings.

Take a ph test in your veg plot so that you know which fertiliser to use. I am pretty certain the soil will need a bit of lime after all the rain we have had it will have washed most of it away. The wind has been battering most of the plants, fences etc in my garden. I keep going around firming things in where they have been rocked about, I am glad to see my new fence has stood up very well.

I am a bit behind with my seed planting, my onions and leeks are not in yet. I may need to beg some plants if I leave it much longer otherwise I will not win a prize at The Totley Show. I hope you have all made a note to get your things ready for the show on 15 September.

I hope you will make a real effort and keep making the traditional activities a success and make the efforts of the volunteers worthwhile.

### Flowers

Cut down established perennials and fork around them, work in a bit of balanced fertiliser like Growmore, or well rotted compost. Leave penstemons til next month. Clean up rockeries and top dress with compost and chippings (grit). Fill in any gaps in your wallflower beds, make sure that they are in firmly. In mild spells the winter flowering pansies will be flowering to encourage more flowers pull off dead or fading flowers to stop them forming seeds. Crocosmia or montbretias if neglected develop into large clumps and produce few flowers. The flowers will be much better quality and more numerous if the plants are lifted and divided every second year. Old plantings of lily of the valley also benefit from being lifted and replanted using the selected crowns taking care to spread the roots in wide shallow holes after working into the soil a fertiliser. Rose fertiliser is ideal for this type of plant. If you want to have flowers for cutting plant out Scabiosa such as Clive Greaves or Rudebeckias, Pyrethrums also produce masses of large daisy like flowers over quite an extended period.

### Vegetables

Make sure any ground earmarked for vegetables is well balanced for the type to be planted. Top dress growing cabbage and broccoli with nitrochalk. Sow broad beans under glass in boxes or pots, set seeds at 2 inch intervals and cover with about quarter inch of soil. Germinate in a slightly heated greenhouse or frame. If weather is favourable sow parsnips, the longer and steadier they grow the better, shallots can also be planted if the soil is well drained, sow lettuce, cauliflowers and parsley indoors. Watch out for the slugs during warm periods and deal with them straight away.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit – Planting of trees, shrubs etc should be completed this month. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries down to 6 inches from the ground and give a general feed. Rose fertiliser is ideal for raspberries and gooseberries. Give your apples a dressing of super phosphate if they haven't had any for a year or two. Check on the security of tree ties and supports, the winds can be quite aggressive at this time. Also check the insulation and protection around potted shrubs and plants, the frosts won't be over for a little while yet. Prune late flowering clematis to within 6 inches of ground level. Other climbers and shrubs can be pruned at this time such as hydrangeas, perniculata, spirea, japonica and buddleia. Give a good mulching all round trees and shrubs.

### Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

Continue to pot up rooted cuttings of chrysanthemum and perpetual flowering carnations. Avoid having your seedlings bolting and growing too straggly by removing covers as soon as they appear and giving them plenty of light (not in full sun). If you have a fully heated greenhouse you could bring on cucumbers, tomatoes, courgettes etc early by planting seeds now. Prune and start greenhouse plants, which have been resting, by gradually increasing water intake. Towards the end of the month start planting seeds of summer bedding

plants such as dianthus, kochia, marigolds, busy lizzy, ageratum, statice, lobelia, nicotiana, nemesia, etc.

Increase the watering of indoor plants, add a liquid feed to the water. Plant indoor gladioli corms. As I mentioned last month, but worth repeating, watch the weather carefully and ventilate in warm spells, closing the vents mid to late afternoon. This will help keep down too much humidity and stop plants from forming buds too quickly. Clean up the floors and benches and disinfect if you have not done so already. Keep cyclamen cool and well watered, not waterlogged, remove flowers as soon as they go over. Keep sensitive thin leafed plants away from heating appliances. In frosty conditions move plants away from windows to prevent cold temperature damage. Prune climbers in greenhouse or conservatory. Cut out weak and unwanted growth and trim side shoots to within one or 2 buds of the main stem.

### Lawns

It is advisable not to walk on frosty lawns, it does leave marks later which take a little while to recover. Keep lawns clear of leaves etc, when possible spike and or scarify later in the month, especially if you have soggy patch, dressing with sand after spiking will help eliminate some soggy patches. If weather permits prepare ground for lawn areas to be seeded in the spring.

Happy gardening to you all!

