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*Stuart Barton, winner of Best in Show award, receives the trophy from Colin Ross*

## Totley Show 2024

The sun beamed down on Saturday 14th September for the 38th Totley Show, and despite entry numbers being down, the public attendance was busy, and spirits were high (possibly due to the cakes and refreshments contributed by the public!)

Wandering round the main hall, with the Seven Hills Quintet playing catchy tunes throughout the afternoon, you could come across all kinds of arts, crafts, fresh produce and florals: let it be known that Totley is full of talented craftspeople. My particular favourites would have to go to the very clever knitwork that created an octopus bobble hat, complete with tentacles and eyes, and to the frankly enormous marrow that won first place in the heaviest marrow category!

In the children's section, you could find all manners of crafts, from Lego models to poetry, gingerbread men to vegetable animals. A full breakdown of all the

category winners and runners up will be available in the next issue of the *Independent*, and we hope to inspire more of you to take part next year too!

Outside, the usual charity stalls welcomed the public to browse handmade crafts, play games, and even have a go at holding a snake or lizard – in this case, it's difficult to say whether the children or their parents were more nervous, or perhaps who was more excited!

The afternoon held on to the last of the summer weather, allowing Totley to spend a day in the sunshine out on the field, well-fed with cakes and well-watered with tea and coffee.

Of course, this year marks the first without President Les Firth, who sadly passed away earlier this year. As one of the founding members in 1985, Les was truly the heart and soul of the show, and will be sorely missed. *(Continued page 3)*

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## Totley Show 2024 (from page 1)

This event would not be possible without the hard work of the committee for organising, and all the volunteers who donated their time to make this year's Totley Show one to remember.



*Best in Show 2024: Stuart Barton with his prize-winning stool from the Open Woodwork category*

A few thank-yous should go out to all this year's local sponsors, participants in the show and competition classes, and families who attended. The team would also like to send a thank you to Dore Village Society for lending their display boards, to Totley Primary School for hosting, to All Saints Church for the bouncy pirate ship (which proved very popular with children and their parents!), and to all the businesses across Totley who kindly donated raffle prizes.

*Amelia Snape, Totley Independent*

## Singing Teapot Choir

We meet every Tuesday morning in term time at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church.

Everyone is welcome to our choir - no singing experience or ability to read music is necessary - we're a 'Natural Voice' choir, using songbooks with lyrics but learning tunes and simple harmonies by heart.

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## Holmesfield Church Walking Group

### Calton Lees Walk

On Wednesday the 16th of October at 10am Robin Gree-tham will lead a walk starting from the Cavendish Club at Edensor (DE45 1PJ). It is on the left just before the cattle

grid. We will follow the river to Calton Lees and stop for coffee in the Garden Centre, then go up to near Russian Cottage, then back through the park to Edensor. Lunch (optional) will be at the Cavendish Club.

The cost of the walk is £5 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church. If you wish to come, just turn up on the day. The walk is about four miles long, but there is a shortcut. If you have any queries, phone Robin on 01246 412767.



## Totley History Group

We ended our summer season with a really interesting guided walk in Whirlow Park and were lucky to have a rare day of pleasant weather! Maintenance of the borders and rockery is done by a band of U3A volunteers who

were working there as we strolled around. We heard about the history of the house and its occupants, and were shown some of the wonderful range of specialist trees planted by an early gardener. There is now a 'Global Tree Trail', and also a very recently opened trail for children, helping them to connect with the nature there. Both were researched and created by the U3A group.

### Autumn Programme

Wed 23rd October: Dr. Jenny Stephenson, "The Life of a GP"  
Wed 27th November: Mary Garside, "Sheffield Hospitals during WW11".

December 16th and 17th: We don't hold a meeting in Totley Library, but annually some members choose to go to the Spitewinter Concert held in Ecclesall Church. This is a celebration of winter songs from across the centuries, performed by Sheffield Folk Chorale. Tickets will be available in November from Pauline Burnett: paulineburnett17@gmail.com

Other meetings are held in Totley Library at 7.30pm All welcome, members £2, non-members £3

*Pauline Burnett*

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## Councillors' News

We want to start this month's article with an update on the major planning application for housing at the Dyson site on Baslow Road. This is an important test case for new development in the Green Belt and Totley residents are rightly concerned about what's going on.



The application was submitted in July 2023 and Council planning officers have yet to make a recommendation either way. We understand that the applicant was asked to submit some additional surveys and there has been a delay in carrying out an ecological assessment. The determination date is now likely to be late this year, or possibly early 2025. In the meantime, residents can view the latest reports on the Council's planning website, using the reference number 23/02164/FUL.

On a more positive note, we are very pleased to report that we have secured funding for another year to close Baslow Road for the Totley Remembrance Service. Attendance has steadily increased over recent times and we need to make sure that it can take place safely. The arrangements for last year's event worked well and we are keen to see them repeated. As well as a local detour for cars and bikes, it does require a major diversion route for HGVs using the A621 and temporary disruption to the 97 and 218 bus services, so the organisation of the road closure is more complicated than many people realise.

We have also been able to secure funding for repair work on Totley Library roof. The library is a great facility for our neighbourhood, and we want to place on record our thanks to all the volunteers who do such a great job in running it. The 'Ward Pot' scheme is also open again for small grants of up to £750 for local community groups. To date we have allocated funding to four projects around the ward. Do let us know if your group is working on something that could benefit from this scheme. Details of who can apply can be found on the Council's website.

Overall though, the financial situation at the Council remains very tight. Some departments are overspending by considerable amounts - however they do provide essential services that our community relies on. In common with many other cities the Council is faced with some extremely difficult decisions on spending, and we are all hoping that the autumn budget will deliver some good news for local authorities around the country.

And finally, consultation on the proposed parking restrictions on Mickley Lane has now closed. These changes would involve double yellow lines for a few metres either side of junctions to increase visibility and improve road safety. The Council received two objections and four letters of support, and the proposal will be considered by Committee in November where a final decision will be made.

As ever please feel free to contact us with any questions or feedback about Council services or come and meet us at one of our regular surgeries. These are held at on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm in Totley Library, and the

2nd Saturday of the month at 10.30am in Dore Old School.

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## Traffic etc News

**Speeding** August figures for local speeding, provided by Speed Camera Partnership, are:

Baslow Road, Marstone Crescent – 5 offenders

Baslow Road, Main Avenue – 2 offenders

Abbeydale Road South, Bushey Wood Road – 5 offenders.

Reminder to Motorists. The maximum tolerated speed, in a 30 MPH zone is 34, not 35 as we all believed. Booking starts at 35!

**Akley Bank** The latest information which I have received from the Council, who regularly meet with Yorkshire Water, is that there is no urgency in repairing the pipe or reinforcing the Bank! This is contrary to what Yorkshire Water told me on site and what evidence of recent slippages indicates. The ground of the property on the edge of the Bank sounds hollow, when tested! Our new local Councillor has seen it.

**Beauchief Gardens** Vulcan Rotary have succeeded in an appeal for funding from the Ward Pot, and we hope to have some trees pruned, and brush wood and self-sets removed, to open up the vista across the dam. What dam I hear you say! Work on repairing the leak will start on the inside of the workshop during the bad weather and work on repairing the dam will commence in the Spring. We hope to get the trees adjoining the goyt pruned to allow more light into the goyt, and self-set trees removed from its banks, before bird nesting starts again. Grass cutting will be more frequent than in recent times.

*Roger Hart*

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## Friends of Gillfield Wood

### Diary for October and November

19th & 20th October: Mammal trapping with Val (Sorby Natural History Society)

Meet to set up traps on the evening of 19th at 4.30 – bottom of Totley Hall

Lane - and 8.30am for the release of the mammals on the Sunday morning of the 20th.

Similarly the 26th and 27th if weather inclement the previous week.

Saturday 9th November: Bird Walk led by Stuart Davies. Meet at end of Totley Hall Lane at 09.30.

Please bring binoculars and wear suitable clothing for the weather. There will be a small charge for non-members

Saturday 16th November: Fungi foray with Ziggy. Meet at bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 10.30am.

Please wear suitable clothing for the weather. There will be a small charge for non-members.



## Totley Primary School

### Embracing change as we head back to school!

The new school year at Totley Primary has started very positively, and it has been delightful to welcome our children back to their new classes, as well as saying a special hello to our wonderful Reception starters and their families.

A big focus for all children at this time of year is helping them to feel settled as they get used to life with new teachers and in different classrooms. These times of change can be stressful and we put a lot of thought into preparing children and staff so that anxiety is minimised and things run as smoothly as possible. Much of this work begins towards the end of the previous school year, with transition days, nursery and home visits, teacher swaps and additional orientation for children who may be vulnerable or just need a little extra reassurance.

Being part of Mercia Learning Trust along with King Egbert's School means that links between the two schools are excellent and our Y6 children enjoy a range of carefully co-ordinated visits and experiences, both formal and informal. Recently, this included a KES chemistry specialist teaching lessons at Totley Primary, for example, and an opportunity for our children to engage in a Design Technology project which covered 3D printing, sustainable home design, and more.

Planning for successful transitions is a vital part of any school's remit and it has been very rewarding to see children of all ages feeling happy and confident as the new school year has got underway!

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

## Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Thank goodness that the weather eventually warmed up. I even got round to wearing my new shorts! My wife wouldn't let me wear my old ones with the wide legs. I can't understand it.

Anyway, to more important things. A few of the Society members went to see shows at Buxton during the annual G & S Festival. It is a mix of amateur and professional performances all usually excellent. We thoroughly enjoyed The Charles Court Opera Company's version of *The Sorcerer*. I've never seen such a soppy love-struck maiden - very funny.

Our next outing, with music from a wide range of shows such as *Les Miserables*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *The Sound of Music* as well as popular G&S pieces is at Wentworth Music Festival in the church on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm and again at Bolsover Assembly Rooms on Saturday October 12th at 7.30pm. The next concert in Dore will be on Saturday December 21st at 2.30pm but I have no clue as to what the programme might include as yet so watch this space.

Next year we are repeating the format we used this year with staged concerts at Crookes, Dore and Whittington Moor but this time of *The Mikado* but more of that in later editions. The photo is of Alan Wade, the Mikado of Twentywell Lane in 2017, the last time we performed the operetta. There is little more to say as we are in the holiday season so enjoy the rest of the summer and here's hoping for a long spell of warm weather and not too much rain.

Derek Habberjam.



