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The waterwheel at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet (photo courtesy of Sheffield Museums Trust)

Abbeydale improvements to continue over winter

From Sheffield Museums Trust: As the shorter days approach, Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet closed for the winter on Monday 4 November, reopening in the spring. During this time, we'll be carrying out the next phase of works at the Hamlet as part of Embrace Abbeydale, an ongoing two-year programme of improvements, generously supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and thanks to National Lottery players.

Over the last 12 months, work has been underway to develop and plan the upcoming improvements to the site, which will include a refreshed welcome area with a new shop, new interpretation and displays, the introduction of a play area and restoration of the Blowing Engine

Waterwheel and Boring Shop.

We've begun speaking to visitors, local residents and wider stakeholders, who are helping to help shape the project, as well as undertaking additional research into the site and the people who lived and worked here. We're currently in the process of appointing a contractor to create the new play area, and working with Historic England to plan the archaeological exploration that will precede it.

During the winter, that work is set to continue:

- We'll shortly be kitting out a workshop space for volunteers who'll be supporting our Historic Engineering team in caring for the Waterwheels, the machinery

they run and the wider fabric of the site.

- Over the next couple of months, we'll also be continuing to ask for visitors, local communities, schools and groups to help us refine the plans for the improvements on site, including the development of new schools' workshop sessions. (Look out for more information on how you can get involved on our social media channels.)

- Towards the end of the year, we'll begin archaeological explorations on the site of the play area (just next to the Manager's House), an important aspect of any development at a site of historical significance. Once the exploration is complete, the subsequent work on the play area will comm- (continued page 3)

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-ence in late spring.

- In the New Year, we'll be carrying out key restoration work on the waterwheel, creating new timber spokes and repairing the historic water controls to get the Waterwheel ready to run again once the millpond is refilled (more on that below)

- In late spring, we'll be introducing the new suite of interpretation to better tell the Hamlet's story.

- Finally, we'll be delivering improvements to the car park, which will take place once Sheffield City Council's repairs to the dam have been carried out.

Alongside the improvements to the Hamlet, Sheffield City Council are currently in the process of planning the delivery of a major repair to the dam that supplies the waterwheels at the site.

The water level in the millpond has been temporarily reduced to stop a leak in the dam posing a risk to the historic buildings, in particular the Grinding Hull. The Council are currently finalising plans to carry out the repairs, which are scheduled to begin in spring 2025.

Chris Harvey, Head of Communications, Sheffield Museums Trust

You can find more about the improvements to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, as well as information from Sheffield City Council on the repairs to the dam, at www.sheffield-museums.org.uk

Councillors' News

At the time of writing, Donald Trump had just been announced as the next President of the USA, and the UK autumn Budget delivered some major financial challenges, particularly for small businesses. While we understand that these are turbulent times for many people, with much uncertainty ahead, it's important not to define our neighbours, friends and family by their politics. Focussing on this can often create division amongst us, even though we share similar hopes and fears for the future. Listening honestly and openly is very important and doubly so for politicians. We cannot let the politics of fear dominate.

Economically, we know that America is likely to become more protectionist and we hope that the UK Government acts quickly to solidify other options for more secure trading relationships. Closer to home, in Sheffield there are already major concerns over the Council's day-to-day finances and discussions on next year's budget will be even more difficult. A lot of the council's overspend is linked to statutory services such as SEND (Special Education Needs & Disability) support that Local Authorities must provide - and should provide - but the demands and costs increase every year. It is still unclear how much of the £1 billion

support for SEND promised in the budget will be allocated to Sheffield City Council.

We are also very concerned about the Police Budget, where a "fundamental accounting error" has led to a £65 million hole in South Yorkshire Police's finances. This is equivalent to nearly 20% of their annual budget, which is a staggering figure. We understand that the South Yorkshire Mayor, who is now responsible for the budget, is in talks with the government about this. Our colleagues on the Mayoral scrutiny committee will continue to ask questions going forward.

Another issue that featured prominently on local social media has been the Mercia Motors site on Abbeydale Road. Planning permission for this work was refused in 2021 because it failed to address concerns over the impact on water quality and the aquatic environment of the river Sheaf, which runs along the back of the site. This autumn work began without approval from the Council and Martin contacted the Planning Enforcement team who instructed the contractor to stop. A new planning application has been submitted with a proposal on how the river will be protected and, at the time of writing, it was still being considered by the local authority.



On the 16th October Bex went on a passenger run and lunch club visit at Dore Methodist Church with Transport 17 to be part of the celebrations recognising Community Transport Week. Transport 17 tackles the issue

of loneliness and isolation directly, enabling less mobile members of the community to access coffee, lunch and social clubs. The atmosphere was lively and fun, and everyone on this trip had made firm friends. From talking to both volunteers and passengers, it was clear that Transport 17's work makes a huge contribution to the community.

And finally, Martin and Joe recently accompanied the council's Chief Executive on a visit to Totley and Bradway. We met volunteers from several community groups and had some useful discussions on the priorities for the ward. We visited Green Oak Park to talk about some of the challenges, such as vandalism and other anti-social behaviour. We also thanked Totley Library staff for their work which helps make this part of Sheffield such a great place to live.

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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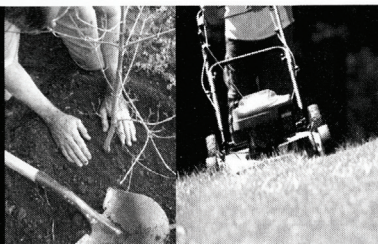
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Thank you to everyone who chose us as their Co-op Local Community Fund charity. Look how happy our Cubs were with the three brand new tents we bought recently thanks to this funding! These tents will be used by all our sections when they go on camp from now on - keeping the kids dry and happy.



And a huge thank you to Totley Artisan Events for donating £1700 to our Group in October! We're so grateful to them for their community spirit. This money will go a long way towards refreshing some more of our camping equipment - we have a lot of it to replace!

Totley Show 2024

We were very fortunate with the weather again this year: although a little cloudier in the morning, it was quite sunny in the afternoon. We were disappointed to see that the entries were down in the morning for the Show but we still managed to increase the number of people who visited the Show in the afternoon, despite last year being well up on previous years. There were a few classes this year that did not have any entries. We have not changed any of the classes for a few years and we plan to make a few changes for next year so if you have any ideas for either the open section or the children's sections please feel free to email at the address below. We would love to see more entries into the Show, so if you have any reticence on entering your items please put it aside. Others will love to see your handiwork even if you feel shy.



The refreshments were very busy this year as we were blessed with plentiful donations of cake, as can be seen from the picture!

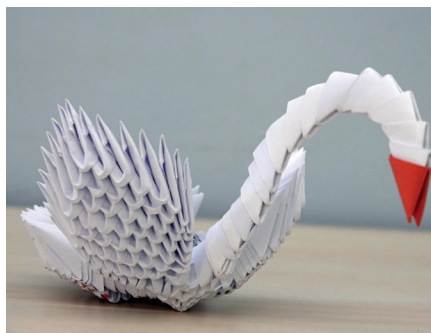
We had some new display boards this year which were kindly lent to us by Dore Show. We are very grateful to them for the loan as we have limited space for storage, which would only be used once a year.

We were again well supported by the local shops with prizes for the raffle. It was pleasing to get two new local businesses supporting the raffle.

Our thanks go to Active Physiotherapy, Co-op Totley, Cozy Chameleon Cafe, Cricket Inn, Deb Leonard Tropic Skincare, Duo Hair Salon, Ironing Parlour, Martin Scrivens, Moraira, Outram Fields Care Home, Shepley Spitfire, Tops for Jeans, Totley Pharmacy, Totley Tails and Whiskers, Totley Rise Newsagents and Post Office. Please support our local businesses and thank them for the raffle prizes for the Show.

We also had our regular sponsors, Staves Estate Agents, Outram Fields Care Home, Totley Rise Methodist Church,

Hamnett Wealth Management and Totley All Saints Church. Staves also put up 15 boards round the village to help promote the Show, which we feel works well. Totley All Saints Church supply some form of bouncy castle which this year was a pirate ship and I believe this went down very well with the children.



The last issue of the *Totley Independent* featured a photo of an entry of a swan, but we did not know the name of the entrant. I am pleased to say we have tracked him down and have another photo (below) of Mustafa Elamin

with his swan, his medal and his shield! Not only did Mustafa win in his class - he was also Best in Section for his age group! Very impressive!



Thank you to everyone who came to the Show whether entering in the morning or walking round in the afternoon. Special thanks go to the Seven Hills Quintet particularly as they did an extra 15 minutes and had only a short break between their two performances as we were let down at the last minute by the other entertainment booked.

As usual I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out on the Friday night and throughout the day on Saturday. I would also like to thank the committee who put in a lot of work during the nine months prior to the Show to ensure that it runs smoothly on the day.

Next year's Show will be on Saturday 20 September, please make a note in your 2025 diary.

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The Old School Friend (Part 1)

I was in the fifth form at the grammar school when I fell ill. Up until then I had been a healthy, if rather spotty, individual with reasonable all-round ability and a particular leaning towards art. I tried to please my parents by my industry and they were quietly appreciative....but when I was struck down it all started to go wrong.

The disease could have had a number of names but my personal strain was called 'motorcycles'.

There might, looking back, have been warnings that I would be susceptible to this kind of germ. A visit to Beaulieu in 1959 had resulted in recurring bouts of 'old cars'. But since this was masked by occasional mild waves of 'old aeroplanes' and 'old musical instruments' it was not taken too seriously.

But 'motorcycles' hit me like a sledgehammer. One minute I was slowly negotiating the mathematics of solids...the next I was in a stupefied dream in which I was Icarus, flying along close to the ground in a whirr of spokes, chains and tappets and a fierce crackling of exhausts.

Where did this malady come from? I was too young to ride a motorcycle so had no first-hand experience but the seeds of the problem had already been sown and it was just waiting to explode. It may have begun very early. I was a boom baby who, like many of my contemporaries, spent their first months in a big coach-built pram which had already served several generations. The revolving elegance of its large diameter wire-spoked wheels must have made a deep impression.

My father inadvertently sowed another seed when he gave me, at the age of 5 or 6, rides round the block on the cross-bar of his old black bicycle. The freewheel downhill and swoop into our road with the blurred ground rushing past under my swinging feet had a profound effect. This was embedded 8 or 9 years later by my father's creative skill at woodwork, which resulted in the old back door being recycled as a devilishly fast soapbox 'kart' using those same pram wheels. Now I was even closer to them and could marvel at the ingenious way a small amount of metal and rubber could be made to carry me at speed down our steep (but thankfully quiet) street.

