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Strawberry Field, by Brian Edwards

# Totley Residents Association: the future?

As we approach the time of year for the Annual General Meeting, Hetty Moran, Chair of the Totley Residents' Association, reports that she is drafting the Chair's Report with an eye on the future, and in particular the future role of the TRA within the Totley community. The Association launched in 1977, at the same time as the Totley *Independent*, the first edition of which contained the following statement from Rev Alan Jockel, the first Chair of the TRA: "Totley is a very mixed community.....the main function of the TRA is to help different groups meet, work and play together"

Hetty says "at that time there were twelve people on the Committee and in January 1978 it reported having been very active in response to several community concerns ranging from rubbish collection to traffic problems. In almost 40 years, the issues affecting Totley have changed very little. It's important that the TRA is representative of the community and (continued p.3)

#### **Brian Edwards**

1937 - 2015

Above we reproduce one of the many fine drawings of Totley scenes by Brian Edwards, who has died aged 78. Brian co-founded the Shape design practice on Carver Street in 1967, completing interior design projects for local, national and international organisations.

His enthusiasm for local history and the community led to him being one of the co-founders and editor of *Totley Independent* in 1977. He wrote several books about Totley including 'Drawings of Historic Totley' which is packed with drawings, maps and text on the history of the area. In 1985 he completed and (continued p.3)

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# **Totley Residents Association: the future?** (from p.1)

becomes a vehicle through which current concerns can be channelled, whether those concerns are about traffic and road safety matters, the state of the bus service, environmental issues, or whatever.

**If you care about Totley, get involved**. The Chair of the TRA told the *Independent* "Right now we need new Committee members of differing ages and interests. It's not a huge commitment - we meet one evening a month for about an hour and a half."

Your chance to support the Totley Residents Association and help make a difference in Totley will be at the **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Totley Library. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the meeting.

And Hetty adds, "Don't forget that the next Farmers Market is Saturday 23rd May, from 12 noon until 4pm, at Totley Rise Methodist Church. There will be food and craft stalls (both indoors and outdoors and musical entertainment."



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We started the year off quietly and so far so good. The worst thing we have had to face is the snow - what a nightmare - but hopefully we won't be having any more.

By the time you read this we will have held our AGM on 30th March, weather permitting. We are hoping for new blood to join us as pressures on the group mean that there are very few of us who are available to do the necessary fund-raising and we really could use some new ideas.

Our first event this year will be a Coffee Morning at the Cross Scythes, on Saturday  $18^{\rm th}$  April from 10am to 12.00 noon. Come and have a chat with your friends and enjoy the yummy cakes with the lovely fresh coffee and tea. There will be a raffle on the day so come and join in the fun.

Hope you are all fit and well.

Felicity Revill

#### **Totley Townswomen's Guild**

The Guild meetings continue to thrive. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning of every month the full Guild meeting provides members with information about all the ongoing activities. This is followed by the essential coffee / tea break, and then a talk by a visiting speaker.

There are also walks for the energetic (twice monthly on Thursday mornings), social studies for the studious (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning) and friendly games of Scrabble (Wednesday morning, monthly).

Occasional activities include outings and visits, the Birthday lunch and the Carol Service. There is an annual fee, and a small charge per meeting attended. So if you are planning to go out more often, or find that you have some free time for yourself, then come along and join us at the Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

#### **Brian Edwards** (from p.1)

published 'Totley and the Tunnel' as a result of his studies in local history at Sheffield Hallam University.

Born in Manchester in 1937, Brian moved to Sheffield with his family in 1948 and was educated at King Edward VII Grammar School.

He was a self-confessed workaholic and always had something new on the go, following his projects through to the end with great enthusiasm. Whether he was talking about his latest book or his training for the next fell race or marathon, he always had a smile on his face.

A man of many guises, Brian sold ice-cream when he left school and went on to gain a certification in architecture from the University of Sheffield, later working as an interior and graphic designer in the UK and in Switzerland. He was a keen sportsman and his interests were just as varied as his career, ranging from football, running, skiing and cycling to painting and photography.



He renovated and lived in the old Methodist Chapel in Totley, which fuelled his passion for history. Although he moved to Ashford in the Water and later to Great Longstone, he continued his link with Totley through his regular contributions to Totley Independent, Dore to Door the and Bradwav Bugle. He took early retirement in the mid-1990s to concentrate

illustration and publishing.

I was introduced to Brian in the early 1970s through my husband's work as a graphic designer. We met at the Shape design shop, and over the next forty years we stayed in touch as friends and through my own work as a bookbinder.

He will probably be best remembered by local residents for his beautifully accurate illustrations of old and disappearing Totley and Dore. His books on Totley remain the standard works on the history of people and buildings in and around the area. It was his wish that the residents of Totley should have access to his collection of Totley memorabilia and research compiled over many years. He encouraged the idea of forming a history group and was keen that we should continue the research. He offered to help get the group up and running for the first year but was unfortunately taken seriously ill and had to withdraw his offer. His collection is now mostly held in the Totley History Group Archives and is available for research projects on request.

Brian's legacy to Totley is undoubtedly the body of work that he has left for present and future historians, but I shall remember him as the friend who always had a smile and enthusiastic love for his family, work, pastimes and life itself in equal measures. He will be missed by everyone who knew him and our thoughts are with Pam, his two sons and stepchildren.

Sue Scattergood

# Is This Soldier One Of Your Ancestors?

In the last issue, we reported that Mr Roy Ward, a former Totley resident, had donated several photographs of WW1 soldiers to Totley History Group. All were friends of his parents, Jack and Norah Ward, but Roy hasn't been able to identify all of them. We would love to be able to put names to the photographs and wondered whether any TI readers might recognize an ancestor among them. In this issue we print two more photographs:





Please contact the Editor or email me at: <a href="mailto:Apple-qarth@supanet.com">Apple-qarth@supanet.com</a> – if you can help.

Dorothy Prosser

#### Information on last issue's photos

In response to our appeal for information about the WW1 photos in the last issue, Dorothy Prosser received the following information from a reader:

I'm a locally based military historian with wide ranging interests within the subject. Consequently, I was pleased to see the military photographs reproduced in the last edition of the *Independent*.

I say immediately, that I have no social link with the individuals in the photos but nonetheless, always up for a challenge, I've spent quite some time analysing the two photos and the following may be of interest to yourself or the donor.

Dealing with the bottom picture first: it undoubtedly depicts a young soldier of the Notts and Derbys (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment, which would have been the main infantry unit recruiting in this area in WW1 as Totley was then part of the county of Derbyshire. The young man's dress of khaki serge cap, tunic and greatcoat is entirely typical of the service uniform of that era.

The top 'studio' shot is, may I say, rather more interesting and something of a 'puzzler'!

The young soldier in that photograph wears the dress of a mounted duty man of British or Allied Forces, 1914-18. The leather bullet cross-belt (bandolier) is the most striking feature and leads the initiated viewer to his legwear which immediately 'states' that the man rode horses as part of his military job. The method of winding the cloth puttees (leg bindings) was peculiar to mounted soldiers, being wound from knee to foot, rather than the infantry and other dismounted personnel who applied their leg bindings in the reverse way - foot to knee. I believe that the mounted men achieved a neater, more streamlined, almost 'riding boot' profile which facilitated better control of a horse. And the soldier in the photo wears spurs - clearly an indicator of being a horseman.

I'm afraid, however, that for the moment, it's 'downhill' after that, in that the just discernible, yet in some ways, quite distinctive, insignia of this man which should enable us to determine his unit, is actually quite puzzling as it doesn't match any profiles from actual badges I have seen/handled in well over half a century of their study; nor depicted in the very extensive wide military library at my disposal.

It's just possible that the man may have served in a Commonwealth or Colonial regiment. For the moment, I'm afraid that I'm at a standstill in terms of further interpretation but I have referred that photo to friends and colleagues with similar interests, and between them vast experience, to see if they can come up with any more information or suggestions. Of course should they do, so I'll let you know the results.

Stephen Acaster

# **Holmesfield Church Walking Group**

#### The Inn at Troway Walk

On Wednesday 29th April at 10 am Robin Greetham will lead a walk from the Inn at Troway (formerly the Blackamoor).

We will go on the round Dronfield walk to Summerly, then on a footpath to Coal Aston, and then back on the Round Dronfield Walk to the Inn for lunch.

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church Restoration Fund. Lunch (optional) will be at the Inn. If you would like to come just turn up on the day. The walk is approximately 5 miles long but there is a short cut for those wishing to use it, which would make it 4 miles.

If you have any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767.

#### Road Woes: The Ongoing Story.....

'Road Woes' - this was the lead article in the last Independent. Sadly, they continue. Last November, a public meeting was arranged by our councillors, to raise awareness of the accidents which had occurred on Baslow Road, speeding traffic and



other problems with junctions, pedestrians crossing roads, and illegal parking. Neil Bunting and I had produced a comprehensive report, incorporating all of these concerns, many of which had been discussed on Facebook. In it we proposed solutions for consideration for some of the problems. At the meeting, the Transport for Sheffield Officer, who attended, suggested that some linemarkings were a possibility and also a pedestrian crossing could be considered, implying that it might happen in this financial year. He asked if I needed a detailed response but I said that an ongoing report would be sufficient.

One resident alerted Cllr. Colin Ross to the dangers of crossing Glover Road, considering the movement of vehicles, some moves being illegal, the location of the traffic signals themselves, the poor signage appearing to show "no left turn" onto Baslow Road (see photo left) and the lack of pedestrian control over the Glover Road lights. The resident, Colin and I met and observed a number of the problems as they happened, including one vehicle travelling through a red light. In view of my responses from the Transport Principal Officer, I shall not hold my breath for any results.

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Registered Keepers Postcodes - Offences from Baslow Road

As many of us know to our own costs, the Speed Camera Partnership has become a regular visitor to the road, though more about that later. Parking Services have also made an appearance, but why they drive to the bus terminus each day, passing vehicles parked on yellow lines, without taking any action, is puzzling. Transport 17 have twice been advised by the Police about parking in such a way that they obstruct pedestrians from being able to see to cross the road at the dropped kerbs on Baslow Road, near the Mickley Lane junction.

Despite requests, only minor issues from the report were responded to, one being the possibility of yellow lining, but in the new financial year. Another request brought a response on 13th February which patronisingly thanks me "for bringing it to their attention" but avoids any solutions to the problems raised, blaming the financial restraints for everything. This did not come from the officer who attended the meeting.

Regarding speed cameras, I have given information in previous editions about the speeds achieved during trials (76 mph) and the number of offenders on the first two recordings (380). Two buses were recorded as speeding (cynics would say that they could not possibly have been the 97 as that seldom runs!) Complaints have been aired from various offenders, such as 'I was only going to the Post Office', 'why do they not catch the lorries?', 'I was only doing 37 mph' and 'I have lived in Totley for 40 years and I did not know that the limit was 30 mph'.