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We're thrilled to have recently welcomed our first Youth, Children, and Families Minister to our team. This is an exciting step forward for us as we continue to grow our ministry and serve the younger members of our community. Alongside this, our new church office at the Church Hall is now fully operational, so if you're passing by or hiring the hall, you're likely to see one of us working away or welcoming visitors.

The start of the new school term has brought a wonderful energy back to our community, with the return of dancing groups, gymnastics, and toddler groups filling our spaces with laughter and activity. If you have little ones, do join us for our All Saints Toddler Group on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11.30am. It's a great way to meet other parents and carers in a friendly and supportive environment.

For those who enjoy a good chat, our 'Natter in the Library' session for the over 60s is held every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30am. It's a lovely opportunity to connect with others over a cup of tea or coffee.

Our Youth Group, designed for those in Years 7 to 13, meets every Sunday evening from 6.30 to 8pm. This is a space for young people to have fun, think about the big things of life and build friendships in a supportive community.

On Sunday mornings, we gather for 'Church for Everyone' at 10am. It's a time for worship, reflection, and connection with one another. Every other week, we also hold a Spoken Communion service, followed by a shared lunch—coming up on the 2nd, 16th, and 30th October.

On 17th November, we're celebrating a significant milestone

- 100 years of All Saints Church! To mark this special occasion, we're hosting two unique services that truly offer something for everyone. The morning service at 10am will be an all-age celebration, showcasing the vibrancy and life of our church today with a contemporary style that reflects our thriving community. Then, at 2.30pm, we'll step back in time to re-create the very first service held at All Saints. This special service will feature the Bishop and will offer a wonderful snapshot of history, giving us a chance to experience the church as it was a century ago. The Totley History Group will also have displays to help us reflect on the rich history of our church and community. We warmly invite you to join us for these celebrations—there's truly something for everyone as we honour the past and look forward to the future.

Looking ahead, it's going to be a busy and exciting term at All Saints! Here are some key dates for your diary:

- 6th October: Harvest Sunday
- 2nd November: Centenary All Saints Day Festival
- 10th November: Remembrance Day Service
- 17th November: Centenary Sunday (10am for AST 2024 and 2.30pm for AST 1924)
- 5th to 7th December: The Christmas Experience
- 15th December: Carols by Candlelight
- 20th December: Carols in the Pub (TBC)
- 24th December: Family Carols & Midnight Candlelit Communion
- 25th December: All Age Christmas Service with Communion

We're particularly looking forward to our Harvest Festival on 6th October, a time to give thanks for the abundance we enjoy and to share with those in need. And as we approach November, our Centenary celebrations will be a special time to reflect on the history of our church and look forward to the future.

As always, we warmly welcome everyone to join us for these events. Whether you're a regular or visiting for the first time, there's a place for you at All Saints.

Rev'd Ben Tanner, Vicar

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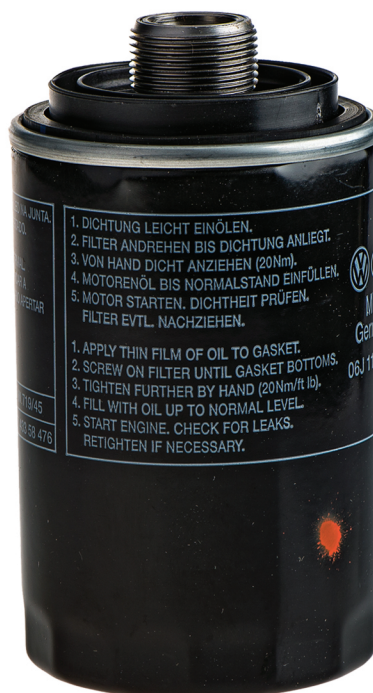


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## Ask Your Pharmacist

As expected, the general election produced a change of government, so I thought I would look into a crystal ball and try to predict what this may mean for healthcare. Given this was such a major topic that repeatedly came up during the campaigns, you may be expecting huge changes and immediate solutions for the many, many problems with healthcare in the UK. Labour certainly brought up the failures of the NHS under the Conservative government at every opportunity and promised it would do far better.

Of course, the Labour Party has a long-standing relationship with the NHS since its foundation in 1948 and its policies are rooted in the core principles of the NHS – providing free, high-quality healthcare for all. So, we should expect them to make the NHS a central policy and increase funding. However, I think the changes may be more subtle, and anybody expecting an instant panacea will be disappointed.

Also, a desire to prioritise disease prevention means there will be an increased responsibility on the population to take greater care of their own health. The considered greatest threat to patient health and NHS resources is increasing waistlines. Losing weight has so many health benefits including reduced risks for heart disease, diabetes and cancer. However, NHS funds are limited, so patients are having to seek help themselves. We have helped hundreds of patients in the last few years to lose significant weight, so if you do want advice, pop in or book an appointment on our website.

As the UK grapples with ongoing healthcare challenges, Labour has outlined a comprehensive plan to reform and modernize the NHS. Key areas of focus include:

- Investment and Modernisation: Labour plans to tackle the NHS's chronic underfunding by increasing investment in modern diagnostic equipment and infrastructure to improve early diagnosis and treatment outcomes;
- Primary and Community Care: Labour aims to shift more resources towards primary care and community services. This includes training more GPs, a promise of guaranteeing face-to-face appointments, and implementing a modern appointment booking system;
- Health Inequality and Social Determinants: Labour is committed to addressing health inequalities across the UK. This involves tackling the social determinants of health and aiming to halve the gap in healthy life expectancy between the richest and poorest regions in England.

Labour's proposed reforms encompass significant structural changes to the NHS, focusing on integration and community-based care. Labour envisions transforming the NHS into a Neighbourhood Health Service, where care is delivered closer to home. To improve patient outcomes, Labour plans to integrate health and care services, ensuring seamless transitions between different levels of care.

Pharmacy services are set to play a crucial role in Labour's healthcare vision. Labour plans to empower pharmacists by granting them independent prescribing rights and allowing direct referrals to specialist services. This will enhance their role in the healthcare system and improve patient access to necessary medications and treatments. You are very fortunate that, Jasmine and I having undertaken the extra course at Sheffield Hallam University, you already have access to independent prescribing pharmacists at Totley Pharmacy. This is not a service yet available at many pharmacies.

Unfortunately, I am not convinced pharmacy will see any significant funding to help us provide these additional services. At a time when 65% of pharmacies are making a loss, over half of pharmacies have decided they are unable to offer many extra services. At Totley Pharmacy, we continue to provide these additional services, but it is becoming more difficult, so we do need your support locally.

Labour's healthcare policies necessitate a significant increase in NHS funding. The party has proposed several measures to ensure that the NHS is financially sustainable:

- Increased Budget Allocation: Labour plans to increase the NHS budget to accommodate the rising costs of healthcare services, inflation, and demographic changes. Despite actual increases, real-term growth in NHS spending has been modest due to inflation and population ageing.

- Capital Investment: Labour's commitment to the New Hospitals Programme and the introduction of a 'Fit For the Future' fund indicates a substantial capital investment aimed at modernizing NHS infrastructure and equipment.

- Efficiency and Innovation: By developing an NHS innovation and adoption strategy, Labour aims to streamline procurement processes, foster innovation, and accelerate the adoption of new technologies and medicines. This approach is hoped to enhance efficiency and reduce long-term costs.

Only a Labour health secretary could arrive for their first day of work and declare the NHS "broken", as Wes Streeting did. Conservatives, aware of the baggage their political colouring brings, tend to approach the NHS with deference. Streeting has said the right things about wanting to reform the health service instead of "pouring ever-increasing amounts of money into a leaky bucket". We will soon see whether this energetic young minister can make an impact on a deeply bureaucratic organisation. A weary public's hopes are high after years of lengthening waiting lists and deteriorating services. About 6.3 million people need 7.6 million procedures. Almost half of those on the list have been waiting more than 18 weeks.

Taj Singh



## Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society

Hello Readers!

I am on holiday at the moment at a cottage in Llysfaen, a village between Abergele and Colwyn Bay in North Wales.

The weather is not as kind as it was last year though and we are not in danger of a drought any time soon!

Staring out of a window to a rain-soaked field of soggy sheep waiting for the sun to make an appearance, I am reminded that I ought to be learning my lines for our November play. This year we will be performing Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* - a classic whodunit that keeps you guessing right to the very end. A group of strangers are invited to an isolated island where they are murdered one by one for their past crimes.

The evening performances of the play are from Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 pm to Friday 15th November at 7.30 pm and the final performance will be a matinee on Saturday 16th November at 2.30 pm. Tickets for the play are very reasonably priced at £7 per person with a concessionary rate of £6 for students and people aged over 65.

Please call Jeff on 0114 235 1206 to reserve your ticket, email [tickets@toads-drama.co.uk](mailto:tickets@toads-drama.co.uk) or contact any Toads member.

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Deb Taylor



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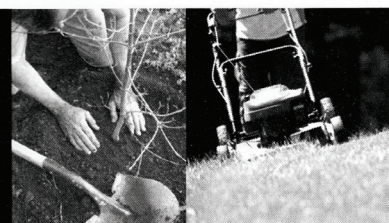
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# What's on at Totley Library



This year we have been celebrating 10 years since volunteers have been running the library. We have had numerous events throughout the year and on 24th November at our Christmas event it will also be a celebration of the success of the library.

Currently we are in the process of making a video which will include all 16 libraries who have worked so hard to make the libraries more than just about books, and more a community hub.



We would especially like to thank Margaret Spencer (left) who has been a volunteer for 11 years and is retiring from some of her duties at the library.

In building-related news, 2024 has been a busy year for our buildings manager, Martin Brown. Whilst there have been numerous maintenance tasks undertaken to keep the Library building (built in 1974) operating smoothly, there are three significant ones to share. First, the reliance on extension leads to serve electrical appliances was resolved by the installation of additional fixed sockets

in January. Second, following much background preparatory work, the ageing and at times temperamental heating unit that served the Adult Library has been replaced with a new and more efficient model which, by using less gas, improves our carbon footprint and is projected to cost less to run.

And third, some long-overdue roof maintenance is due to be undertaken in late September/early October. The daily use of the library should be unaffected - and the council has given us a grant towards the roof repairs!

## Summer Activities in the Children's Library

The theme for this year's Reading Challenge was 'Marvellous Makers'. We added some related activities - 'Make and Create' and Lego sessions that were very popular. We will repeat them in subsequent holiday periods.

Over 300 children joined the Challenge - a great effort by everyone encouraging so many children to read during the holidays. The Challenge finished on September 7th.

