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What can be done to prevent this?

Over the Christmas period, the shop frontage of Totley Deli, on Totley Rise, was severely damaged by the impact of a car being propelled with some force. The window and door were destroyed and much damage was caused inside the shop. Incredibly, this is the second time the Deli has been damaged in this way within four years. Last year, a similar thing happened to the pharmacy a few doors down, when the plate glass window was smashed by a car being driven into it.

It is understood that other similar incidents have taken place over the years with shop frontages on Totley Rise being damaged. In all the recent cases, the vehicles were in gear and accelerating towards the shops – it was not simply a matter of freewheeling with the brakes off.

Deli owner Sheri Haslehurst said "Fortunately we were not open, as if we had been I am certain that someone could have been seriously or fatally

injured. I am now once again facing months of rebuilding and disruption to my business. This should not be allowed. I am certain that if things remain the same there will be some loss of life." This view was echoed by staff at the nearby pharmacy.

Sheri had contacted local councillors after the first incident, but, she explained, although the matter had been referred to Amey, the latter had taken no action, probably due to cost. *Totley Independent* raised the issue with local councillors to see what might be done to prevent such incidents in the future. Councillor Martin Smith said that the city's highways engineers are actively looking at options such as bollards, pedestrian barriers or changes to the parking layout, but added "given factors such as the width of the pavement, coming up with an alternative design will not be an easy job".

Several people have (*continued p.3*)

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linked the damage to the Deli with the fact that at that point there is a lowered pavement kerb. However, it is clear from the CCTV footage of the incident that a normal raised kerb would not have prevented this incident – the car would simply have jumped over it. Some advocate double yellow lines in the attempt to prevent parking in the area, but clearly that would not be in the interests of traders or shop customers in this busy area, and in any case parking restrictions through double yellow lines outside the post office are routinely ignored by local drivers.

Some have suggested placing bollards at intervals down the rise, but there would need to be quite a number, and if these were to be strong enough to resist accelerating cars, they would need to be ramraid-proof type bollards which would need to be deep-set and would be hugely expensive. Another suggestion has been to erect railings down the edge of the pavement for the length of Totley Rise This might be cheaper, but there would need to be regular gaps to allow access to and from the shops, and it is questionable whether railings would be sufficient to prevent damage to shop frontages.

Most people are agreed that there is an inherent danger to property, and to life and limb, in this part of Totley, and that we have been fortunate so far not to have seen injuries or worse. Let's hope that the ingenuity of Sheffield traffic engineers can produce a solution.

In the meantime, Sheri would like to thank all her customers for their support and good wishes - and the message to all motorists must be: please drive and park carefully on Totley Rise!

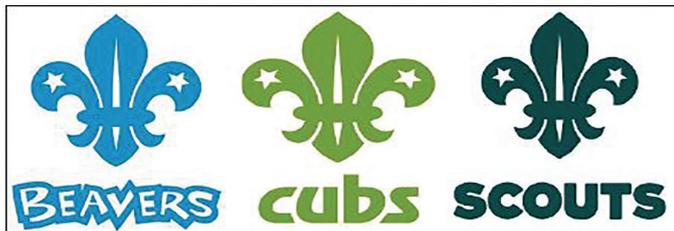
Totley Scouts

215th Sheffield (1st Totley) Scout Group

We welcome in a New Year with lots of exciting plans for our group in 2023.

We have all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break; we have renewed our batteries and all our sections are now back in action with a packed programme of activities.

The weather at this time of the year keeps us indoors more than usual but where possible we still try to get ourselves outside whenever we can. The Scouts started the term off with some outdoor cooking, although slightly soggy in the rain, and have a great programme filled with badge work and learning new skills. The Patrol Leaders will get a chance to show their leadership skills off later in the term and plans are being made for some weekend and summer camps.



The Cubs have an action-packed programme of activities which will see them completing two Activity Badges. We hope to get outside and do some star-gazing towards our Astronomer Badge and we plan to use our DIY skills to make something for our DIY badge. Added to that we will be doing some work to earn the Scientist badge and finding out all about the Hindu festival Holi. We are also planning a Cubs Got Talent night so the young people can show off just how amazing they are.

Our Beaver Colonies also have lots planned and we are starting the term off by thinking of our feathered friends and how we can help to feed them during the cold winter months. We are also looking at the Experiment badge and doing some planning and building to earn the Builder badge.

In February we take 125 of our youngsters to The Deep in Hull for a sleepover which we are all very excited about, and all the sections are busy organising their summer camps. How we long for some warmer weather now!

We have been delighted to welcome lots of new children into our group this term and the sections are all very full. The Scout section has particularly flourished this term and we are very much in need of a new Scout Leader to help with the running of the troops. If you think this may be something you would like to do or know of someone who may be interested please do get in touch with us to find out more information.

Sue Bridgens, Group Scout Leader
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All Saints Church

The last few months have been really exciting for us, All Saints Totley. Christmas (doesn't that feel so long ago now?) was a truly wonderful time.

We were delighted to welcome nearly 2000 folks through the different events. The church was alive with the spirit of Christmas, as joy and love filled every nook and cranny.

Families and friends gathered to sing carols and hear the story of the birth of Jesus, while the warm glow of the candles and twinkling lights created a magical atmosphere. It was a time to reflect on the true meaning of the season, and to come together as a community.

As we bid farewell to the holidays and look towards the new year, we know times are hard for many and so our church hall is now open on Monday mornings as a warm space for anyone who would like to drop in for a warm drink and a friendly face. See our website or social media for more information.

Easter is not far away and so we are excited to announce that we are thinking about starting a community choir for Easter - like the one we had for carols by candlelight. Please email music@allsaintstotley.church if you would like to find out more about that,

So as the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, keep an eye out for exciting events and activities happening at church over the Easter season. We can't wait to share in the joy and celebration with you all once again.

Rev. Ben Tanner, Vicar

"I'll put it out for the scrap man"

Who is the 'scrap man', or woman? Only *scrap dealers* have to be registered with the local authority, for a fee. A dealer is one who gives money for the scrap, and gives a receipt.

Collectors have none of these burdens, but only want something which they can sell on. Therefore if we put a refrigerator on the footpath, the only bits they want are the casing and the motor. What happens to the glass or plastic coated shelves, the plastic lining and the insulation? There is a good chance that they will get dumped somewhere, as litter or fly tipping, in a quiet road in the countryside, or even within a country park in Sheffield. The owner of that land is then responsible for disposing of it. It might contain asbestos, or be of danger to animals and wildlife.

And if the landowner can find any evidence of where it has come from, then the Police or Trading Standards officers will come knocking on your door. Also, do we really want strangers coming and looking around our property, supposedly for scrap? What does it cost to take it to the tip, or pay the seller of the new one, compared to the possibility of a fine?

Roger Hart

Tree Planting in Totley

The last event was on 30 November 2022 in Totley Hall Park. It was very successful, with six standard trees planted. Most of the team assisting the Council team were members of Friends of Gillfield Wood with Joe Otten and a few extras!



Totley Primary School

Pitch perfect at TPS!

Firstly, a very happy New Year to all within the local community!

One of the hardest aspects of the pandemic for us was the restriction on children being able to sing, play certain musical instruments and perform.

We have worked extremely hard to make up lost ground on this front and have made substantial investments in resources and provision, as we recognise what a fundamental role music has to play in children's personal development and well-being. In the words of Richard E. Grant in his recent Desert Island Discs interview,

"Music is the emotional wallop or the key to understanding everything in a way that goes beyond language."



Our Y5/6 choir sang their hearts out at the recent Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena.

Opportunities for all children to learn how to play musical instruments are now woven into our curriculum.

Children are introduced to the elements of music (pitch, tempo, timbre, rhythm dynamics, etc) in sequence as they progress through school and their understanding is consolidated and revisited through lessons where singing, listening to and appreciating significant pieces and genres of music (such as Big Band, blues, rock and roll, reggae and hip hop, as well as classical works) are fundamental building blocks, alongside performance and composition.

In terms of instruments, the emphasis is on singing and untuned percussion initially, complemented by regular input by specialist singing teachers from the Sheffield Music Hub. Tuned percussion (chime bars for example) come into play next, and then woodwind tuition for all children in recorder then clarinet. As children move up through the juniors, they will also experience ukulele, glockenspiel and keyboard tuition

as they develop their understanding of musical notation. Again, specialist teachers are brought in to support this delivery, where needed.



Those singing skills also came into play during our Christmas performances!

Alongside this, the work of trailblazing composers such as Delia Derbyshire (*Dr Who* theme), Brahms (inspired by his native folk music) and Steve Reich (musical minimalism) is explored and discussed in assemblies.

Extra-curricular tuition via peripatetic teachers (some of which is free of charge) also allows children to pursue their talents further should they wish.

The net result of all of these developments is a school which sings, plucks, boom whacks, chimes, plays, toe taps and grooves its way through each and every day - and it's wonderful!



Our Y4 children have made great progress in their whole class clarinet lessons!

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

How to Celebrate the Hope Valley Railway work?

If there's a Hope Valley railway left in these troubled times, is it too early to start thinking about celebrating the second platform and other improvements at Dore & Totley station? Throughout the 19th century, openings of new railway facilities were usually accompanied by lavish celebrations. Bands, bunting, flags, flowers, foliage and fireworks were often involved. From reports of these events, the piece 'See the Conquering Hero Comes' from Handel's oratorio 'Judas Maccabaeus' was definitely top of the pops at the time. So, too, were celebratory meals - usually with the directors and shareholders in one place, and the workers at a distance in another.

In Herefordshire, the start of a new line was marked when the first sod was ceremonially turned by the chairman's wife in 1854 using a silver spade costing £12 (£1,000 now) and an ornamental wheelbarrow. The line's opening day in 1857 involved a lot of food! 300 people used the first two trains to attend a lavish lunch at 2 o'clock at Kington. The lunch menu included beef, veal, lamb, chicken, ham, tongue, turkey and lobster, followed by cakes and fruit. After lunch the guests returned to Leominster. Bearing in mind this was in the days before Rennies (and other such products) there was another dinner and reception three hours later hosted by the company's chairman.