The next seed was sown on the inspection, in the field behind my cousin's house, of a black and gold machine abandoned in the hedge. It was, I now know, an AJS of around 1953 and belonged to a strange young man called Michael from five doors down....but he already had a metal plate in his head from a childhood fairground accident and we surmised that the Ajay had been banned by his mother as an instrument to tempt fate. My inspection revealed some revelations....this machine was a miniature car. It had brakes and lights and gears and a clutch (as well as other mysterious levers) and the whole thing balanced elegantly on two beautiful wire-spoked wheels.



A 1953 AJS motorcycle

I experienced a wave of profound insight...this was clearly an instrument of freedom and, even partly embedded in privet, it still shouted an invitation...."Hey, come on...let's go...what are we waiting for?..." But although the call echoed gently around my impressionable mind, my feet were still glued to the floor by innocence and youthful poverty.

Soon after my fourteenth birthday my chronic shyness was abruptly cured by a kind older friend who dragged me into the local youth club on Totley Brook Road in a half-nelson shouting 'Orl-right girls..Who wants this one, then?'. Sixty

pairs of teenage female eyes made a lightning appraisal of what was on offer and an even quicker dismissal, and I was relegated to welcome obscurity on the social sidelines where I could watch and learn from the 'big kids'.

One of these was the owner of an elderly down-at-heel Bantam which I had hardly noticed until the week my illness kicked in. From then on I was drawn inexorably to it and, while my new friends were indoors arguing about what to put on the Dansette, I sat on the curb sniffing the smell of petrol and burnt oil. It was inevitable that I would find myself sitting astride it one evening with the tacit approval of the owner, and from there it was a short step to the first illegal ride up the main road, during which I touched a heady 25mph. Sitting in a euphoric trance afterwards I felt as if I had grown 6 inches and, as I had not fallen off (informed opinion said that every motorcycle ride ended in a crash) I must, ergo, be one of the chosen few...the happy breed...the brethren....who were natural motorcyclists. This was clearly my destiny.



I must have voiced some of these grand ideas at home because a discussion began which turned into a skirmish... and then into all-out war lasting several weeks. My claim of a God-given right to a motorcycle met a stone wall. This was no small irritating wall....but a very high wall several feet thick and painted black....with a gigantic 'NO!' written on it. From the top of this wall my father (from now on known as 'The Enemy') poured all sorts of statements to counter my fierce attacks: 'Motorcycles are far too dangerous'; 'You'll kill yourself'; 'Where's the money coming from?'; 'We've nowhere to keep it'; 'You won't do your homework now....you don't need any more distractions'.

I, still on full offensive, got the latest accident statistics from RoSPA, which (it was now 1963) momentarily took the wind from my sails. The figures made it clear that the brethren were fast becoming a self-endangered species. But below the carnage hinted at in the negative numbers was a fascinating piece of information: sidecar combinations were statistically the safest form of transport on the road and had been for several years.

Could this be the winning direction for attack? The Enemy, sensing that the battle had reached a worrying level of sophistication, fell back on the last resort: "You can't have a motorcycle - because I SAY SO!!" That was it. I had reached the wall and found it made of papier-mâché - and the smell of victory filled my nostrils.

So, when another school friend let on that his father wanted to sell an elderly Norton sidecar outfit, the red mist came in and, judgment completely obscured, I took an unusual route after school to inspect the plot, handed over four pounds, accepted a confirmatory Woodbine and was still home in time for tea.

Collecting my purchase required cunning. It was unroadworthy due to a broken sidecar chassis, unlikely to start, had no working lights and bald tyres and on top of that, I was still only fifteen.

It took several more weeks (at twelve shillings a week) for the paper round to produce enough liquidity to solve the transport problem and Pickfords Removals were hardly excited by my request to hire a pantechnicon on a Sunday for only two hours, but the driver and mate proved to be sympathetic to my disability. They had both been motorcyclists in their youth and recognised the affliction. After dragging the Norton from its lockup, I discovered that my four pounds had also bought a second outfit, this time in pieces, which had been hidden in the gloom behind the first. The red mist obscured any practical difficulties which this new information presented and all was lovingly loaded into the wagon.

Arriving home in the dusk, I found the curtains drawn for an evening's TV and so was able to unload quietly into our semi-detached driveway without alerting the Enemy. Paying off my cheerful helpers I let myself in the back door and, no questions being asked, settled down in front of *Sunday*

Night at the London Palladium with the insouciance of a normal family member.

The Enemy did not realise they had lost the war until it was necessary to go out for a shovel of coke the following morning and the spoils of victory were blocking the coal shed.

To give him credit, my father did not lose his temper, shout, sulk or otherwise demonstrate his loss. He may have already realised that time and energy were on my side and also that, on a 20-year-old sidecar outfit with the chair dragging on the floor and no money for insurance, tax or petrol, I was hardly going to annoy the local constabulary - and I was still only fifteen.

So I settled into a happy routine: all day at school sketching motorcycles in the margins of any available book, dash home for a quick dinner, straight into the shed for two hours of energetic kickstart jumping, to bed at 11pm with a screaming right leg. After nearly two weeks of this evening activity, I was surprised by a single explosion from somewhere under the petrol tank of the Norton. Having aimlessly wiggled the levers backwards and forwards during the preceding fortnight I must have accidentally arrived somewhere close to the correct starting position and it took only a further hour of experiment before the decrepit machine coughed into life. I would have danced round the shed in triumph if my right leg had not been rigid; so I just drank in the heady aroma of burnt oil fumes and carbon monoxide until my coughing drowned the Norton's and I had, at last, to stop the engine.

As the owner of a working motorcycle my esteem grew and there were regular parties of admirers to witness the Norton's static display of noise and smoke. However, I was still several months away from the legal possibility of taking to the highway, and these months turned into something of an anticlimax. Sitting in a small shed full of fumes and ticking machinery began to pall, so I started to plan the next move.

Finance was going to be important so I took a Saturday job at a city centre fruit stall on The Moor run by an authentic Del-boy character who found me a good audience for his tall stories. He claimed to have driven at Le Mans and to have at least three current domestic situations in progress, each unbeknownst to the other. This number varied between two and five when the subject was mentioned, which suggested that, to him, conversation was a creative art rather than a science. He cheerfully encouraged me to manoeuvre his Morris pickup and Thames three-tonner in the back streets behind the fruit-stall and on one glorious occasion suggested that I should drive the lorry across Sheffield to the fruit market while he enjoyed a 'Passing Cloud' in the passenger seat.

I blossomed under this tutelage and became a very skilful commercial driver - at least for a fifteen-year old. It was whilst exploring the alleys behind the stall that I discovered Charlie Wathen's scrapyard. Despite twenty years having passed since the end of World War 2 the councillors of Sheffield had still not been able to agree on a city centre plan and, consequently, there were open bombsites within a quarter of a mile of the town hall. Many were official or unofficial carparks, but this particular area, adjacent to a disused pub, was obviously leased to Mr. Wathen.

My first encounter with him was inauspicious. He was sitting on the kerb outside the 'pub' exploring one nostril with a black finger and suggested that I "b****r off" in a particularly broad South Yorkshire twang. Although the bombsite was covered in piles of cars, I had already noticed that the 'pub' yard was full of elderly motorcycles and, after braving a couple more caustic encounters with Mr W, who eventually realised that I was insane but harmless, I was allowed to browse. There were examples of pre-war Tiger 90, sloper BSA and New Hudson and many two-strokes, as well as the ubiquitous WD Norton 16H (one with a sidecar wheel drive), but my particular interest fell on a dark red machine with an 'M' on the engine case. It appeared intact and undamaged and, apart from a flat back tyre, ready to transport me to Nirvana. When I handed over the asking price of forty-five shillings (£2.25 to you infants) Charlie melted and started to tell me anecdotes from his own motorcycling career and our relationship was firmly cemented. As an English GCE student I was particularly impressed by how many expletives he could fit into a sentence, although I was wise enough not to demonstrate this vernacular skill in front of my parents.

I left the yard pushing my Matchless and got as far as the fruit stall where I leaned it against a rear wall and finished my day's tasks. When he heard that I blithely intended to push the machine (still with a flat rear) six uphill miles home after work, Del-boy exhibited a rare moment of generosity and offered to take it on the back of the pick-up with the day's rotten veg, which was going in a similar direction, to a pig-farm.

So, I set out on my motorcycling career on the eve of my sixteenth birthday at the princely cost of forty-five shillings. Of course this was not the sum of it, and the bills started to accumulate as I got to know my new love....an inner tube and a tin of black Japlac, some 'jungle juice' lubricant, a pair of fancy motocross grips.and as my 'amour passe', the Norton, was now history I sold it to a gang of local urchins for one pound and it was last seen freewheeling down the hill covered with a seething mass of humans.

Now the activity became more urgent. I intended to be on the tarmac ASAP after my birthday and the minor problems of legality had to be solved.

Don't miss Part 2 of this saga in the next issue!

Adrian Holden

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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

The weather eventually warmed up and now it's cooled down again. Rumours are that it is going to warm up and get wet again for a change. No wonder we are always talking about the weather. We've completed all our mid season concerts, all of which were very well received so we'll soon be rehearsing for the Christmas Concert which will be on Saturday December 21st at 2.30pm in Dore Methodist Church. I still do not know what the programme will contain but I know it will be an interesting mix of seasonal music and, no doubt, some special items like last year's pantomime (see photo). Tickets



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will be available as usual by phone on 07565 805405 or via the web at <https://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html> and as this is always a popular event please don't leave it too late to book as space is limited. The quality of the music makes me

proud to be associated with such a nice and talented bunch of people. There will, of course be refreshments provided in the interval.

Next year we are repeating the format we used this year with staged concerts at Crookes, Dore and Whittington Moor but this time it will be *The Mikado*, one of the best loved G&S shows. I think that it has more well known music than any other of their operettas and Gilbert's dialogue is very clever as well as being funny. It is of course a silly story as you would expect but the way W.S.Gilbert discusses the problem of Ko-Ko having to execute himself is brilliant.

The Montgomery Theatre is still not in use. Like all old buildings once you start work on improvements all sorts of unforeseen problems appear. It is said to be opening soon. We'll see.

The Society chooses a charity to support during the year and this year it has chosen to support Alzheimers Association, so at the end of each performance we hold a bucket collection



for that organisation. You are no doubt aware that this pernicious disease destroys lives and places an often intolerable burden on the carers so we hope you will support us in our efforts to raise money for much needed research.

Here's hoping this late spell of dry, warm weather continues for a little longer and that we do not get too many frosts too soon.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Concert and until then stay safe and don't forget your flu and covid jabs.