## Current Library Opening Hours

Mondays 1pm - 7pm  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 5pm  
Fridays and Saturdays 10am - 1pm

## Totley Library Community Cinema

Our cinema programme is available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Refreshments will be served at all films. Raffle tickets: £3 per person for Friday films. Thursday matinee films are FREE for Over 65s.

## Library Lottery Winners

In the July draw, first-prize winner was Louise Dodd, and Christine Clowes won second prize. First-prize winner in the August draw was Sally Steel, and second prize was won by Jill Fletcher.

## Totley Library Community Art Space

### Free Space for Local Artists to Display Work

The Community Art Space was established to showcase the work of new and established local artists. All art works are exhibited for a period of three months to six 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.

We are now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting initiative and who would like to exhibit in January 25 and April 25. For further information, please call in at Totley Library and take a look at the Art Space or email carolynjall-croft@gmail.com.

## Original Art, Prints and Photographs for Sale

Art works by local artists Keith Turton (below), Kath Horner, Francisca Veliz and Gina Hodges are currently on display and available for sale at very competitive prices. New art works will be on display from October. Come and have a look, we may have just what you are looking for to brighten up a wall or to give as a unique gift.



## Play Totley Library Lottery and Win Cash Prizes!

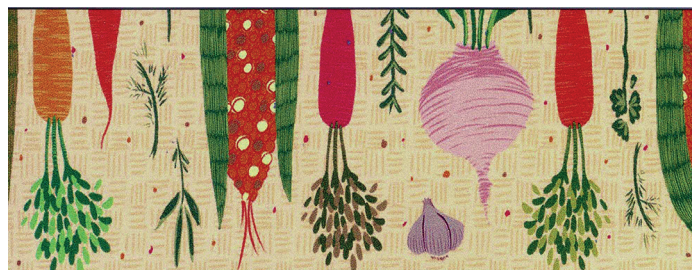
Totley Library has been run by volunteers since Sept 2014. Your support has been invaluable in enabling us to expand our facilities. During the last 10 years, with your money, we have built an accessible toilet, replaced the kitchen and heating, upgraded the book stock, re-painted, purchased new computers, carpet and furniture and landscaped the external approach to the library.

Running the library costs approximately £28,000 a year. We receive an annual grant of approximately £16,000 from Sheffield City Council but the rest comes from fundraising.

This is where you can help by playing our lottery, and if your luck's in, win a cash prize. 25% of our lottery income is allocated as the prize fund. The remaining 75% goes into library funds to support the ongoing running of the library.

Lottery tickets cost £1 per month for 1 number. For just £12 a year, you will be entered into our monthly prize draw. The more people that join our lottery, and the more tickets you buy, the bigger the prizes. Currently we are paying out more than £100 a month for the first prize.

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## Dore Garden Club

On one of my recent visits to Totley Library I picked up a beautifully produced pamphlet about Gillifield Woods. It is a good 10 years since I was last there and I can see how much has been achieved by the active Friends group. One pleasant Sunday recently I borrowed my neighbour's dog and we walked from the Hall entrance to the bus terminus, turning around and going along the track to Mickley and then retracing our steps to our starting point. What a lovely walk and we will be back to explore some of the spurs leading off the woods another time.

**Wednesday 16 October** 'Unforgettable Gardens of Dorset and Somerset' by Camilla Anderson. Derbyshire-based Camilla Anderson has a life-long interest in historic gardens. With an MA in Garden History from the University of Bristol, she gives illustrated lectures on Garden History. She also launched and edits Visit Gardens, a website for garden visitors looking for historic gardens <https://www.visitgardens.co.uk/> The website is well worth a look. Her talk on the gardens of Dorset and Somerset will no doubt encompass the distinct historic styles of the particular gardens she will introduce. Not to be missed if you are planning to be in the southwest.



*Photo courtesy of Camilla Anderson*

**Wednesday 20 November** 'Exploring the Winter Garden' by Deidre Leaman. Deidre and husband Carl grow many of their own plants at Millthorpe, a small, friendly nursery, rather than the traditional garden centre, tucked away behind the Royal Oak pub at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane. They grow and stock hardy and annual plants on site, including some unusual varieties of shrubs and bulbs. During the long winter months many of us would like to look out of our windows and be cheered by something more colourful and interesting in the garden. Deidre will show us how we can achieve this aim and encourage more wildlife into our gardens. Our very short AGM will be held before Deidre's presentation.



*Photo courtesy of Deidre Leaman*

The Garden Club takes a break during the winter months and resumes in March 2025 with another great programme of events.

*Pauline Drissell*

## Letters to the Editor

*From Robin Hawke*

### Totley Memories

It is now well over 50 years since I left Totley, but memories were stirred by the appearance, in your August/September 2024 issue, of the contributions by Paul Hibberd and by Tom and Eileen Ogley.

Although for junior school I attended Totley C of E and he Totley County, Paul and I both found ourselves in the same form when we started at King Edward's. In those days it was common for nicknames to be created by inverting surnames, so he was then generally known as 'Dreb'.

A common link in my memories of both him and the Ogleys is provided by the milk round (one of three in Totley at that time) which my father Stewart Hawke ran from our home in Totley Bents. I do of course also remember John Perkinton doing work for the Garnett/Slater/Furniss family at Moss Farm opposite.

During the Sheffield bus strike (I think it must have been the one in October 1959), my father used his milk vehicle to take several boys (I guess they'd be called students these days) to school - some to High Storrs (attended by my brother Martin) and some to King Edward's; unless my memory is playing tricks, I believe Paul was one of those concerned. My Dad then collected us all in the afternoon of each of the days for which the strike lasted. For the outward journey, I imagine he must each time have interrupted his round, unloaded the cargo of milk, and then reloaded it again to resume his deliveries.

As for the Ogleys, they were known to us not only as milk customers, but also through the choir at St John's Abbey-dale.

It is worth mentioning that, in the days when most people had milk delivered to the doorstep, the 'quality' of customers (ie 'good' or 'bad') was assessed not according to their creditworthiness, nor how 'awkward' they were, nor by how much custom they represented - but to the length of their drives! We jokingly referred to the Ogleys' house in Baslow Road - with its very long drive - as being 'across the field'. They probably never knew this, and in view of these implications as to the supposed 'quality' of a customer, we would never have dared tell them anyway - not least because they were actually lovely people.

It is a pleasure to hear through the *Independent*, and after all this time, what goes on in Totley nowadays.

*Robin Hawke*

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*From Andrew Murr*

### Les Firth

Upon receiving delivery of the August/September issue of *Totley Independent*, I had a shock to see the news of the sad passing of Les Firth.

Years ago, myself and mum Rita, and Geoff Raven and Jack and Sylvia Ruddle and so on, were regular members of the Heatherfield Conservative Club attending Saturday night live compered by Malcolm Smith. Also the 'Deal or No Deal' games night, horse racing nights etc. We have been friends of Les and his wife Dorothy during those years.

It was sad to hear of his passing. Les was a marvel to the Totley Community.

RIP Les, we will always remember you

*Andrew and Mum Rita Murr.*



## Gareth plays for his country against the USA

Abbeydale Golf Club's Head Teaching Professional Gareth Davies is one of the ten-man team selected to represent Great Britain and Ireland in the PGA Cup matches against the USA at Sunriver Resort in Oregon from 13th to 15th September.

The 47-year-old Sheffield golfer was named on the team sheet by the Professional Golfers' Association a few weeks ago and both he and the members of Abbeydale GC are incredibly proud of this outstanding achievement.



The PGA Cup was first played in 1973 at Pinehurst, North Carolina and is a biennial contest between the PGA of Great Britain and Ireland and America. This event is seen as the pinnacle for any PGA Professional with both teams going head-to-head in a Ryder Cup format to win the Llandudno International Trophy, originally donated to the PGA by Peter Alliss.

Over the years, the Cup has been played for at a number of world-renowned golf courses on both sides of the Atlantic such as Muirfield, Turnberry and the K Club in Ireland. The last meeting between the two teams was in 2022 at Foxhills Golf Club and Resort, Surrey, where the PGA of America won a closely fought contest - 15.5 points to 10.5.

Being selected to play in such a prestigious sporting event is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication to the game of golf. Gareth is a former Sheffield Amateur Champion and Yorkshire team player and, after turning professional in 2001, he had the great thrill of winning twice on the European Challenge Tour. He later competed against some of the best golfers in the world on the main European Tour, now known as the DP World Tour.

In 2015, after years of travelling the world playing golf, Gareth decided to change direction with his career, settled down to married life in Sheffield and put all of his efforts into becoming the respected PGA Advanced Professional that he is today. In addition, in 2020 he was elected as Captain of the Yorkshire PGA.

He is enthusiastic about passing on his experiences as a top-flight player in order to help others improve their golf and enjoy the game more. He is now Yorkshire County Coach to both the Boys' and Men's teams and was part of the support team that helped lead the Yorkshire Men to become national champions in 2023.

However, Gareth's in-demand coaching duties have not dampened his enthusiasm for continuing to play golf at a high level, as was illustrated in 2019 when he won the famous Leeds Cup held at Leeds Golf Club. This is the oldest trophy in golf and bears the names of legendary golfers from the past who have won the Open Championship on nine occasions and the US Open Championship twice.

Golfing life could not be better for Gareth Davies at the moment and there will be very many people cheering him on when he and his fellow team members do battle with the Americans on their home soil in September.

*Tim Jackson, Abbeydale Golf Club*

## Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

### Talk on osteoarthritis

On Wednesday 2nd October, at 7.30 pm, the URC ladies group has invited Bernice Lam, chartered physiotherapist, to talk about osteoarthritis. She will give a detailed, illustrated talk about osteoarthritis and how to manage it. The cost is £3. To book a place call Bernice on 07999617387 or email [bernicelamtt@gmail.com](mailto:bernicelamtt@gmail.com)

### Harvest celebration

We will have our Harvest service on Sunday October 13th at 10.30 am. During the service we will collect non-perishable goods for the Cathedral Archer Project. It will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Please come and join us. All welcome.

### Jigsaw sale

Saturday 2nd November, 10 am to 12 noon.

At our great jigsaw sale on 2nd November refreshments will include bacon and vegetarian butties and home made cakes. Entry is free!

If you have new or good quality jigsaws to donate please drop them off at the URC on Monday 28th October between 2 and 3.30 pm or Wednesday 30th October from 10 to 11.30 am. We always need more childrens jigsaws.