One of those criticisms was removed on Tuesday 3rd March, when the camera was present at 7.15 am. It had caught 120 offenders by 11 am. In February, the total number of offenders reported was 280.

The chart reveals the percentages of offending registered keepers by post-codes. 60% live in the area, with the remaining 40% being from areas further afield, and not given. Some motorists paid the fine and took the points. Others attended a speed awareness course. However, some did not have the

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#### **Totley Scouts**

We were very sorry to lose our Group Scout Leader, John Smith, who resigned in February. John had only in November been presented with an Award for Merit. This was the citation when the award was presented:

"In the space of three years John Smith has been the driving force behind the Scout Group in Totley more than doubling in size; successfully involving more parents and adult volunteers in all aspects of the Group's activities and opening a second Cub Pack to meet demand. John initially volunteered with the Group in 2010 as a parent helper in the Beaver Colony when his son joined, before he agreed to take on the leadership and management of the Scout Group itself, becoming Group Scout Leader in 2011"

So now the Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs, Sue Bridgens, has volunteered to be even busier and is now the Acting Group Scout Leader for Totley Scouts. Many readers will already know Sue for the many voluntary roles that she already engages in locally.

We are therefore in more need of extra help now and we are especially keen to hear from anyone who would like to be a Cub or Scout Leader or indeed Group Scout Leader. Please take a look at our new job advert and contact us if you would like to help. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Now a bit about the Spring Scout and Explorer Scout programme which is centred on the topics of Emergencies. We have covered First Response First Aid, and will be visiting the new Emergency Services Museum on West Bar, with an evening night hike in between, to test our skills at spotting casualties with Hypothermia! First Aid and Emergency skills also form part of the Duke of Edinburgh training scheme for the Explorer Scouts, who are registered for their Silver Award. Expedition training to follow!

Congratulations must go to James Rose and Daniel Whitely who have just completed the requirements for the Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest stage in the Scout section and represents a lot of work and commitment. Well done to both of them! They will receive their awards during the Museum visit to make a special occasion of it.

Sainsburys are again giving out Active Kid vouchers when you shop with them. Please collect them and pass them onto the Scout group. We use them to swap for valuable equipment for Scouts. Last year we received a 'Rainbowchute' and various assorted balls as well as vouchers for ingredients. Previously we concentrated on equipment for activities such as orienteering equipment and Bear Grylls survival kits. With your help we can obtain even more. Either hand them to someone you know who is involved with scouts or simply post them through our letterbox. Thank you.

We were very pleased with our spring Antiques Fair at St Johns Church hall in March. We are now in our 34th year. I hope you managed to come along and look at the antiques but also sample the excellent food (main meals as well as delicious buns and cakes) for sale. Very valuable funds were raised for the Scout Group. We seemed to have more people than ever through the door and the traders were very happy.

Richard Frost, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> Totley Scouts <u>TotleyChair@aol.com</u> 0114 236 3603

# 215th (1st Totley) Scout Group Vacancies

Due to a recent change in leadership we are URGENTLY looking to recruit some new leaders to our thriving Scout Group. In particular we need:

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# RUSKIN IN SHEFFIELD - AND IN TOTLEY

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#### **RUSKIN, TOTLEY AND ST GEORGE'S FARM**

Talk by Dr Mark Frost for Totley History Group Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at Totley Library Free. No need to book.

Find out more about the Guild of St George's attempt to turn St George's Farm into a sustainable community of growers and makers. And how they all fell out.

#### **BOOTS, FRESH AIR AND GINGER BEER:** a walking performance

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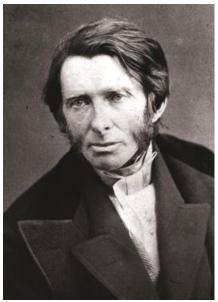


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Tickets (£5/£3) can be bought from Totley Library from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. For those further afield, telephone 07479 665814 (note that this number is for ticket-booking ONLY and is not a Library phone number). Early booking is essential as numbers are limited. All proceeds to Totley Library.

 If you have booked, gather 15 minutes before start outside Cheshire Home.

- The performance will take you on a 2½ mile round walk up to Woodthorpe Hall (drink provided there) and back.
- It will last about 2 hours, ending up at Totley Library for tea and cakes
- Walking boots or shoes are essential as the path is steep and muddy in places. Bring waterproof clothing and a stick if you need one.



John Ruskin

- Some stiles to negotiate.
- No dogs please.

Garden and vegetable plants also on sale at the library on performance days

#### **Letter to the Editor**

#### **Scout Lottery**

This is to let you know that Beryl and Peter Casson are retiring from running the  $1^{\rm st}$  Totley Scout Lottery after 25 years.

We would like to thank all the hundreds of 'friends' who have supported the group over these years. The Scout numbers have increased from around 40 to over 100 scouts, cubs and beavers, your lottery donations having been put to very good use!

Our best wishes,

Beryl and Peter Casson

#### **Puzzle Corner**

#### Who studies most?

A class of A-level students taking science subjects had a choice of four. 70 per cent studied chemistry, 75 per cent mathematics, 80 per cent physics and 85 per cent biology.

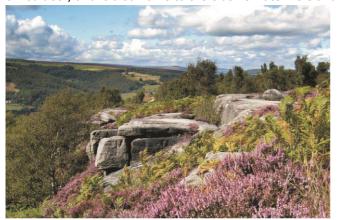
It is clear that the maximum percentage taking all four subjects must be 70. But what is the minimum taking all four?

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#### **Eastern Moors Partnership**

Part of the Peak District National Park, the Eastern Moors sits on the fringes of Sheffield, England's fourth largest city. Boasting a diverse mix of heather moorland, acid grassland, blanket bog and woodland, the entire site is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Home to an abundance of wildlife species, the Eastern Moors is well known for its population of adders and herd of red deer, and is also home to the elusive water vole and



nationally scarce golden-ringed dragonfly. Its designation as a Special Protection Area (SPA) reflects the presence of bird species such as short eared owl and golden plover. Its dry heath, blanket bog and sessile oak woodland habitats have resulted in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) designation.

With 5700 archaeological sites recorded across the Eastern Moors, including medieval guide stoops, industrial millstones and WW2 mortar scars on the rocks, the site is of significant historical interest.

Most of the Eastern Moors is under open access, with a network of bridleways and footpaths as well as internationally renowned climbing edges. Appreciated by many, the site entices wildlife enthusiasts, adventure sport seekers and those looking for quiet enjoyment of the landscape.

#### **Get involved!**

There are events happening throughout the year. Here's what's happening during April and May 2015:

#### Bridleway resurfacing - Muck In Day Sunday 12 April, 10am - 12.30pm

Feeling energetic? There's a job for everyone form barrowing to raking, when we resurface bridleways on the moors. Help us improve our paths, then come back another day and try them out on foot, bike or horse! Call 07738 738844 for meeting place details. FREE.

#### Fell Running Taster Day - Active Outdoors Friday 18 April

Join us for a fell running taster day and find great places to run, get hints and tips on running techniques and get

out and have a go with our qualified instructors. Whatever your age, there's something for everyone with a family friendly session in the morning and an adult session in the afternoon.

10am- 12pm family run. £3 per person.

2pm-4pm Adults & children 12+ years. £5 per person. Booking essential.

#### Discover Carl Walk & Higger Tor - Walk & Wonder Saturday 25 April, 10am - 1pm

Join National Trust archaeologist Rachael Hall for a ramble in the Burbage Valley. Explore Carl Walk and Higger Tor and discover the history behind these unusual landscape features.

Suitable for adults and children 12+ years. £5.

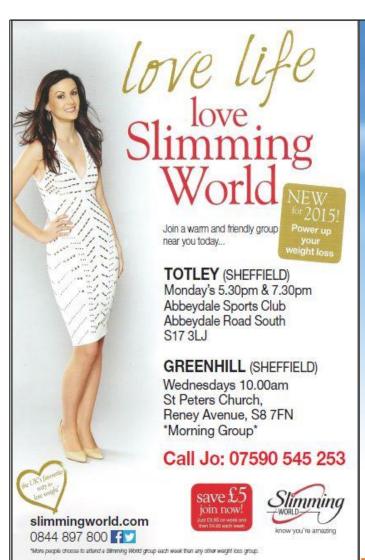
#### Bats above Froggatt Edge - Walk with Additives Saturday 30 May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

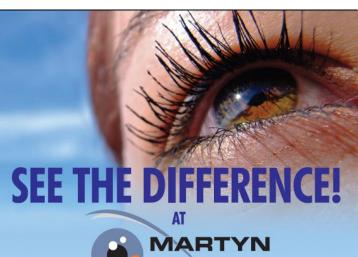
Spend the evening walking through Froggatt Edge woods, searching the skies for bats. Use bat detectors to pick up their echo-location and try our batty quiz.

Suitable for all. £5 adult, £3 child, £14 family (2 adults, 3 children).

To book your places for these events, or simply to find out more, call Katherine Clarke on 07738 738844, or email katherine.clarke@easternmoors.org.uk.







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#### Walking The Dog....

#### Top of Main Avenue (b 1913, garden village)

'You're a bit quiet on our walk today?'

'I've been at Brian's do, Jack. Thinking about history.'

'Dogs don't have history.'

'At uni we had this essay - "The only thing that anyone learns from history is that no one learns anything from history. Discuss.".'

'Dogs only have breeds.'

'The history I learned at school and uni was just dates and kings and wars. And it had all happened in order and everyone was dead and nothing could ever have been any different. Then it was 1963, and the Beatles, and the world went into colour.'

'And that was the end of history?'

'Yes! No!'

#### Half way up Brickie Row (b 1904,)

'There were new histories coming, Jack!'

'You can't have new history.'

'There was Black History. Women's History. Family History. There was Stirrings in Sheffield history. Gay History. And in December 1979, of course, Brian Edwards Drawings of Historic Totley history.'

'Didn't your mum buy you a copy for Christmas from Mrs Jackson's on the Rise to try to get you to come home?'
'That's right Jack! It was a funny oblong shape, with Brian's drawings, and slightly arty fonts and handwriting, and my mum said there should have been an apostrophe. But there were 80 pages for £1.95. And it wasn't History: it was Our-story!'

'Summer Lane as I remembered it from when we used to have summers. The Rise before they ruined it. Geoff Cash's house just above the Victoria Gardens, the rhubarb fields where I was born -'

'You were born under a stick of rhubarb?'

#### Above Totley Tunnel (b 1888, 30 million bricks, 5 pepper pots)

'The thing is, Jack, we're history too!'

'Who's we when we're at home?'