In 1856 in Abingdon, which was in Berkshire at the time, the town's railway took 19 troubled years to arrive. This was entirely due to the local MP's objections. The eventual success was celebrated by "90 gentlemen" who sat down to a champagne dinner. Meanwhile, the navvies who had done the work were less lavishly fed elsewhere out of sight! The opening day for passengers coincided with the end of the Crimean War, and the town also marked both occasions with an open-air feast in the Market Place.

*A "Fat Ox" sacrificed for the opening of a railway!
Even the "deserving poor" benefited from the opening if they lived near enough.*

Down in Devon, an opening was celebrated with pudding on a massive scale. When the South Devon Railway reached the seaside town of Paignton in August 1859, the event was celebrated with the baking of a pudding. Traditionally, earlier important events in Paignton had also been celebrated with large puddings. The pudding for the opening of the railway was made in eight parts and when put together weighed a ton and a half. Here's the recipe! The ingredients were 573

pounds of flour, 382 pounds of raisins, 191 pounds of currants, 191 pounds of bread, 382 pounds of suet, 360 quarts of milk, 320 lemons, 95 pounds of sugar, 144 nutmegs and a large quantity of eggs. Unfortunately for those of us thinking about some form of re-creation, no guidance was given on the method, cooking time or temperatures! In all, back then these ingredients were said to cost almost £50. Eight horses were used to haul the pudding to the town green where a celebration dinner was held.

Elsewhere, in Dorset, the navvies who had built the line were given beef and strong beer. In Witney, Oxfordshire (famous for its blankets) the population had a sheep roast, with the town's children being given buns and oranges. In Wiltshire, teas were provided for the "aged poor". In the Somerset coalfield the cutting of the first sod for a new line was marked by speeches, band music, the singing of a psalm and prayers. After the formal event, 3,000 local miners were each treated to "a pound of bread, a pound of beef and a quart of beer". This was served in large tents and, presumably, the railway's directors and other VIPs dined elsewhere.

When the Midland Railway's Sheffield to Chesterfield line opened in February 1870, 250 workmen were given a roast beef and plum pudding dinner at Dronfield. Church bells were rung, local bands played ("See the Conquering Hero Comes" of course), flags were hoisted and the day was treated locally as a holiday. However, while the trains ran past Dore, the first two-platform Dore station didn't open until 1st February 1872. There don't seem to have been any particular local celebrations for that. The Dore and Chinley line, which branches off at Dore, opened for passengers in May 1894. Dore and Totley station then gained more trains and another two platforms. A large celebration motto was displayed at Edale station, church bells were rung at Hathersage, the Hathersage brass band played and a hundred Hathersage children were treated to a ride on the new line to Edale and back. There were crowds of onlookers at all stations and some people had brought picnics. In Totley, the opening was marked by a two-day grand fete with stage entertainments and games held in Victoria Gardens, where the Prince of Wales brass band played popular music for dancing.

So, what's it to be for our celebrations? Should the local fat oxen start to worry? Or, perhaps, a ton and a half of pudding will certainly go a long way to feed the good people of Dore and Totley. Will the local bands start practising "See the conquering hero comes"? As the generals say, "time spent in reconnaissance is never wasted", so with suitable planning we should be able to look forward to marking the great day in style.

Mike Peart

Totley Yard Sale

Totley Yard Sale will be running again in 2023! It will be held on Sunday 14th May, from 10.30am. Sell your goods from your front garden!



It costs just £6 to participate (proceeds in aid of local community groups). Bookings will start in February.

So if you have things you want to sell from your drive or your front garden, put the date in your diary, and bookings will start in February.

For more information contact jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

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Totley Swift Group

As we await the return of our Swifts to Totley and S17 we can reflect on another successful year for the group.

Promotional work included stands and displays in Totley Library, outside the Co-op, at Totley Primary School, at Totley Show and at a seminar held at Hallam University. From an educational point of view our own Sally Goldsmith was invited to Totley

All Saints School to talk to the children about Swifts which went down very well. A similar exercise is due to be carried out in the next few weeks at Totley Primary School. We have already fitted a Swift nest box on both schools in the hope Swifts will at some stage be attracted to the nest chambers and add an extra dimension to the children's understanding of Swifts.

Getting Swifts to investigate and claim a nest box is not an easy matter - not quite like Blue Tits which have been known to take to a box as soon as it has been erected. We look on Swifts taking to nest boxes as a long-term project. Adult Swifts are usually faithful to their nest site, and these around Totley are currently holes and cracks in walls, or gaps under



Swift box being fitted (Photo: Chris Brewster)

guttering that give the bird access into roof space. It is only when the adults cannot access their original nest cavity due to home improvements that they will try and seek out a new nest site. It is, therefore, mainly Swifts that are two or three years of age that look for potential new nest sites. House improvements are regarded as one of the main reasons for the decline in Swift numbers nationally because in many places Swifts have been unable to find suitable alternative nest sites to successfully rear their young.

For this reason, Totley Swift Group has been concentrating on providing a large number of nest boxes around Totley and Sheffield 17. These boxes have been varied in size and shape depending on the space identified as suitable and available on a house, and of course, the house owner's preference. In October we had another full day fitting boxes and we are pleased to say that we have now erected over 100 boxes around S17, the majority in Totley, and these in total provide over 200 nest chambers for these wonderful birds to choose from as most of the boxes have two entrances and two nest chambers.

Some local residents have had sound systems attached to their nest boxes. These play Swift calls as this is known to be successful in attracting Swifts to nest boxes. In fact one local resident contacted us to fit a sound system to her nest box a few months after she had had her box fitted. The sound system was fitted in the spring of last year. It was a great decision on her part because Swifts were seen to enter her nest box a few weeks later in May; it was a first for the village as we had only had Swifts entering natural nest sites in houses until then. A very exciting moment to know a pair had occupied one of our nest boxes!

A Dore resident, again using a sound system, has also had success with two Swifts going into his nest box during last season, but he tells us that they were young birds, perhaps two or three years old, and were not breeding. The hope is that these two birds have made a mental note of the box and will return to breed in it this year - our fingers are well and truly crossed.

We also hope that the young birds that are reared in our nest boxes in the future will return and nest in one of our many other nest boxes available, rather than search for cracks and holes in buildings. That is the hope and why we tell residents this is a long-term project. We do of course realize that weather conditions, the huge decline in insects and the massive migration these birds undertake each year, to Africa and back, can and do have a real impact on their numbers. We can only try and help them; and the authors of a very recent scientific paper have clearly stated that "conservation efforts in this country should focus on ensuring that safe and productive nesting sites are readily available to these iconic summer visitors".

Our work will continue with regard to putting up nest boxes for those residents that get in touch via Facebook or our email account swiftsoftotley@outlook.com. In the meantime, we are keen to get more people involved in looking out for Swifts around S17 and reporting information back to us. Even if the information just relates to observations from your house and garden, please get in touch; you certainly do not need to be an expert. It does not matter if you are not sure what the difference is between a Swift and a House Martin, we are intending to have walks and training sessions around the village between May and August - a real chance for you to get to grips with Swifts and watch them scything through the air above and below roof tops of Totley, screaming as they go.

You can follow us on Facebook (S17 & Totley Swifts) and Twitter (@Totley Swifts), and you can write to the above email account to get your name added to the Totley Swift Group mailing list. We started out as Totley Swift Group but news spread and we are now very much an S17 group dealing with enquiries from Dore and Bradway as well, undertaking site visits and doing nest box fittings.

So, as we eagerly await the return of our Swifts at the beginning of May, we also look forward to hearing from you, particularly if you would like to help us with our survey work and experience the excitement of discovering Swifts entering one of our nest boxes, and recording a new nest site for us.

With regard to Swift bricks: if you are having house improvements and you are having scaffolding erected, please consider having a Swift nest box erected. This is an ideal time for one to be fitted and we can obviously provide any advice you may need as to type of box and siting. And if new brickwork is involved you could always consider getting one or more Swift bricks fitted by your builder. These are specially-designed bricks with a cavity for Swifts to nest in and these bricks can be retro-fitted as well.

And finally you might be interested to know that there is a national campaign currently running to try to make Swift bricks compulsory in new builds. About 44,000 signatures have been added to the petition, the target is 100,000; so, if you would like to add your own signature to the petition the link is: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/626737>

Chris Measures

James Edward Martin 1936 – 2022

James Martin, better known as Jim or Jimmy, died peacefully in November 2022. Jimmy's father ran Ormes general grocery store, on the corner of Busheywood Road. Jimmy did his National Service and spent time in the RAF; afterwards he worked for Cadbury's in Birmingham. When his father died, his mother took over what is now 'Seasons' but was then a newsagents and sweetshop. Mrs Martin and Jimmy lived over the shop.

Many children remember going into his shop to buy their sweets, waiting patiently until the many jars were scrutinised and a choice finally made. They remember how he would order their favourite Christmas annuals, such as 'The Broons' and 'Oor Willie'.

One former customer recalls: "Jimmy and his shop were integral to my adolescence, with the evolving weekly magazine subscriptions that I picked up perfectly documenting my changing tastes. From the early days of Bunty through to the Kerrang! years as a music-loving teenager, the reading material which shaped my adolescence was all provided by Jimmy (whom I still can't bring myself to refer to as the more grown-up 'Jim'!) No matter what subscription – or sweets – I was picking up, Jimmy was always friendly, interested and non-judgemental: no mean feat, probably, when faced with someone you've known since childhood suddenly swapping their comics for heavy-metal magazines. He will be dearly missed".



Long after those children moved away from Sheffield, he always asked parents how they were getting on. He had not forgotten them and was always interested in their lives.

Martin's Shop was a meeting place for people – some coming in simply for a chat – all were made welcome.