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*Elaine Ferguson*



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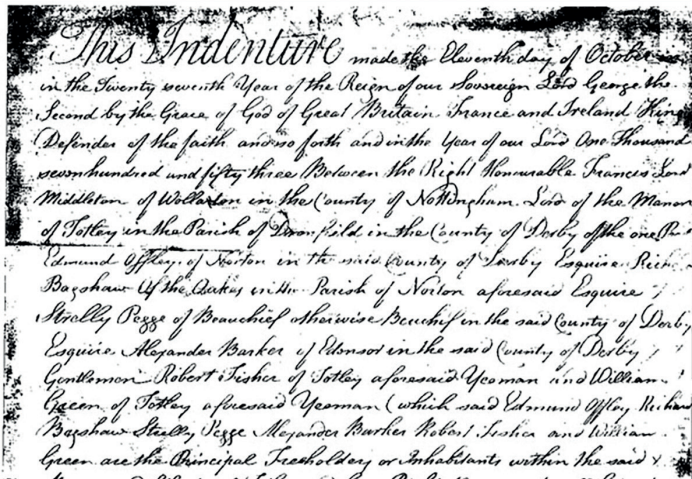
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## Totley's First School

Totley History Group is occasionally approached by a person who holds items that have historical roots here and wants to secure their safe keeping for future generations. Thus, the group was contacted by Bev Houghton, retired headmistress from Totley All Saints C of E School, when she recently came into possession of items that go back to the very start of education in Totley. These were an indenture regarding land on which it was hoped to build a school, a portrait of Totley's first schoolmistress Hannah Wild, and a simple sampler of the Lord's prayer embroidered by her in 1785. Some research has helped us to find out more about the stories they tell.

aged 77 years, and is buried in Ecclesall Church graveyard - but we had failed to discover anything about her early life. Getting her maiden name of Carson and the date of 1785 on the sampler would hopefully make this possible.



The Indenture 1753 - Title page with date and names

An Indenture is a legal document drawn up between two parties. In this instance they are The Right Honourable Lord Francis Middleton of Wollaton in Nottinghamshire, Lord of the Manor, and six principal Freeholders, or Inhabitants of Totley. These men held titles such as Esquire, Yeoman and Gentleman to denote their status, and had surnames that resonate in our area to this day - Green, Fisher, Bagshaw, Barker, Pegge and Offley.

They wanted to buy a piece of land and obtain permission to erect a school house, with the purpose of teaching 'six poor children whether boys or girls belonging to the Liberty of Totley....to read the English language and be instructed in the Catechism of the Church of England.' The provision of education for girls was unusual at that time. Compulsory education for all children would not become law for another 120 years (The Education Act 1870 legislated that children between the ages of 5 and 12 should attend school).

So, was this a philanthropic gesture by these men endeavouring to give Totley's children access to the printed word of God, or was it the more down to earth expectation that a worker with basic literacy skills would be more useful to his employer than an illiterate one? In a century when literacy rates had been increasing across the country, maybe Totley was just following the trend.

The land that Lord Middleton agreed to sell was a piece of common land named Croft Head, lying in the vicinity of Moss Road, Monnybrook. There must have been a lack of will, money or agreement because the school was never built and we have to fast forward 75 years to 1827 for the eventual opening of Totley's first school. This was built on a piece of land donated by D'Ewes Coke, the incumbent in Totley Hall at that time, and still stands in Totley Hall Lane as a private residence.

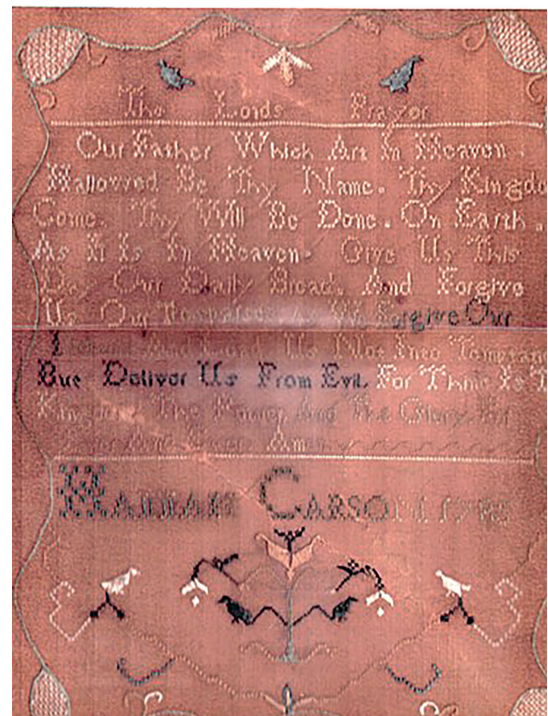
This is when Hannah Wild enters the story.

We had previously known that Hannah Wild was the first teacher at the school, her approximate age of 50+ in 1827, that she had been widowed in 1819, lived in Dronfield Parish and had a daughter who would succeed her as the second teacher. We also knew Hannah died from bronchitis in 1851



Hannah Wild

Civic records of births, marriages and deaths only began in 1837 so we would need to rely on Church records: these can be a great resource now that many are digitised and available on *Find My Past* and *Ancestry* websites. Would we find that Hannah had been baptised and married in a church, and how did she become literate in an age when girls would usually only need to learn homemaking skills, needlework and maybe weaving from their own family? Even with Hannah's maiden



The Sampler

name and the dated sampler we also knew how easy it can be to follow the wrong family line, confusion often caused by extended family networks where the same few Christian names are endlessly repeated.

So, what were we able to discover?



Hannah was born in Sheldon near Bakewell in 1773 to parents Henry and Hannah Carson and baptised in the village church. Her father, Henry(1), was a successful tenant farmer and bequeathed the tenancy to his son, Henry(2). The names Henry or Henery proliferated in Sheldon. Each branch of the Carson family had more than one Henry and most had a couple of Hannah's as well. Very confusing! Had Henry(1) employed a tutor to school his children? Another possibility could be that Hannah's brothers were educated at Lady Manners (boys) School and shared their literacy skills with their sister. (More research is needed on Lady Manners admission registers, held in Derbyshire Archives).

Hannah married Thomas Wild, millwright, in March 1794. Interestingly there are two marriages registered on sequential days, 2nd and 3rd March, the first in Dronfield Parish where Thomas lived, the second in Bakewell Parish the following day. Was this to allow both sides of the family to witness the marriage? At that time the distance between Thomas's home and Hannah's would be a difficult journey for relatives and friends to make.

Hannah gave birth to their daughter Jane(1) who was baptized in February 1795, and who appears to be their only living child. Her baptism is registered under Dore, Holmesfield and Dronfield Parishes but evidence points to them having lived in Holmesfield.

Thomas died in 1819 and it was eight years later at the age of 54 years that Hannah became the schoolmistress. Did she need an income, a roof over her head (the position came with accommodation), or was she a lady who just wanted to put her own education to good use? Little formal skill was needed as a teacher at that time other than to be literate and numerate.

Hannah was still living in the schoolhouse with daughter Jane(1) at the time of the first census in 1841, both recorded as teachers. In the same census we pick up a small

mystery: another Jane Wild is recorded, Jane(2) aged 8 years. We haven't found any baptismal record and the conclusion at the moment is that she was the illegitimate daughter of Jane(1). But with repeated use of names within the family she could always have been a cousin/niece etc living with them and attending their school.

In 1843 Jane(1) married Thomas Fisher, scythes maker. The marriage registration records Jane was a spinster, they were both aged 47 and were living at Pingle Head, Ecclesall. It was the norm for a teacher to leave work if she married, explaining Jane's change of address, and unsurprisingly we found no evidence of any children in that marriage. This address is where Hannah also spent her latter years, living with her daughter and son in law in their Millhouses home. After her death in 1851 she was buried at Ecclesall Parish Church.

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### The future for these pieces

The Indenture will be kept in our archives and can be viewed on request. The History Group would like to find a safe place to hang the portrait where it can be seen by the public. It has hand-written information on the reverse saying it was donated to the school in 1919 by Hannah Wild's great grand-daughter, Hannah Cox. So maybe Jane(2) was Jane (1)'s illegitimate daughter after all, and Hannah Cox was Jane(2)'s married daughter - you can see how easy it is to get confused!

The sampler is in a very poor condition and sadly is too fragile to display. Our concern is that it may be beyond conservation as well, but we're wondering whether to approach 'The Repair Shop' to see if they would take on the challenge...and write another chapter in the story of Hannah Wild, teacher at Totley's first school.

*Researched by members of Totley History Group*



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## When does an Upgrade become a Downgrade?

The upgrade in question is entitled the HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY UPGRADE the purpose of which is to improve passenger journeys between Sheffield and Manchester. Has anyone yet discerned any improvement?

What is most noticeable however, is a distinct downgrade to the quality of life for those living close to this railway line. There are also worrying implications for wildlife that have not been explored.

As we know, the project which began in Spring 2021 is still ongoing. Saturday nights, once a social time for welcoming family and friends is now dreaded as a 'dear neighbour' letter arrives from Volker/Network Rail warning of the nightmare to come. Floodlights, noise and vibration make sleep impossible but we hang on saying 'none of this is permanent- it will cease one day and we will have our peaceful homes back!'

### Alarming, this is not true for three reasons.

1. Many trees (including a 300 year old Oak) alongside Poynton Wood have been cleared and replaced by a huge concrete wall. This now reflects noise back to us whereas natural vegetation used to absorb it.

2. A new signalling arrangement at the Dore West Junction enables freight trains to halt while passenger trains pass by. We have recorded diesel engines idling for up to 88 minutes emitting noxious fumes. We cannot sleep, open windows, or use our gardens.

3. Recent research by Anthony King (*Chemistry World* 04/04/19) tells us that travelling on a diesel train can expose you to far higher levels of harmful particulates than standing beside a busy road. Diesel exhaust is associated with an increased risk of lung cancer, as well as other lung and cardiovascular diseases. If a train ride can do so much damage what what effect might emissions from idling diesel engines be having on us and on our local wildlife?

### A downgrade indeed!

Network Rail asserts "We take care to be considerate of our neighbours - communicating and advising about our works ...planning effectively to minimise our impact on the environment. In whatever we do, we aim to work collaboratively and sensitively with the communities affected by our work on the railway. If you're unhappy with our behaviour or work, .... then we'd like to know about it..."

So we told them why we were unhappy. They responded: "please be assured that your concerns have been raised with our freight manager, but unfortunately this situation is critical for railway operations and keeping trains moving. Again, I am sorry for the concerns that have been caused to you." In other words - Tough Luck!

Further submissions have been made by us, by our three supportive councillors, our MP and by the Senior Environmental Protection Officer - but so far nothing. We believe that people living alongside the Hope Valley Railway Line deserve some hope!