Derek Habberjam

Church Services

This Christmas in Dore & Totley

All Saints Totley

Thursday 5th - Saturday 7th
The Christmas Experience
(more info: allsaintstotleychurch.org)

Sunday 15th - 5pm & 7pm
Carols By Candlelight

Friday 20th - 8pm
Carols in the pub
The Crown Inn, Totley

Christmas Eve - 2pm
Christmas Eve Family Carols

Christmas Eve - 11.30pm
Midnight Candlelit Communion

Christmas Day - 9.30am
All-Age Christmas Service

All dates are in December

Christ Church Dore (on tour)

Thursday 19th
Carol-oke
The Hare and Hounds - 7pm
The Devonshire - 8pm

Sunday 22nd - 4.30pm & 7pm
Carol Service
Christ Church Dore Community Centre

Christmas Eve - 3pm & 5pm
Crib Service
Christ Church Dore Community Centre

Christmas Eve - 11.15pm
Midnight Communion
Dore Methodist Church

Christmas Day - 10am
Christ Church Dore Community Centre

St John The Evangelist

Christmas services:
www.amchurchsheffield.co.uk

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Sunday 15th - 10.30am
Contemporary Carol Service

Sunday 22nd - 10.30am
All Age Advent

Sunday 22nd - 4pm
Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 4pm
Crib Service

Christmas Day - 10am
Christmas Day Celebration

Sunday 29th - 10.30am
Joint Service at Dore

Dore & Totley United Reformed Church

Christmas services:
www.doremethoist.org.uk

Dore Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd - 10.30am
Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 11.15pm
Midnight Communion

Christmas Day - 10am
At Totley Rise Methodist Church

Sunday 29th - 10.30am
Christmas Sunday Service

English Martyrs

Saturday 21st - 5pm
Virgil Mass

Christmas Eve Mass - 10am
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Christmas Day Mass - 8.30am
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Saturday 28th - 5pm
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All Saints Church, Totley

As I write this, the church is buzzing with preparations for Remembrance Day and our centenary celebrations, making it a very busy season with so much happening at All Saints. In just a few days, we'll be celebrating 100 years of All Saints Church.

On the day, the Bishop of Sheffield will join us to recreate the very first service held here, offering a beautiful connection to our past. We're also thrilled to welcome the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and to have the Totley History Group involved, adding wonderful displays that highlight the rich heritage of our church and community. We'll even be offering commemorative mugs to mark this milestone—small tokens of a big moment in our church's journey.

But even as we honour these special occasions, our sights are already set on the excitement of the Christmas season, with plenty of ways for everyone in the community to get involved.

We're thrilled to announce that our Christmas Experience, beginning on the 5th of December, is set to be even bigger and better than last year. This immersive, walkthrough nativity experience welcomed nearly 1.5 thousand visitors last year, and we're expecting another incredible turnout. Throughout the day on Saturday, local groups will be performing in the hall, adding even more festive cheer. You can book your free tickets online—come along, bring friends and family, and step into the story of Christmas.

Our choir has also begun rehearsals for the Carols by Candlelight service on the 15th of December, with two services at 5pm and 7pm. It's a traditional candlelit carol service, beautifully illuminated by over one hundred candles, creating a magical atmosphere that's perfect for embracing the season's spirit. If you're interested in joining the choir, it's a "scratch" choir, so no experience is needed—just a love for singing. Feel free to email us at music@allsaintstotley.church for details. If your choice of singing is a little more.. ahem...rough and ready, why not join us in the Crown Inn on the Friday before Christmas for a good old carol sing in the pub?

On Christmas Eve, we have something for everyone. Families are warmly invited to join us for Family Carols at 2pm, a lively and joyful celebration of the Christmas story. Later that night, we'll gather for a candlelit Midnight Communion at 11.30pm—a peaceful, reflective way to welcome Christmas Day. Or of course join us on the day itself for an all-age celebration.

We know Christmas is an exciting time, but it can also be challenging. If you're finding this season hard, or if you'd like someone to pray with you, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our doors are open, and we're here to support you.

There's truly so much happening in the coming weeks, and we would love for you to be a part of it. Whether you're joining us for a service, a Christmas event, or simply popping by, you are always welcome at All Saints.

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38th Totley Show Results September 2024

Overall best in show Stuart Barton for open woodwork in the woodwork section

HANDICRAFTS: Best in Class: Pamela Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1. Knitted or Crocheted item	Celia Nasby	Elizabeth Drake	Judy Needham
2. Decorative Cushion	Sammy Jones	Sue Bridgens	Pamela Challis
3. Soft Toy	Victoria South	Pamela Challis	Sue Bridgens
4. Sewn Garment	Sue Bridgens	-	-
5. Cross Stitch	Pamela Challis	Hilary Donnelly	-
6. Quilting/Patchwork	Sue Bridgens	Hannah Corbey	Pamela Chalis
7. Greetings Card	Zoe Lawton	Sammy Jones	Pamela Challis
8. Open Handicraft any medium	Pamela Challis	Sally Measures	Gaynor Tansley

DOMESTIC SECTION: Best in Class: Simon Grey

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
9. A Cake (any recipe)	Barbara O'Connor	Maya Elangasinge	Pamela Challis/Sandra Doyle
10. Victoria Sandwich	Dorothy Firth	Pamela Challis	-
11. Dundee Cake	Duncan Froggatt	Judith Barton	Liz Hayden
12. Carrot Cake	Liz Hayden	Chris Scott	-
13. Free from (any recipe)	Barbara O'Connor	Liz Hayden	-
14. 3 Fruit Scones	Jayne Mills	Barbara O'Connor	Mark Evans
15. Loaf of Bread	Philip Robertson	-	-
16. Jam	Hannah Corbey	Charlotte & Isaac Yaxley	Charlotte & Isaac Yaxley
17. Lemon Curd	Barbara O'Connor	Sharron Goldie	Sharron Goldie
18. Marmalade	Simon Grey	Jayne Mills	-
19. Chutney	Glyn Foley	Sharron Goldie	Glyn Foley

FLORAL SECTION: Best in Class: Liz Walkden

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
20. Floral Arrangement	Liz Walkden	Pamela Challis	Jai Saxelby
21. 3 Cut Home Grown Flowers	Jai Saxelby	Joan Gillard	Andrew Knapton
22. Flowering Pot Plant	Pamela Challis	Sally Andrews	Pamela Challis

FRESH PRODUCE: Best in Class: Ian Bell

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
23. 4 Eating Apples	Martin Challis	Chris Goldie	Mary Rice
24. 4 Cooking Apples	Martin Dunk/Sarah Goldie	-	Bob Taylor
25. 8 Blackberries	-	-	-
26. 5 or more Mixed Vegetables / Salad	Julie Hodgson	-	-
27. 3 Courgettes	Andrew Knapton	Neil Hayden	-
28. 5 Matching Runner Beans	Chris Scott	Joan Gillard	Andrew Knapton
29. 5 Tomatoes	Bob Taylor	Joan Gillard	-
30. 5 Tomatoes - Cherry	Trevor Coy	Trevor Coy	-
31. 1 Cucumber	Ian Bell	Andrew Hogan	Andrew Hogan
32. Heaviest marrow	Ian Bell	Neil Hayden	-
33. Longest runner bean	Chris Hogan	Chris Hogan	Chris Hogan
34. 3 Eggs from own hens	Bob Taylor	-	-

ART: Best in Class: Hannah Corbey

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
35. An Original Poem	Michael Rushforth	Clive Turner	Roger Smith
36. Oil or Acrylic Painting	Madeleine Milnes	John Wells	Madeleine Milnes
37. Watercolour	Stuart Needham	Ting Tao	Tina Warwick
38. Sketch in Ink or Pencil	Dave Attrill	Dave Attrill	Rob Lawson
39. Upcycled Item	Martin Challis	Hannah Corbey	Victoria South
40. Open Art any medium	Hannah Corbey	Sally Measures	Julie Ann Weissenborn
41. Open Sculpture any medium	Thomas Weissenborn	-	-

PHOTOGRAPHY: Best in Class: Maddy Stretton

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
42. Black and white	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden
43. Portrait	Maddie Stretton	Jon Pemberton	Jon Pemberton
44. Animal - Domestic or Wild	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Barbara O'Connor
45. Landscape	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden

WOODWORK: Best in Class: Stuart Barton

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
46. Wood Turning	Stuart Barton	-	-
47. Open Woodwork	Stuart Barton	-	-

CHILDREN'S SECTION: Best in Class, Up to 8: Thomas Weissenborn**CHILDREN'S SECTION: Best in Class, Age 9 to 14: Mustafa Elamin**

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
48. Vegetable Animal (up to 8)	Elliott Limb	Fenella Dunn	Rhys Pupius
49. 3 Decorative buns (up to 8)	Elliott Limb	-	-
50. A Cake any recipe (9 to 14)	Hifza Shiraz	Ezra Dunn	Niamh & Ezra Chaimes-Stones
51. 3 Biscuits (up to 8)	Thomas Weissenborn	Elliot Limb	-
52. 3 Biscuits (9 to 14)	Olivia McGrath	Olivia McGrath	Alice Evans
53. Decorated Gingerbread Man	Robyn Dunk	Elliot Limb	-
54. Egg Cup Flower Arrangement	Thomas Weissenborn	Sophie Wint	Thomas Weissenborn
55. Painting or Drawing (up to 5)	Zachary Watts	Elliot Limb	Charlotte & Elliot Yaxley
56. Painting or Drawing (6 to 8)	Thomas Weissenborn	Emily Staff	Rosie-May Hazlehurst
57. Painting or Drawing (9 to 11)	Theo Wade	Zoe Wade	Ada Murphy
58. Painting or Drawing (12 to 14)	Xuyan Chen	Ralph Coe	Stanley Coe
59. Lego model <25 cm sq (5 to 8)	Daniel Pocock	Penelope Watts	Zachary Watts
60. Lego model <25 cm sq(9 to 14)	Lenny Taylor	Theo Wade	-
61. Colour Photo (up to 14)	Victoria Foster	Elliott Limb	-
62. Open any medium (up to 8)	Wren Hibbar	Robyn Dunk	Thomas Weissenborn
63. Open any medium (9 to 11)	Mustafa Elamin	Zoe Wade	Lara Holmes
64. Open any medium (12 to 14)	William McGrath	-	-
65. Handwriting (up to 8)	Emmy Staff	Daniel Pocock	-
66. Handwriting (9 to 11)	Ava Cheshire	Ada Murphy	-
67. Handwriting (12 to 14)	-	-	-
68. An Original Poem	Thomas Weissenborn	Ada Murphy	Lara Holmes

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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.

Hush the Noise at Christmas

Christmas is busy and loud, isn't it? So much expectation. So many voices. Telling us how to celebrate, what to wear, what to eat and drink, what to watch and what to buy. This Christmas the Methodist Church is inviting everyone to 'Hush the Noise'. Christmas is a time to celebrate the closeness between God and humans that is symbolised by the baby Jesus. You are very welcome to attend any of our services. Have a peaceful and joyous Christmas, and a happy 2025.