Roger Hart, who had become quite good friends with Jim, remembers the stocktaking. Jess Marshall had helped in the past, but another pair of hands was welcomed and Roger was tempted by the belief that Mrs Martin brought a cup of tea with homemade scones part way through the task. Unfortunately, it was the time of power cuts and heating cuts, there was only the lighting in the cold shop. Eventually, Mrs Martin was heard coming down the steel fire escape type steps at the rear. She was welcomed in, but, no scones - just a dry biscuit each!

Others remember moving to Sheffield and finding that Jim was an amazing source of local knowledge. 'Where have you moved into?' he asked another newcomer to the area and, when he heard the address, 2, Prospect Place. 'Oh, Steep Bank' he replied. We thought he was referring to the very steep road, but no, it had been the name of the house in the dim and distant past. It was then that we realised Jimmy knew Totley and its people like the back of his hand. Jim was an enthusiastic member of the Totley History Society. His knowledge of both the area and the people, past and

present was a real asset to the group and he co-authored the first local history book the group published. This was about the Totley men who lost their lives in WWI, Jimmy's uncle being one of them. Jimmy enjoyed representing the group when they had displays at various Local History events, often to be seen chatting to an old friend or ex-customer about their past connections.

Fast forward to the 2000s when Peter, a friend of Jimmy's, was doing his retirement 'job' as a collector supervisor for St Luke's Lottery. When Jimmy retired from the shop, he too took on a round to support the Hospice. Jim also helped with the Dramatic Society at the United Reformed Church, and at amateur productions in town such as Croft House Theatre Company when they performed at the Lyceum. He helped with the events at and restoration of Abbeydale Picture House.

In April 2015 Jim was invited to receive the purse of Maundy money from the late Queen at Sheffield cathedral. Unfortunately, Jim was already committed to going somewhere with friends and felt he couldn't let them down. I felt this was a terrible shame but he wouldn't be persuaded to go back on his word.

Jim was a stalwart member of Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, always helping out – usually in the background. He would go home from church on Christmas morning and then set off visiting any member who would be on their own that day, often not having his own Christmas meal until the evening.

One member recalls that every time he saw Jim when he was leaving following a Church Service he always said - with that familiar smile on his face - "Remember me to Christine. I'll check up that you did, next time I see her!"

Many describe Jim as "such a gentleman". He is greatly missed. Totley has lost one of its most loyal supporters.

Jeanne Clarke

Totley History Group presents

A Man a Knife and a Project (A history of Portland Works) by Anna deLange



**WEDNESDAY 22 February 2023
7.30PM IN TOTLEY LIBRARY
NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

Beauchief Gardens

Over the past few weeks, two trees and some overgrown bushes have been removed from the gardens by contractors on behalf of the Council. The two trees were remaining from four trees, planted years ago, and have grown to be very tall, but their roots were causing damage to the path.



An old photo showing the original four fir trees - and the original shelter!

Bushes adjacent to the railway, and the ramp down into the lower gardens, were removed as they were obstructing the ramp. They had grown to have large trunks, the stumps of which have been left.

Grants from the J.G.Graves Trust, who gave the gardens to the City Council in 1934, and from the National Lottery, enabled us to purchase a Houghton shelter, made in Sheffield, to replace the splendid wooden pavilion type shelter which was burned down by vandals. It is not as comfortable and is not weatherproof, but it is a shelter. We are waiting for the builders to return with sealant to stop rain from splashing onto the seats - they need a dry day! We hope to attach interpretation boards to the ends of the shelter, one showing birds and one showing locomotives which use the track.



The new shelter being erected

The dam has refilled but the goyt is running very slowly. Enquiries have been made to the railway contractors, as the goyt is taken from the River Sheaf, which is at the other side of the railway, to the gardens. Their response is awaited.

More daffodil bulbs have been planted, courtesy of members of Vulcan Rotary. Replanting of roses against the wall supporting the road is delayed due to limited finances.

The improvement works on the railway are about 6 months behind schedule, but closures of the railway and car park have been widely publicised, covering a few weeks in January and February.

Debates have been held on the history of the gardens, as the main part of the gardens, the lower area, seems to some

to have been part of the original dam, though others have argued against. Pauline Burnett, from Totley History Group is of the opinion that they were part of the original dam. Her article on the origins of this dam, and another where the station is now, make fascinating reading.

Roger Hart, Vulcan Rotary Club

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

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Winter Warmer

Saturday 11th March, 10am to 12 noon

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As part of our concern for our community we have developed a prayer diary in which day by day we hold in prayer all the streets, organisations and retailers in the S17 area.

If you would like a copy to join us in prayer please text Elaine at the number above.

Elaine Ferguson

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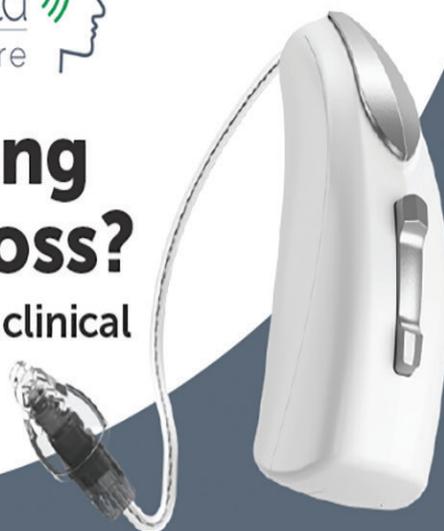
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The Walking Blues Blue's Game

RONY Come on Blue! Time for walkies in Green Oak Park!

BLUE Let's make up a game sheet Rony, for everyone to take out and play when walking their own dogs. We could leave a stack in Totley Tails and Whiskers. Here are Blue's Rules:

1 READ aloud each of the following short speeches overheard in Totley!

2 UNDERLINE every blue, and every word that sounds like blue (e.g. blew)!!

3 COUNT your blue underlinings, then e-mail your result to the Head Eater to claim your remarkable prize!!!

BLUEBELLS We are little blue flowers that spring up to show when it's Spring in Gilly Woods.

BALOO I was Baloo the Totley scout leader at that funny black shed next to All Saints and people used to admire my wogall, even if they couldn't spell it.

MR BLOOM And I am Mr Bloom from Ulysses but I am still banned from Totley Library after what happened.

OWL I am a rare owl in Totley and I only dare wear my blue and white after dark.

FATS DOMINO I sang Blue Monday on a Dansette record player in a Totley prefab in 1955.

BLUE MOON I am a closed cafe by the cathedral. I used to be full of Nether Edge and Heeley people drinking herb teas and reading poetry magazines.

BLUE (BAND) We are not greasy margarine but a boy band - Simon Webb and Duncan James and Anthony Costa and Lee Something, and we think we played the Fleur (and lost).

BLU SYBIL I am how the Star usuali misspells me in there theater reveiws.

BLUES We are Whirlow Conservatives because we want to conserve ourselves.

TOTLEY TRUMPETER I had one trumpet lesson in Totley but then I blew it.

TWO BLUEBERRIES A Short TOADS Play about Teenagers and Mrs Cook of Baslow Road, who was once a teacher at All Saints:

Teenager Can you give me the ingredients, please, Miss?

Mrs Cook of Baslow Rd Butter sugar eggs yoghurt milk plain flour baking powder bicarb and blueberries.

Teenager Thank you. Should I stir the mix?

Mrs Cook of Baslow Rd No. You want your final mix to be lumpy thick and floury.

Teenager Thank you. And thank you for saying blueberries.

Mrs Cook of Baslow Rd No, thank you! You are very well behaved for a teenager.

Teenager Thank you Miss. That's because I'm off the Laverdene

The scenery falls down, as it sometimes does at the TOADS.

BLUE It's raining again Rony and I really think we need to stop now. This weather is something we greyhounds don't like.

RONY In fact, Blue, I think it's Blue Monday, believed to be the most depressing day of the year, half way through January. If it isn't we will have to wait until next year before we are allowed to be depressed.

BLUE Well done Dear Reader! Now count your underlinings and put your total here _____! Now email the HeadEater and claim your remarkable prize!

NOTE FROM HEAD EATER: Do not email the Head Eater. I must apologise now, but due to technical reasons the remarkable prizes are no longer available. Blooming bad luck eh?

Blue of Lemont, and Rony

Regular events and meetings at Totley Library

Monday:

French lessons for children following the award winning course material from La Jolie Ronde. After-school classes are available for children in the children's library 3.40pm - Y5/Y6; 4.10pm - Y3/Y4; 4.40pm - Y1/Y2 5.30pm - Y4/Y5

Contact Joanna on 07854 148809 or email speaquesheffield@gmail.com to find out more about local availability for French language classes.

Friends of Gillfield Wood, occasional Mondays, 7.30pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the FoGW article in this issue, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com
Councillor Surgery, 2nd Monday of the month, 6-7pm

Tuesday:

Baby Time 1.30-2.15pm (term times only). Come along to meet other parents/carers and babies. We sing simple songs, have fun and allow time to chat.

Poetry Group, first Tuesday in month, 7.00 - 9.00pm. *Please note that this group cannot accept new members at present.*

Friends of Dore and Totley Station Occasional Tuesdays, 7.30pm. See www.FODATS.net

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12noon

Story Time for toddlers and pre-school children from 10am - 11.30am (except school holidays). Children can take part in weekly themed craft activities, sing songs and listen to a story. £1 donation per child greatly appreciated.

Health Walks, 10.30am, meet at Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com

Totley History Group, usually last Wednesday of the month, 7.30. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters, the *Totley Independent Diary*, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Yoga sessions 7.00 - 8.30pm, Wednesdays (except the last Wednesday of the month). For more details call Ann Zielonka on 0114 2361585 or 07929 736966. Beginners welcome. You are advised to call Ann to check that the sessions are taking place.

Thursday:

Thursday Morning Natter 10.30 - 11.30. Hot drinks and good company - for people aged 60 or over.

Chair Aerobics with Kay 12noon for 45-60 minutes. An Age UK and People Keeping Well weekly exercise class. £3 per week - no need to pre-book, just turn up.