'We so-called ordinary people! Hidden from history people! The Wards and the Greens and Thorpes and the Wortleys, and the Taylors, Baxbys and Bowns. Living, loving, working, nicknaming, horse trotting, turnpiking, going up Marriott Fox's path, digging tunnels, bumping on motor coach trips from the Peacock at 12 miles an hour, and tug of warring with Straightbacked Bagshaw the local copper and the lads from the Strawberry Lee ganister mine.'

'What's ganister?'

'...No idea actually.'

#### By Brinkburn Grange (d 1938)

'So you reckon history should be a list of all the people who've ever lived somewhere?'

'That'd be a start, Jack. We must own our own histories! Learn from them!'

'Thought you reckoned the only thing anyone learns from history is that no one learns anything from history?'

'No, that's only their history they teach us in their schools. To make us pessimistic. So we leave things as they are. You have to ask what history at school never lets you ask.'

'Like?'

#### Up Penny Lane (1967, in my ears and in my eyes)

'Like why should the winners always write it, Jack? And how can we re-write it?'

'Right angry young man you are on this walk, aren't you? You been doing a bit of boozing at Brian's do?' 'It's what he'd have wanted.'

#### **Outside Totley Methodist Chapel (1849, 1948,1973)**

'Brian lived in that chapel, Jack. Its pulpit had the finest view in all Methodism, according to page 48 of his book. I was in Mr Barrett's J2 class in there 20 years before Brian, being rulered on the knuckles every day and being told there wasn't a Father Christmas. It was built a hundred years before that by the Bassett's liquorice allsorts millionaires to make the toothless workers of Totley believe in sin, and work harder... So much to learn from the archaeologies all our lives!' `...Funny old walk today? Gone right round the houses.'

'Soz. lack.'

'And we could have done with a few more dogs. Come on, let's get you home before it's dark.'

#### Rony Robinson

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3rd 10.00 am All Ages All Together & Baptism

6.30 pm Holy Communion 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Praise

 $17^{th}$ 10.00 am Morning Praise 6.30 pm Evening Praise.

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31st 10.10 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion.

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#### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** 10th -16th MAY 2015

"Christian Aid Week is the biggest single act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. For thousands of people throughout the country, it's a way of answering Jesus's call to help people in need and showing the community just how much good the church is doing through-out the

(www.christianaid.org.uk)

The red envelopes will be delivered to your letter box in May.

Thank you to the people of Totley who in 2014 donated and raised £1300 for those in need around the world.

All Saints church exists to love God, love each other and love a broken world. As part of that, we try to look beyond Totley and our country to find ways of sharing God's love in other parts of the world. For a number of years we have supported the Maasai Evangelistic Association (MEA), a UK based Christian organisation working with the Maasai people of Kenya. The first project we supported aimed to provide clean water for the people living in the Maasai villages – a facility we take for granted in this country. The ask was simple – to regularly fill empty water bottles with our loose change to help fund the work needed.

The result was four wells and a deep borehole providing clean, safe running water for many Maasai people.

We are now supporting the MEA in a major project to provide safety and education for girls who have fled their villages due to the threat of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Although it is illegal to carry this out on girls under 18 year old, it is widely practiced on young girls. Again, simply through the giving our loose change, we have contributed towards the building of a safe house and we will continue to provide support as the project continues with building plans in order to help more girls. The overall aim is to give the girls education and support to build a better life and ultimately for them to teach their own people the dangers of FGM.

Over recent years, a number of people from All Saints have travelled to Kenva to see at first hand the needs of the Maasai people and the work the project is doing with them. This was a humbling experience and confirmed how vital the work of the project is and how even in a very simple way we are able to make a difference in a country a very long way from here.

More information on the work of the MEA can be found at www.meauk.org.uk.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the country: getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.

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ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure, knowing vour neighbours are keeping an eye on your property.



#### What is involved?

You need to become a member of Neighbourhood Watch, this is free and once a member you will receive regular emails on items that may be of interest to our Neighbourhood. No further commitment is necessary anything else is up to you. The Area Coordinator holds a meeting every 2 months and all members are welcome to attend.

If you would like more information please get in touch with me, the Area Coordinator for the Dore and Totley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Neil Bunting, Area Coordinator Dore & Totlev NHW. nbuntina@talk21.com 1 The Crescent, Totley, Sheffield S17

#### **Knife sharpening** for charity!

Mick Fox from Ultra-sharp will be at Liberty Foods on Saturday 27th May, sharpening your knives for charity.

Ultra-sharp offers mobile knife sharpening to hotels, restaurants and the leisure industry throughout Yorkshire, Derbyshire and the East Midlands.

The company is based in Sheffield, and has many years' experience in knife-sharpening, using the latest in diamond grinding technology.

Mick will be charging £2 per knife, £1 of which will go directly to the Children's Hospital.

In addition, Liberty Foods will be giving £1 to the Children's Hospital for every pork pie sold on the same day!

#### **Totley Loses its Best Friend**

#### A personal recollection by Mike Williamson

It comes with great sadness to report the recent passing of Brian Edwards.

Brian was a multi-talented artist, illustrator, raconteur, historian, humourist, business and sportsman. The list could go on but perhaps most of all he was a modest and charming man. Totley and North Derbyshire have certainly lost a good friend and local champion - Totley in particular, with the legacy that Brian has left us in local history.

It would be back in 1976 when I first met Brian. At that time I was involved with the PTA at All Saints School, Hillfoot Road. Brian had recently completely renovated the old derelict Methodist Chapel into his dwelling, near to the school and I had been acting as MC at the Totley Gala. Over the school wall we passed the time of day. (At Brian's invite, the first TRA Committee meetings were held in the Chapel).

Sometime later a group of about half a dozen tenants, from the Green Oak area, on the park boundary, wanted to start a community association and approached Reverend Alan Jockel. In short, a Public Meeting was called at Totley County School and I found myself sitting next to Brian.

Totley Residents Association was formed at this meeting and Brian expressed his usual enthusiasm for the project. He suggested that a newsletter should be put together and that the whole scheme should be launched on July 7<sup>th</sup> 1977, in Green Oak Park, with a revival of the old Totley Village Sports Day. Brian volunteered to do the newsletter and asked me if I would do the commentating, at the launch, to which I agreed.

However, a simple newsletter was not Brian's style, and he came up with edition number one of the 'Totley Independent', to be issued on 'Totley Independence Day' July 7th. The magazine was up to the usual high standard with Brian's sketches, illustrations and along with others, I was included amongst the cartoons. The magazine was a sell-out and perhaps is now a collector's item. The TRA blossomed and Brian became involved in the Youth Football division and several of the other clubs, including the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, which for many years was held annually at Totley College.

I have no doubt that other people in the near future will recall in print Brian's activities in the sporting field. However, I do recall that on his Sunday morning runs, he would sometimes call in for a bacon sandwich!

After about a year, for business and personal reasons, Brian found he could no longer produce the Independent. (He had chosen the name from the old, demised Sheffield Independent and before the launch of the national, daily Independent newspaper).

Brian asked me if I would take over the editorship, which I did for the next six years. Taking over from Brian was a rather daunting task, as he had set the standard so high and the magazine had become the envy of other residents'

groups throughout the city. Fortunately, he was a good teacher and by now, a good friend. No Desktop publishing in those days, as the magazine was put together by hand and the smell of 'Cow Gum' remained for days, as well as burning the midnight oil to 'Letraset' the headings in order to meet the monthly deadline. Still maintaining an interest, he was a great supporter and continued to contribute his immaculate sketches and occasional articles.

In those days, Brian was occupied full time, with 'Shape Design', his interior design business and consultancy based in Carver Street, Sheffield. It was an exceedingly busy practice with clients nationwide. He was already working on the refurbishment of staff premises at the Midland Bank and furnishing flats for Northern Counties Housing Association. He had also just secured a major contract with Corning, the American owners of Pyrex glassware in the North East. The company was in scattered premises and Brian was given the task of

bringing all the various divisions and locations to a central point.

I was asked by Brian if I would join his company, as Project Manager for the Corning scheme, which I did. It was also proposed that Shape might start a publishing division, mainly for local authors. Brian had already produced his first book "Drawings of Historic Totley" and was completing his second book "Totley and the Tunnel". For this book he gave me an original draft (which I still have) and asked me to proof-read and suggest corrections. He went on to write more local books.

After putting in all the ground work for Corning, the project was abandoned, after an American financial crash. So Brian decided he would have to concentrate on the Shape design business. I returned to my former occupation but continued to help out at

Shape when needed. On leaving he gave me a reference that would get me into Fort Knox!!

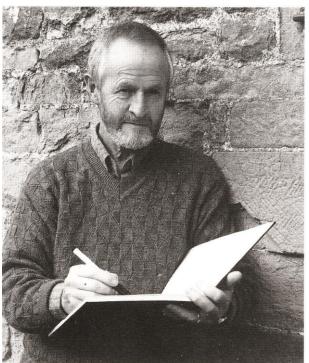
I had already met Brian's second wife Pam, at All Saints School, (where we had appeared in the same pantomime) and after their marriage Pam joined Brian's company, which the family still run today in Bakewell.

After Brian's illness, I used to see him occasionally on his walks, after his bike ride at Hassop café, on the trail, where he would 'hold court' with the many and various people that knew him and where his artwork adorned the walls.

Brian's name will always be remembered locally through his Totley connections, and he really has left an important legacy. I know that he encouraged the Totley History Group to carry on his good work. I, amongst many others, feel proud to have known him: he will certainly be missed.

Condolences go out to Pam and the families and I feel sure that this will not be the last article to feature him.

Mike Williamson



# What's on at the Library



Since Totley Library was taken on by the local community, one of our main aims is to increase the number of community groups and events held at the library.

This spring and summer we have a programme of events which will help to raise funds for the library. We are kicking off on Monday  $20^{\text{th}}$  April at 7.30pm with the well-known Sheffield sports journalist and broadcaster Alan Biggs. Alan will be speaking and answering your questions, about football and his career over many years. Alan was sports editor of Radio Hallam, and became a regular football reports for BBC/ He also writes for the Daily Mail and Daily Express, and writes a weekly column for the Sheffield Telegraph. He has written three books, including 'Confessions of a Football Reporter'. Tickets £5/£3 (concessions) on the door. Refreshments available

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a plant and book sale at Totley Library. Choose from a selection of perennials, herbs, half-hardy annual and vegetable plants. The quality of the plants and the prices will be first rate so please come along to support this library fundraiser.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June there will be a walking performance around Totley which explores John Ruskin's association with Totley and St George's Farm. This event is being curated by Sally Goldsmith and members of the Totley History Group. Further details are in this issue, on page 8, on the Totley Library website www.totleycric.org.uk/events

As part of the Totley Music Festival, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Ukeshire Review will perform at Totley Library, and on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm the Dore Male Voice Choir will perform at Totley All Saints Church. Further details to follow in the next edition of the *Totley Independent*.