Do let us have your views and let us know how this 'upgrade' has impacted on your life in our once-peaceful neighbourhood. Or perhaps you might know someone who could help us?

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Yvonne Newey, Hope Valley Line Community

## Totley Scouts

### Totley Scout Hut - renovations update

We were really pleased to be awarded a grant from the Community Infrastructure Levy of £10k towards replacing the flooring at the Scout Hut. Thanks to the South West Local Area Committee and our local councillors for their support in helping with our successful application. Our trusty builder, Dave Slingsby, has done a great job as usual, preparing the space by taking up not one, but two levels of old wood floor

ing. He and his team then manually cleaned all the concrete beneath with a steel brush, before Ryjock Flooring were able to come and fit the new vinyl floor for us, supplied by Tarkett. Dave's team finished the new look off by re-fitting skirting boards and cupboards once the new flooring was in place, giving the hall a much fresher, cleaner look. We can't wait for our members to come back into the hall and see what a big difference this has made!

We'd particularly like to thank Katrin Stefansdottir on our committee, who put in a lot of work behind the scenes to help us to find the most suitable flooring for the building - and managed to arrange for it all to be removed and replaced during the summer holidays, so that no meetings were impacted.

### Save the Date!

Our Christmas Craft Fair will take place this year on Saturday 16th November 11am - 4pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church. It's a great opportunity to make a start on your Christmas shopping, with some brilliant handcrafted items on sale from local makers. Our hot drinks and cakes stall is always very



popular, and if you'd like to contribute any home baking or take part as a stall holder, you can email our Group Scout Leader Sue ([hallamadccubs@gmail.com](mailto:hallamadccubs@gmail.com)). Look out for posters advertising the fair nearer the time, and we look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Fran Arnold

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## Update from Olivia Blake MP

I hope you've had a good autumn so far. Since being re-elected as your MP, it's been a busy but rewarding few months, both here in Sheffield Hallam and down in Westminster.

First and foremost, I want to say a massive thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your MP. Regardless of how you voted, I am committed to representing and fighting for everyone. Our community faces serious challenges – rising living costs, pressures on our public services, our health system, the economy, and the ongoing climate and nature emergency. These issues affect us all, and I am determined to ensure that your voices are heard in every discussion about how we tackle them.

In Westminster, the government has recently laid out its legislative agenda, and climate change is high on my list of priorities. I've been vocal about the urgent need to address the climate and nature emergency. It's promising to hear commitments to make the UK a clean energy superpower by 2030, which could reduce our carbon emissions while creating new jobs.

We also need to tackle issues like sewage dumping – something particularly close to my heart after my visit to Rivelin Valley with local councillors and volunteers earlier this year. I'm encouraged to see new rules being proposed to hold polluters accountable and keep our rivers clean.

Back home in Sheffield, I've had the privilege of meeting

with some truly inspiring organisations. Recently, I visited the Snowdrop Project, which does vital work supporting survivors of modern slavery. With so many people still trapped in modern slavery here in the UK, their services, including counselling and casework, are absolutely essential. They're always looking for more volunteers, so if you can help, I really encourage you to get involved.

I also had the honour of speaking at the Hen Harrier Day event, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and protect our precious upland wildlife.

One development I'm particularly excited about is the introduction of a bill to bring our railways back into public ownership. This is a huge step forward in ensuring that our public transport system serves passengers, not profits. Many of you have shared your frustrations with the current state of our bus and rail services, and I'll continue pushing for the improvements that we desperately need.

I receive many emails from constituents in Totley about the buses, and I'm keen to hear more. Do our bus services meet your needs? As your MP, I am dedicated to improving public transport for everyone in our community. Please share your experiences and suggestions in this survey to help us push for a better public transport system for everyone:

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As always, thank you for reading my update. Please do get in touch if there is an issue you are facing, or campaign you would like me to join.

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# Walking the Dog

## PRODOGUE

SALLY IS LEAVING.

BLUE AND RONY ARE FINISHING THEIR TIN OF SARDINES.

**SALLY** Are you two men going to be all right if I leave you?

**BLUE** Yes thank you. We'll play our Questions game till you get back.

**SALLY** Then play it kindly this time, Blue. We don't want to make Rony go funny again. And tell him to try not to repeat all the stuff he has been repeating in the *Totley Independent* continuously since whenever it was.

**BLUE** (*whispering*) We can ask the sort of things that men only dare ask when there aren't any women around!

**SALLY** (*going*) You should hear the things that we women say when you men are off being daring. Bye. I'll be back in 683 words.

SALLY LEAVES TO SAVE A TREE

**RONY** Do we know what we're doing?

**BLUE** Why should we start now?

**RONY** Start us off then Blue?

**BLUE** Dogs are clever. Border collies are the cleverest. But greyhounds aren't far behind. Explain how dogs can be clever. You can't talk?

**BLUE** No. But we understand at least 150 words. That's more than human babies can understand at the age of 2.

**RONY** But dogs still can't say words. But humans still can't bark, and barking is dog language. And dogs can understand what each other's wee is saying, which is why we sniff all the time. Humans aren't clever enough to do that.

**RONY** Dogs don't have families so you never know who your mums and dads are. And even if you think you know who your mum is, you can never be sure about your dad. It's the same for you humans. Especially when you live in Dore.

\*

**RONY** You were Always a Blue when you ran at 45 mph at Owlerton. But you're always a Blade now, aren't you?

**BLUE** Of course. They were cruel at Owlerton and they made me run till I couldn't run half and made me cross Sheffield to live with you and be a Blade, even though I am still a Blue.

**RONY** If they hadn't done that you wouldn't be eating sardines at my expense now. And I wouldn't be writing this article called *Walking the Dog*, and our Head Eater wouldn't be reading it and..

**HEAD EATER** (*off*) And your Head Eater would not now be telling you that he thinks you two are repeating your selves (again). And that you'll no doubt be sneaking in a little message here, saying we should blame your epilepsy.

\*

**RONY** Do you still fancy dogs?

**BLUE** Course. But...

**RONY** Even though you've...?

**BLUE** Sshh.

**RONY** No I mean when push-comes-to-pull? Haven't you b...?

**BLUE** That's my secretest secret! But now you've told everybody!

**RONY** Sorry. But why do they ch...?

**BLUE** (*whispering*) I was a top racer, and they do that to you to make you run faster.

**RONY** (*whispering*) It would make me run faster too.

\*

**BLUE**  
**RONY**

How old are you Rony. Thirty-seven in human years. How old are you?

**BLUE**  
**RONY**  
**BLUE**

Seven in dog years.

That makes us the same age!

I wonder how old the Head Eater of the *Totley Independent* is?

Oh he must be at least s...

**RONY**  
**HEAD EATER** (*OFF*) I'm sorry loves, but we're running out of a space. Oh and look who's here!

ENTER GOD

**RONY**

I've often written about how gods are the same as dogs, only backwards. Or forwards.

**READER**

We still can't understand why we humans have to have God but dogs don't.

It's because dogs can't do sins, isn't it sir?

Who told you that?

The vicar, sir.

That vicar is wrong.

Good!

EXIT GOD

**RONY**  
**BLUE**

You can't have puppies can you?

Not now. And you can't either can you - now?

No but we've still got...

...each other?

Aaaah.

**RONY**  
**BLUE**  
**READER**

THEY CRY AND HUG FOR A BIT WHICH ISN'T EASY FOR A GREYHOUND AND A RONY AND A READER

**ALL OF US**

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

**RONY**

Would you run away with me if I took the lead?

Only if you came with me.

Aaaaah!

**BLUE**  
**READER**

**EPIDOG**

RE-ENTER SALLY

**SALLY**  
**BLUE**  
**SALLY**

The tree is saved!

We dogs promise to make full use of it! Have you two been all right while I've been away?

We've been playing our game.

I hope you haven't made Rony go funny, Blue?

It wouldn't be the first time.

I agree.

Be like that. This is...

I'll just finish off these sardines before it's...

**HEAD EATER**  
**READER**  
**RONY**  
**SALLY**

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# Totley



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Liz Walkden, overall winner of Floral section



Chameleon painting



Maddy Stretton, overall winner of Photography section

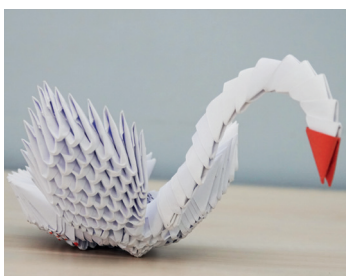


# Show 2024

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*Thomas Weissenborn, winner of five prizes and overall winner of Children's section (under 8)*



*Swan*



*Prizewinning watercolour  
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# Friends of Dore and Totley Station

## Have we been going up or are we coming down?

It's not an unreasonable question. We've got a massive new bridge and lifts but how much benefit are we getting for 25-30 years of waiting and approaching 3 years of disruption for the construction?

## Background

Until the 1960s we had four platforms, trains stopped on all of them, we had three sets of waiting rooms with toilets, a ticket office, a stationmaster and porters. First we lost stopping trains on the mainline and the footbridge to Platform 4 was dismantled. There wasn't enough for the staff to do for the infrequent Hope Valley services (at best only every 2 hours to Chinley or New Mills) so Paytrains were introduced and all the stations were de-staffed. No more coal fires in waiting rooms – or toilets. But the buildings remained, boarded up and lifeless.

By the 1980s railways looked terminally doomed, all passenger numbers declining year after year. British Railways were incentivised to reduce the thousands of miles of little-used tracks they were maintaining, and to simplify junctions. Beeching's 1960s cuts and branch line closures got all the public attention, and they still do, but that wasn't what sank us here. The decision was made for single track through our station and to reduce it to one platform. The work to demolish the bridge and Platforms 2, 3 and 4 was completed in 1985. Back then there were rarely more than 4 or 5 trains passing through in every hour, often no more than 3, so it wasn't unreasonable.

We now know that passenger numbers stopped falling in 1985 before increasing in 1986, a trend that was building momentum by 1990-5. The railway was privatised about this time and more passenger trains were added. Stone and cement traffic through the Hope Valley was also growing. By 1995 the singling was seen to have been a mistake. Planning began to restore a second track – and that had to include a second platform. Railtrack had it in their plans to complete in 2003/4, but they ran far ahead of both their finances and constructional ability to deliver them.

There has been much planning and replanning since then. The published contract price in 2021 was £137m but that was increased to £145m. Almost certainly additional work will have been added to that, maybe taking the final total nearer £200m if 25 years of preparatory planning were added in. Much of that will be hidden in other long forgotten budgets.