Reading Club 2 meets in the library on the third Thursday of each month between 1.30 and 3pm. If you are interested in coming along please email Dawn Rich, who runs the club, at dawn@ilmd.biz

Saturday:

Regular second-hand book sales. Check CRIC website and the Diary page in this issue for upcoming sales: <http://www.totleycric.org.uk/>

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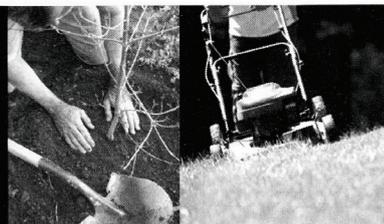
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Update from Olivia Blake MP

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone in Totley a very Happy New Year. I hope you were all able to have some rest over the holidays, spend time with family and enjoy the festivities.

As we head into 2023, I want to know what issues people in Totley would like me

to focus on over the next year, whether it is campaigning for a Green New Deal for our city, standing up for our NHS and public services or something else entirely. So, I am asking everyone across our constituency to please take my short survey, to help inform which issues I should focus on in the new year. You can share your ideas on my website here: www.oliviablake.org.uk/2023/01/12/campaigns2023 or call my office. Thank you.

As many of you will know, there was a major incident declared in Stannington in the weeks leading up to Christmas involving a burst water main, and the subsequent flooding of a gas main. I was in the constituency throughout this major incident alongside my staff and a fantastic team of volunteers – delivering leaflets, helping answer questions and assisting with welfare checks and broader door-knocking. I will be pushing for a public inquiry so no other community in Sheffield or across the country has to go through something like this again.

I have objected to the proposed development on the site of the Dore Moor Garden Centre. The Dore Neighbourhood Plan was created to protect our precious Green Belt and to safeguard the setting and landscape character of the Peak District National Park. I do not believe this application achieves this.

I'm also deeply concerned by the nature of the proposals. There is a need for more housing for older residents in Sheffield, but it needs to be genuinely affordable. Proposing building 125 luxury care homes shows more concern for maximising profit than adequately addressing the housing needs of our city.

I have raised the issue of inadequate consultation time for these proposals with the council and understand that the formal period for comments has now been extended. If you have thoughts on

the proposal, please do send these to the Planning department.

In Parliament I have been campaigning for important reforms to green the financial system. Since the Paris agreement, the world's 60 largest banks financed \$3.8 trillion worth of fossil fuel projects. The vast wealth in the financial system must be used to tackle the emergencies we face - not fuel them. I convened a Westminster Hall debate on the urgent need to reform the financial system. I also tabled and supported a number of amendments to Government legislation to enshrine climate protection and harness the power of the city to act as a force for people and planet. Sadly, the Government voted down these amendments.

As Co-Chair of the All Party group on Migration I have been working with unions and front-line organisations campaigning for safe and legal passages for asylum seekers trying to reach safety in the UK. On the anniversary of the night 32 people died in the Channel I called on the Prime Minister to speed up investigations to ensure the families of those who died receive answers, and lessons are learnt to make sure tragedies like this never happen again. Since my question to the Prime Minister, the government has published an interim report into the tragedy. I will continue campaigning for justice for the families and safe and legal routes for all asylum seekers.

I am proud to support RCN nurses in Sheffield who have voted to take strike action for the first time in the College's history. Since 2010 nurses have seen their real terms pay cut by 20%. As a result, 83% said there aren't enough nursing staff to meet all patient needs safely. I will be doing everything I can to support striking nurses over the coming months.

Two in five of the now four million children living in poverty are not eligible for free school meals. I signed a Parliamentary Motion calling on the Government to introduce Free School Meals and raised this with officials from the Department for Education during a Public Accounts Committee Session.

If you would like to hear more about what I have been getting up to, you can sign up to my monthly newsletter on my website. And once again, Happy New Year!

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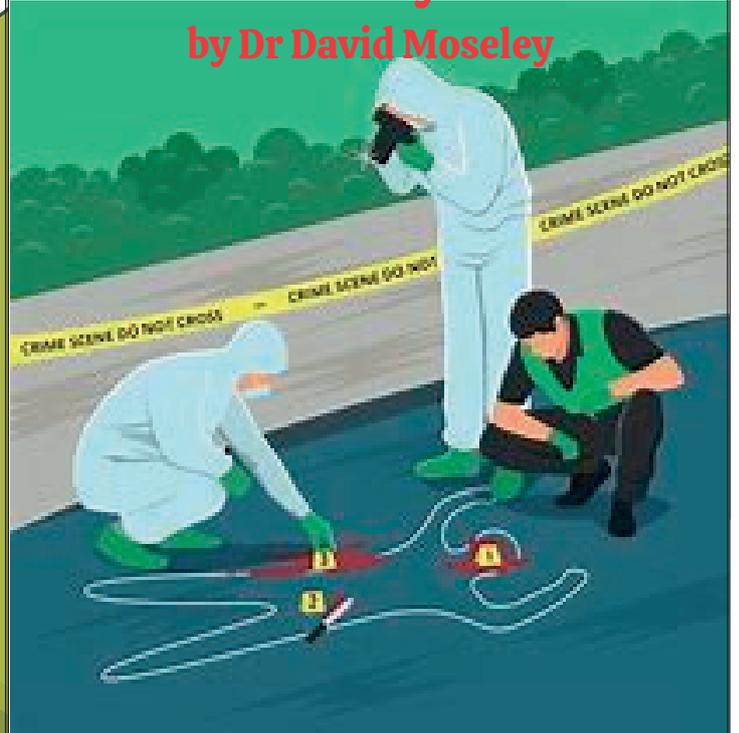
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Our dates for 2023 are:

11th January	110am-12pm	12th July
8th February		9th August
8th March		13th September
12th April		11th October
10th May		8th November
14th June		13th December

Emphasis is on peer support and many have found this invaluable.

What's on at Totley Library



Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Totley CRIC will be holding a Volunteer Recruitment Fair on Thursday 30th March from 5.30pm to 8.30pm at Totley Library to give new and current volunteers the chance to come and find out about the many roles we have available. There will be stalls giving information on each role and the chance to chat over refreshments with other volunteers. It's also a chance for current volunteers to see what other opportunities there are available and to say thank you. We look forward to seeing you all!

Totley Library Community Art Space - Original Art and Prints for Sale.

The Community Art Space at Totley Library continues to showcase the works of new and established local artists. If you are looking for an interesting or unique piece of art to enhance your walls, do come and have a look. New art works by Marianna Keen, Ann Rogers, Anne Atkinson, Ian Geary and Gina Hodges are now on display and available for sale.



Marianna Keen

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



Anne Atkinson

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting community initiative and who would like to exhibit in April 23 and July 23. For further information, please call in at Totley Library and take a look at the Art Space or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

Art in the Children's Library

We have an exciting new project, collaborating with King Egbert's School Art Department, to display young people's artwork in the Children's library. Come and see the work of our future Monets and Picassos!

Current Opening Hours

Mondays 1pm - 7pm
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 5pm
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Totley Library Cinema

Our cinema programme at Totley Library is available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Refreshments will be served at all these films. Raffle tickets: £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Thursday matinee films are free for over-65s.

For details of films to be shown in February and March, please see posters in the library or visit our website at www.totleycric.org.uk

Overdue books

Since 1st April 2022, there will be no fines on items that are returned late. Library users are still encouraged to return or renew their library books on time. Lost and damaged items are charged at replacement value.

Please have a look at home for any overdue books and return to the library as soon as possible. This will help ensure all our library users are able to enjoy the newest titles.

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Firstly, we would like to wish all of those who know us and continue to support Transport 17, a very Happy New Year. We feel humbled by the generosity of the local community and are grateful for the continued support we receive.

Many of you will have watched the Princess of Wales' Carol Service, broadcast on Christmas Eve by ITV. The service was supported by the Royal Foundation, a charity founded and run by the Prince and Princess of Wales. 2000 or so people who have made a difference to their community were invited to the service at Westminster Abbey, by the Princess of Wales. The purpose of the service was to pay tribute to the late Queen and the values she demonstrated throughout her life as well as highlight the selflessness of individuals and communities across the UK and the remarkable impact that coming together to support others can have for us all.

Two of our longer-standing volunteers were invited to attend the service. The recommendation for attendance officially came from the Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire, Dame Hilary Chapman, DBE. She was asked by Kensington Palace to nominate a very small number of potential attendees who, in the past year, had:

- * Made a positive difference to the lives of others
- * Gone above and beyond to help those around them and provide support to those in need
- * Contributed to making their community a kinder and more nurturing place

David and Sandra Longley were nominated to attend, representing Transport 17, a huge accolade for a small organisation like ourselves. The citation that went to the Palace read "Mr David Longley, who will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs Sandra Longley. David Longley, who is 79 years old, has been a volunteer minibus driver for the Charity Transport 17 for around 18 years. Mrs Longley has also given great support to the charity over a number of years, supporting the governance, fundraising and admin activities as a volunteer."



David and Sandra have told us how proud they were to have represented all the volunteers who have given so much of their time so willingly in such a dedicated way since Transport 17's inception. Sandra went on to say "to be in Westminster Abbey for a service is a very rare opportunity and to experience all that that involves was just awe inspiring. Being in the presence of the Royal Family in such a way was amazing and to be the member of a huge congregation who all have the same aim was quite something. The whole experience is a memory we will treasure forever."

Spring Fundraiser – Saturday 25th March

Some of you will recall Transport 17 held regular Spring events pre-Covid. We are really pleased to be holding one

again this year. It will be from 10am to 12pm, at the Cross Scythes pub on Baslow Rd, and will include some familiar stalls as well as being supported by local jazz band Seven Hills Quintet. Look out for our posters in local businesses, which will include further details, nearer the time.