#### Regular events and meetings at the Library: Monday:

Creative Writers Group, every  $2^{nd}$  Monday, 6 pm - 7 pm Readers Book Group, every first Monday, 1.30 - 2.45 pm Councillor Surgery, every two weeks, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

#### Tuesday:

Basic ITC Sessions, 10am – 12 noon. To book, phone Heeley Development Trust on 0114 250 0613.

Craft Group, 2.00 – 4.00pm

Poetry Group (this group is currently full), last Tuesday in month, 7.00 - 9.00 pm

#### Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12 noon

Toddler Story Time, 10.30 – 11.30 Craft activities, singing and stories. Keeps running during school holidays

Health Walk, 10-30-12 noon. One short and one longer ranger-led walk. Tea, coffee and biscuits in library afterwards

Totley History Group, occasional Wednesdays 7.30 onwards. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters in library, the *Independent* Diary, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

#### Thursday:

Friends of Gillfield Wood, occasional Thursdays, 7.30 pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the *Independent* Diary, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com

Kids Can Do Drama Workshop, 5.30 – 7.00 pm, term-time only.

# Friends of Gillfield Wood

**Future Events** (free to group members, visitors £3 suggested contribution) Please check website



(www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com) for confirmation of events or email fogwsecretary@gmail.com

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Totley Library. AGM, with reports and election of committee, followed by an illustrated talk by Ian Rotherham - 'Beyond the Wood - the remarkable story of trees and woods in history'. Refreshments available.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 12 noon. The Flora of Gillfield Wood, with Rebekah Newman, local ecologist. Meet at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road, Totley, for a leisurely ramble through the woods looking at spring flowers, their folklore and management 'messages'.

Saturday  $16^{th}$  May, 8.30am. 'Birds and Butterflies Walk' with Chris Measures. Meet at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road, Totley. No experience necessary.

Practical Conservation Mornings from 10am, with the Council Rangers. Meeting points vary, so check website for further information. Refreshments, tools etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Stay as little or long as you wish.

The next session is Sunday 19 April. We have also decided to hold some midweek sessions for anyone interested. These will not always be supervised by the Sheffield Rangers but will carry out agreed work programmes and are covered by our group insurance. The next two dates are Wednesday 29th April and Sunday 17th May.



# **Totley History Group Programme 2015**

Meetings take place in Totley Library at 7.30 unless otherwise stated

April 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM, followed by David Templeman – 'Mary Queen of Scots: the captive years 1568-84'

May  $20^{th}$  Mark Frost – 'Ruskin and his connection to Sheffield'

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> and Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June – 'St. George's Farm and the Ruskin Legacy' by Sally Goldsmith. Three open air events on Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning and afternoon.

Further details: www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

#### The Story Behind.....

#### 195 Hairlines

In this issue we take a behind-the-scenes look at another well-established Totley business – 195 Hairlines, a few doors along from the Co-op. It's been run by Jayne Shirt for over 20 years, and we asked Jayne for the story behind her salon. "It's called 195 Hairlines, but it was originally a hairdressers called Ann's when I took over the business in1988. We ran with the original name until it changed to 195 Hairlines in 1993. The shop had always been a hairdressers since the 1950s. Clients have told me that it was a shoe cobblers before the Hair Salon."

The salon is run by a team of five, covering hairdressing, beauty therapy and a wig specialist. The business has developed into a family business with both Jayne's daughters, Melissa and Danielle working as hair and beauty



therapists, along with Jayne herself as a wig specialist. Jayne's senior stylist Deborah has been there over 13 years, and has shared many of the changes. And the team also includes Jessica, a junior apprentice.

Jayne trained at Chesterfield College "many moons ago! They didn't have electric hair straighteners in those days! She also attended Sheffield Beauty School, along with Wella and Trendco for all the alternative hair-loss training.

The business has expanded greatly since the start and nowadays specialises in all beauty treatments, hair enhancement products and treatments, hair pieces and wigs, with these sold for medical and fashion wear. And of course, the business still trades as the 'traditional' hair salon.

Some years ago the team found that they did not have the space any longer to cater for these new required treatments. "In 2012, we acquired additional space from the Heatherfield Club", explains Jayne, "and built the beauty salon along with also a private consultant room downstairs for clients with hair loss problems - or perhaps ladies or gentlemen with other personal requirements involving wigs in particular(!), in private."

"We try to cater for everybody - ladies, gents and children. This also includes women, men and children going through the loss of hair due to cancer-related illness. We find that our hair-loss customers will come to us from all over the

country and even abroad. Of course, most hairdressing customers are local, but not all. We have a lady from Dunedin, New Zealand, who always has her hair styled when over visiting her family in Sheffield. Incidentally, it works both ways - my husband and I visited her when we were on holiday there in 2013!"

Jayne also offers a home-visit service for persons needing wigs or hairpieces for any reason but who find it hard to travel. She began the wig business after she was diagnosed with Hodgkinsons Disease back in 2001, and needed to wear a wig after losing all her hair due to having chemotherapy. She recalls that "it was such a traumatic time, and I was so disappointed with the advice and extremely poor service that was offered to me in Sheffield. This made me so passionate to set up my own service in the salon, to clients going through the same experience as me. I now see lots of different people and can pass on all my knowledge to them, and hopefully this makes the journey a little easier for them."



From left: Jessica, Melissa, Jayne, Deborah and Danielle

The most rewarding aspect of the business for Jayne is having successive generations coming through the salon. "We have had people come to us, then have children, and come to us, with their children, then for these "children" to have their own children, and they still all come back to us. We celebrated our 25 years of trading and held a tea party for a whole month, from which we raised over £500 for Weston Park. That was great - people would come in off the street to have a coffee or buy a cake to help us raise the funds. It's always a pleasure to come to work, and Totley is a great place to work. It has a lot of lovely people that like to look after their local amenities.

Jayne also offers apprenticeships: "we currently have an apprentice who is in her first year, working towards a hair stylist qualification on board with us. Because the salon is growing in strength we are currently looking for a young apprentice to join our team". If anyone would like further information please contact Jayne at the salon on 0114 2366025.

What has changed over the years? "Everyone is looking for value for money these days – and we always aim to offer

this of course! During the recession years we actually increased the number of customers through the door. I put this down to people having to economise, and rather than paying town prices, many people decided to stay local, seeking to save those few pounds. Of course we have had to move with the times. Nowadays the salon staff are all trained to high standards in Wella and Dermalogica and we sell a full range of Dermalogica, Wella SP, and Nioxin products as well as an excellent range of wigs, from ready-to-wear to the more bespoke custom-made wigs. And the salon is fully wifi enabled so we can trade over the internet through our website <a href="https://www.195hairlines.co.uk">www.195hairlines.co.uk</a> and through Facebook."

And the last word from Jayne: "I'd like to thank all our loyal customers - either from recent or later years - for all the support that's been given. We hope the salon will have many more years of great business. And thank you for taking time to read this article!"

#### **Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

You will see that there is an advertisement for the Dore Art Exhibition in this issue of the *Independent*. Some readers may have known Mr Norman Bevan, who was a resident of Totley and a painter. He was the person who formed the Dore Art Group, and it is because of his influence and foresight, all those years ago, that the Dore Art Group is still going strong.

I'm sad to have to say that Mr Bevan died in October last year, on the island of Shetland where he had moved in



order to be near his daughter, and I understand he had a very happy life there, still enjoying his painting.

You too have a chance to enjoy our paintings at the Dore Art Show on the  $10^{th}$  and  $11^{th}$  April. The display of first-class paintings will be for sale.

Come and meet us, and perhaps have tea or coffee and enjoy a couple of hours in good company!

Connie Bedford, Show Co-ordinator

#### Recently spotted.....



Why do they do it? This example of motorists ruining our grass verges was on the Crescent, but there are similar instances everywhere



A bald-headed robin, seen in a local garden - probably came off worse in a scrap! (Photo: Joyce Sandford)



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#### **GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2015**

I have just (March 4<sup>th</sup>) been up to the garden. The sun is shining and things are starting to show signs of waking up. Daffodils and narcissi are about 6 inches above ground, primulas are in flower (brave little things) and shoots are showing on the newly-planted raspberries (though we will not see any fruit this year: we must wait until they are well established).

The birds are quite lively and eating well. I have quite a job keeping up with them! My favorite lady blackbird comes to me as soon as I enter the garden and gives me the nod that she likes mealworms and chopped up dried apricots. I also put out a mixture of chopped peanuts, biscuits and lard, which I stuff into holes in some small logs which are hung in the trees. The blackbirds get quite acrobatic when they are hungry, I often wonder whether all the effort they put in is offset by the amount of food they get.

The keen gardeners amongst you will have started planting seeds indoors, ready for planting out later. My onions, garlic and shallots have overwintered well and I look forward to harvesting around June or July.

I still have a lot of pruning to do. One or two of the shrubs have suffered a bit by being weighed down with the recent snow. I will have to get it done before too long.

The advertising is now in the papers for the annual spring shows. It's always worth a visit, to see what is new and to see the wonderful displays of spring flowers - and you may pick up some tips or see some labour-saving devices being demonstrated. I always have a laugh at any demonstration for earth-digging tools! When I see the box of earth they use, you could dig it up with your hands! I don't think some of them would last long in my soil. From now on it's the time to keep dealing with the weeds. Try and catch them before they get a good hold - choose a warm sunny day (ha ha!) - and hoeing will nobble the annual weeds without too much effort. The more sturdy weeds like dandelions or clover will have to be dug out.

The fish are just starting to stir after their winter semi-hibernation. I expect the frogs will soon be in the pond. They make a mess by stirring up the mud - the fish have to be a bit slick to avoid their amorous advances! I have lost one or two fishes this way.

April and May are possibly the busiest periods in the gardeners calendar, so don't just sit there! Get cracking and don't forget, as you do your hoeing, digging, pruning etc, that all that activity is doing you good (ow me back!)

#### **April**

**Flowers:** Prepare supports for your perennials especially the taller varieties such as lupin, delphiniums and oriental poppies. Complete the planting of herbaceous perennials and continue planting gladioli corms for a succession of blooms. Alpine plants can be moved and replanted now. Give roses a good feed (Tonks formula is recommended) and this will encourage first-class blooms right through the season. Sow hardy annuals, plant out sweet peas and give them a good supporting frame. Pansies and violas can be planted now if they have been properly hardened off: a cool semi-shaded place will give a longer life to the flowers. Start dahlias in a frame, covering the tubers with light soil and water sparingly. Keep well ventilated unless frost is forecast. Plant out antirrhinums and penstemon once they are hardened off. Clematis can be planted now - a good pot grown specimen is best. Keep all beds weed-free and mulch them to make it easier to retain moisture.