## What were the desired outcomes?

The clear declared aim was to provide better capacity through the Hope Valley for passenger and freight services. Specifically it was to create a third hourly fast path for services between Sheffield and Manchester. That should make four trains an hour between the cities, together with Northern's stopping service.

A large area on both the lines through Dore has been resig-nalled to improve reliability of all services and to cut a few minutes off journey times. Two new pull-in loops have been created for freight trains at Bamford and Dore to get them out of the way. No extra freight trains, just better regulated.

There was nothing in the specification to give Dore & Totley any better facilities!

## What are the outcomes so far?

It has created the extra capacity for a third hourly fast passenger service through the Hope Valley, BUT it can't be provided because there isn't enough platform space in Sheffield and the lines between and through Manchester and Stockport are too congested. Other major planned work in the Manchester area was cancelled – particularly a much bigger scheme to build two new platforms alongside platforms 13 and 14.

Neither TransPennine nor East Midlands have enough carriages to run all their current trains at full 6-car length so getting nearer to that would be a simpler way to increase capacity before adding any more trains.

In theory more trains should be running more reliably with-

out being late or cancelled. That may be very marginally true but it hasn't been the perception of rail users. Over the last 12 weeks Dore was at 2129th place out of 2630 stations for punctuality.

## Side effects to date?

- Until 2025, and possibly later, no extra trains stopping here.
- A huge bridge to cross to get to Manchester bound trains.
- Lifts that are temperamental, particularly on the new platform.
- Total loss of covered seats on the Sheffield bound platform, plus 12 open seats.
- Loss of all the trees and shrubs along the railway side of the car park.
- Continuing disruption from construction work by West View Lane.
- Major noise nuisance at any time 24/7 from freight trains standing for very long periods in the new loop.

## What next?

- Immediately the railway industry needs to sort out industrial relations so it can reliably operate all its timetabled services, every day.

- Increased stops at Dore may depend on the next full timetable review which is not due to have effect before 2027. Many parties are working to get more before then.

- We will get more seats on the old platform in months, somehow.

- We may get a new covered shelter – eventually. It's being worked on.

- New planting will take place along the railway side of the car park once the construction residues have been dug out and replaced with soil.

- Residents near the Dore loop are not taking the noise lying down!!

## Summing up

After 40 years of a single platform we now have two, but for £145-£200m we have no better services through Dore & Totley than we had 2-3 years ago! The footbridge (some like it, some don't) is conspicuous. In 2025 things must surely begin to look better. It's a bit of a challenge to see that at present but they will.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's an active group with over 940 members and is updated frequently with topical information and comments.

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## Common Threads

**Part 7 in our series of articles by Richard Wrigglesworth, covering 800 years of local history.**

Postscript to last article: 'Ibbotson Brothers and Company Limited.' An advert in Google has now emerged which clarifies dates and the origins of the family in Hathersage. Until now I have been distracted by the Catholic background of my great great grandmother Frances Ibbotson and her older sister Mary, the mother of George Wilson. The advert is for 'the manufacture of every description of steel and files; also for railway springs, saws, edge tools, scythes, cutlery, machine knives and general merchandise under the corporate mark 'Globe', which is a long way from wire drawing on the family farm and conferences in Downing Street.

The firm was established in 1809 and the family came from Hathersage, a village known for its pins and needles and Methodism. The Ibbotson genealogy is complex and a pedigree has been constructed but is incomplete, although it confirms they were farmers and landowners at Carr Head farm. One of them, William Ibbotson (1766-1818) moved to Sheffield and became a partner in Eyre, Ibbotson and Henzell, and was listed in Green Lane after 1814 as a fender and edge tool manufacturer. This partnership, besides Eyre and Henzell, included his son Henry Ibbotson (1797-1849), and he also had a daughter Mary (1794-1867) who in 1813 had married her cousin, and also William Ibbotson (1789-1852), who was a brother of the father of William of Carr Head. This family link has been further explained as follows: 'On the opposite side of Broad Lane in Sheffield, in the first house above St. Thomas's Street, lived Mr William Ibbotson, the late father of Mr Henry Ibbotson and Uncle to the late Mr William Ibbotson who married his cousin 'Miss Mary' the daughter. Mr William was consequently brother-in-law as well as cousin to Mr Henry; and they took to the old gentleman's business which I believe was the saw trade, and entered into partnership as Messrs. Ibbotson Bros.(Sheffield Independent 18 October 1872.)'

Eyre, Ibbotson and Henzell ended in 1819. Ibbotsons and Roebuck (the forerunner of Ibbotson Brothers) was listed in 1821 as a merchant and manufacturer of saws, stove grates, fenders, scythes and steel at Bower Spring near Kelham Island. The partners were the brothers William and Henry Ibbotson and Jonathon Roebuck (1789-1848). This picture is further complicated by a William and George Ibbotson making a similar range of products who also had forging capacity at Wisewood Forge. It was listed in Bridge Street between 1797 and the late 1820s. This firm was probably run by the descendants of a related William Ibbotson (1738-1825) from Hathersage! George Ibbotson of Coulston Croft, who died rather suddenly on 5 January 1830 aged 52, was apparently the other partner and William's son. After 1830 the Bridge Street firm was likely passed to William Ibbotson Horn who was the son of Mary, the daughter of the earlier William Ibbotson born in 1738.

In the 1820s Ibbotsons and Roebuck began feeding America's almost insatiable demand for crucible steel, saws, files, edge tools and knives. The trade and profits were so good that in 1825, when much of the district was still fields and gardens, they were able to build the Globe Works in 1827. In the same year Jonathon Roebuck (1789-1848) left to start his own business in America. In the Sheffield Directory in 1828 both William and George were listed, and they continued as Ibbotson Brothers Limited. Globe Works had classical stone facades and arched windows and 'struck an incongruous note of grandeur over the grimy factories in the district.' It was also a home with a stylish entrance and well-appointed residences for the owners. It was an integrated steel and tool making concern although it also had tilting and rolling capacity at Middlewood. By the 1830s there was a wide range of facilities for making saws, files, fenders and edge tools such as scythes, and also workshops for joiners' tools and for preparing the horned handles used in cutlery manufacture, plus a pot shed for the clay crucibles used in melting. Behind the classical facade the Ibbotsons had a factory layout similar to many smaller Sheffield firms of modest multi-story brick buildings with rows of small windows.



*The Globe Works*

Much of the output was destined for America. Both William and Henry had been quick to recognise the potential and eventually Henry moved to New York to market the firm's 'celebrated' cast steel saws and cutlery, including Bowie knives. The firm had an office in Pearl Street in the hardware district of Manhattan. In 1833 Henry married Anne Frances Darling of New York and soon became part of the city's prosperous elite who, according to a family historian, was a friend and intimate of many distinguished men of his day. He supported the anti-slavery movement and in 1835 entertained the abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison at his home in Brooklyn, who praised Ibbotson for his moral excellence. Henry settled in the USA and in 1837 the partnership with William was dissolved. Besides investing in real estate Henry launched wire making in New York City, screw manufacture in Poughkeepsie and cutlery production in Peerskill, New York. He died from cholera in New York on 27 August 1849 aged 52.

William directed operations in Sheffield from the residential part of Globe works until the 1840s. He was a complex man who never held a public office but was active in local and national politics. As a Methodist he favoured temperance and a sober and non-unionised workforce, but was also liberal in lending his weight to the 1832 Reform Bill, although not in favour of universal suffrage which he viewed as a 'curse.' He supported his friend James Silk Buckingham (1776-1855) in his election as a liberal Sheffield MP and became both a member of the League and the Sheffield Anti-Corn Law Society which opposed import duties on grain, arguing they damaged free trade and encouraged living costs, which resulted in pressure for higher wages. In 1843 he fired a group of employees for their loose habits. In retaliation the trade unions planted a canister of gunpowder at Globe Works at night, destroying a warehouse and deafening the neighbourhood. Designed to intimidate rather than murder it was meant to reveal the class division! He was damned by Friedrich Engels in *The Condition of the Working Class* in England 1845 as a manufacturer who has 'made himself obnoxious by an active participation in bourgeoisie movements by low wages, and the exclusive employment of knobsticks (non union labour) for the exploitation of the poor law for his own benefit.'

Underlying the tensions was the state of the Sheffield steel and tool trade. Competition from America was becoming tougher. As early as 1839 he had warned that our 'manufacturers are fast leaving us' and in 1845 William went bankrupt and his stock and machinery was auctioned. The Globe Works had become a millstone. Once the American trade in cutlery and tools became too big, it was always too big for a single manufacturer. The core business in steel and tools remained viable. They resumed trading again paying off their debts whilst rationalising the business. In 1849 it relinquished table and knife manufacture and sold the tools and stock. In 1851 they mounted a successful display at the Great Exhibition in London. The firm's cutlery was given a swan-song with a fine exhibit of stag handled table knives and forks, venison carvers and American hunting knives, but pride of place was given to Ibbotson's cast steel and edge tools which won a



prize medal in the area which the firm had concentrated. Strategically brilliant.

William died at Stone Bank House in 1852, aged 62. The business passed to his widow Mary and sons William Frederick Ibbotson (1820-1864) and Alfred Buckingham Ibbotson (1829-1908). Initially William F. was the senior partner and his other sons Henry Ibbotson Ibbotson (1822-1882) and Samuel Fisher Ibbotson (1818-1902) also became active. They had staffed the Pearl Street office in Manhattan. The American Civil War was keenly felt in Sheffield, the usual channels of trade being disrupted, and the American manufacturers quickly stepped into the breach.

Another major strategic decision was made in 1862. They abandoned Globe Works and sold it to a J. Walters and Co., moving down the road to occupy new premises at Alma Street naming the new factory Globe Steel Works. In 1865 when interviewed by a government commission into child labour Alfred B. Ibbotson stated the company's chief work was steel melting, converting and tilting, making railway springs, files and saws and manufacture of small engineers' tools. William F. died in 1864 aged 43 leaving under £20,000. Alfred B. took over and it became a limited company in 1872 with £120,000 capital (£74,000 paid up). Alfred and his brother Samuel, who owned 50% of the shares, became the managing directors. Henry Ibbotson-Ibbotson the commercial traveller was also a shareholder and they had a prosperous life style. In 1862 he had married Louise Greenough Powers, daughter of an American sculptor. The built a large residence, Villa Ibbotson in Florence, where he died in June 1908 and was buried in the English cemetery, leaving £27,025. Henry Ibbotson Ibbotson was next in line and managed the company until his sudden death from bronchitis in 1882 leaving £141,456. Samuel F. succeeded him and died in 1902 aged 83 leaving a widow but no family. The family name was again carried on. In 1848 Mary, the second daughter of William Ibbotson, had married Ebenezer Rushton Talbot a Wesleyan Minister, Their son Frederick John Talbot (1851-1936) became a clerk at Ibbotsons and moved through the ranks to become chairman in the early 20th century.