Volunteer Drivers Desperately Needed

Transport 17 is desperately seeking new volunteer minibus drivers. The recent retirement and unexpected ill health of some of our regular drivers has sadly meant that we have been unable to provide transport to some of the local lunch and social clubs during January this year. The journeys in February will also be affected. This has led to the cancellation of some journeys which sadly impacts hugely on our passengers, many of whom only have this one opportunity each week to get out of the house and socialise within the local community. If you think you might be able to help out and/or are interested in finding out more about volunteering with us, please contact us on 0114 236 2962, or by email at admin@transport17.co.uk

Look out for our DIY SOS in the next issue of the *Totley Independent*.

We have recently had some long-awaited damp proofing completed at the back of the building, leaving the toilet and kitchen areas in need of renovation and re-decoration. We will be putting a call out to any local tradespeople (builders, plumbers, electricians, decorators) who might be willing to donate a small amount of time and their skills to making this area of our offices on Baslow Road habitable again.

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Every Tuesday morning, between 10am and 12noon, Totley Rise Methodist Church opens its doors to offer a warm space and free drinks.

There's no charge, only a friendly cosy atmosphere, people to talk to, tea, coffee and a good selection of biscuits. There's even the opportunity to charge your mobile phone.

If you're trying to cut back on your heating bills, or just fancy a warm drink and a chat, this could be the place to be!

Just turn up to Totley Rise Methodist Church!

Litter-Picking Group

The next litter-picking sessions in Totley are Saturday February 25 and Saturday March 25th, between 10 and 11am.

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11. Graves

In writing this I went on the internet to find out a little more about John George Graves. He came to Sheffield as a watchmaker, don't you know. And I bet if I wanted to, I could go on the internet and look at every one of the pictures in the gallery that bears his name. I think this might be the problem actually. I'm sat at home in a nice swivel chair, listening to The Longpigs, letting my fingers access the entire world. I remember going to museums and libraries as a child, sitting cross-legged on coarse carpet tiles, the smell of something colossal and magnificent in my nostrils. I'm talking about the building and their collected works here, not my sniggering friend sat next to me looking all together too happy.

Now, I've studied art at university and I don't for a moment pretend to like all of it (you're probably feeling something similar now), but I still love the feeling you get from being with it. It's the creak of the floors rebelling against the hush of the air, it's the discussion you have with an artist who isn't even there, but has taken the time to create a hugely personal argument on a subject just for you. It's even the act of moving between works to view them in their own habitat. And if that's not enough to tempt you from your seats I hear there's a well-stocked gift shop and tearoom...

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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Here we go with the start of another year. Let's hope it is considerably better than the last few, but with the unrest in the public sector when everyone is in the same boat unless you are extremely well off, it makes you wonder. Still, we had a very nice Christmas Concert which played to a full house. There was plenty of humour with a programme of mainly Christmas music; the 'pantomime' Cinderella went down exceedingly well and even my usual Flanders and Swann contribution got a good reception - even though many said that they had not heard it before but really enjoyed it. It is always nice when the audience tells us how much they enjoyed things.



The Christmas concert performance

Now to the next important dates on our calendar, the next show. This is to be *HMS Pinafore*, that wonderful spoof on class snobbery using the Navy as its hook (or should I say anchor). It tells the story of Josephine, daughter of Captain Corcoran, who he is trying to marry off to Sir Joseph Porter (KCB), the First Lord of The Admiralty; but she is really in love with 'a common sailor', Ralph Rackstraw. There are some well known songs such as Sir Joseph Porter's song telling how he became First Lord by not knowing anything of the Navy and never having gone to sea but by polishing up the handle of the big front door, an evil character in Dick Deadeye and Little Buttercup, who is not usually little at all but is at the centre of the tale. There are plenty of comic moments and is always a great piece of entertainment. If you've not seen any of the G & S operettas it is a good one to cut your teeth on. Go on, give it go. It will be performed at the Montgomery Theatre,

Surrey Street Sheffield, S1 2LG on Wednesday 26th April, Thursday 27th April and Friday 28th April 2023 at 7.30pm and on Saturday 29th April at 2.30pm. Tickets (£16 and £8) are available by phone on 07565 805405 or via e-mail at dore_bookings@mail.com or via the web at <https://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html> or even by post (please include a SAE) from Mr T Bates, 8 Canalside, Renishaw, S21 3UY. Please note that they cannot be purchased from the theatre.

As usual, if you want more information please feel free to ring me on 0114 236 2299. Please try and come and see it. These days societies like ours need all the support we can get and you will have a very enjoyable evening (or afternoon) out.

See you there and a Happy New Year to you all.

Derek Habberjam

Tales of the Riverbank

If you have visited Totley Rise Methodist Church or Centre in Grove Road lately you might have noticed that two of the car park spaces are closed off. This is because the riverbank adjacent to the church car park is beginning to show signs of being undermined by the Old Hay Brook. This forms a large part of the boundary between the church and neighbouring land and surrounds our Quiet Garden, much appreciated and used by Totley residents during the Covid lockdown.

We have had major engineering projects in 2013 and 2019 to stabilise parts of the river bank around the Quiet Garden; these have prevented any further erosion in these areas but now we need to carry out further work to avoid erosion of the remaining section of the bank. This will cost about £43000 and we are working hard to raise money from a number of grant awarding bodies, local and national, including the National Lottery. All being well, we anticipate the work will be completed by early autumn 2023. Note that this will not stop us entering the Totley Open Gardens event and all work will be confined to church grounds. We hope that Old Hay Brook will be flowing freely and without obstruction again soon.

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Totley in 2050?

Soon after this article lands behind your front door, it won't take long to read some heartwarming articles on how Totley was years ago, and who and what was there to make it a good place to live.

Since we now live in ever-changing electronic times, with Windows planning to move up another notch, I wonder what Totley will be like in 2050? Will it have expanded and, if so, in what direction? Will it still have a singular identity within a large city? Will it be in an economic crisis through no fault of its own? Will it even resemble what is before you today? Who amongst you may know, and if so, please don't keep it to yourselves.

As for public transport, will there be any buses - battery, hydrogen powered or with solar panels on their roofs? Will they still be running past Abbey Lane or just a distant memory? Will we end up having to own or rent electric cars, with charging points on site, or located nearby and not in use when urgently needed.

Alternatively, there should be bookings available for quick arrival taxi drones to take us anywhere in South Yorkshire soon after we've paid by pressing (or voicing) their pay-before-you-go keys in the right order. There may even be a slot for paying by what's left of paper money because crime on the Internet might have largely overwhelmed banks and card companies on electronic messaging, resulting in many of their customers being robbed of hard earned savings and dealing with demands for unpaid standing orders and reductions in their credit ratings.

Despite all this, will you still be reading *Totley Independent's* pages on your newest of new smart phones or on large screens in shop windows? Or will you keep wondering what happened to its pleasantly presented hard copies, published in traditional print as newspapers once were, but eventually stored as museum pieces for future generations.

Even more worrying, will our locally-run library and its garden surrounds still be there for both ends of the age range and all the rest in between? If not, you could fall back on your mind's eye crystal ball or its pattern of decaffeinated tea leaves when the your cup has run dry. There could also be the umpteenth version of the latest smart-know-it-all device or the soothing tones of Ms Google's ageless voice for providing an instant answer to these or any other questions, although not always conveyed in intelligible jargon.

As for parcels once delivered by rushed human drivers in overloaded vans: instead we should first receive a text when a friendly drone is due at hand-over-height, or for picking up a return. In either case, it would be possible to arrange a mutually convenient time, and thus not having to be disturbed by a much too early door knock while we're still asleep.



In keeping with the rest of the country, more and more people in Totley (including many in their teens) are now paying for nearly everything with money (or its concept) that cannot be seen or touched. Before long, they may even be deprived of the sight and sound of faded notes crinkling in their hands.

It also seems that the cash machines at the local Co-op and Tesco could literally become just 'walls without holes' and sooner than expected, making life a lot harder for people with limited incomes, who still depend heavily on hard cash in hand without the benefits of banking or credit cards

Cheques too could be in danger of becoming extinct despite the difficulties of being hacked into. Indeed, it's not often (or hardly ever) that one sees payment by this method in any of Totley's stores. Such orders for payment are still sent by post (probably a good deal safer than by keyboard tapping) especially when children's birthdays are concerned, when the fortunate receivers enjoy opening an accompanying card with its most welcome and handwritten amount of value folded neatly inside.

Interestingly enough, in some public car parks, the collecting machines only accept payment by card, with the interest on the account being quickly increased and the total amount outstanding unlikely to be cleared during the foreseeable future or within the cheque holder's lifetime. Moreover, if existing paper currency is disallowed for parking or for any other reason, the future of both notes and metal coins (remember them?) could be a matter of history. This said, as modern communication goes, it's super quick and marvellous in many respects, but subject to a range of problems and not just sudden cuts in electric power (recently we've had another sudden interruption of supply on Green Oak Road).

Much of what we transmit and receive are also vulnerable to the dangers of scamming, along with being told - by operating systems from all sorts of organisations - on how we should transmit our information, all of which can affect what we buy, what we sell, what we upload plus multiples of never-ending 'musts' to do exactly what we have to do, and just when we have to do it by if we know what's good for us!

Fortunately, there's some respite from such dictates during the gatherings at our Totley library. One notable example occurs during the sales of plants grown with love and care, but ready for moving on to other welcoming homes. In doing so, there's plenty of face to face chats and the remaining remnants for immediate cash exchanges accompanied by 'real interactions' between buyers and sellers on a person to person basis.

May these encounters and similar get-togethers last as long as they can!

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Service timetable updates

On the bright side we're seeing regular hourly Northern services stopping at all stations starting at roughly the same minutes past the hour from Sheffield, Dore and Piccadilly. Always check for your specific train time because one or two differ by a few minutes from the following pattern:

Sheffield departures for Dore at xx.18 – usually Platform 7

Dore & Totley going west at xx.21

Piccadilly coming east at xx.18

Dore & Totley for Sheffield at xx.58

Unfortunately for some Sheffield commuters the former 08.28 has been re-timed to 08.58 to keep the hourly pattern, and the new 08.21 for Manchester is the later re-timed departure that previously flew from Dore to Edale without stopping.