Vegetables: Finish planting early potatoes at the beginning of the month. Plant second earlies at the end of the month. Sow Brussels sprouts, late summer and autumn cabbage and cauliflower in a seed-bed, and small rows of lettuce and radish every three weeks to avoid a glut. Feed spring cabbages which are near maturity with a top dressing of nitrate of soda and hoe it in, and another dressing in three weeks' time. Plant onion sets 4" to 6" (10-15 cm) apart in rows about 30cm (1 ft) apart. Prepare trenches for runner beans with plenty of humus and other moisture-retaining material in the bottom. Sow parsley outdoors but don't forget that carrot-fly grubs love parsley, so make a fleece tent to prevent the fly getting to it. For those of you who grow celery, prepare trenches now, unless you grow the self-blanching variety. If you want a few early French beans, sow a few now in pots, and place them in a greenhouse - they need about 13 degrees C (55 degrees F) to germinate. The seedlings will be hardened off later on for planting out in late May. Sow main crop carrots, thinly, in drills about 1/2" (1 cm) deep and 12" (30 cm) apart. If carrotfly is about, make a fleece tent to prevent attack. Sow globe beetroot in a fairly sheltered border out of doors - it need not be a large sowing, as it will be followed by another one in May.

Sow seeds 15 cm (6") apart in rows 30cm (12") apart. Sow seeds in threes and reduce the seedlings to one at each point later on.

**Trees, Shrubs and Fruit:** Watch out for disease in apples and pears. If scab and mildew were present last year, spray when leaves start to show and continue this over one month. Nimrod T or Supercurb should help to control it. Renew mulches around bushes, cane fruits and rhubarb. Make sure that newly-planted trees and shrubs are kept moist during dry spells. Forsythia, winter jasmine, flowering currant and other winter flowering shrubs can be cut back to within a few buds of the old growth once the flowers have finished. Prune late flowering clematis and also hybrid T and floribunda roses

**Greenhouse and Indoor Plants:** Sensitive plants should be protected by shading from strong sunlight. It's a bit early to use the side vents on your greenhouse, as most plants under glass hate draughts particularly during early development. Prick off seedlings as soon as they can be handled carefully - do not let them get too deep-rooted, as this will cause them to check their growth when transplanted. Pot on seedlings pricked out earlier. Take cuttings of winter flowering begonia, rest freesias, lachenalias, arum lilies and cyclamen. Place them on a shelf near the glass and gradually reduce the watering, pinch out the tips of chrysanthemum cuttings on those required for spring flowering, Plant tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum, etc in a heated greenhouse - maintain a temperature of minimum 55 degrees F, otherwise wait a few weeks and buy plants ready brought on. Watch out for all the creepy crawlies and deal with them as soon as they appear. Ants and woodlice can wreck a tray of seedlings overnight! Gently wash leaves of indoor foliage plants except the furry leafed kind and put them outside in a warm rain shower. Pot on geraniums and young plants like begonias and gloxinias, feed established plants regularly and split up and re-pot ferns

Lawns: Keep all grassed areas clean. Spike, aerate and

top dress if you have not already done so. Start, or continue, routine mowing, dealing with any moss patches as soon as possible. Trim edges for that looked-after appearance. Give a good dressing of fertilizer if you didn't Autumn feed last year, and water it in well.

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**Flowers:** Prepare beds for summer bedding whilst hardening off the plants. Give plants which are growing fast, such as delphiniums, hollyhocks etc, a dressing of fertiliser or liquid feed. Plant dahlia tubers outdoors. Cover them with 8 cm (3") of soil – and make sure you mark the spot. Protect any shoots from late frosts.

Sow hardy and half hardy plants if you want a show in early autumn. The seeds should be broadcast where the plants are to flower and covered lightly with soil. Stake, tie and train sweet peas and keep them well mulched throughout their growth. Deadhead bulbs which have finished flowering. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants, such as phlox, michaelmas daisy and golden rod, to ensure bushiness. Don't overdo this though as it may delay the flowering too long. Watch out for slugs and snails and deal with them, especially around young growing shoots.

Get window boxes and hanging baskets ready. Plant them up if you have space indoors - otherwise wait a week or two until the chances of frost are past, or make a temporary shelter for them, bringing them out in the daytime. Don't forget to water all newly set out plants. Watch out for greenfly - eradicate as soon as you see them - they reproduce at an alarming rate and can devastate a young plant in a few days.

Vegetables: Earth-up potatoes; give support to peas and beans. Prepare mounds for marrows, pumpkin and squash. I grow my marrow in rich compost placed between two bales of straw. This keeps them moist and off the ground - away from too many slugs - and is nice and clean for the marrow to rest on. If you are growing outdoor tomatoes this year, prepare the ground now - they need a good rich soil. Plant out winter greens as soon as they are hardened off. Sow dwarf beans, main crop beetroot, sweetcorn, etc. Thin out vegetables sown earlier, such as carrots and parsnips. These are best grown under a tent of fleece if you have had trouble with carrot-fly, as I have. Sow runner beans outdoors. From now on make successional sowings of salads - lettuce, salad onions, radish, leaf chicory and also parsley. Plant up your herb garden; increase your plants by dividing or cuttings.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: As before, keep all newly planted specimens well watered. Give all fruit a good feed when the buds start to swell up. Tie-in new growth of blackberry and loganberry. Prune overcrowded raspberry canes and then mulch. Watch out for aphid and caterpillar on gooseberries and deal with them as soon as possible by spraying or dusting. The same applies to blackcurrants. Clean straw can be put round strawberries - make sure it is well tucked underneath the plants: you could use black polythene as an alternative. Remove all suckers from trees and roses. With lilacs remove secondary shoots at soil level so they grow up as single stems. Trim over and topdress heathers after flowering. Water azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, wisteria and hydrangeas with some sequestrene plant tonic. Complete the planting of container-grown roses, heathers, clematis, etc. Prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria, willows and dogwood as soon as they have finished flowering. Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Liquid feed and water flowering and fruiting plants, including any which have been in their pots for more than a month. Shade most plants from strong sunlight and ventilate well. Pinch back any straggly shoots on pot plants. Pot-on springrooted pelargoniums and other greenhouse plants. Allow nerines, arums, and freesias to rest by gradually reducing the amount of water given. Feed, disbud and pollinate tomatoes. Train and feed melons and cucumber. Sow cinerarias if you want to have plants in December. Pot begonias, gloxinias and streptocarpus. Greenhouse primulas sown in April will need to be pricked-off into other boxes or seed trays, water them well and place them in a sheltered frame. Harden-off bedding plants - watch the weather, and protect from frost. Feed tuberous begonias as pots fill with roots. Time to think about shading as the sun gets stronger. Although the weather (hopefully) is getting warmer at this time, clear frosty nights can follow warm days so watch out for these variable conditions.

**Lawns:** Feed established lawns and treat for weeds. Keep new lawns well watered. Top-dress joints in new turf. Set your mower high for the first few cuts. That should keep you busy for a while!

#### Cheerio for now,

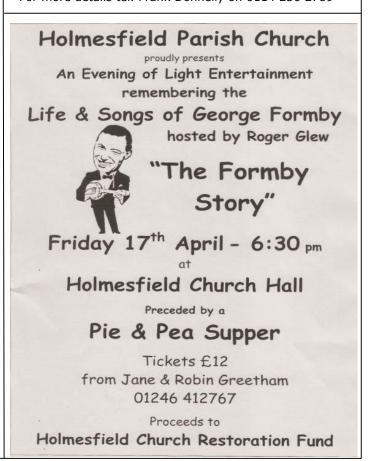
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#### **Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings**

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#### **Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you with the hope that you can help me discover some further information regarding my family who have lived in Totley at least since 1811 (perhaps later to 1791- I have a drawing of the Owler Bar toll cottage dating it at 1791). My great-great-great grandfather was Thomas Wragg, whose son John Wragg married Mary Muscroft at Dore Church in 1844. Stories of my family appeared in the 1924/25 Clarion Ramblers but the Totley Independent also featured an article about their marriage in the March 1982 Independent called "Wedding Bell Tolls." According to their marriage certificate, John's father Thomas was a farmer (who came from Crich - we have been unable to trace the family any further back than that.) John Wragg, born in 1811, had forty years of taking tolls - at Slatepit Dale, Matlock, Calver, Baslow, Owler Bar, Mosborough Intake, and Stony Ridge. One of John's children was Frederick Wragg who married Alice Marshall of Totley, who in turn had several children. One child in particular, named Edith Wragg, was my grandmother. Edith Wragg married George Horace Johnson.

Because you may have several historians in your midst, I was wondering if you might be able answer a couple of questions. I have checked with the Sheffield Archives but they have been unable to help me. My grandmother Edith had three children: George, Sheila, and Grace (my mother). In 1957 my parents and I emigrated to Canada, so I'm asking these questions from a bit of a distance!

I am trying to glean as much information as I can regarding my uncle George Johnson's WW2 service; he was in the Royal Armoured Corps; and I am also trying to find out in which Sheffield munitions factory my aunt, Sheila Johnson (Parkin), worked in WW2.

My aunt was born in 1924, married in 1945 and her last name became Parkin. My grandfather George Horace Johnson and grandmother Edith, and their children - my uncle, aunt, and mother - lived in Totley at 327 Baslow Road from approximately 1920 on (Grange Terrace although George was born at Moss Cottage in 1920); at one point my great grandfather Frederick Wragg lived at Baslow Road, as well as extended family members. My aunt Sheila Parkin, until her death in 1997, was the last member of our family to live at 327 Baslow Road. Her son John Parkin still lives in Totley, but in a different location. My cousin doesn't have any information regarding my aunt's work in the munitions factory and I was wondering if anyone in your historical group would have known her and/or knew where she was briefly employed during WW2. Later she worked at the college which can be seen from Baslow Road and she worked on the Post. I remember my mother speaking of Joe Abson whose name I have seen in some of your articles.

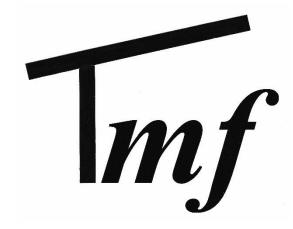
And does anyone know how I could trace the Wragg family's whereabouts in Crich? It would be prior to 1800.

I would be most grateful for any information you might have, or if you could direct me to someone who could give me more information, especially regarding the WW2 years.

If you can help, please contact me by email at <a href="mizpah@shaw.ca">mizpah@shaw.ca</a>. Or you can contact me through the editor of the Totley *Independent* (see back page for details) Thank you for your time and consideration!