- Sunday 15th Dec. 10.30am contemporary carol service
- Sunday 22nd Dec. 10.30am Advent worship for all ages 4pm Traditional Carol Service
- Tuesday 24th Dec. 4pm Crib service
- Wednesday 25th Dec. 10am Christmas Morning worship

Regular Services Information

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

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Join us to Hush the Noise this Advent and Christmas

- Contemporary Carol Service**
Sunday 15th Dec at 10:30am
- Advent Worship for all Ages**
Sunday 22nd Dec at 10:30am
- Traditional Lessons & Carols**
Sunday 22nd Dec at 4:00pm
- Crib Service, all ages welcome**
Tuesday 24th Dec at 4:00pm
- Christmas Morning Worship**
Wednesday 25th Dec at 10:00am

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 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

If you can't find what you need on the website, you can email enquiries@totleyrise.co.uk.



Totley History Group

As mentioned in the October/November edition of Totley Independent, we were considering submitting an application to *The Repair Shop* to see if they would take on the challenge of conserving the very delicate sampler we have been ask

to look after. This was embroidered in 1785 by Hannah Wild, nee Carson, first teacher at the village school. We have now submitted the application form and obviously hope to be accepted by *The Repair Shop* in due course.

We have had a display in Totley All Saints Parish Church to illustrate the origins of the church, recently celebrating its centenary. Built following the creation of Totley Parish when the population in this area was expanding rapidly, Totley had historically been linked with Dore Chapel of Ease, and later the more substantial parish and building of Christ Church, Dore.

A donation of land and money was given by the Milner family towards the construction of Totley's new church. They lived in Totley Hall and their son Roy was the first Totley soldier to be killed in WW1 in September 1914. Throughout the following four years of war Mrs Milner worked tirelessly to support local families who had husbands/sons fighting abroad, knowing of their anxieties and fears first hand. The chancel of the church is dedicated to Roy.

Winter Programme

December: No meeting in the Library, but some members go to one of the 'Spitewinter' concerts at All Saints Church, Ecclesall, performed by Sheffield Folk Chorale who sing songs of winter, ancient and modern, in glorious four part harmonies.

Dec 16th or 17th, 7pm. Tickets £8. Ticket enquiries graham.pratt2013@gmail.com.

22nd January; Martin Gorman, "Sheffield Castle"

26th February: Jonathon Jones, "Bugle Boy"

All meetings are held at 7.30pm on 4th Wednesday each month in Totley Library, unless otherwise stated. Members £2. Non-members welcome £3

Pauline Burnett

What's on at Totley Library



Greetings to all as we come to the end of 2024 with thanks again for all the support that the community has given to the library. We have had a great year celebrating the 10 years since volunteers took over the library from the council, and the library has developed into much more of a community hub. Along with the other 15 volunteer-run libraries we have made a video to tell our story, and it is well worth 15 minutes to view it. It can be viewed on the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/kl58ne3agrcderg9cq10w/VLiS-10th-Anniversary-Video.mp4?rlkey=wx1f1qpxlpjp23sl-2wkcw3wxk&dl=0>

Or just search YouTube for 'Volunteer Libraries Sheffield'.

Do come in and visit us at any time! New volunteers are always welcome!

Julie Kitlowski

Totley Library goes from strength to strength

You may be forgiven for thinking that libraries are held in nostalgic reverence by the older generation and that they do not have much to offer the younger generation. We all see young people glued to their smart phones, playing games on the screen and connecting to people through social media and maybe forget the importance of libraries in supporting literacy and in opening up the world of imagination. Despite these commonly held views, Totley Library continues to develop and go from strength to strength. To put it in context, over the last year we loaned out over 41,000 books (an increase of 16% on the previous year) of which nearly 24,000 were children's books. This summer, we saw a record 315 primary age children (a 14% increase on last year) register for the Reading Challenge and it is always a delight to see so many young families enjoying the library.

If you have not been into Totley Library recently, you may be surprised at what it has to offer. We offer a large range of community activities for all age groups and an excellent range of books. We add at least 120 books to our stock every month and our shelves are always kept fresh with many new titles.

Please come along and support us. We will always make you welcome and help you enjoy this local community resource. Why buy books when you can borrow them for free from the library!

Library Opening Hours

Monday 1pm - 7pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 10am - 5pm
Friday and Saturday 10am - 1pm

Please note that the Library will be closed over Christmas from 1pm on Friday 20th December to 10am on Friday 3rd January.

Library News

We have been given a Bug Hotel created by the Percy Street Collective using home grown British Larch as a gift to local residents to place in our Library garden and to attract mini beasts and creatures to safely hide away. The Percy Street CIC supports young people with neuro-diverse or some developmental delay in Sheffield and the bug hotel has been created in their workshop in Percy Street.

Other work this Autumn has included some general maintenance to the Library roof, the replacement of the boiler in the Adult Library and maintenance work on the Children's Library boiler.

We have trimmed the hedge along the front of the Library to make the Library sign more visible from the road and we are in the process of putting up a new notice board for the Library to announce upcoming events.

Totley Library Community Cinema

Our cinema programme is available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Cinema entry: £3 for adults and £1.50 for children which includes a raffle ticket for a prize draw. Tickets can be bought in advance from Totley Library or at the door on the day. Refreshments are available.

You must be a library member in order to watch the films, so please bring your library card with you on the day, or you can sign up on arrival. Thursday matinee films are free for the over 65s.

Upcoming films in December are:

Sunday 15th December, 2pm - Wonka (PG).

Friday 13 December 7pm - The Holdovers (15)

Thursday 19 December, 3pm - Wicked Little Letters (15)

Totley Library Community Art Space

Free space for local artists to display work

Original Art, Prints and Photographs for Sale. Art works by local artists Angela Harpham, Christopher Franklin, Kath Horner, Louise Vickers and Maureen Chatterton are currently on display and available for sale at very competitive prices. Check out our current exhibitors on the art page on www.totleycric.org.uk or better still, 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.

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting community 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 carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

Library Lottery Winners

In the September draw, first-prize winner was Brenda Fryer, and Claire Howard won second prize. First-prize winner in the October draw was Barbara O'Connor, and second prize was won by Margaret Elliott.

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B—Blue (m, sort of)

R—Rony (m)

U—(m or f, or both)

1. Google other TOTLEYS, and decide which one you'd live at if you couldn't live at this one any more.

S There's only one Totley, but there's a Sheffield in Alabama.

B I've only ever lived in this Totley and at Owlerton.

R There's only one Totley, so it'll have to do.

U _____

2. Your favourite Totley colour(s)?

S Green.

B Blue.

R Green and golden.

U _____

3. Who, of all the musicians who've ever lived, played or been played in Totley, would you most like to hear?

S Joseph Sharpe, who was a harpist and a Chartist and rhymed himself.

B Johann Sebastian Bach.

R Charlie Peace.

U _____

4. How many years have you lived in Totley?

S 17.

B 2.

R 83.

U _____

5. How old were you when you first came to Totley ?

S 54.

B 3.

R Minus 9 months .

U _____

6. There used to be the Totley Ten pubs in Totley and Dore. How many have you had a drink at?

S 5.

B 1.

R All... and I'll celebrate by buying the first round at the The Grouse at Totley Bents.

U _____

7. Haven't we done this quiz before?

S Probably.

B Probably.

R Er.

U _____

8. Apart from Blue, who is/was/were/will be the best dog(s) ever in all Totley?

S Jack and Maisie.

B Marley.

R Jack and Maisie.

U _____

9. What's the best thing about Totley?

S Meeting all the other dog walkers and residents in Greenoak Park most mornings.

B Getting questions about my smart greyhound boots.

R The *Titely Independant*, since 1873 spreading love and a sense of plaice with every oddition. It is idioted with such care and percussion, especially when it comes to spillings and pinkyuationnctuation %

U _____

10. If you ever have to die in Totley, where do you want to be scattered?

S Shep's Bank.

B Gilly Woods .

R Gilly Woods.

U _____

11. Where's your favourite outdoor place for weeing in Totley?

S No weeing in public.

B Any hedge on Mickley Lane.

R The big hawthorn in Green Oak by the bowling green (as wazz).

U _____

12. When was the last time last time you kissed a toad?

S I once had a badge which said I prefer the frog (instead of Prince Charles).

B I might eat one.

R 1973 (a toad from The TOADS).

U _____

13. If the Totley vicar says that God says that dogs can't go to heaven, what will you say to him/her/HIM/HER?

S I'm not going.

B I'm not going.

R I'm not either.

U _____

14. Where were you, in Totley, when you once did something naughty (and perhaps wouldn't mind doing it again)?

S Gilly Woods.

B Gilly Woods.

R Gilly Woods.

U _____

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Update from Olivia Blake MP

It has been a busy few months since returning to Parliament. I have had the privilege of serving on the Great British Energy Bill Committee, which means I have been scrutinising the Bill line by line and taking evidence from people across the energy and climate sector. The aim of Great British Energy is to boost investment in renewable energy projects, such as offshore wind, and help the UK become energy independent. This new publicly-owned company will own, manage, and operate clean power projects across the country, facilitating clean energy production, distribution, storage, and supply. It will also play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels. The Bill has now successfully passed the committee stage and has progressed onto the House of Lords. This is the first major piece of legislation in this Parliament, and I am proud to be involved.

I am pleased to announce that I have been elected to the Environmental Audit Committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing how government departments and public bodies are contributing to environmental protection and sustainable development. We will be closely auditing their progress towards achieving environmental protection and sustainability targets, ensuring the UK stays on track to meet its green goals.

I am also pleased that I have been re-elected as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). I look forward to working with colleagues cross-party in ensuring that children and young people with SEND have the support they need and opportunities to thrive.

Residents who have read my monthly email newsletters might remember my work on the Climate and Nature Bill between 2021-2023, which has garnered strong support from across parties. I am proud to still be co-sponsoring this critical piece of legislation, which had its first reading in Parliament on the 16th of October. This Bill is essential in adopting a whole-government approach to tackling the climate emergency. I look forward to supporting its second reading in January 2025, and ensuring that the UK meets its international commitments on climate and nature by 2030.

Finally, buses and travel remain a key issue in the casework I receive from residents. To ensure your views are heard, I have created a survey for residents to share their experiences with bus services in our constituency. You can use this QR code to access the survey. Your feedback will help inform my work on improving local transport and advocating for Hallam residents. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and make your voice heard.



Thank you for reading my update. Your voice is vital to the work I do. As ever, please do get in touch if there is an issue you are facing, or a campaign you would like me to join.