Cheerio for now, Tom

## Another Totley Yard Sale

With the success of our first Yard Sale in October, we are holding another by popular demand.

Sell your surplus from your own front garden!

You don't have to travel - the customers will come to you.

So clear out your cupboards and take part.

You won't have the bother of loading up the car and doing an early morning car boot sale.

**Sunday 22nd April from 10.00 to 2.00pm**

Advertising will bring punters from all over Sheffield because lots of Totley people will be selling on the same day.

If you want to take part, ring or email to register your name and address in preparation for the map and the advertising.

We will charge £3 per seller. This money will go towards organising the **Totley Festival** in Greenoak Park on Sunday 1st July.

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jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk  
for Totley Residents' Association

## Stop Unaddressed mail

Do you find it annoying to receive lots of unaddressed envelopes and advertising material through your door with the post? Do you worry about the huge volumes of paper wasted by this type of advertising?

Did you also know that you can put a stop to it?

You probably remember the case earlier this year of a postman who advised people on his round how to stop this junk coming to them. He was sacked. Then re-instated.

All postmen can tell you how to stop this mail, but here is the information to save them getting into trouble, most of it taken from the Royal Mail website.

You can do one of three things:-

1. Write to:

Freepost RRBT-ZBXB-TTTS

Royal Mail Door to Door Opt Outs

Kingsmead House

Oxpens Road

OXFORD

OX1 1RX

2. Email: [optout@royalmail.com](mailto:optout@royalmail.com)

For both these ways Royal Mail will then send an opt-out form to your address, which you must sign and return. This is done for security reasons - to verify that those resident at the address have requested the 'opt out'.

Once you've returned this form, Royal Mail will stop delivering unaddressed items to your address within 6 weeks.

3. Go down to Dore and Totley Sorting Office on Abbeydale Road South and fill out the form there and then. When I went down to do this in December I was told they hadn't got any forms (convenient or what?), but that they would get some. Let's hope they have some now. If not, ask again.

Of course, Royal Mail doesn't want you to opt out as they make money from delivering all the junk mail. And they rely on people's inertia not to take action, so if you don't want it, you have to take the action. They therefore write the following on their website, which is actually aimed at deterring you from taking action:-

"The opt-out service only relates to unaddressed mail. Royal Mail is still legally obliged to deliver all addressed mail, which includes mail that is addressed "To the Occupier" (or with any other generic recipient information), as well as mail that is personally addressed to you by name.

It is not possible for Royal Mail to separate material that you don't want from material that you do want, such as advertising offers or leaflets from Central and Local Government and other public bodies. Opting out from Royal Mail Door to Door stops all unaddressed items from being delivered by us.

Opting out means no one at the address will receive unaddressed mail items - is this acceptable to everyone living at the property?

Your opt out will last for a period of 2 years. If you wish to resume deliveries of Door to Door to your address during this period please contact us.

Please note that your address will be opted out of receiving Door to Door items for a period of two years. At the end of the period you will need to confirm that you are still resident at the address and wish to continue opting out of Door to Door deliveries.

Royal Mail only delivers about 25% of the total volume of unaddressed mail

items in the United Kingdom. The opt out will not cover any other distributors, who will continue to deliver unaddressed mail items. The companies who currently use Royal Mail to send this mail may simply start to use one of our competing distributors to deliver it, therefore it is possible that over time the volume of unaddressed mail items you receive will not be reduced.

If you would like to stop any other unwanted communications please visit [www.mydm.co.uk](http://www.mydm.co.uk) which provides details on all other preference services, or call 0845 703 4599."

GET RID OF IT - TAKE JUST A LITTLE TIME TO OPT OUT and GO THROUGH THE MAILING PREFERENCE SERVICE. In time this will mean you only get the mail legitimately addressed to you.

Jennie Street

## B & Q JOB APPLICATION

This is allegedly an actual job application that a 75 year old pensioner submitted to B&Q in Tunbridge Wells. They hired him because he was so funny.....

**NAME:** Kenneth Way (Grumpy B\*\*\*\*\*)

**SEX:** Not lately, but I am looking for the right woman (or at least one who will cooperate)

**DESIRED POSITION:** Company's Chief Executive or Managing Director. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying in the first place - would I?

**DESIRED SALARY:** £150,000 a year plus share options and a Tony Blair style redundancy package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

**EDUCATION:** Yes.

**LAST POSITION HELD:** Target for middle management hostility.

**PREVIOUS SALARY:** A lot less than I'm worth.

**MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT:** My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

**REASON FOR LEAVING:** It was a c\*\*\* job.

**HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK:** Any.

**PREFERRED HOURS:** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?:** Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.