TransPennine Express and East Midlands both now run through to Liverpool from Sheffield every hour, or should! They may offer a refreshment service on some trains for parts of their routes.

East Midlands try to run four carriages stopping here at 06.25 and 07.36 for Manchester and Liverpool.

Returning, they offer Manchester Piccadilly departures at 07.43 (our 08.28 into Sheffield), 16.43, 17.43 and 22.30 all stopping at Dore, for Nottingham and some to Norwich.

TransPennine Express should be operating six carriages on most of their trains, the only ones that offer first class travel on our route, taking about 50 minutes.

Going west to Manchester and Liverpool in the morning they're timed to stop here at 05.15, 06.15, 07.14 and 08.15.

Trains stopping at Dore are timed to leave Piccadilly at 07.12 (our 08.04 into Sheffield), 17.13, 18.13, 19.13, 20.13 and 21.13, all bound for Cleethorpes.

Rail services and industrial relations

Whilst the foregoing timetabling is as good as we've had for well over 50 years the reliability of our trains has been – to put it bluntly – diabolical!

Over the last 6 months Dore & Totley has had the unhappy distinction of appearing at 2523rd out of 2628 UK stations for punctuality of trains (according to On Time Trains data at 16.1.2023). That's actually a slight improvement, we've appeared in the bottom 25 at times in the last year.

Why? The greater part of it is due to a breakdown in industrial relations across the entire railway industry. It pervades all our Train Operating Companies (TOCs) and vital sections of Network Rail. This situation has been gradually building up over years but has been exacerbated by a backlog of training during the Covid lockdown period. The railway has relied on a lot of voluntary overtime and rest day working to cover things like Sundays (traditionally not in the standard working week), sickness, holiday absences, when trains are delayed - and training. In normal times this all works fairly well. When morale breaks down it doesn't. Employers want to introduce changed conditions and working practices in return for salary increases. As the government subsidises railways very heavily they won't fund more expenditure without reductions in costs. The unions won't call off bans on overtime, the working of rest days or further strikes without more money than the government will currently sanction.

Currently TPE are being hit a lot harder than Northern or East Midlands and they are having to cancel a lot of trains, often at less than 24 hours notice. Our 07.14 and 08.15 suffer as badly as any. Northern have greatest difficulty manning the trains on Sundays. When Network Rail signallers strike nothing runs along the Hope Valley, although the main lines are usually covered during the middle of the day, but not early mornings and evenings.

We can only hope sanity soon prevails, but in the meantime more drivers and skilled staff are taking jobs elsewhere or retiring. Even optimistically it probably won't be fully resolved for months.

The Improvement Work

As I write the latest construction work is well under way and by the time you'll be reading this that phase will be almost over. That's good. There will be further major disruption in the next 6-9 months as the second platform and footbridge are constructed as well as completion of the track work and signalling to operate it. By December the work should be almost over and we'll be seeing operational tracks to help improve punctuality. The tidying up should be under way by next Spring.



Track work in progress: the night shift

In the meantime we have the pain, not least the removal of all the trees pictured on the front cover of the last edition of the *Totley Independent!* Bricks without straw, omelettes without eggs, no gain without pain - and much gnashing of teeth! Those trees were only planted 10 years ago when the car park was opened. We're assured there will be replacement planting there and elsewhere from early 2024.

Car parking is proving difficult on three counts.

1. Residents on West View Lane have temporarily lost over half their car parking and access to their garages. That's to allow excavation and soil nailing below Poynton Wood to create more level ground to take a third track for freight trains waiting to move between the two main lines. This process means the sides of the resulting cutting can be steeper without risking land slides and preserving the natural woodland.
2. Loss of the station car park is causing people to park along Abbeydale Road South almost as far as the Industrial Hamlet and well up Dore Road. The alternative car parking at the top of the Abbeydale Sports Club car park is not popular. No surprise there - we told the public inquiry in 2016 that would be the case.
3. Contractors vehicles at weekends totally fill the station car park and are parking on the central reservation of the Abbeydale Road South dual carriageway where it crosses the railway. There isn't a better nearby place for them without parking outside domestic properties, or perhaps a little further away at that car park noted above! That issue won't blast very long but in the meantime the contractors have been asked to clear up their litter.

By the next edition we should be able to see real progress with both the works and more reliable rail services. We can but hope.

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Voting at elections - the new rules

As a result of the Elections Act 2022, all persons voting in elections, both national and local, must now show 'acceptable' photo ID before they can vote in person at a polling station.

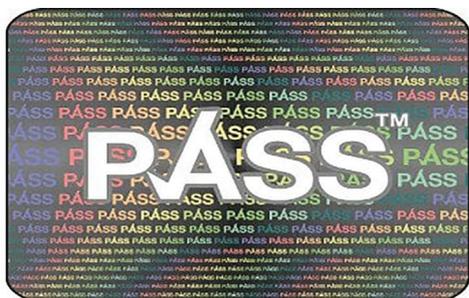
First of all, however, it is necessary to register to vote – especially important for new young voters. You can do this online by going to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Then when going along to vote on election day, you will need your photo ID. For most people, their 'acceptable forms of photo ID' will be their UK passport or their driving licence issued by the UK (or any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state).



Other acceptable forms of ID are a Blue Badge, an Older Person's Bus Pass, a Disabled Person's Bus Pass. For London voters, an Oyster 60+ Card or a Freedom Pass (for giving free public transport for over 65s) also count.

During their passage through Parliament, the new proposals were criticised because, among other things, they made it easier for older people to bring photo ID than for younger, new voters. The latter may not yet have driving licences or passports, and it can be seen from above that only travel passes for older people are accepted as valid ID.



For young people in this situation, one important solution is the **PASS Proof of Age card**, which has the PASS hologram (above) and which is obtainable from Post Offices. This useful ID card also enables young people easily to prove their age in pubs and other licensed premises such as nightclubs. The standard application costs £15 and you should receive your card in about 3 weeks. You should apply online by going to www.postoffice.citizencard.com.

Alternatively, it is possible to obtain a **voter authority certificate**, which can only be used for the purposes of voting in a polling station. It cannot be used as proof of age or identity for any other reason.

The deadline to apply for a voter authority certificate will be 5pm, six working days before polling day. For the local elections on 4 May 2023, the deadline for applications will be 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

Like the PASS card, when you apply for a voter authority certificate you must provide a suitable photograph which complies with all requirements, either through the online application process or submitted with a paper application. You can check these requirements when starting the online application process.

For more information about other acceptable forms of ID, voting by proxy, and all other aspects of elections, see <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/voter-id>



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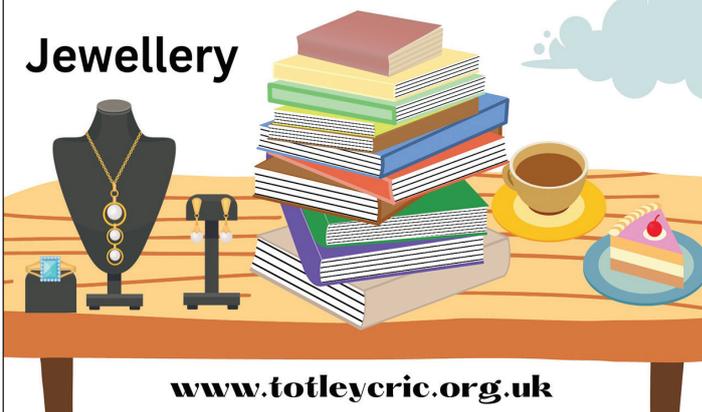
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Councillors' Update

The Spring is an extremely busy time in the Council as we finalise the budget and spending plans for the next year. This budget will be even more challenging than usual given the financial constraints that are facing us all at the moment. Another major development is that at long last the Sheffield Local Plan has gone out to consultation. Once approved this will be a vitally important document that sets the framework for housing and commercial development in Sheffield for the next 20 years. It's well known that that we have a severe housing shortage in Sheffield but building needs to take place in areas that have the backing of the local community.

Given our location on the edge of the city, protection of the Green Belt is an issue that crops up regularly in our surgeries and on the doorstep and the Local Plan aims to clarify and bolster its protection. Shortly before the draft plan was published however a developer submitted a major planning application on a Green Belt location on the edge of Dore and near the National Park boundary. The proposal is for 125 properties, some three stories high, and has already attracted a large number of objections. Local Councillors are also objecting as it could set a dangerous precedent.

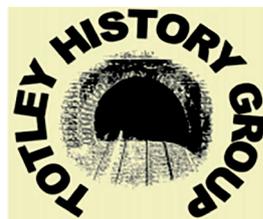
On a more positive front you may have noticed that Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) have been appearing in a number of places around the ward. This equipment records all vehicle speeds but only lights up when a vehicle exceeds the speed limit. The signs are being rotated around several locations and at the time of writing we now have valuable data from Totley Brook Road, Long Line, Dore Road, Twentywell Lane and Abbeydale Road South near the Beauchief Gardens. Some other locations will be surveyed in the very near future. We are aware that speeding traffic is a concern to many residents and we will be using this information to decide where and what measures can be undertaken to help alleviate the problem.

As you can see elsewhere in this issue there has also been another traffic incident at Totley Rise shops. Please be assured that all three Councillors are pressing the Highways department for a solution to the problem of cars either rolling or being driven over the pavement in front of the shops. Engineers are actively looking at options such as bollards, pedestrian barriers or changes to the parking layout and Councillors are investigating possible funding sources. We

will provide an update as soon as more information becomes available.

And finally - please feel free to contact any of us about any issues that are concerning you. Our regular surgeries are held between 6 and 7pm on the second Monday of each month at Totley Library, and 10.30 to 12.00 on the second Saturday of each month at Dore Old School. Alternatively contact any one of us with an email.