Olivia Blake, MP for Sheffield Hallam

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Totley All Saints CE Primary School

We have had a great start to the year and there is lots to celebrate already. We have our Global Neighbours council, Merit Captains and School Council in place and they are already busy brainstorming ideas and working closely with outside agencies to make the school community and environment even better.

Our pond dipping area is now finished and the fabulous Play to Measure worked in horrible conditions to complete. We even had children visiting them and sharing their own designs that they had created.



We held our first Classroom Showcases of the year, where we invited parents into classes to take part in a range of lessons with the children. These included science experiments, sewing and learning phonics.

Many trips have already taken place. Year 1 and 2 have been to the Theatre to see *The Giddy Goat*, whilst Year 4 have visited Longshaw Estate and Year 6 have visited the Cathedral as part of their Christianity topic.

We are very proud to announce we have been awarded the Music Mark at Totley All Saints CE Primary. We have been recognised for the value we place on music, and the high quality music education. Every child gets the opportunity to learn an instrument in every year, from recorder to cornet and glockenspiel, to name just a few.

Melisa Drake, Head Teacher

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Jigsaw sale

Thank you to everyone who donated jigsaws for our sale last month, and to those who came along on the day. We raised over £1000 for the charity we are supporting this year - Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care.

SCCCC works with the NHS and local authority in supporting elderly and vulnerable people. This can be through their Good Neighbour Scheme, the aim being to prevent loneliness or isolation, with the help of volunteers across the city. SCCC Hospital to Home service ensures that an elderly person is settled into their home after leaving hospital, and checking they have everything they need. Another service aims to support people to avoid hospital re admission.

Christmas services

1st December: Join us at 10.30am as we celebrate Advent Sunday by decorating our Christmas tree. Led by Mrs Jane Studd.

8th December: This morning there will be a traditional Carol service led by Mrs Marie Gleadhill.

15th December: Morning worship at 10.30 led by Rev. Barry Welch

23rd December: Morning worship led by Rev. Simon Copley. This will be Simon's last service before he retires.

Christmas Day Join our celebration at 10.30 led by Mr Pete Clark

Elaine Ferguson

Totley War Memorial, Sunday 10th November



Totley Primary School

Honouring the Fallen through Powerful Drama

Participating in and teaching children about the nation's annual act of remembrance in November is always a significant part of the school year at Totley Primary School. This year, a very special joint project with Sheffield Theatres ensured the experience for our junior children was particularly poignant as they explored some complex and thought-provoking themes from the 1st World War.

Working in our school hall, a wonderful team from Sheffield theatres led individual workshops for each year group. Themes explored included the causes of the war, the symbolism of the white feather and the extreme youth of many of the soldiers.

The workshops were then brought together in a final performance in the round. During this, children could watch the piece as a whole, which was cleverly engineered to follow the chronology of the war. The result was utterly compelling.

At the end of the session, all children were given a sticker naming an individual soldier from the Totley and Dore war memorials, to find out more about them.



Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

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The 215th Sheffield (1st Totley) Scout Group is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our team as leaders and helpers in all sections. Whether you're an experienced leader or someone looking to give back to the community, this is a great opportunity to support and inspire young people, while helping them develop into responsible, resourceful, and compassionate individuals.

Without new volunteers coming forward, we are going to have to close a number of our sections from Summer 2025, because three of our longstanding leaders are all standing down after years of dedicated volunteering with us. Currently, we have sections meeting every weeknight, and after all the hard work and fundraising that has gone into refurbishing our Hut, it would be such a shame for it not to continue to be fully used because we don't have enough leaders.

Why volunteer with us?

As a leader or helper, you'll play a vital role in:

- **Building Character:** Scouts are encouraged to live by the values of trust, honesty, responsibility, and kindness. As a leader, you'll be mentoring young people to develop these core values.
- **Teaching Practical Skills:** From outdoor survival to leadership skills, first aid, and teamwork, Scouts learn a wide range of important life skills. As a leader, you'll help them put those skills to use in real-life situations.
- **Making a Difference in the Community:** Scout leaders are a positive force in their communities, often going into volunteering themselves, taking care of others and the environment.
- **Learning and Growing:** Being a Scout leader is also a chance for you to learn new skills, build lasting friendships, and experience the joy of seeing young people thrive.

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Don't worry if you've never been a Scout or have no experience with youth leadership. We provide full training and ongoing support to ensure you feel confident in your role. Whether you're looking to work with younger Beavers and Cubs or older Scouts and Explorers, there's a role that fits your interests and skills, and we need help in all sections.

What We're Looking For:

- A passion for helping young people grow.
- A positive attitude and a willingness to share your knowledge and experiences.
- A commitment to regular meetings and activities (typically one evening per week and occasional weekend events).
- No previous Scouting experience necessary — just a desire to make a difference!

How to Get Involved

If you're ready to find out more about helping us, we want to hear from you! Simply contact totley1stscouts@gmail.com to find out more. We'll have a chat about what your interests and experience are, and arrange for you to come along to visit a meeting and see how you could get involved.

Join us today and be a part of something special. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of young people — and in our community!

Traffic News

Northern General Hospital Car Parking Did I hear a moan when you read this? Read on. The small car park, on the right going up from Barnsley Road entrance has been closed, to create a garden. It features in October's edition of Gardens Illustrated.

Royal Hallamshire Hospital That 'B' road! Another moan I hear. It was rebuilt at great expense when structural faults

and leaks were detected. 'A' road had to service both roads whilst the work was carried out. Now it is completed, it has not reopened because of the potential air pollution caused by motor vehicles! It has been decked out with planters, and looks like the front page of an architects prospectus.

The queues for the car park, the other week, blocked Glossop Road and Clarkehouse Road, delaying everyone. The car park was closed 7 times in one day! As for pollution, it has, by logic, doubled on 'A' Road, as well as Glossop Road and Clarkehouse Road. I am told that 'B' Road would have had 32 spaces for Disabled drivers! One idea being floated is to make it a free for all in the car park, and not close it! And if we do not get to an appointment on time, we will have wasted various people's and services time, with, according to one politician, threat of a fine!

I wrote to PALS, Patient Advice and Liaison Service, and, after a prompt, got a reply from a Director's assistant. We had a very interesting discussion! I am hopeful that the Director will call me! Sth.pals@nhs.net

Community Speed Watch took place on Totley Brook Road from 8.30am to 9.30am on a Wednesday morning. Residents were pleased to see us, but not one lady who was not watching the road. Four guys in hi-viz jackets, one hi-viz advance sign, a straight road from King Ecgberts Road, and still she passed us at 37mph!

As of Monday October 21st, results from South West LAC Speedwatch Group were: over the last week 40 vehicles were input; during the last month 71 vehicles were input; and during the last year 108 vehicles were input. This means a letter will have been sent. The contents of the letter vary according to various circumstances — such as speed, driver's history, etc.

Roger Hart

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Common Threads

A series of articles by Richard Wrigglesworth, which are part of a major history project which Richard has undertaken, covering 800 years of local history.

Part 8 (1) Land Societies, Votes and Property

One job that was given in 1842 to George Wilson by Richard Cobden in his role as Chairman of the Anti Corn Law League was to list all the Boroughs, divide into categories and attend to the registration. Two special offices were opened in Manchester and London and by 1846 George was able to report to a Select Committee that they had listed the following property qualifications:

576 different Freehold	Forty shillings and above	
400 different Copyhold (a manorial tenure of land)	£10	
250 different Leasehold	£10 unexpired	
50 different Occupational	Paying £50 and above	
Total	1276	

This was incredibly complicated and he later commented 'there is nothing to stop a man from purchasing a 40 shilling freehold in every county and objecting to every other county voter in the land.' This meant specialist solicitors were needed, and at one time the League employed thirty. They published text-books of electoral law and methods, and took cases on appeal to the Court of Common Pleas as test cases and to confirm the legality of their methods. The staff in both Manchester and London were kept busy at the annual revisions and in looking out for, and buying, suitable properties for splitting up their value in rent charges. In Brighton a property was bought for £900 and split into 18 rent charges of £50, each carrying a vote, while the solicitor gained a vote as the nominal owner. One tenant was even Richard Cobden! An agent later estimated he had executed 250 such purchases, and in 1845 John Bright estimated free traders had invested some £250,000 in Lancashire, Cheshire and Yorkshire. Norman McCord, the League's historian, comments that although this was a 'formidable engine' it is impossible to say if it would have been decisive, for the final crisis supervened before these activities reached their peak. There were some striking successes including winning South Lancashire and the West Riding, but at immense cost in money and effort and only a small number of constituencies had been made safe by 1846. There was little the conservatives could do: the votes won were genuine and the registers had been 'purified.' The new middle class had arrived, the manufacturing North established as a power in its own right, and a North/South divide established in property by a new breed of estate agents.

The League opened books for the registration of land and houses for sale, surveyed the property, prepared the conveyance deeds and left the purchaser nothing to do but to choose his property, pay for it, and take possession. The League claimed it never used its own money to buy freeholds but in October 1845 Cobden described a plan in a letter to Wilson: 'Bright and I have talked over the idea of buying a landed estate in Bucks. or elsewhere to create 1000 votes. If I announce it strictly with a view to establish model farms, leases, offices, and cottages with gardens to prove our faith in our principles that the soil is as great a profitable development as manufactures then it would strike everybody and create a great deal of talk. He says the money in £60 shares could be raised in two weeks, but no mention must be made of votes.' They were thinking of investing £60,000 to £80,000 (multiply by about 80 for today's values!). He later acknowledged this was a step too far and was annoying both the Tories and the Whigs. He wrote to George Wilson in April 1844 '.... we are at war to the knife and they hate us as cordially as the Tories and more thoroughly as they hate each other'.

The money continued to roll in. Work in 1843 soon swallowed the first £50,000 and in 1844 and 1845 the League Council asked for Funds of £100,000. George Wilson gave a report that expenditure in 1844 was £59,333 and in 1845 £51,141 and there was a balance in hand of £12,033: it was recommended a subscription in aid of a great fund of £250,000 be raised to great cheering, and nearly £60,000 was quickly raised. The League entered 1846 in renewed spirit and Sir Robert Peel now enters the equation. An announcement appeared in the London Times on 4 December 1845 stating the intention of the government to repeal the Corn Laws. There

then followed six months of extreme viciousness aimed at Peel by his own selfish party. The ports were opened, corn allowed in and import duties reduced before the Corn Laws were repealed on third reading on the 26th May 1846. The numbers were 327 for and 229 against, a majority of 98. Back in Dore, Richard Furness in private correspondence had predicted that that they would win by 100 and bursting with pride had gone into Sheffield 'where everyone was talking about it.'