**MAY WE CONTACT YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER?:** If I had one, would I be here?

**DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT YOU FROM LIFTING UP TO 50 lbs.?:** Of what?

**DO YOU HAVE A CAR?:** I think the more appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION?:** I May already be a winner of the Reader's Digest Timeshare Free Holiday offer, so they tell me.

**DO YOU SMOKE?:** On the job - no! On my breaks - yes!

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?:** Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy Swedish supermodel with big tits and who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

**NEAREST RELATIVE ....** 7 miles

**DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?:** Oh yes, absolutely.

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## A RANGERS CHALLENGE WALK

A walk on the wild side to locate historical interest i.e. derelict shooting cabin sites, plus second world war aircraft wrecks and paying homage to the pioneering hill walkers of a bygone age.

This walk starts from the Fairholmes Visitor Centre at Derwent reservoir. If you attempt to do these walks you must know how to read the large scale (Dark Peak) ordnance survey map and always carry a compass. Allow plenty of time and be well prepared for weather changes. The bus service from Fairholmes to Kings Tree runs every few minutes (Sundays). You are allowed to drive to the head of the valley on weekdays. Take only photographs leave only footprints. Transport by bus to Kings Tree, proceed forward to Slippery Stones bridge, rebuilt on site from sections of stonework from the original packhorse bridge that spanned the river at Derwent village before it went under the waters of Ladybower reservoir. Note our first celebrity, the plaque to the memory of the late John Derry (d. mid 1930's) one time editor of the Sheffield Independent (forerunner of the Sheffield Telegraph) and author of the classic walking guides "Across the Derbyshire Moors". Near the junction of the track from Cutgate note the wooden footbridge with a plaque to the memory of Fred Heardman BEM known with affection as "Bill the Bog Trotter", ex-mine host of "The Church Hotel" and "Nags Head" in Edale, truly a rambler's hero and friend. Locate a ruined cabin base site close to the deep pool along the Derwent River, walk for ½ mile up the valley to locate the high level terrace which housed the two cabin sites known as The Bullstones or Broadhead Clough cabins (one was once a stone built shelter, the other a wooden structure) alas now in ruins. This site commanded a glorious viewpoint. Close by are the sparkling clear waters of "Lord Edward Howards Spring", indeed nectar of the gods. Face forward to the high ground above Broadhead Clough and locate a wooden stake on the skyline to the right of Crow Stones Edge. Just a few yards on the plateau along a peaty trench we find our first aircraft crash site. A Consul twin engine, converted Oxford aircraft, en route from Croydon to Iceland, 3 killed, date April 12th 1951, map reference 177966, a cheetah engine in a gully plus wreckage in peaty area. Cross flat moor for ½ mile to summit trig. Point on Outer Edge, swing right alongside 5 boundary posts and locate burned wreckage at the side of the path. An Airspeed Oxford crashed on a solo flight from Wheaton Aston, Shropshire, pilot killed October 19th 1943. The main wreckage is 50 yards to the left in stream bed of Bull Clough, map reference 184987. Continue along boundary stake line and locate a large peaty area, after 1/2 mile to the left is the site of V1 Rocket (Doodle-bug), only a few fragments are left buried in the peat bogs, which was launched against Manchester on Christmas Eve 1944. Retrace your steps back to the stake line and cross to Margery Hill summit via the head of Cut Gate track (Margery Hill 1793 ft. the highest point in South Yorkshire. Lunch break at Margery Stones.

Head east by north east for 1 mile across Broomhead and Upper Commons keeping in line with the large stone shooting cabin over rough terrain, no path, to the Short Stirling bomber crash site above Ewden Beck and Stainery Clough, not to be confused with the one above Deer Holes and the River Derwent. The Stirling, from Heavy Conversion Unit, Wigsley in Lincolnshire, crashed 21st July 1944, all ten crew survived. This is the second largest crash site after the B29 on Bleaklow. Retrace steps back across to the left stream of Stainery Clough and follow the faint path back to the main ridge of Wilfreys Edge to locate the peep hole rock of

Wilfreys Needle. Historical interest provided by the rock formation and adjacent land owned by the monks of Ripon Cathedral, in North Yorkshire. From this magical viewpoint start your return journey to Kings Tree via Cranberry Clough and Penistone Stile, or back to Cut Gate and Slippery Stones, a total distance of 10 miles