The firm was still a profitable steel, tool and engineering company and Talbot developed technical expertise in buffers and springs and also became an authority on the law relating to income tax, companies and patents. He left £186,080 in 1836. In 1839 the company was absorbed by Jonas Woodhead and Sons of Leeds. The Ibbotson name was preserved up to 1971 when Globe Steel Works became part of Woodhead Components Limited. The premises were vacated in the 1970s. In the 1990s it was listed Grade 2 and in 2006 most of the works were demolished. The famous Globe still looks out over Alma Street towards Kelham Island Museum.

So where does George Wilson fit into this? He had spent the first eleven years of his life in Hathersage. His mother Mary and her younger sister Frances (my great great grandmother) were Ibbotsons but Catholic, from which he had to distance himself, and he was effectively running the ACL League from Manchester. The last four years until repeal in 1846 were years of alternating boom and bust but pure exhilaration for him and misery for Richard Furness. Frances died in 1844, worn out by grief at the death of three young daughters, and Richard was forced to retire in 1848 on an income estimated at £65 per annum. William Ibbotson later returns to the scene as a shareholder in railway companies. He went bankrupt in 1848 but the way he restructured the company, retained the core business and moved the manufacturing to America was strategically brilliant. The Ibbotson family business managed to survive for about 100 years. All managed to leave inheritances which in today's terms would provide a millionaire lifestyle. Henry Ibbotson-Ibbotson also marrying the daughter of an American sculptor, building the Villa Ibbotson and being buried in the English Cemetery in Florence is classic. So which Ibbotson called at George Wilson's home in the 1860s tendering to supply materials to the Yorkshire and Lancashire railway when he was Chairman? Presumably Henry Ibbotson Ibbotson but nothing can be taken for granted!

In the final four years of the agitation for the Corn Laws up to repeal in 1846, one activity by the League in an attempt

to obtain votes and which is still relevant in 2024 was Freehold Land Societies. Richard Cobden was the chairman of the national association and George Wilson chairman of the northern. It involved using excess funds to buy lands and property. We live on Bradway Bank which is the Abbeydale Freehold Land Society and there is the Totley Brook Association in Dore. The format changed but the principal remains the same. In an attempt to provide some light relief I will explain next time.

## Dore and Totley lunch club celebrates 50 years!

On Thursday 18th July past and present friends of Dore and Totley lunch club got together to celebrate this great achievement.

We were delighted to have Vivien Filleul with us as she was the inspiration behind setting up the club. The formation of the club in 1974 was supported by Sheffield Family and Community Services and volunteers through the local Council of Churches. Also with us was Rev. Duncan Wilson, minister of the United Reformed Church at the time, who offered accommodation for the club where it continues today at the church on Totley Brook Road.



*Vivien Filleul and Rev. Duncan Wilson cut the ceremonial cake*

Duncan can also be credited, along with the late Rev. Alan Jockel, for the establishment of Transport 17 community transport which helps so much in getting guests to the club.

A short service of celebration led by Rev. Zaidie Orr was followed by drinks and delicious cakes. Our guests tell us they had a lovely afternoon.

We appreciate all the support we get including donations of food from the Co-op and a grant from Dore Village Society which helps us have a Christmas meal.

We look forward to a long future serving the elderly isolated people of S17 but, as ever, we rely on volunteers. Those who already help will say what a pleasure it is when you see people arrive looking forward to meeting together with LOTS to talk about and they leave, having thoroughly enjoyed their meal and friendship.

*Elaine Ferguson and Liz Walkden*



# BIG JIGSAW SALE

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## Transport 17

What a lot to try and fit into this edition's Transport 17 article! Thank yous, fundraising updates and events coming up this Autumn.

Firstly, the 'thank you's to local individuals and community groups. Despite the very damp and murky weather, it was lovely to see so many families and local residents at the Bradway Fun Day recently. We love to see the excitement of the children as they put their hand into the lucky dip wondering what small treat will be theirs, whilst raising awareness of our organisation and the service we offer to some of the older, more isolated and vulnerable members of our community.

By the time you read this, we may have seen you also at this year's Totley Show. We have been supported by volunteers from Sky Sheffield at both events, as well as at the Spring Fayre earlier this year. Sky Sheffield encourage their employees to volunteer locally by allowing them to use 15 hours of company time in each 12 month period to choose an organisation or event to support. We have benefited both from their ideas and their practical help, and are appreciative of their ongoing support, as well as the support the local community provides us. As a charitable organisation, we wouldn't be able to continue functioning without you.

A special mention must go to one of our longer-standing regular Tuesday passengers, and her fellow bus and lunch club companions. Over the last year, June, with help from her friends, has raised over £1000 for Transport 17 by holding raffles. An amazing effort - and funds most gratefully received! Thank you!

£1000 could fund:

- 6 volunteer minibus drivers to attend their MiDAS training course (Minibus Driver's Safety Awareness). It is essential they complete this before driving a minibus for Transport 17; or -
- The 10 weekly-statutory safety inspections for all 3 minibuses for the next 10 months; or -
- 14 new tyres for our minibuses; or -

**2.5% of the cost of purchasing a 5-year-old second-hand fully accessible Peugeot Boxer minibus!**

### New Minibus and Fundraising

As we mentioned in the last edition of the *Independent*, the time has come for us to replace at least one of our buses. With our current minibuses ranging in age from 8 to 19 years with increased and more frequent spending on repairs, and an ongoing increase in demand for the accessible transport service we provide, it is essential we have modern and reliable buses.

Many of you will know that for small charities and causes, accessing funding can be a challenge. Funding is often restricted, inflexible and the process of applying can require a lot of effort. To help with raising funds to pay for the new bus, Transport 17 has registered with easyfundraising. This means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. Click the link, sign up and add the reminder to your browser on your phone or computer, and you'll be collecting for us before you know it. Thank you so much.

You can find our easyfundraising page at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/transport-17-ltd/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/transport-17-ltd/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1), or scan the QR code below and you will be taken straight to the easyfundraising app.

Today, with an estimated 15,000 adults living within the S17 postcode, we reckon if every adult contributed £2.50, we would be within touching distance of the £40,000 needed to purchase a low mileage second-hand minibus, fully converted to make it accessible (for example, with a tail lift). What

easier way to contribute to this fund than getting retailers to donate for you!



### Events this Autumn

#### Community Transport Week 2024

Community Transport Week is a week-long celebration of the impact of local, non-profit transport projects and services across the UK, which is being led by the Community Transport Association (CTA) from 14th - 18th October 2024. Community Transport is more than just moving people from point A to point B. It is about fostering a sense of belonging and community spirit, bridging divides and empowering individuals, regardless of age, gender, geography, or income.

The work we do at Transport 17 is essential to tackle exclusion, isolation and loneliness, and improve accessibility for older people and enable them to live healthier, longer lives in their own homes. T17 currently provides regular weekly transport to 11 lunch and social clubs, and fortnightly transport to two more. Passengers are collected from Sheffield postcodes S2, S7, S8, S10, S11, S12, S14, and S17.

With the equivalent of 1.5 whole time staff (consisting of 3 part-time paid employees) and 21 volunteer drivers and passenger assistants, T17 made 7033 passenger journeys in 2023. This was a 20% increase on the total journeys made in 2022 (our first full year of operating post-covid shutdown). In the first half of 2024, we have provided 3879 passenger journeys. This is an 11% increase on the first 6 months of 2023. Along with communities across the UK, we will be celebrating the vital role of community transport and the volunteers who make it possible, in helping millions of people to stay independent and participate in their communities. Look out for further information on our social media and office window displays.

#### Christmas Fayre

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fayre this year on Saturday 30th November, 10am - 12.30pm. The Cross Scythes pub, Baslow Road, has kindly agreed to host us again this year. We will be including the established favourites such as the Christmas 'Bottle Bonanza' where every ticket wins a prize, a raffle with a variety of prizes, as well as some new stalls from local crafts people and artists. Come along and join us for a cuppa, mince pie, and maybe find one or two Christmas presents for friends and family.

#### Giving Tuesday - 3rd December, 2024

Giving Tuesday is a global movement that celebrates and encourages doing good. It originated as a day to refocus attention following the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is all about the different ways you can give (volunteer your time, fundraise or campaign for something, or donate goods). Look out for further information on our social media and office window displays for how we will be marking Giving Tuesday this year.

As always, we can be contacted on 0114 236 2962, by email at [admin@transport17.co.uk](mailto:admin@transport17.co.uk), or via our Facebook page - Transport17Ltd



## TRANSPORT 17

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## The Cosy Chameleon

Well at long last we completed on the purchase of the Seasons Café and Gift shop on the 21st June. After a frantic 10 days of redecorating and moving the café half to the front of the shop we had a "soft" opening on Thursday 4th July. This was to allow us to try out the new set up and iron out any issues arising. We had a full opening on Monday 8th.



We are delighted that several of the staff have stayed on and we have managed to build the team up to its full strength with some enthusiastic newcomers. They are a great team and we have stayed with the same menu with a few additions, like full breakfasts. We will also be launching an increased menu as soon as everyone has settled in with the new layout etc. The gift shop side is still in the front half and we are introducing new lines of jewelry etc – the 3d printed snake eggs (including a very cool snake) and dinosaurs are very popular with young and old!!

Unfortunately, we cannot have the reptiles moved in yet because of licensing applications. However, as soon as we can, we shall be locating them in their vivariums in the rear part of the property (the conservatory). There will be a door between the conservatory and the rest of the shop and, just for the avoidance of doubt, there will not be any snakes or lizards wandering around the café. So, in that respect it is not like a Cat Café – for obvious reasons! So if you don't like reptiles you do not need to be anywhere near them.

Before we can permanently house reptiles in the back we are holding some regular events and bringing reptiles in just for those (we currently have a licence from the Council to undertake the events). Please see the Facebook page for details of events. These events will require bookings to avoid disappointment and cover Reptile encounters, Brektils (breakfast followed by reptile handling, Minibeasts (small insects) and Reptiles – talks about how to look after a specific reptile.