Warm regards,

Damaris Notté, British Columbia, Canada



#### **Totley Music Festival 2015**

The 2015 Festival will take place on various dates throughout July, and information about the events planned so far are detailed below. As we explained in the last issue of the *Independent*, there will be a reasonable ticket price for each event this year, aimed essentially at covering costs, though as you can see, some events are specifically arranged as fund-raising concerts in support of local voluntary organisations. Here's the programme so far:

Friday  $3^{rd}$  July, Totley Library, 7.30 pm: Ukulele Concert featuring "Ukeshire Relish" and others. Tickets £5 (concessions £3). This is a fund-raising event in support of Totley Library.

Saturday  $4^{th}$  July, Heatherfield, 8 pm: Rock and roll, beat and soul, with Sheffield band "So What". Tickets £5 (concessions £3)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Totley Library, 7.30 pm: Jazz evening, featuring local jazz virtuosos Chris and Kevin Walker and others. Tickets £5 (concessions £3)

Friday  $10^{th}$  July, Mickley Hall, 7.30 pm: Variety Cabaret. The ever-popular music and comedy event featuring a range of talented local performers. Free to Mickley Hall residents. For non-residents, tickets £3 (concessions £2). This is a fund-raising event in support of Leonard Cheshire Disability, Mickley Hall.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Totley Library, 7.30 pm: Folk evening. The folk concert has been consistently well-received in the past, and this year's promises to be no exception. In addition to many superb performers from previous concerts, there are a couple of excellent new acts, so arrive early to get your seat at this ever-popular event. Tickets £5 (concessions £3).

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July, All Saints Church, 7.0 pm: Concert by Dore Male Voice Choir, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Tickets £10 (concessions £7) to include concert and refreshments. *This is a fund-raising event in support of Totley Library*.

This is the programme so far! We're hoping to add more events, and the final programme will be published in the June/July issue of the *Independent* as well as through posters and other media.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday  $1^{\rm st}$  June at Totley Library, Totley Rise Post Office, the Ironing Parlour, Baslow Road, and through our website at  $\underline{\rm www.totleymusicfestival.com}$ 

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# Conservation Work in Our Local Wood

There is nothing better than standing with a hot cup of tea or coffee, warming your hands and your insides, as you chat with like-minded volunteers whilst admiring the work you have completed together over the previous couple of hours. Our good friend Chris Roberts, the Council Ranger, provides the refreshments with biscuits included. He oversees the work being carried out and brings along the necessary tools and equipment for us all to use.

Gillfield Wood was regarded by Sheffield Council as one of their low priority woods, but since the Friends of Gillfield Wood group formed, they have shown a keen interest in the wood and have worked closely with the group. With the Council's Rangers, the group has carried out some form of conservation work most months over the last three years in an effort to maintain and improve the habitat.



Volunteers in action (Photo: Derek Bateson)
This year has seen the group tidying up the area at the west end of the wood, next to the bus terminus on Baslow Road. Recently five trees were illegally cut down and the timber removed, probably for log burning. So we went in and made brash piles from the left behind branches - there were loads of them and it was a real mess. We don't want a pristine wood but we created these piles at the woodland edge to provide ideal habitat and cover for small mammals and invertebrates. And at the same time it will allow the ground flora in the cleared area the opportunity of growing more freely amongst the variety of trees still standing.

We also spent time cutting back some over-hanging branches on the rides in that area, so that they did not become a problem for people using the foot-paths. Keeping the rides more open allows the light to pour in as we are very keen to attract butterflies, hoverflies and other insects to the edges for all to enjoy.

In autumn last year we managed to clear some of the bramble from the picnic area at the west end of the wood, and to scarify the grass in front of the two bench tables. Huge piles of dead grass were cleared from here, and we are now leaving this site alone for at least six months, to see what wild flowers naturally emerge during this spring and summer. We have repaired the dry stone wall bordering this area, and planted eight rowan tree saplings, which hopefully will attract birds to the berries that should eventually appear. It will all certainly add to the pleasure of sitting up there quietly overlooking the fields to Totley Moss and Blacka Moor.

The group also recently arranged for four wooden waymarker posts to be made. These have now been erected by the group, at the side of the main footpath in the wood, to try to make it clearer as to where the footpaths are that run off to the south side of the wood and out into Derbyshire. It was not uncommon for visitors to miss these paths as they walked through the wood and then get a little worried they were 'lost'. We received good feedback regarding these posts, which are in keeping with the natural environment.

We would also like to think that removing old fence posts and barbed wire from near footpaths and regularly clearing litter has made the wood safer and cleaner. We report to the Council any potentially dangerous trees, or trees that have fallen down and are a hazard to the public. We regard Gillfield Wood as extending all the way to the Scout Hut and Mickley Lane, so branches that have fallen across the main path in that eastern area plus a lot of litter dropped in that area have recently been cleared away.

You will appreciate, by now, that the work undertaken by the group is varied, and there is always light work as well as work of the more strenuous kind. We are a mixed group, ladies and gents, of different ages and abilities. Andy Brewster is the group's leader for these events and co-ordinates the work with the Council. We normally meet once a month on a Sunday at 10am and we will have packed away by 1pm - but volunteers come and go as they please. If you are unable to attend on a Sunday then you may wish to consider a weekday session because we are intending to carry out some conservation work on a monthly basis during the week.

So if you are interested in helping, contact Andy on fogwsecretary@gmail.com or go to the group's website <a href="https://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com">www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com</a> for more details. We hope you will join us - the more the merrier!

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#### **TOADS Spring Production!**

Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society's May production will be a "spooky" comedy, written by Doris Hilliard, and entitled "The Haunting of Harold"!

This is a very entertaining play and will be directed by Beverly Clubley. Some of the older members of our audience may remember Beverly from several years back when she was an active actress and director with the Society. She "retired" from TOADS seven years ago to pursue her career in education, but has now returned to join our ranks once more. Welcome back Beverly!

Once again, we are lucky enough to have two more new members who are treading the boards with TOADS for the first time in this production.

Welcome Alex and Michael!



The dates of the play are Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm. Please come along and support us, your very own local am-dram society.

The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket or contact any TOADS member – we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, if you are interested in treading the boards or helping out backstage, why not pop down to the Guild Room at St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30pm. Or contact me, Anne Bettridge, on 01246 460318, or any TOADS member. Or visit our web-site <a href="https://www.toadsdrama.co.uk">www.toadsdrama.co.uk</a>

#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

#### **Totley War Memorial**

I am writing on behalf of Totley History Group to ask whether any other Community Groups or individuals - especially those involving younger members of the community - would be willing to join us in keeping the area surrounding Totley War Memorial swept and weeded on a regular basis.

Unlike other local War Memorials, ours often looks untidy and neglected. In view of the WW1 Centenary commemorations that will be taking place over the next four years it would seem appropriate that the local community should commit a small amount of time to caring for the area which commemorates the local men and women of both World Wars who lost their lives in these conflicts. An hour or two once a month is all that would be required, and if enough groups/ people volunteer then a rota could be made and no-one would need to turn up more than twice a year.

If you would be interested in helping please contact the Editor (see back page) or Dorothy Prosser at the email

address below. Thank you.

Yours sincerely Dorothy Prosser, apple-garth@supanet,com

#### **Councillor Surgeries**

#### **Liberal Democrats:**

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 pm, Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore. Contact details: Colin Ross 235 1948

Email: colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk

Joe Otten 230 3290

Email: joe.otten@sheffield.gov.uk Martin Smith 0781 205 5346 Email martin.smith@sheffield.gov.uk

#### **Abbeydale Park Bowling Club**

The Club will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April between 10 am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at Crown Green Bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as instruction will be given.

The Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Members assemble and groups are made up as people arrive.

Friendly Inter-Club Matches are held throughout the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed by the club. Social events are held regularly throughout the year including Dinners, Garden Party and a Race Evening, as well as regular Coffee Mornings during the close season.

Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeydale Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the Pavilion.

The Bowls Pavilion is situated at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Complex where ample car parking is available.

Please join us on the Green equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels) where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a large selection of bowls which you can borrow.

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# Ask your Pharmacist!

I'm sure everyone has seen plenty of headlines this winter about the A & E crisis and the severe pressures this has placed on the NHS. Overflowing A & E departments, long waiting times and bed shortages have frequently been in the news. Unfortunately, while this has been a severe winter with greater consequences, it is not an isolated incident. It has been a reality for many years, and as demand on the NHS grows, the situation is likely to worsen.

Not only does this mean patients do not get the best treatment, it can also be very inconvenient and distressing. This is probably more pronounced for the elderly in Totley as travelling to A & E can be difficult and even asking a neighbour to take you can be difficult when you don't know how long the wait could be. In such times, GP surgeries can also become overburdened.

While sometimes a visit to A & E or your GP is necessary, in many cases the problem can be resolved more easily through other avenues. As well as self-treatment options such as rest, drinking plenty of fluids and using simple remedies such as paracetamol,



visiting a pharmacy can be effective, quick and convenient. Indeed, the NHS has launched a "Treat Yourself Better With Pharmacist Advice" as a response to the winter crisis. It is hoped that this will reduce the burden on the NHS and improve patient treatment and satisfaction. It is also hoped that self-treatment, rather than patients obtaining prescriptions for antibiotics, will reduce the increasing problem of antibiotic resistance. Actually, in many cases antibiotics are ineffective since many colds are caused by viruses. With at least five years of experience to qualify and a wealth of knowledge about how best to treat minor symptoms, pharmacists are well placed to provide people with personalised advice as to how they can self-treat many minor illnesses. We have a range of products which we can recommend. We will also refer you to other options when appropriate -

for instance if we feel your symptoms may have been present too long or if we see any warning signs suggesting stronger treatment is required. A very useful resource is also www.treatyourselfbetter.co.uk

We also offer a Minor Ailments service which is free and funded by the NHS. This can be used to obtain treatment for a variety of minor illnesses throughout the year which do not require seeing a Doctor. Not only is this service very convenient for patients, it is very cost-effective for the NHS. Research suggests a national Minor Ailments service could save the NHS £1 billion per year. Figures show treating common ailments such as coughs and colds through such a service is 5 times cheaper for the NHS than A & E. Please call in for more information or to find out which conditions can be treated and what medicines are available through this (conditions service include conjunctivitis, diarrhoea, hay fever, and threadworm to mention just a

I hope that after almost two decades of serving the Totley community, most local people would feel comfortable discussing any such issues with me, but we have a private consultation room where we can have a chat. Please feel free to pop in at any time even it if only to discuss how to maintain good health; we stock a wide range of supplements and vitamins too. We are also fortunate in Totley having David and his team at Synergy who offer natural alternatives.