From February the League had been quietly wound up and on 2nd July the final meeting of the League under George Wilson was held and it was moved that after the first instalment (25%) of the £250,000 fund was paid the subscribers of the balance be released. Robert Hyde Greg, the MP for Manchester, took over and reported that George with 1361 and Archibald Prentice with 1117 had attended the most meetings, and then moved a motion that 'Mr Wilson be requested to accept a sum of £10,000 for his services', which was carried by acclamation. He had never accepted any remuneration but had a good deal of trouble avoiding income tax and it was some time before the Inland Revenue decided that that his post as Chairman had not been an 'office or employment of profit within the meaning of the Income Tax Act.' Richard Cobden's business had also suffered from neglect and he was badly in debt. This was only resolved by George raising over £75,000 by public subscription for him. George Wilson then needed a job and then joined the Board of the Manchester and Leeds railway as an amalgamation expert and worked for John Lewis Ricardo who had bought the patent for the Cooke and Wheatstone invention of the Electric Telegraph on the above.

My main conclusions of the above is that nothing appears to have changed in the last 180 years and there are some strange parallels with my own life. My grandfather, the grandson of Richard Furness, and my Scottish grandmother moved into Ford Cottage from Woodseats in the Chemical Yard in 1918, on the Back Lane behind Totley Rise when my father Richard Gordon was nine with his two younger brothers Malcolm and Geoffrey. I have his school reports for two more years in Woodseats but then he transferred to the Church School in Totley. They were the first tenants actually alongside the ford and forge and it appears more idyllic than the name implies. Why they fell on hard times remains a mystery but in 1935 my grandfather died and at the same time my grandmother, formally Jessie Kerr Scott, inherited sufficient from a James Alexander Gordon to buy 43 Queen Victoria Road where she died in 1950. This was on the bank above the Chemical Yard and gives the appearance of moving up in the world. I was born there in 1943 and my father then bought 'LOT 37 [OF 78] THE ABBEYDALE FREEHOLD LAND SOCIETY Bradway Bank, Bradway near Totley, County of Derbyshire' which we moved into in 1946. The origins go back to 1873 when John Ducker Beckitt, Gentleman, late of Leamington in the County of Warwick, became entitled as mortgagee to certain closes of lands at Bradway for securing the repayment to him his heirs executors administrators or assigns of the sum of £3,000 with interest after at the rate of 5% pa., and duly executed his last will and testament on 13 February 1873 devising all real estates vested in him as Trustee of Mortgage unto his son 'the said George Beckitt and the said Beckitt Nicholson.' They then set about disposing of the land in allotments under a 'certain Indenture or Deed of Arrangement', a fairly sophisticated but well established procedure for Freehold Land Societies, and between the 8th and 11th November 1873 four Indentures were signed as follows:

November 8th. 1st Part The Reverend William Otter, 2nd Part Edward Lee, 3rd Part Tedbar Tinker, 4th Part George Siddall, William Fox, Henry Matthews, and Joseph Pearson, and 5th Part John Ducker Beckitt.

November 10th. 1st Part Siddall, Fox, Matthews, and Pearson. 2nd Part Tedbar Tinker. 3rd Part John Ducker Beckitt.

November 11th. 1st Part Siddall, Fox, Matthews, Pearson. 2nd Part Fox and Siddall. 3rd Part Peter Linley, Thomas Siddall, John Alfred Orton, David Stanley, Edward Shaw Drake, Edward James Bell and William Harrison.

November 11th. The herein recited Deed of Arrangement of this date.

John Ducker Beckitt died on 20 August 1874.

Two names stand out - Tedbar Tinker who was a local big hitter who had numerous business interests, including the brick works on Twentywell Lane and the chemical works; and David Stanley who lived at Balaclava House on Queen Victoria Road, now a block of flats, who had survived the Charge of the Light Bright Brigade

The Land Societies were formed for reasons other than gain. The object was to purchase through their trustees a piece of land of considerable area with a view to dividing the same amongst members in small plots to be paid for by instalments, and not usually of such a nature as to require registration under any of the Friendly Societies Acts. The Members protected themselves by a trust deed, representing the various interests.

The method is that people in moderate circumstances become owners of a small plot of freehold land which might not otherwise be available in the market, by means of small periodical payments over a period of time out of salary or other income. It may be a high price for the land but upon a small plot the increase is not materially perceptible. The promoters (Tedbar!) buy the land, and organise a Land Society to take it off their hands at a conveniently enhanced figure for division amongst its members.

As soon as sufficient numbers have intimated their willingness to take plots, a committee is formed whose first duty is to negotiate for a loan or mortgage of sufficient size to enable them to sell to the vendors a considerable portion of the purchase money in cash, the land being usually arranged to remain on second mortgage. The purchase deed and the two mortgages are thus executed contemporaneously and the moneys advanced and paid over to the proper parties, and the transaction is completed.'

They also controlled the quality. Our quarter-acre plot 37

adjoins 36 and 38 and is above 57 and was not sold until 1890, to a William James Taylor of the 4th for £65.15s. No detached house was to be less than £300 in value, with no more than two houses per plot with a combined value of £500. Plans had to be submitted to the committee, there was to be no workshop or use as an ale house, inn, tallow chandler, smelting house, or slaughter house, nor any noisome trade or business dangerous to health or deemed a nuisance.

At this time George Beckitt of Wath and Beckitt Nicholson were still around but Alfred Russell Fox, a County Medical Botanist was 2nd and Joseph Pearson (Accountant) had been joined by Alfred Russell Fox and Walter Caughy Fox, both trustees of William Fox deceased.

There was then a gap of 30 years until 1920 when Mrs Mary Fox sold the site to Joseph Walter Batty, a lino-type operator, for £100 without any details of how she had acquired it. In 1934 he sold it to Polly Stamp, wife of Charles Edward Stamp a coal merchant, for £60; she sold it to Ivy Rodgers for £200 in 1943, and then to Stanley Houldsworth, another coal merchant, in 1944, before my father was ripped off for £260 in 1945.

The Abbeydale Freehold Society on Bradway Bank consists of Queen Victoria Road, Woodland Place, Prospect Place and extends to the rim of the hill as a Totley Rise postal address. Most of the plots have now been filled in. Until about 1961 it was a country lane with two farms on poor farming land and is in St Johns Parish.

Next time I will describe how George Wilson's railway career affected us locally and include his dealings with the toxic George Hudson.

Richard Wrigglesworth



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The idea was to give practical advice on proper moving techniques to reduce the risk of injury to clients / volunteers and help define responsibilities of volunteers to reduce the risk of an accident or fall. One of the volunteer drivers commented afterwards "coming from a banking background he was aware of some moving and handling but not specific to people and how useful the morning had been".

Twelve Trees are happy to provide further information – contact Simon@twelvetreescare.co.uk

Friends of Gillfield Wood

Surveying Small Mammals in Gillfield Wood

On Saturday 19th October this year 3 people set some small mammal traps in an area of Gillfield Wood we, as Friends of Gillfield Wood, call Pheasant Wood. 16 traps were laid in all. These were carefully placed by the roots of trees or along fallen logs. They were covered with leaves except the entrance. Each trap had two sections: one was like an entry hallway, the other (slightly larger) had bedding and food (nuts, grains & apple) to make the mammals' stay a little more friendly. The apple helps if they get thirsty. They are trapped because they stand on a tripwire in the 'hall' which closes the front door. Their stay would be overnight only.

Sunday 20th October was forecast to be 90% rain from about 8am all through the morning. Although there was low cloud and a little drizzle, a party of around 15 (including seven



Val showing a mammal from one of the traps

children) set off for Pheasant Wood. In the glade we collected the traps in two lots of eight. Val, who is licenced to trap mammals, went through each trap carefully so as not to lose any residents, and to give the everyone chance to see any occupants. There were five Wood mice and four Bank voles in total.

Val showed us how to distinguish the two; the Wood mice with longer tails and larger 'Mickey Mouse' ears compared to the Bank vole with smaller ears which rest flatter on the head and are almost buried in the animal's fur. The first mouse and vole were put into plastic containers to compare. This gave anyone who wanted the opportunity to take photographs. One of the Wood mice in particular was smaller than the rest and was probably from a late litter.



Val had warned everyone that should an animal get free before it was released, we were all immediately required to stand absolutely still. One did just that so following the rule it safely returned home. Each child was given the chance to release an animal safely.

Before we left we sighted five Red deer, probably all females. They were some distance off at the edge of the trees and across the field to the southwest of Pheasant wood. This made our morning complete with three types of mammals seen.

Paul Hancock (FoGW), Val and Bob Clinging (Sorby)

Roger Bramall

A Tribute on the 20th Anniversary of His Passing

This year marks twenty years since the passing of local farmer, Roger Bramall, a cherished member of our community, taken from us at 56 years old, on the 14th August 2004. Roger and his family are longstanding members of the Totley community, and our thoughts are with the family, including brother John and nephew Robert, as we commemorate the anniversary. As we remember Roger, let us celebrate his spirit and the friendships he fostered. His kindness lives on in the hearts of those who knew him.



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Beauchief Gardens

Vulcan Rotary Club have worked with parks management and staff to improve the gardens for 7 years, the last two with help and assistance from the Local Area Committee and Volker Story. The never ending question from visitors, is "When will the dam get filled again?" Good question, read on.

The dam wall, adjacent to the Hamlet, started leaking and some repairs were carried out, but the leak developed and was found to be on the inside of the dam. Fish were removed (Heron's still wait patiently) and it was drained. Contractual problems delayed the work, but progress has been made. It is hoped, that the work will be completed internally during the winter, external work on the dam side by Spring, and water back in soon after.



Tree pruning in progress at Beauchief Gardens

I heard that the weir, which serves the goyt, via the gardens, to the dam, needed repairs, but the Environment Agency decided to let it collapse to aid fish and amphibians get upstream easier. Strange. They have managed for 270 years to get up to the Old Hay Brook where there is an SSI (Site of Scientific Interest) near to the Methodist Church. They dropped the idea, and the Council have now included the repairs in the dam scheme. This made me think, perhaps the obvious. No weir, no water in the goyt and gardens, no water in the dam, no working Industrial Hamlet, listed as an Industrial Ancient Monument. Contact with Heritage England brought a very favourable reply, inviting me to apply for listing for the weir, goyt and gardens.

I have visited each house on Abbeydale Road South, through whose garden the goyt flows, to find that the freeholders are responsible for maintaining the goyt, and the landowner or agent is also responsible. Listing is even more necessary to get the protection needed. I am being supported by the Chair of Trustees at the Hamlet, the Area Manager of Parks and Recreation and all of the residents whom I met.

For those people who have asked, the gardens were part of the original 5 acre dam, which (guess what) silted up. They took the silt out and tipped it where the flat pathways to the shelter are now. (Personally, I find that to be quite illogical). The gardens were designed by The Chief Officer of Parks (Mr. E.O.Sadler) and used stone flags from slum clearance in the City- a bonus fact for the bid to Heritage England.