We are also inviting local groups to use the café and we have a Knit & Natter one, plus we have Lego building sessions. Any other suggestions welcome as we wish to make it a place for the community to meet.

Our other business is Scales and Tails – we board reptiles when owners are away and also hold animal encounter parties and experiences. This is very popular for children's birthday parties and also we do a lot of visits to schools as a part of their education.

Up until now we have been to peoples' houses or other venues but of course now we have the cafe we can hold the animal encounter experiences in the conservatory and have the party in the café. We will of course still visit houses/schools etc but are looking forward to hosting our own parties.

When we are able, people will also be able to visit the café for a drink, cake and or lunch and then go through to the back to look at and handle some of the reptiles. This is really a fantastic experience and even people afraid of snakes or lizards have often found themselves touching them and then holding them. The enjoyment on their faces is fantastic for us to see and we love to be able to demonstrate to people that they are not to be afraid of. None of our animals are venomous or at all dangerous, unless of course you are a mouse.

Of course, we do charge for animal handling and parties, as do zoos. The reptiles are expensive to care for and the charges go towards their upkeep. However, the experience that you get is fantastic and people often return for more visits or even book a party.

We look forward to seeing you in the café, whether you were a regular customer or a new one, and we will let everyone know when the reptiles are available.

Please note that our new telephone number for bookings is 0114 553 3777

*Debs and Declan*



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# Totley Rise Methodist Church

Grove Road, Sheffield, S17 4DJ

Totley Rise Methodist Church aims to be a church in the community and for the community, increasing an awareness of God's presence, celebrating God's love, caring for people, helping people to grow and encouraging people to follow Christ.

## Revving up

At the end of August our minister, Rev Mike Jones, moved on to take up a position at another group of churches near Glossop. Mike wasn't with us very long, but his calm thoughtfulness and empathy helped to guide us through some difficult decisions. We will miss him, and wish him well.

For this coming year we are delighted that our minister will be Rev Phill Borkett who is well known to us, having joined our membership a few years ago, with his wife Penny, after his (first) retirement. We look forward to the support, ideas and wisdom he will bring.

At the time of writing (early September), the trinkets and paraphernalia of modern Halloween culture are already appearing in the shops. At Totley Rise Methodist Church, instead of the dark and scary masks, skulls and skeletons we prefer to emphasise that Jesus is the Light of the World. So following on from last year's successful event, we will be holding a Light Party for children (accompanied by an adult) with crafts, puppets, food and worship. It will be on October 31st from 6pm to 7.30pm. Entry is free, but numbers are limited so you must book a place in advance. Email pennyb41@aol.com for more details.

## Regular Services Information

9am for 9.30am most Sundays – **Toddler Praise**. A 30-minute service for pre-school children and their parents/carers, preceded by refreshments from 9am.

10.30am **Mid-morning Service** every Sunday. An informal and contemporary service usually lasting approximately 1 hour 15 minutes, with a monthly Communion. Children usually leave the service for Junior Church after the first 15 minutes or so, except on the 4th Sunday of the month when the service is even more informal for **All Age Worship**.

At 3pm on the second Sunday of each month **Focus Church** takes place. This is a time of worship specially structured for those who have learning disabilities and cognitive difficulties.

We also support **Outdoor Church**, a movement where families with children can meet (usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month) to learn more about God's world and the Christian faith through an informal nature-focused time of fun and worship. See facebook.com/groups/outdoorchurch



## Tuesdays at TRMC

From 10am until noon our free **Welcoming Places Coffee Morning** in the church lounge provides an opportunity to call in for free refreshments and a chat with others from the community. This began as part of the need for warm spaces for people to use when energy costs began to soar, and is now a permanent activity. In one part of the lounge there are toys and books for young children with parents or carers.

**Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter** immediately follows the coffee morning, running to 3pm. This is a busy and friendly

group, offering tea, coffee, biscuits and most importantly, friendship for up to three hours. Young and old, men and women are all welcome. Feel free to bring a packed lunch.



## Thursday Pushchair Club

Babies and toddlers aged from 0 to 5 years are welcome to join us, with their carers, on Thursday mornings from 10.30 to 12 noon. Every week in term time, the Pushchair Club fills the TRM Centre, giving children, their parents and carers a place to come together, play, sing, chat and enjoy refreshments.

## Room Hire

We make our facilities in the TRM Centre available to hire for a variety of purposes, from community groups to birthday parties. There is the large church hall with a stage, and room hire also includes the use of kitchen facilities if required. For all information, please visit our website.

## The Quiet Garden

All are welcome to find stillness and peace in the Totley Rise Methodist Quiet Garden. You are invited to come, sit and wonder about our creative God. It is a place of tranquillity and offers an opportunity, in the rush of modern life, to lay down your concerns. You can do this any time during daylight hours.

## Getting and Staying in Touch

The best source of further information is our website, [www.totleyrise.co.uk](http://www.totleyrise.co.uk) for our weekly notices and links to video recordings of many of our services. You can also submit prayer requests, and we are on Facebook at [facebook.com/TotleyRise](https://facebook.com/TotleyRise)

If you can't find what you need on the website, you can email [enquiries@totleyrise.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@totleyrise.co.uk).

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Sporting Chatter / Sporting Chatter films	Dore & Totley United Reformed Church (Fridays)	Michael Tomlinson 07896 003941 or Mike Pettitt Tel: 0750 3060990
Singing Teapot Choir	Dore & Totley United Reformed Church (Tuesdays)	Yo Tozer Loft - 07925 634420
Welcoming space (board games, refreshments and biscuits)	Dore Methodist Church Hall (Wednesdays 10.30 - 1pm)	No booking requirement - just drop in
Dore and Totley Rosemary memory café	Dore Methodist Church Hall (Tuesdays 1st & 3rd week each month)	Elsie.ledger@ageuksheffield.org.uk Tel. 07384 833594
Reminisce and Revive: Zoom group sharing stories & poems	Zoom -Monday (fortnightly)	anne.grange77@googlemail.com 07815 966784
Nature Natter: Coffee, nature chat and mindfulness activity	Cross Scythes, Totley, Mondays 11 am 12.30 pm	Caroline Cook – 07583 551705 www.wellwithnature.co.uk caroline@wellwithnature.uk
Herbal Wellness: Learn about a different herbal medicine every week	Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet - Friday (fortnightly)	Caroline Cook- 07583 551705
Woodwork Wellbeing	Bradway Community Hall (Tuesdays)	Steven Fridlington 07900 344361 woodworkwellbeing@ouytlook.com
Ecclesall Forum	Cherry Tree Pub, Carterknowle (Mondays)	Paul May – paulmay@blueyonder.co.uk
Dance to Health Sheffield	St Augustine's Church, Endcliffe	Charlotte Bridle 07942 276312 charlottebridle@ae-sop.org
Table Tennis	Bradway Community Hall (Thursday & Friday weekly)	Jan – 07787 954842/0114 418 6463
S11 Carers Walk	Various - First Thursday each month	Sheffield Carers Centre -0114 278
Natter Coffee Morning	Totley Library - Thursdays	Totley All Saints Church -0114 236
South West Friendship Lunches (dinner, entertainment)	Shepley Spitfire pub, Totley Sportsman Pub, Crosspool Crosspool Tavern, Crosspool The Ball Inn, Crookes	0114 236 0298 0114 266 8081 0114 266 2113 0114 266 1211
Fulwood Memory Café (Dementia targeted)	Fulwood Scout Hut 2nd & 4th Tuesday	Elsie.ledger@ageuksheffield.org.uk- 07384 833594
S17 Carers Café	Border View Farm 11am 3rd Wed Totley URC 10.30 1st Wed.	Sheffield Carers Centre – 278 8942
Calmly Create	Fulwood Old Chapel School Room, 8 Whiteley Lane, Sheffield, S10 4GL	South Yorkshire Chaplaincy and Listening Service 07903 899751 sycls@sycls.co.uk
Bents Green Rpsmarty Memory Cafe (Dementia targeted)	Bents Green Methodist Church, Ringinglow Rd, 1st & 3rd Thursdays	Elsie.ledger@ageuksheffield.org.uk- 07384 833594



## TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

### MONDAYS

**AGE UK FITNESS** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 1.30-2.30 pm. Contact Community Wellness Service - 0114 553 7807

**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-3pm

**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

**WELCOMING PLACES COFFEE MORNING** open to all, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am to 12 noon

**TAI CHI** Dore and Totley United Reformed Church 4-5 pm. Contact Bernice on 07999 617387

### WEDNESDAYS

**PILATES & MOVEMENT CLASSES**, for groups & private clients. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.10 - 10.10, 10.20 - 11.20 and 11.30 - 12.30. Private lessons available at my Pilates Studio in Bradway. For further information contact Caroline Tel 07817 220324, or email Carolinenorthpilatesandmovement.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. Ben Tanner 07912 890512.

**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](http://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-

## OCTOBER

**SUN 6th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** 1pm - 5pm - Abbeydale Road South. £2 per ride per person. Car park closes 5pm. See [www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com](http://www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com)

**WED 9th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10am in Room 1, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Dennis Ashton, "Amazing Space". Guests are always welcome - we are always looking for new members.

**WED 16th DORE GARDEN CLUB** "Unforgettable Gardens of Somerset & Dorset", hosted by Camilla Anderson, Researcher and Garden Historian. Dore Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Visitors £4 at the door.

**SAT 19th & SUN 20th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Mammal trapping with Val (Sorby Natural History Society). Meet 4.30 on 19th at bottom of Totley Hall Lane and 08.30 on 20th for release of mammals. Similarly the 26th for the 27th if weather inclement previous week. See page 5.

**SUN 20th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** 1pm - 5pm - Abbeydale Road South. £2 per ride per person. Car park closes 5pm. See [www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com](http://www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com)

**WED 23d TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP** Dr Jenny Stephenson, "The Life of a GP", 7.30pm, Totley Library. Non-members welcome.

**SAT 26th TOTLEY LITTER PICKING MORNING** 10-11am. Equipment provided. This activity is done at participants' own risk. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet Baslow Rd, outside Totley Library. All welcome.

## NOVEMBER

**SAT 9th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Bird Walk led by Stuart Davies. Meet at end of Totley Hall Lane at 09.30. For more information see page 5.

**SAT 16th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Fungi foray with Ziggy. Meet at bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 10.30. Small charge for non-members. For more information see page 5.

**WED 20th DORE GARDEN CLUB** "Exploring the Winter Garden", hosted by Deirdre Leaman, Co-owner Millthorpe Nursery. Dore Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Visitors £4 at the door.

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