Tajinder Singh, Totley Pharmacy

# Holmesfield Flower Club

**Wednesday 15**<sup>th</sup> **April**: Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Jonathan Moseley (acclaimed NAFAS National Demonstrator and judge on BBC TV's *Allotment Challenge*) entitled "Living the Dream".

7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Ave), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking. Tickets available at the door: visitors £10, members £5.00 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. Don't miss this special event, all welcome, early arrival advisable.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Evening Workshop – tutor Jane Walden (NAFAS Area Teacher) entitled "Manipulation of Plant Material and Design". 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Ave), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ

- ample parking. Non-members welcome, visitor fee £4. Contact Sandra tel. 01709 541187 for details of materials required.

#### Your Cash in the Attic could support St Luke's Hospice

TELEVISION antiques expert Charles Hanson will be bringing his valuation skills to Sheffield as he takes part in a special day in support of St Luke's Hospice.

The Derbyshire based star of the BBC's Antiques Road Show, Flog It, Cash in the Attic and Bargain Hunt will be heading a team of five experts hosting the Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers Valuation Day at Sheffield Cathedral on April 18.

The event will run from 10am to 5pm and although valuations are free of charge, there will be a suggested donation of at least £5 per person, with all the money raised going to Sheffield's only hospice.

"Go have a rummage in your attic and bring along your rare toys, books, Chinese and Oriental objects, decorative arts, modern art glass, furniture, jewellery, silver and collectables," said St Luke's Community Fundraising manager Clare Robinson.

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#### **Scout Lottery**

# 1st Totley Scout Group Lottery

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1<sup>st</sup> Prize No 10 Acctim 18 cm Glass Case Clock Miss Blackwell, Green Oak Ave.

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This was the last draw of the 2014-15 lottery.

#### A Childhood in the Chemical Yard

For several reasons, it has been a long time since I wrote about my memories of my childhood living in the Chemical Yard at Totley during the 1940s and 50s. So, after much gentle nagging and flattering encouragement from Graham Gregory, my very dear friend and old classmate, here are some more of my recollections.

I shall concentrate this story on my Gran. She was my Step-Gran, so not a blood relation, but she was a great comfort to me during a difficult time in my life.

Both my parents had died by the time I reached 15 years of age. I was living on my own in our family home, North West Cottage (now demolished). The cottage was being renovated and my sister

and her husband were due to move in once the work had been completed.

My Gran lived in Sheaf Cottage which was one of four cottages which backed immediately onto the river. The cottages didn't have back towards but they did have quite long, narrow, pretty front gardens. Next-door to Gran lived Mr Thompson. When Mr Thompson died, his cottage became home to Reg and Jean Pashley and their children, Richard and Diane. Jean Pashley is Graham's cousin and I am delighted to say that we have recently been re-united and love to reminisce so this story is also for her. She was a very helpful and friendly neighbour to both my mum and my Gran and I thought of her as a role model as she always looked so pretty in her fashionable summer dresses. My mum was an agent for Gratton's catalogue and Jean bought her clothes from the catalogue and paid for them on a weekly basis. I can call her Jean now because we are both more of an age, but in the 50s when I was just a teenager and acted as their babysitter, I would never dream of calling Jean and Reg by their Christian names. I always referred to them as Mr and Mrs Pashley.

My Gran was a small 'wiry' woman, always busy, always dashing here and there. She had a very down-toearth and practical approach to life and wasn't one to feel sorry for herself. She just 'got on with things'. I would sleep at her house some nights when the renovation work left our cottage rather uncomfortable. I never received a cuddle or a hug from her she didn't display those kinds of emotions – but she would cook a good wholesome meal for me, place it on the table and say, "get that down you lass and you won't come to any harm".

She worked as a cleaner at Gratton's, the general grocery store on Totley Rise. She was also a cleaner for Mrs Gratton at her home on Marstone Crescent and she was always on standby to act as babysitter at Mrs



Gratton's when required.

Her own home was immaculately spotless and her routine was strictly adhered to. As soon as we finished our evening meal, the dishes would be washed and dried and neatly stacked away before we made ourselves comfortable and listened to the radio broadcast of 'The Archers'. This was the only time of day when she relaxed. We sat in silence until the programme finished. As an occasional treat she would sometimes pour herself a glass of Guinness before retiring to bed around 9.30 pm in preparation for an early start the next morning.

Recently, I decided to research my Gran's family history. I had already researched my maternal grandparents as I had never known anything about them. My mum was 38 years old when she gave birth to me and all of my grandparents had already passed away. I didn't even know their names. Everyone was too busy getting on with life in those days to even think about discussing past events.

I discovered that my step-Gran was born in 1886 and named Ada Whitford. According to the 1891 Census her father's name was Sidney Thomas Whitford (39 years), he was a widower. He worked as a beef butcher and lived in Newbold/Dunston, Chesterfield, with three daughters and son, and Ada was listed as his youngest daughter. However in the 1901 Census, he is still at the same address with Ada, now 15 years old,

and his youngest daughter Louie aged 11. I need to carry out further research to discover the name of my step-Gran's mother and also the year and cause of her mother's death, for I believe she may have died giving birth to Louie.

Losing her mother at such a young age goes a long way to explaining why my step-Gran never gave, nor expected to receive, any physical affection. She had a strong sense of duty and probably had to help to look after her younger sister. She may even have helped her father's butcher shop so the practicalities of life were her priorities.

The 1911 census shows her, at 25 years of age, living as a general servant in a large house on Botanical Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield.

My maternal grandma Hannah died in 1914 leaving my grandad Thomas with five children to raise including my own mum who was the eldest at nine years old. Later that same year my grandad married Ada: she became his children's step-mum. I am curious to know how Ada and Thomas met and how he managed to persuade her to take on his young ready-made family! Their ages ranged from three years to 9 years.

Less than two years after their marriage Ada and Thomas had their first child together, Reginald, born in 1916. Six more children followed in quick succession though the youngest child, Douglas, born in 1926 was either stillborn or did not survive to his first birthday.

I have such admiration for my poor Step-Gran - how did she cope with raising eleven children in her tiny two bedroomed cottage? All the children in her care became hardand highly respected working members of society. They received a good education and followed their paths in life guided by her strict code of conduct traditional family values. All, that is, bar one. He was the rebel and black sheep of the family. I know that he caused her heartache but she loved him nevertheless and forgave him his indiscretions as only a good mother can. To raise 10 children so successfully is supreme а achievement considering restrictions and conditions she battled against on a daily basis. It's a shame that her wayward son is the only person who people remember and still talk about to this day. She deserves a more fitting legacy.

The cottages didn't have the luxuries we take for granted today. They had

large coal-burning Yorkshire ranges which dominated the main room and provided the only source of heat. There was an oven to the side of the fire where most of the meals were cooked. The cottages had no hot water supply or bathrooms or indoor toilets. At the end of the Chemical Yard there was a small outdoor building housing just three toilets to cater for six cottages. Two families shared a toilet but I can never remember any quarrels or arguments about toilet cleaning etc. The toilet doors were ill-fitting and I remember the icy cold chill that blew through the gaps in the door - in winter, it wasn't a place to loiter! A huge nail on the inside of the door contained torn up sheets of old newspapers for use as toilet paper. The papers were mainly the Sheffield 'Star' or the 'News of the World'. It was great fun in the summer sitting there and trying to match up the torn pieces of paper so that I could make sense of the stories I wasn't supposed to read!

Gran's cottage was sandwiched between the Pashleys and the Nicholsons. The Nicholson family was large (about 14 children in total I think, including two sets of twins). Pamela and Mary Nicholson were born just 14 days after my birth. We were great friends and spent many happy hours playing outdoors together – if the sun was out then so were we! One day we were out playing in the yard when my Gran came out of her front door. I was used to seeing her dressed in her working clothes and practical shoes so my mouth must have dropped open in astonishment to see her in all her 'finery'. She was wearing a mid-length fur coat with a smart knee-length skirt showing below the hem of her coat. Her shoes were sturdy but fashionable with a chunky heel and she wore thick lisle stockings with rim-rod straight seams. Perched jauntily on the side of her head was a tiny pillbox hat and she carried a pair of gloves and a clutch bag. There was the faintest suggestion of face powder brushed over her nose and cheeks, and just a hint of pale pink lipstick on her lips.

She made her way up the stone-flagged path. Then, even more astonishing, was the sight of a shiny black taxi trundling its way down the track from Queen Victoria Road and gliding to a stop at the top of the path. The smartly dressed driver stepped out of the taxi and opened the door for Gran to climb elegantly inside. As we three children watched in silent awe, the taxi, with its precious passenger, slowly made its way back up the track. This track is

now the tarmacked continuation of Back Lane.

As soon as I could I bombarded my mom with questions about what I had seen. Now my mom would always answer and explain any of my frequent questions as fully as possible, but she seemed rather reticent on this occasion. I persevered however, I discovered that my Gran had gone to vote. Apparently, she would have placed across on a piece of paper showing which political party she believed should govern the country and her cross would even help decide who would be the next prime minister!

How important was that! No wonder Gran had found it necessary to dress for the occasion. The suffragettes had fought for her right to vote, and she hadn't let them down!

If I remember correctly, my mum told me the transport to the polling stations was provided, if required, by one of the political parties. A person's vote was strictly confidential so I expect that the political parties involved may have believed that their offer of transport would gain them votes though I doubt that my Gran would have fallen for that kind of flattery! We owned a car so, when my dad and brother came home from work, mom was going to go with them to cast her vote. I believe that our polling station was based somewhere in Bradway. I was intrigued by the whole business and asked many questions but I quickly realised that the whole subject of politics were shrouded in secrecy.

Our friends and neighbours in the Chemical Yard shed all of their life events with each other and discuss the most personal and intimate details on a daily basis. Politics however was strictly taboo. There is such a huge contrast between their stoic silence and the heated debates and public which take discussions nowadays. I never found out who received my Gran's vote and it was several years later before my parents eventually trusted me enough to reveal who received their loyal support. So strong was their belief that their vote was highly private and confidential that I still respect their wishes and their trust in me safe, for even now, I'm not telling!

I had almost finished writing this story when I received a very sad news that Jean had died. I wondered whether to alter my story but I feel quite certain that she would have been delighted to read my memories of her and her family. So, I dedicate it to her with my love.

Anne White (née Russell)

# Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Now that we are well into floor rehearsals for our next show which will be *The Gondoliers*, the general shape of the production is becoming clearer to us all. It may surprise you but we in the chorus don't get a flavour of the director's ideas until we've been rehearsing for a few weeks. Suffice to say that we are well pleased and are confident the show will be up to our usual standard. The principals are well suited to their roles and Graham Weston, our producer is working his usual magic on the dance patterns and the comic elements. The music is as delightful as ever and rehearsed to a very high standard by Nigel Martin our Don't miss this lively and entertaining offering from Britain's most noted light operatic composers. If you've not tasted late 19th century culture, now's your chance. They were the Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice of their time, but much funnier!