Roger Hart

English Martyrs Chapel, Totley

We all have aspects of the different times of the year which we cherish. During the month of December, my favourite radio station Classic FM (other radio stations are available!) fills the airwaves with an abundance of Christmas music including, of course, many Christmas carols. It is one of the things which makes my Christmas.

Many of us who rarely enter a church have, deep in our DNA, memories of favourite carols. These are the hymns with which we are most familiar.

Christmas can, of course, feel like a very hectic time, but we need reminding that the beauty of this season is that this is when we celebrate God coming amongst us, bringing anew the light of Jesus into our hearts, minds and lives if we but make room and welcome him in.

If you feel prompted to re-connect with this true meaning of Christmas, and to receive Christmas blessings, the churches across S17 offer lots of masses and services. At English Martyrs, our Christmas Day Mass is at 8.30am. You will be very welcome.

Looking beyond Christmas, the New Year is for many the chance to make a 'new start'. As we did in 2024, the S17 churches are collaborating in 2025 to offer an Alpha course. This is a great opportunity to explore the questions of life, meaning and faith, in an open, friendly environment - including free food and drink!

Our Alpha launch party will be at The Dore Bar & Grill at 7pm on Tuesday 21 January 2025 and the course itself will take place at the Dore Community Centre on Townhead Road, starting on Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 7pm.

You can get more details and book a place on the course at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mission-lowedges/alpha-s17/2025-01-28/19:00/t-jzyjdgy>, or feel free to message me on 07895 262220.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful Christmas season.

David Fletcher, English Martyrs Chapel, Totley

Shepley Spitfire Friendship Lunch

The 'Music Makes Memories' Friendship Lunch has now re-started at the Shepley Spitfire in Totley on the last Friday of every month. As there is no Friendship Lunch in December, the next one is on Friday 31 January. The 'dementia friendly' event offers a lovely opportunity for people to meet old/make new friends, to dine and to have a dance in a warm and safe environment.

We would like to thank the new Manager, Gary Marshall, for hosting this special event and to poster sponsors, Twelve Trees Care, Norrie Waite & Slater and SCCCC. Kathy Markwick, Freelance Community Consultant, who launched Friendship Lunches 8 years ago said "It is fantastic that some GP surgeries, Social Prescribing/Community Support Officers are now 'socially prescribing' the Friendship Lunches. The events offer invaluable respite for many families/carers, particularly those who live with dementia. It may be that those who live with dementia do not remember the event afterwards but they undoubtedly enjoy the moment and that is hugely important for them, their families/carers and for us as organisers".

Tickets are £14 and include a delicious 2 course lunch and live entertainment. To book please contact the venue on 0114 321 4530.

For queries, please contact Kathy Markwick, Freelance Community Consultant, 0772 9528844 kathymarkwick@gmail.com

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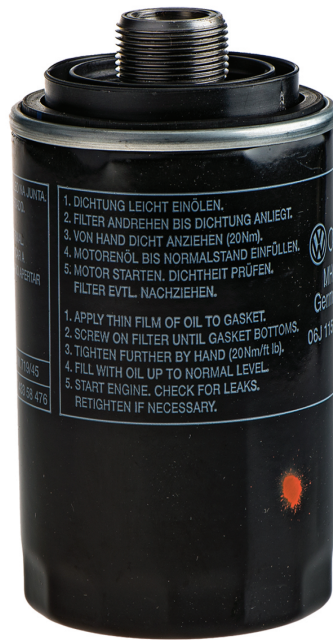
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Friends of Dore & Totley Station

Looking to 2025 and beyond – the Background

What can the Friends do to improve the station?

Firstly we have to understand the complex nature of the railway industry and appreciate that it's constantly changing, not least as a result of decisions made by successive governments. There can be conflicts between and within the various parties over time. We have more complexity at Dore & Totley than at most stations.

Network Rail nationally own the land, tracks and most station buildings. They maintain that infrastructure, most of it originally built in Victorian times. That includes very old as well as brand new hi-tech signalling. They manage the operation of all trains by allocating paths from Cornwall to Caithness. They're responsible for any new work like has almost finished here. In our case it's further complicated because tracks at Dore are controlled from York but west of Bamford from Manchester.

Train Operating Companies (TOCs) Very few small stations have services provided by 3 separate companies.

Northern Trains provide our core hourly Hope Valley stopping services. They also manage our station structures under a lease from Network Rail. Northern receives the biggest government subsidies per passenger mile of all English operators. Possibly less than 30% of their income comes from passenger fares so any expenditure is very carefully scrutinised. Due to past inadequacies Northern was effectively nationalised 4 years ago and is being managed by the Operator of Last Resort for the Department for Transport. Our trains come from Manchester, the station itself is managed from Leeds! Crews on the west and east sides have different contract terms.

TransPennine Express provide fast hourly early morning services to Manchester and Liverpool and back in the evenings. They've been managed by the Operator of Last Resort since last year.

East Midlands Railway are currently operating under a franchise until September 2027. They stop a few trains here on their route from Norwich to and from Liverpool, primarily aimed at Manchester bound commuters.

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) own and lease most of their free car park to Northern.

All of the above use sub-contractors at various levels of their businesses. As an example Northern use ISS to do weekly checks for litter, posters and station tidiness, and usually a separate monthly check for any repairs and work on buildings and green environment.

Back to the Friends...

1. We can't improve services, but can and do make positive suggestions for improvements.
2. We can't make alterations to buildings or structures but can, and will, continue to lobby for improvements that include extra shelter, seating and toilets.
3. We can tend limited areas of the natural environment.
4. We should be able to design poster displays, subject to Northern's approval and co-operation on placements.
5. We can produce promotional leaflets in conjunction with the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership.
6. We can liaise with local schools and community organisations (e.g. Rotary clubs, walking groups) to help further the use of public transport.
7. Friends groups organise a wide range of other events like rail related knitting, cooking, carpentry. We just need the ideas and people to drive such things forward.

MONEY!

Currently we've been receiving a small annual grant from

Northern that has covered bulbs, plants, planters and posters in the now demolished shelter. We've had a few donations, particularly the first bench and planter by the entrance from Abbeydale Rotary and the second bench in memory of Peter Fox. (Currently both benches are suffering from wear, tear and damage during the works – they may need to be replaced with sturdier benches.)

As we look forward we need to engage with other bodies and individuals to find sources of funding – toilets and shelters don't come easily or cheaply. We've done it before but it won't be easy.

Industrial relations We've had a bad period with many trains cancelled at short notice. As I write ASLEF has just agreed a 3 year deal to cover drivers' rest day working. The RMT has yet to negotiate more practical terms for guard/conductors for whom Sunday hours are mostly outside their contracts – a volunteer railway!

Extra services - Don't hold your breath! The planning process is very long. If we want an extra stop it may require an extra 3 minutes to be integrated with other service changes linking back to Liverpool, Cleethorpes or Norwich and beyond.

We may see some minor improvements from December 2025 but anything bigger may not happen before 2027. But we'll keep on asking and looking for opportunities.

Construction work! No, it's still not finished. The inconvenience will continue into 2025, possibly until March. Snagging issues may continue beyond then. Hopefully the Spring will see the areas around the car park replanted and gradually we'll see nature recover.



Summing up It's great to see crowds on the platforms. It's good to see six-coach trains stopping here. People come from a wide area just to watch trains. They have a therapeutic effect for young and old. Children love to go through the big tunnel. And if you lift your eyes you'll see the lovely wooded setting, with maybe a pair of buzzards soaring overhead, or a heron resting in the trees.

We look forward to a more settled 2025 – happy travels from Dore & Totley.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's an active group with over 950 members and is updated frequently with topical information and comments.

Alternatively look for our website at www.fodats.net We hold bi-monthly committee meetings at Totley Library and are always happy to hear of new ideas. Our open AGM will be a Tuesday in early November, details being finalised.

If you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary; njbarnes@outlook.com or to myself; chrismorgan4@btinternet.com

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Totley Open Gardens success

Totley Open Gardeners are delighted to announce that we have been able to give over £7000 to five local community organisations. Please see the photos below for more details. This is our best grand total ever. The total is from the combination of money raised at Totley Open Gardens, our two Totley Vintage and Artisan Fayres and Totley Yard Sale.

We met recently to present cheques to representatives from each organisation and to share some tasty food. As ever, it was a delightful evening.



Gillian Woolley (long time open gardener) presents a cheque to Sue and Crystal from Cherry Tree Support Services, which provide accommodation and personalised support to homeless 16-21 year olds. We were delighted to give them £2350



Another long term beneficiary has been our local scout group. Here is Catherine (open gardener) giving Dan (chairman, Totley Scouts) £1700 which they plan to put towards new camping equipment.



Andy Holme (long suffering gardening husband and chief washer upper) presents a cheque for £250 to Barry from the Beavers Group at Totley United Reformed Church. This will be used to help the children understand what it would be like to live with a disability.



Transport17 do a marvellous job of helping some of the older members of our community get out and about. Ray Sables (open gardener and genius metal sculptor) is pictured here giving £2000 to Danny. We have been told that this will cover MIDAS training courses and DBS check fees for 3 new minibus



Sarah Strachan (open gardener and part of the organising team for the Totley Vintage and Artisan Fayre) handing out £675 to Chris from Totley Library. We are very pleased to be able to continue support this vital local resource.

Totley Open Gardens has been running every year since it started in 2002, with only one year out in 2020 due to COVID. The total raised since TOG began is £57,869.

We love sharing our gardens with you. It is such a joy! If you would be interested in opening your garden (or know of someone with a great garden that they really should open!) then please get in touch at theholmefamily17@gmail.com Gardens don't have to be perfect, and works in progress are fabulous as many who attend like to see how things change each year.

Forthcoming events for your diary in 2025:

Totley Vintage and Artisan Fayre: Saturday March 22nd 10am-3pm at St Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd South

Totley Yard Sale: Sunday 27th April from 1000

Totley Open Gardens: Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July 1pm-5.30pm

Follow our page on Facebook at Totley Artisan Events

Avril Holme on behalf of Totley Open Gardens



Book Club Members Wanted!

A thriving local book group would like one or two new members to join them as spaces have arisen because of people moving away. We meet monthly on a Thursday. For further details please contact Dawn dawn@ilmd.biz

Ask Your Pharmacist

End of year review

My end-of-year article usually involves passing on grave warnings from the NHS about how much strain it is under. This year the message from the NHS seems less loud. Some of this reduced strain is due to the incredible success of the Pharmacy First programme. The NHS has long asked patients to use pharmacies as a first port of call rather than blocking other avenues of medical help. This year they've finally backed these calls with an official programme, allowing pharmacies to prescribe medicines including antibiotics for seven minor conditions. We have provided this service to many patients, and seen huge benefits for patients who can access healthcare quicker and conveniently. It also helps the NHS by allowing your GP to allocate time and resources to dealing with more chronic and complex issues.