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Totley History Group

Although we had no Library meeting in December, a few members evoked the Christmas spirit by going to one of the Ecclesall Church Spitewinter concerts given by

Sheffield Folk Chorale. The choir performs winter songs, ancient and modern, each having its own story associated with the season.

A new book, supported by the group, was published in December. 'The Story of Totley Hall and its Owners' by Josie Dunsmore is a comprehensive and thoroughly researched book about Totley's old hall, published to coincide with its 400th centenary this year. A really interesting read as Josie follows the stories of its ownership and use throughout the years.

Our meetings for February and March are:
 Feb 22nd Anna de Lange, 'A Man, a Knife and a Project: The history of Portland Works'
 March 22nd Dr. David Mosley, 'A brief History of Crime'

Meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Library.

We are still upgrading our website at www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

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Neighbourhood Watch

With Christmas and New Year over and the lights taken down we are once more back to the dark and dismal weather long associated with January and February. Not that this deters the criminal elements from continuing to try to relieve us of our property or cash.

Whilst the incidents of car theft appear to have abated somewhat there are still certain types of vehicles more prone to being stolen - Range Rovers in particular, and Ford Fiestas. A recent BBC TV programme even showed how quickly two men were able to steal a four-week-old Range Rover in less than three minutes by using a signal receiver to pick up the key-fob transmissions and boosting the signal to the car, unlocking the doors, switching off the alarm and starting the car. The car has not been recovered and the criminals were wearing masks etc which would make identifying them difficult apart from some very distinctive marks/badges on their clothing. CCTV may not be perfect but can provide some very important identification points.



Whilst CCTV is not inexpensive, it has proved very useful in helping identify some criminals or criminal activity. If you are on Facebook you will see regular posts from people who have been notified of suspicious people calling at their homes via their Ring doorbell camera systems. There are many other suppliers of similar systems available, again a fairly inexpensive option.

The hours between 4pm and dawn are the main danger periods, but between 4 and 7pm the criminals are on the lookout for unattended properties, especially those without any lights showing. This is where other inexpensive measures can make your property less likely to be burgled. TV simulators, time switches for lights, external security lighting are all available for less than £20 and in most cases do not need a professional to install.

Why make it easy for them and costly for you? Insurance may replace items and repair any damage but as one recent victim told me, it will never cover the feeling of some villain being in your property and the possible loss of not only valuable items but those of sentimental value. We all need to be taking as many precautions as we can which includes checking if your locks, of any type, are still the most suitable security for your property.

Whilst writing this I have been informed of another means of relieving you of your cash. In this case, in Dore and Totley, cash machines outside the Co-op shops have been subjected to tampering. Apparently some item has been installed which prevents the cash from being dispensed. There may also be two or even three females and a male involved. The initial incident as told to me involved a resident trying to access an amount of cash. There were two females taking their time in front of him at the machine, when he tried his transaction no money was dispensed. The third female said she had witnessed his problem and accompanied him into the Co-op to report the matter. Unfortunately the machines are not run by the Co-op and they could not help. The woman even provided the resident with her phone number in case he needed her assistance later. When leaving the Co-op a man was just taking 'his' cash from the machine and said he had not had a problem.

Fortunately the resident was refunded the cash by his bank and nothing more was thought of until a similar incident occurred locally. When the resident tried the phone number the female had given him (two weeks later) it was a number no longer in service. The incident was passed to me via one

of our members, and today I have read the following Notice from Derbyshire Police.

"Police in Derbyshire have launched a manhunt after a number of cash machines were found to have been fitted with a special cash-trapping device. Officers have now released a CCTV image of a man they want to talk to in connection with their investigation.

It's understood that, on Sunday December 11, a device was found attached to the cash machine at the Co-op store on Nottingham Road in Alfreton. Later the same day, another similar machine was found attached to a cash machine at the branch of the Co-op on Wharf Road in Pinxton.

A money-trapping device is something that is attached to the part of the cash machine that issues money to the customers. A special type of adhesive tape is usually used to block the money being sent out leaving the customer to believe the machine is either defective or has run out of money.

The perpetrator of the fraud then comes along, removes the device, and collects all the money being blocked by it from the cash machine. Taking the machine away returns the ATM back to normal as if nothing has happened.

Please take care and report any problems with cash machines."

Hopefully by the time you read this S17NWA will have installed an additional number of NHW street signs and some new No Cold Calling signs as well. The group continues to grow and all residents are welcome to join by signing up via the webpage, details shown below. There are no membership fees and all members receive weekly incident updates, plus you may just be the member who helps prevent a crime or assists a neighbour who has become a victim of a crime, that's what neighbours and NHW stand for.

Happy New Year.

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Totley Scout Hut: An Update

It's been out with the old and in with the new at Totley Scout Hut over the past year! The newly installed exterior walls have now been painted several times by a number of volunteers from our Scout group and their parents. This work has really improved the structure of the building, and has enabled us to go onto making improvements inside the building, too.

The old toilets have been ripped out, much to the delight of the children and leaders, and they have been replaced by three separate bathrooms, including one which is accessible for people with disabilities.



The new boys' toilets

The Explorer Room and kitchen have been merged into one, much more usable, large space, with the old storage units reused and improved, so that there is room to store all the kit that our groups use at meetings. The interior walls and parts of the floor in the Explorer area have been replaced, with additional insulation being fitted. The interior walls of the main meeting hall are now being replaced, again with insulation inserted to make for a much cosier and more energy efficient building.



The improved storage in the merged kitchen/Explorer room

We've definitely not finished yet, though. We still need to install a new boiler and kitchen units, as well as replacing the remaining interior walls and the roof, so plenty more funding is still needed. We will be applying to various grants to help us pay for this, as well as continuing our fundraising efforts in the community. The Christmas craft fair and raffle were really well supported by our local community and helped towards our fundraising efforts. We're grateful to everyone who got involved with them, and we'd like to thank the local businesses who donated prizes to our raffle - including Liberty Foods Farm Shop, Pontus Fish & Chips, Martin Scriven Greengrocers, 195 Hairlines, Cricket Inn, The Crown Inn Totley & PedalfixBike Repairs.

You can keep up with our progress and find out about ways to help us raise funds this year by following us on Facebook or Twitter, or by visiting our website: <https://www.215thtotleyscouts.co.uk/>

Thanks to Dave Slingsby Construction and Tom Kelson Electrical for all their hard work on our hut so far!

Twelve Trees Care Award

Twelve Trees Care are celebrating their success at the regional finals of the Great British Care Awards as winners of the Palliative Care Award. As a leading provider of elderly care in Sheffield, the privately owned independent care home and home care business has a reputation for quality. The staff were thrilled to discover they had reached the finals for ten awards, which is testament to their hard work, passion and



dedication. This award is particularly important to the staff as it recognises the work they do at such a difficult time. Providing end of life care to residents and support to their families is an honour and Twelve Trees pride ourselves on doing everything they can to make that time easier for everyone. Congratulations to the whole team!

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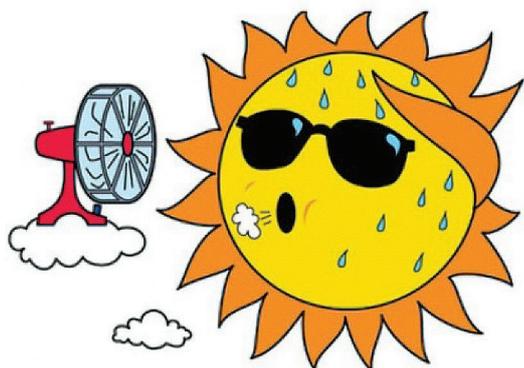
At a French filling station (*dans une station-service française*)



Totley Weather Report 2022

Long term records broken (taken from Weston Park Weather Station summary)

Warmest year on record (11.2C)
Highest daily minimum temperature on record (21.8C)
Highest daily maximum temperature on record (38.9C)
Highest daily mean temperature on record (30.4C)
Sunniest January on record (92.9 hours)
Highest January daily minimum temperature on record (11.5C)
Highest January daily mean temperature on record (12.7C)
Strongest February gust since 2014 (50 knots)
Sunniest March since 2012 (158.5 hours)
Highest May minimum temperature on record (6.9C)
Highest June daily minimum temperature since 2006 (17.7C)
Highest June daily mean temperature since 2005 (23.7C)
Lowest June daily mean temperature since 2015 (9.7C)
Highest July maximum temperature on record (38.9C)
Highest July minimum temperature on record (21.8C)
Highest July daily mean temperature on record (30.4C)
Fewest July wetter days since 2011 (1)
Sunniest August since 2005 (229.3 hours)
Highest August maximum temperature since 2003 (30.9C)
Highest August daily minimum temperature since 2008 (17.8C)
Highest August mean temperature since 1997 (18.6C)
Wettest October since 2002 (145.3mm)
Highest November mean temperature since 2015 (8.7C)
Highest November daily minimum temperature since 1972 (13.1C)
Lowest December mean temperature since 2010 (3.6C)
Most December snow days since 2014 (3 days)



And in America and Canada they finished up with houses that looked as though they were made of icing sugar for cake decorations! Weather!

The driest spell of 18 days was in July for both Weston Park (WP) and Totley (T). There were 5 months (January, March, April, May and June) with less than average rain for the month, making 7 months more with October, November and December with half as much again while February delivered 3 times the average rain (60mm) WP 192mm, T 199.8mm. A run of 5 days in Totley in February produced 107.6mm which was more than the total for each of 8 months. The wettest day was 20th February WP 35.7mm and T 34.8mm and on 16th August WP 28.9mm and T 34.8mm which are the only times rainfall exceeded 30mm. The total rainfall for the year was WP 896.9mm and T 977.5 with WP being wetter than T on 3 months (June, July and October).

Sixteen days of snow/lying snow was recorded in T and 5 in WP who only record falling snow.

There was one thunderstorm that passed over T but more were heard in the distance.