A longer and tougher version is to carry along Wilfreys Edge to High Stones and Featherbed Moss. Note the entrenchment that runs in line with the ridge, this is known as Swards Lode, a manmade track that is steeped in history and dates back to Saxon times. We skirt the high ridge to the Wet Stones, locate the carved footprints on the flat rock a few yards beyond the rocky escarpment. Descend to the gorge as Cartledge Clough joins the main feeder of Abbey Brook Clough. Trace the site of the two grouse shooting cabins, demolished by the gamekeepers back in the 1950's. This is Gods own country as we descend this long valley to Abbey Grange, once a thriving hostelry and to the head of the Derwent Dam. Note the concrete slab base which housed the storage of the demolished packhorse bridge before rebuilding at Slippery Stones. We terminate our extended walk back to Fairholmes via the eastern shoreline of Derwent Dam, truly a step back in history.

The distance of the extended walk is 15 to 16 miles.

You have passed the test with flying colours after tracing these sites.

J.C.Barrows

## Who says we Brits aren't GREAT?

We are a great nation, we always have been, or so we believe. However, many foreigners perceive us to be not so great. See if you agree.

Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgium beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV And the most British thing of all? Suspicion of anything foreign.

Only in Britain... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain... do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in Britain... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a DIET coke.

Only in Britain... do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Britain... do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and lock our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.

NOT TO MENTION...

3 Brits die each year testing if a 9v battery works on their tongue.

142 Brits were injured in 1999 by not removing all pins from new shirts

58 Brits are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.

31 Brits have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights plugged in.

British Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after cracker pulling accidents.

18 Brits had serious burns in 2000 trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.

A massive 543 Brits were admitted to A&E in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth.

5 Brits were injured last year in accidents involving out of Control Scalextric cars.

## SLIMMING WORLD

### 10 WAYS TO MAKE SURE IT WILL BE THE LAST TIME LOSING WEIGHT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION. THIS TIME MAKE IT LAST FOREVER

1. Focus on your weight loss goal and prioritise it.
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.

Group details:

**Bradway Annexe**, Sheffield 17 - Thurs. 5pm and 7pm (6 times award winning group)

**Dore Old School**, Sheffield 17 - Tues. 5.30pm

**The Michael Church**, Lowedges Rd, Sheffield 8 - Wed. 10am

Telephone consultant Alison Murphy (01246) 410145 for further information.

## POLICE in TOTLEY

Further to your article in the Totley newsletter about the lack of police out and about in the area, I would like to point out how effective a quick call to 101 can help highlight problems people may witness.

We experienced an incident recently where a group of youths were hanging about on the street outside the entrance to Green Oak Park at 4am, shouting and generally causing a disturbance. Whereas this may not warrant a 999 call, a brief call to 101 resulted in a police car being sent out to check out the area just 10 minutes later. The youths had gone by this time, but it all helps to highlight problem areas as and when they arise.

I would urge your readers to use this service to bring attention to matters of anti-social behaviour in the area without hesitation.

Alison Arnold

## BILBERRY & BESOM

Another nickname for the Dore and Chinley railway line is Bilberry and Besom. Why and who decided this curious title? Perhaps the navvies reflected the rural character of the area where there were masses of the fruit and the local families made and sold besoms which were brooms made from the abundant heather tied to a staff. Or did the besoms rudely hint at the mature figures of rural talent? Apparently it was the slang for a slatternly, lazy or impudent woman.

BRIAN EDWARDS

## Parent Lifeline

**Effective Parenting**, seven-session course run by Sheffield Mind and Parent Lifeline for parents of children aged 0-7 years, begins Tuesday 6th March 07 at 4.30am at Lawton Tonge House, Nether Edge. Total fee £10, concessions available, also crèche. Ring Parent Lifeline (Helpline for Parents) as soon as possible for details and booking on 0114-272 6575.

**Assertive Parenting**, seven-session course run by Sheffield Mind and Parent Lifeline for parents of children aged 2-18 years, begins Thursday 26th April 07 at 7.30pm at Lawton Tonge House, Nether Edge. Total fee £10, concessions available. Ring Parent Lifeline (Helpline for Parents) as soon as possible for details and booking on 0114-272 6575.