This year, Jasmine and I have celebrated a year of being prescribers. Having completed this extra education allows us to prescribe for many more conditions than the limited and narrow selection the NHS has chosen for pharmacist to prescribe for. It has radically changed the way we can serve and help our patients, and the feedback from our patients has been hugely positive. If you do have any minor illnesses, we are available to help you.

I would like to thank all of you who had flu jabs this year. By getting a flu jab you will have helped the population reach a vaccination level which reduces strain upon the NHS. Remember you can get your free flu vaccines from your doctor surgery or pharmacy. Next year, we will also be offering COVID vaccines.

On the subject of vaccines, it is important to ensure you have all the appropriate vaccines if you travel abroad. We have been running a travel vaccine clinic for many years, and the past year was our busiest yet. As well as all this experience, we are told by many patients we offer a very gentle and painless vaccination! Please get in touch if you need any

advice. As well as travel vaccines we've also seen a great demand for chicken pox vaccines; we're happy to vaccinate young children.

Even more successful than our travel service has been our weight management service. Again, this is a service we have been running for many years but the launch of new medicines to help weight loss mean the past year has been the most successful. We have helped hundreds of patients to lose thousands of kilograms. Incredible results include patients losing over a stone a month, and up to 5 kilogrammes a week. One patient lost an incredible 78 kilogrammes (that's over 12 stone). The benefits of such losses are obvious; it is no exaggeration to say they are life changing. As well as seeing the smiles when they see the figures on the scale change, it is amazing to see how much their mental and physical health improves.

During the past year we have dispensed nearly 150,000 prescriptions, advised around 2000 patients, vaccinated around 500 patients and advised around 200 patients in our weight management clinic. I would like to thank my team for their incredible hard work to provide all these services and look after so many patients while maintaining the highest standards.

While very proud of all our hard work last year and our achievements, we will not rest on our laurels. We will continue to offer new services and products to our patients and local community. To enhance our weight management service we have expanded our range of supplements and meal replacement products. I'm also delighted to announce that we are now stocking Verset perfumes. This is a range of fragrances at incredible prices (starting from just £5.99). Pop in to test the range and treat yourself to a bargain.

If there is any service you would like us to offer, feel free to pop in and tell us, or e-mail totleyparmacyrepeats@hotmail.co.uk.

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Transport 17

Transport 17 has been busy lately! From joining UK-wide Community Transport celebrations, to meeting local councillors and MPs, whilst maintaining our links with the local community. Every day, staff and volunteers have the privilege of witnessing the transformative impact of accessible

and inclusive transport in enabling isolated and vulnerable individuals to get out and socialise, improving their health and wellbeing, and strengthening community bonds.

Community Transport Week

Community Transport Week (led by the Community Transport Association (CTA) on 14th – 18th October) was a week-long celebration across the UK of the impact of local, non-profit transport projects, and the vital role of community transport and the volunteers who make it possible, helping millions of people to stay independent and participate in their communities. As we know, Community Transport is more than just moving people from point A to point B: it fosters a sense of belonging and community spirit, bridging divides and empowering individuals, regardless of age, gender, geography, or income. Transport 17's work is essential to tackle exclusion, isolation and loneliness in older and vulnerable people in Southwest Sheffield. Transport 17 and their passengers featured in the Transport for the North publication celebrating community transport providers across the region – a well-deserved recognition for the hard work and kindness of all involved.

Also as part of CT week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Olivia Blake, MP, and Rebecca Atkinson, Sheffield Liberal Democrats Councillor, to T17. Rebecca had the opportunity



Rebecca Atkinson, Liberal Democrat Councillor, and T17 volunteers Val and Andy

to meet some of our volunteers and passengers as she spent time out on the bus and at the Dore Welcoming Space at Dore Methodist Church. She described having had a 'lovely day' and the T17 volunteers as 'amazing.'

As well as meeting some of the wonderful volunteers who keep the service running, Olivia Blake heard from members of Transport 17 about some of the challenges facing Community Transport services, such as driving licence requirements, funding, rising costs and purchasing vehicles, and recruiting volunteers. Olivia has agreed to raise some of these issues with the government, in particular, with Louise Haigh, current Secretary of State for Transport, so we look forward to opening up important conversations which will hopefully go some way towards resolving these challenges.

Other News

A huge thank you to Totley Artisan Events for their generous £2000 donation to Transport 17, money raised from events held throughout the year such as Totley Open Gardens, Table Top Sale and Antiques Fair.

£2000 could fund:

- 11 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 18mths, or
- Contributing 5% towards the cost of purchasing a second-hand fully accessible minibus for T17, at £40,000!



Olivia Blake, MP, with T17 volunteers and staff

Without the continued support and encouragement of organisations such as Totley Artisan Events, it wouldn't be possible to provide such crucial services to the community.

By the time you read this, we may have seen you at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November. We hope it will have been a friendly opportunity to raise some funds for T17 whilst kickstarting (or continuing with) your Christmas preparations. We also plan to mark Giving Tuesday on the 3rd December this year. Giving Tuesday is a global movement that celebrates and encourages doing good, originally to refocus attention following the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Think about the different ways you can give (volunteer your time, fund-raise or campaign for something, donate goods), to T17 or another local charitable organisation.

And a reminder that Transport 17 is registered with **easyfundraising** – find our page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/transport-17-ltd> 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!

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. **With an estimated 15,000 adults living within the S17 postcode, if every adult raised £2.50 through easyfundraising, we would be within touching distance of the £40,000 needed** to purchase a second-hand minibus, fully converted to make it accessible (for example, with a tail lift). Thank you so much.

As always, we can be contacted on 0114 236 2962, by email at admin@transport17.co.uk, or via our Facebook page – Transport17Ltd

*Fiona Smith
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Sporting Chatter / Sporting Chatter films	Dore & Totley United Reformed Church (Fridays)	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	<p>AGE UK FITNESS Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 1.30-2.30 pm. Contact Community Wellness Service - 0114 553 7807</p> <p>GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 6.45pm-9pm</p> <p>SLIMMING WORLD Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5pm and 7pm. Call Sarah on 07577 070797</p>
TUESDAYS	<p>PILATES The Old School, Dore, 9.30-10.30am. Phone Sally Kilner 07917 762502</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon-3pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>WELCOMING PLACES COFFEE MORNING open to all, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am to 12 noon</p> <p>TAI CHI Dore and Totley United Reformed Church 4-5 pm. Contact Bernice on 07999 617387</p>
WEDNESDAYS	<p>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</p> <p>CARERS' CAFE MONTHLY Dore & Totley United Reformed Church 10-11.30 am. Contact Jan Outram 0114 278 942</p> <p>COFFEE IN THE LIBRARY 10.30am-12.30pm. Come and have a coffee and a chat</p> <p>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</p> <p>TODDLER GROUP 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Ben Tanner 07912 890512.</p> <p>HEALTH WALKS 10.30am, meet at Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com</p> <p>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</p>
THURSDAYS	<p>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</p> <p>ROCKCHOIR United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30-1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SOCIAL CLUB Dore and Totley URC fortnightly 2.30-4.30 pm Contact Alison Holden for information 236 0441</p> <p>PUSHCHAIR CLUB Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.30-12noon. Tel. 07912 352543 for details</p> <p>PILATES CLASS run by qualified Pilates Instructor/Physiotherapist for all abilities and ages. 1.30-2.30pm, 5.15-</p>

DECEMBER

SAT 7th PILATES, NUTRITION AND WELLNESS POP-UP with local Pilates teacher Amelia Snape, and nutrition and wellness expert Joanne Bibby. Abbeydale Golf Club 11am-15.30. pilatesameliafrances@hotmail.com Tel 07434 049178.

SUN 8th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Practical Conservation Session. Meet 10am at the end of Totley Hall Lane. Bramble clearing in the glade in Pheasant Wood and repairing natural fence. Strong gloves advised.

WED 11th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10am in Room 1, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Mike Newbold, "My Extra Life". Guests are always welcome - we are always looking for new members.

FRI 13th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES 5pm - 8pm - Abbeydale Road South. Annual Train rides and Christmas Lights event in aid of St Luke's Hospice. £2 per ride per person. All proceeds donated to the charity. Light refreshments available. See www.shbuttoneffieldmodelengineers.com

MON 16th & TUES 17th SHEFFIELD FOLK CHORALE Spitewinter Concerts. 7pm at All Saints Church, Ecclesall. Tickets £8. Ticket enquiries graham.pratt2013@gmail.com,

SAT 21st DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY Christmas Concert. 2.30pm at Dore Methodist Church. Tickets by phone on 07565 805405 or via the web at <https://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html>

SAT 28th 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.

JANUARY

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WED 8th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10am in Room 1, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by John Kirkman on "Latin America and Spitzbergen". Guests are always welcome - we are always looking for new members.

TUES 14th DORE AND TOTLEY JAZZ APPRECIATION SOCIETY The winter programme starts at Totley Methodist Church at 1.30 pm. The first session will be presented by Mike Holland on the history of jazz. The purpose of the Society is to listen to all forms of jazz each week and to discuss and learn from that experience. New members are welcome. Further details from Stuart Trickey 0114 2306410.

WED 22nd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Martin Gorman, "Sheffield Castle", 7.30pm, Totley Library. Non-members welcome.

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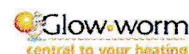
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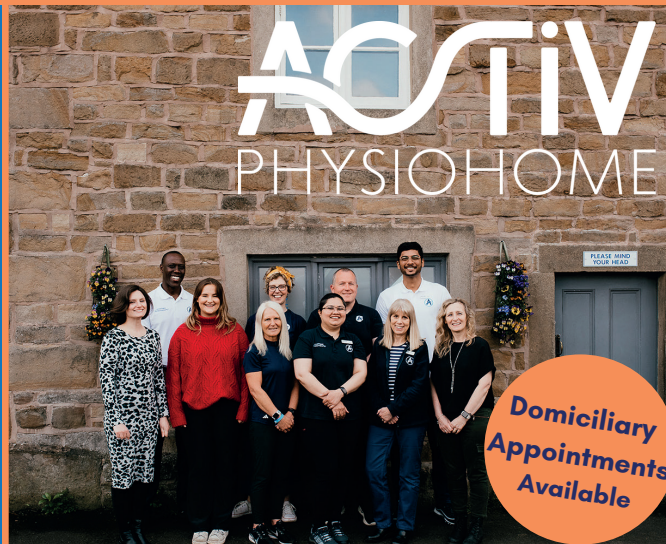
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