The sunniest day was the 20th June with 13.9 hours. 1674.5 hours of sun recorded for the year by WP which is 163 hours more than the average (1991-2020). Sorry no equipment in Totley to record sunshine hours.

Minus temperatures occurred 19 times WP and 26 times T when the coldest nights recorded were WP 12th December -5.2C and T 13th December -5.5C. There was a three day

warm spell in April but the warmest temperature was on the 19th July (WP 38.9C and T 36.2C). The biggest temperature difference happened in December going from a 12 day run of below -0 at night to double figures in one day which put an end to any lying snow.

Rain for the year

	Totley	Weston Park
2022	977.5mm	896.9mm
2021	1090.2mm	907.5mm
2020	1131.5mm	997.0mm

Wettest Day

	Totley	Weston Park
2022	34.8mm	35.7mm
2021	28.5mm	29.1mm
2020	36.5mm	38.3mm

Coldest Night

	Totley	Weston Park
2022	-5.5C	-5.2C
2021	-7.7C	-5.2C
2020	-2.9C	-2.0C

Hottest Day

	Totley	Weston Park
2022	36.2C	38.9C
2021	30.1C	29.4C
2020	31.1C	33.8C



Friends of Gillfield Wood

Diary for February to March 2023

Practical Conservation Sessions (free events)

These are held monthly all year, either at weekends or midweek, with dates advertised on the website. Members can join the mailing list by contacting the Secretary at fogwsecretary@gmail.com.

Sessions are open to anyone to join in. Everyone needs to provide their own gloves along with suitable clothes and footwear.

Everything we do supplements the work carried out by the Council's woodlands team, meaning much more can be done to improve the wood for its flora, fauna and visitors alike. Typical activities are coppicing, fencing and walling, tree and undergrowth management, path repair and drain clearance and all sorts of miscellaneous jobs. Next sessions are:

Sunday 12 February: 10am - meeting place to be confirmed
Sunday 12 March: 10am - meeting place to be confirmed

Evening Talks at Totley Library (free to members, £3 non-members)

Monday March 13: 7.30pm An Illustrated Talk by Tom Aspinall, RSPB Conservation Officer for the Dark Peak - Birds of the Moorland Fringe.

Events in Gillfield Wood

Saturday February 18: Bird Walk in the Woods (free to members, £3 non-members)

Join us for a late winter walk looking for birds and wildlife in Gillfield Wood. Meet with our leader Stuart Davies at 8.30am at the end of Totley Hall Lane. Walks usually take up to 3 hours.

Please come prepared for the weather that day, as if it's very bad we may have to cancel. Please email fogwsecretary@gmail.com with any queries.

ADVANCE NOTICE of our AGM date which is Monday 24 April, when the very popular Pete Brown returns to give an illustrated talk on his birding life.

Andy Brewster, FOGW Secretary, fogwsecretary@gmail.com

People Keeping Well

We run a wide variety of activities, courses and groups across the South West of Sheffield enabling people to get out and about, find new hobbies, stay active and have fun. This is part of the Sheffield People Keeping Well programme.

The South West Sheffield PKW Partnership area covers the following areas: Dore, Totley, Bradway, Endcliffe, Fulwood, Ranmoor, Greystones, Nether Edge, Bents Green, Brincliffe, Ecclesall, Whirlow, Abbeydale.

If you need further help and someone to guide you through it please don't hesitate to contact Joanna Woodward on 0114 250 2850 or via email at joanna.woodward@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Activities

- Coffee and Chair Aerobics - Bradway Community Hall - Community Wellness Service
- Strength and balance Class- Dore and Totley United Reformed Church- - Community Wellness Service
- Monday Coffee Morning - Dore and Totley United reformed Church
- Cosy Creatives -Age UK Sheffield
- Connecting with Nature for wellbeing -Cross Scythes, Totley- Delivered by Caroline Cook, Horticultural Therapist
- Ecclesall Forum - Cherry Tree pub on Carterknowle Road- Delivered by Paul May
- Dance to health - St Augustin's Church, Endcliffe. Contact Jenny Johnson for details
- Singing Teapot Choir -Dore and Totley United Reformed Church - Delivered by Yo Tozer Loft
- Dore and Totley Rosemary Memory Café -online chat, quizzes, live singers and more for people living with Dementia and their carers- Age UK Sheffield
- Fulwood Memory Café at Fulwood Scout Hut. Chat, quizzes, live singers and more, for people living with Dementia and their carers- Age UK Sheffield
- Knit and Natter - Totley Rise Methodist Church -1pm-3pm
- S17 Carers café -supported by Sheffield Carers Centre
- Coffee on the Corner Totley - every Wednesday. This is different to the 'normal' Friendship Lunches in that it is weekly, with no set price/menu/live entertainment. Guests can therefore just call in and have a drink and/or lunch
- Chair Aerobics-Totley Library - Community Wellness Service
- Bents Green Memory Cafe. Chat, quizzes, live singers and more, for people living with Dementia and their carers
- Table Tennis- Bradway Community Hall.
- S11 carers Walk, Ecclesall Woods - Delivered by Sheffield Carers Centre

- Natter Coffee morning -Totley Library - Delivered by Totley All Saints Church
- Community Journalism and Memoir Writing - Kathryn Reaney
- Sporting Chatter - Bradway Community Hall- contact Phillip



- Shepley Spitfire Friendship Lunch, Mickley Lane, Totley, Sheffield, S17 4HE- Meal and live entertainment
- Forest Bathing /Nature mindfulness in Graves Park - Caroline Cook Horticulturist
- Woodwork Wellbeing - Bradway Community Hall - Steve Fridlington

Providers and contact details:

- CWS - Community Wellness Service - 0114 5537807
- Sheffield Carers Centre-email Jan- jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk
- Age UK Sheffield - 01142502850
- Caroline Cook- Horticultural Therapist Caroline@well-withnature.co.uk www.wellwithnature.uk
- Kathryn Reaney - reaneywrites@gmail.com 07854751932
- Cosy Creatives - Age UK Sheffield on 01142502850
- Sporting Chatter - Phillip Staton- 07788620313
- Kathy Markwick - kathymarkwick@googlemail.com
- South West Sheffield PKW (People Keeping Well)- Joanna Woodward (Community Development Officer) Joanna.woodward@ageuksheffield.org.uk or Age UK Sheffield on 01142502850
- Jan Outram - Sheffield Carers Centre - jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk
- Paul May - Ecclesall Forum -- Pauljmay@blueyonder.co.uk
- Jenny Johnson- jennyjohnson@ae-sop.org
- Yo Tozer-Loft- 07925634420
- Totley Rise Methodist Church - Maxine - 0114 3485220
- Bents Green Memory Café - contact - 07384833594
- Table Tennis- Contact Jan on 07787 954 842/0114 418 6463
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- MONDAYS** **AGE UK FITNESS** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 1.30-2.30 pm. Contact Jo Woodward 250 2850
GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 6.45pm-9pm
SLIMMING WORLD Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5pm and 7pm. Call Sarah on 07577 070797
- TUESDAYS** **PILATES** The Old School, Dore, 9.30-10.30am. Phone Sally Kilner 07917 762502
TOTLEY OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY (TOADS) meets 7.30pm to 10pm, in the Guild Room, St John's Church, Abbeydale Road South. For more information call 0114 2351206
BABY TIME Totley Library, Tuesday 1.30-2.15pm (term-times only). Come along to meet other parents/carers and babies. We sing simple songs, have fun and allow time to chat
SHEFFIELD MARQUETRY GROUP 10am-12noon, St Oswald's Church Crypt, Bannerdale Rd. Small friendly group - beginners welcome. For information phone Graeme 07947 127909 or Pat 0114 2819915
KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon-3.00pm
JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON 1.30-3.30pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available
YOGA CLASS 1.15 - 2.45pm at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church. Contact Rachel (qualified level 4 BWY teacher) 07708 996984 or yogaq@hotmail.co.uk
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk
CARERS' CAFE MONTHLY Dore & Totley United Reformed Church 10-11.30 am. Contact Jan Outram 0114 278 942
COFFEE IN THE LIBRARY 10.30am-12.30pm. Come and have a coffee and a chat
STORY TIME for toddlers and pre-school children at Totley Library from 10am - 11.30am (except school holidays). Children can take part in weekly themed craft activities, sing songs and listen to a story. £1 donation per child greatly appreciated
TODDLER GROUP 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Liz Hayden 07969 826464
HEALTH WALKS 10.30am, meet at Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com
YOGA CLASS 6.30 - 8pm at St Johns Church Hall Totley. Contact Rachel (qualified level 4 BWY teacher) 07708 996984 or yogaq@hotmail.co.uk
- THURSDAYS** **RHYTHM TIME** Baby, toddler & pre-schooler music sessions 9.00-11.30 Details Email: beth.w@rhythmtime.org Phone/WhatsApp: 07748 589468 To book: <https://rhythmtime.net/find-a-class>
ROCKCHOIR United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30-1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276
CHAIR AEROBICS Totley Library, 12-12.45pm with Laura. An Age UK and People Keeping Well weekly exercise class. £4 per week, no need to pre-book, just turn up.
SOCIAL CLUB Dore and Totley URC fortnightly 2.30-4.30 pm Contact Alison Holden for information 236 0441
PUSHCHAIR CLUB Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.30-12noon. Tel. 07912 352543 for details
PILATES CLASS run by qualified Pilates Instructor/Physiotherapist for all abilities and ages. 1.30-2.30pm, 5.15-6.15pm and 6.15-7.15pm at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. Call Emer on 07792 422909
- FRIDAYS** **PILATES** The Old School, Dore, 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am. Phone Sally Kilner 07917 762502

FEBRUARY

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- WED 22nd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**, Anna deLange, "A Man a Knife and a Project: A history of Portland Works" 7.30pm, Totley Library. Non-members welcome.

MARCH

- SUN 5th and 19th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES 1pm - 5pm** - Abbeydale Road South. £2 per ride per person. Car park closes 5pm. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com
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