## 1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for November 2006

1st Prize No 36  
Russell Hobbs Satin  
Coffee Maker  
Mrs Gilbert  
Rowan Tree Dell

2nd Prize No 80  
£10 Voucher  
Miss Hughes  
Aldam Road

Lottery draw for December 2006

1st Prize No 69  
Christmas Hamper  
Mr and Mrs Ruthven  
Meadow Grove

2nd Prize No 13  
£10 Voucher  
Mr and Mrs Bevan  
Totley Grange Drive

Peter Casson

## Busy Bee

We are all sorry to see the closure of yet another shop in Totley. Another sign of the larger superstores taking over which are not always as cheap as they make out to be. This one was very handy for lots of things D.I.Y. and hardware, while most of us have got cars these days it is a lot of the older people that suffer who are not able to get out of Totley. The Totley Independent would like to say a big thank you to Tom and Christine and their staff over the years for all their help in not only selling the magazine for many years but also advertising with us for about 24 years.

Without people like them the magazine would not keep going. Tom has kept us well informed with his monthly gardening articles and also all their help with the show.

We wish them well in their retirement.

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## ST. JOHN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

### WE ARE DESPERATE!

It is a great concern to those of us involved in the running of this club that our helpers and cooks are all reaching the age when they could actually be "members", NOT helpers. I guess that 90% of us are aged between 70 & 80 and when we are forced to give up there is no-one to take our place! Do you want the club to die? I see the club as a valuable asset to the community and we have a reputation as the best luncheon club in the area to live up to, not to mention a constant waiting list. With the best will in the world we cannot go on for ever! I foresee that unless we have some younger people coming in to learn the ropes very soon, then the club will die within the next 5 - 10 years. If you can offer some time on a Thursday between 10a.m. and 2p.m. then please speak to me soon! We need both cooks & helpers, but especially cooks, both main course & pudding, and it really isn't as daunting as you may think, in fact it can be good fun! **THINK ABOUT IT! PLEASE!**

If the thought of cooking for 30 people scares you, why not come in on a Thursday and work with one of our cooks and learn just what it involves and how it can be good fun. We have lots of laughs in the kitchen and good equipment. The more you do it the easier it gets! Give me a ring if you are free on a Thursday morning and would be prepared to give it a try.

Phyllis Glossop (co-ordinator St. John's L.C.) 0114 236 2597

## UPDATE FROM TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another Christmas has come and gone and the lights are now back in the loft. Just as well really as I don't know how much more my fuse board could take!

Mrs. Shevill, our old Head Teacher, has left for pastures new and will be sorely missed. She started at Totley primary School only 6 months before I joined the school and she was a great help and support to me as a first time Building Supervisor. Angela Lant who was Deputy Head is now Head Teacher and I know Angela will be a good leader and, with the support of the staff and Governors, will take the school onward and upward with the aim of being the best state school in the area.

My job will be made that much harder with the closure of Busy Bee. Tom and his staff helped me and the school a lot and they will be sadly missed by me and the residents of Totley. I wish them well for 2007.

The offer to adopt a hanging basket or planter at the school is still open to all you potential Alan Titchmarsh's. We really want the school grounds to be in full bloom this year.

My thanks to the P.T.A. for the wonderful calendar they produced which shows nature scenes around Totley and the school.

I'll keep you updated with the goings on at Totley Primary School as the year progresses.

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor Totley primary School

## London Road Gallery

London Road Gallery is running a full series of workshops this spring, every Saturday and some Sundays as well.

If you are interested in craft making, be it felt bags, charm bracelets or earrings, textile hangings or spinning, then you might like to join a friendly workshop and spend a full day indulging in your chosen craft.

Most workshops cost £25 per day and run from 10.30am to 3.30pm at 100 London Road. More details and a

Booking Form are available at the Gallery or call 0114 201 0630. You can also download more details and a form by going to

[www.londonroadgallery.co.uk](http://www.londonroadgallery.co.uk) Book early to avoid disappointment!

*One man went to mow...  
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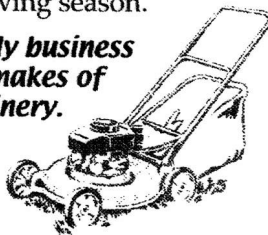
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## FEBRUARY 2007

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**SAT 24<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Denis Vincent, Members Christmas Party. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.8-30 pm.

**SUN 25<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET**, 10.00am-3.00pm, now relocated to Barkers Pool

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