The show will be from 29th April to 2nd May, 2015 at The Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street. For tickets (£12 each, children under 16 £6 each) and timings please contact Judith Bettridge on 0114 2507155 or write (including SAE with money) to Judith at 238 Carterknowle Road, Sheffield, S7 2EB. Booking forms can be found our website http://www.doregass.co.uk/page7.ht ml. Alternatively, phone me on 0114 2362299 or our chairman Mark White on 0114 2360723 for tickets and further information.

Note that whilst there is a matinee performance on the Saturday, but there is no evening performance on that day. We all hope that you will come and support us in April/May at The Montgomery and have a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Derek Habberjam

# **Totley's Sporting History**

Totley History Group would like to have some articles on their website about the history of the local cricket, football, bowls, tug of war and other sporting activities in Totley. We feel sure that somewhere there must be archives or information and we would be grateful for anything that people could tell us. Photographs would also be very welcome especially from the late 19th and early 20th century but also from more recent times. If you can help please email Dorothy Prosser at apple-garth@supanet.com phone 0114 236 2483.

#### **Totley Primary School**

#### **Out and About in Totley**

Here at Totley Primary, we know how lucky we are to be located so close to stunning countryside on the edge of the Peak District. Over the course of the school year, we really try to take advantage of this and make the most of what our local area has to offer.

Our Y1 class recently went on a history walk around Totley, taking in sights such as the old post office on Baslow Road, the old school house and Totley Hall Park, where the college campus once stood. They looked at a range of old photos and maps to compare present day Totley with how it used to be.



The beautiful Gillfield woods are very well used by the school to enrich a number of different subjects. Our Y5s went there in the autumn and were inspired to develop settings for spooky stories. Year 4 visited the woods as part of their topic on plant and animal habitats and were able to see a range of food chains first hand! Our most recent adventure in the woods involved our Y3s, who experienced what it might be like for Anglo Saxon settlers seeking shelter. Later in the year, Y3 will again be venturing outdoors and using Blacka Moor as the basis for their topic on rivers.

So if you see us out and about in Totley, in our high visibility jackets, do give us a wave!

Ben Paxman, Assistant Head Teacher



Not everyone finds the snow a pain. Here's some fun in the snow in Green Oak Park (*Photo: Wayne Hodgkins*)

# Totley Yard Sale Sun 19th April 11.00am

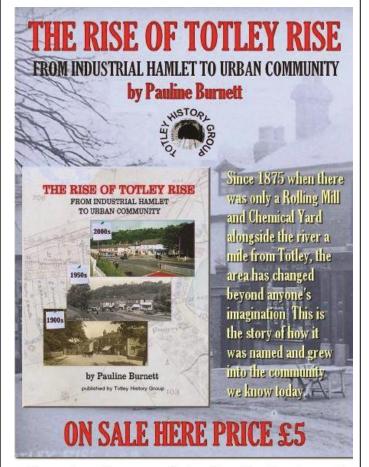
Totley people clearing out unwanted goods and selling in their front gardens to raise money for local causes.

Buyers—map 50p with details of all sellers from 16 The Grove from 10.30, not before.

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# **Totley Independent Poetry Workshop Sally Goldsmith**

Last issue's task was to write a poem finding interest, perhaps even loveliness, in something decrepit or decaying. A few entries – Pat Pillow again sent a smashing one looking at a ruined village on a remote island. Keep them coming Pat! Peter Cain, sent a very skilled sonnet about his back garden at dawn with a lovely dark twist at the end – but it didn't quite match the challenge. I've chosen one by Ann Lee –about a fallen damson tree. It has some great things in it – especially 'green bullets turn to purple pendants,' the word 'tart' which exactly describes the damsons' taste. Best of all is the beginning – 'Quietly she fell one night.' I also like how she has divided up her poem with each verse a similar length. Ann and I had quite a chat about editing and line endings - and she did some pruning! I think it could improve even further by dividing the line lengths - it would make the poem read easier, giving attention to her choice of words and phrases. When I had a go I managed to edit it into 3 verses of 7 lines each, being careful where I ended lines. If any readers are interested, this is a good editing exercise to have a go at! What choices would you make?

#### The Old Damson Tree by Ann Lee

Quietly she fell one night, weighted with a snowy mantle.

She was always the first in spring to show her dancing petals of pure white to bees waiting to spread her pollen

But now she lies rotting, spent as a mother in menopause.

No more nurturing her fruit until green bullets turn to purple pendants.

No more crumbles or tart jams to be enjoyed on crusty bread when home from school.

All these Autumnal delights gone from her forever.

Her sisters still stand proud, home to birds and moths, their turn will come.

Silently she is decaying, waiting for fungal forays to overtake and

Slowly turn her into a new life force ready to nourish the earth again.

This month's poem as inspiration is one by a friend, Jonathan Davidson. He recently won a major poetry prize with this one and it is a lovely thing. He obviously knows his stuff about bricks. There is great respect for the craftsmanship of the anonymous ordinary people who made the buildings around us. There are 5 verses of 5 lines each – stacked and finely crafted like the bricks. Like them it is precise and real. The makers' language appears in the poem too – vernacular like their architecture. There is such beauty without trying to be 'poetic.' And sadness.

It pays dividends to really look at Jonathan's crafting – how he ends lines, the music of the words. Also, the careful choice of exactly the right word or phrase so that each is doing as much work as it can, keeping the poem honed and stripped down.

Could you choose an ordinary building to really investigate in words, wondering about its maker? Could you too see if the poem wants to craft itself in a particular direction – equal length verses or a particular rhythm? You may also need to do some research, finding the right technical words – here 'headers', 'lozenges', 'chisel, hawk or bolster' give a specificity, assurance and interest to the poem.

#### Brickwork by Jonathan Davidson

They use a Flemish bond, but set in it Sufficient blue-flared headers To make the lozenges Of language for an eye To read with ease a hundred years ahead.

A brick arch frames a window for the light To be let in, and for a door, A lintel. All are laid Like script declaimed on Sundays At faces plain as chimneys on a roof.

The building of a cottage, house or grange, That finds its height and stands Against the day, is song For hands that speak in courses, That harden as they weary of the work.

And they are dumb or gone away or dead Who cut the sweet, pale clay Of sentences and fired them In common kilns to make The narratives that keep us home and dry.

What we read now when walking through a place Is all that's left of those Who squared the quiet day With chisel, hawk and bolster, Who held their tongues but spoke vernacular.

Please send your entries to Sally Goldsmith, <a href="mailto:goldsally@googlemail.com">goldsally@googlemail.com</a> by Tuesday 5th May. I'll choose one to publish and comment on.

Sally Goldsmith is a prize winning poet, script and songwriter. You can order her collection of poetry, 'Are We There Yet?' through www.poetrybusiness.co.uk

#### **Operation Safedrive in Baslow**

More than 80 motorists were stopped in Baslow on Wednesday March 11 as police teamed up to crack down on unsafe driving and poor vehicle conditions.

Officers from the Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team worked alongside partner agencies throughout the day to host the Operation Safedrive event. Safer Neighbourhood officers teamed up with the Casualty Reduction and Enforcement Support Team (CREST), Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA), HM Revenue and Customs, and the Roads Policing Unit to check that cars and their drivers were road safe and legal.

81 motorists were stopped in Baslow which saw highvisibility policing carried out and advice offered. Penalties and warnings were issued to drivers for not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile phone at the wheel and for their manner of driving. Motorists were also stopped and spoken to for a number of offences including problems with registration plates, tyre defects and faulty lights.

All diesel vehicles were tested by the HM Customs Road Fuel Division, one motorist being issued with a fine and their vehicle seized. Five vehicles were seized as having serious defects which stopped the driver from continuing their journey without repair or recovery of the vehicle.

Sergeant Andy Wordsworth from the Buxton South Safer Neighbourhood Teams said: "This operation was a great opportunity for us to work alongside our partners and reinforce the importance of safe and considerate driving on our roads.

Although most motorists went on without a problem, it was worrying to see that some people were not wearing a seatbelt, or were using a mobile phone behind the wheel and therefore putting the lives of others at risk.

"It is vital to take road safety and traffic issues seriously to keep our roads safe for pedestrians and other road users. We hope that this operation reminds motorists of this message."

Operation Safedrive is an on-going Derbyshire police campaign to educate motorists about responsible driving and make roads across the county safer.

#### **Inside Artists' Studios**

Did you get a chance to visit your local and Sheffield artists last year? If not, 'Open Up Sheffield 2015' will take place again on two May weekends: Sat  $2^{nd}$ , Sun  $3^{rd}$ , Mon  $4^{th}$  (Bank Holiday); and Sat  $9^{th}$  and Sun  $10^{th}$ . Opening times are 11 am to 5 pm.

Entry is free. The artists and venues can vary from year to year but Dore, Totley and Bradway are all represented again. Two of your local artists can be contacted for more details:

Christine Rodger at www.christinerodger.co.uk (email 30rodger@gmail.com) and

Rosemary Watson at www.arosemarywatson.co.uk (email info@arosemarywatson.co.uk)

The free Open Up brochure is available from mid-April, and gives the studio locations of all the participating artists across Sheffield and surrounding area. They are available from the artists, your local shops, garden and community centres, libraries, art groups and galleries. Please contact us if you would like some for your group. For more information see www.openupsheffield.co.uk



There is such a variety of styles and presentations that it can be helpful to select those which appeal most, to maximise your visiting times.

Why not come and see how projects have developed over the year, look at new

dimensions with materials; be adventurous and add a new artist or craftsperson to your list. The work is usually for sale but there is no obligation to buy. You can expect a very friendly welcome for all ages, so please put these dates in your family diary.

#### **Cabinet in the Community**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, a "Cabinet in the Community" public meeting was held at Abbeydale Sports Club, where residents in the South-West Area, which includes Totley, Dore and Bradway, could raise matters of concern with leaders of Sheffield City Council

About 30 residents attended (which averages 10 from each of Totley, Dore and Bradway). Some questions had been notified to councillors beforehand, dealing with issues ranging from flimsy top plastic covers of the small blue bins (which, we were assured, can be replaced free of charge by Veolia), to the enforceability of bans on heavy goods lorries trundling along narrow residential roads.

Not surprisingly roads came up. Councillors advised that potholes should just be reported to the council – the temporary solution might be patching-up, but of course all the roads in the area are scheduled in due course for the Amey treatment! Questions were raised about speed limits, and traffic calming measures, such as a 20 mph limit in Dore, though there were doubts about whether there were sufficient police resources to enforce it.

Naturally the provision of grit bins and the poor quality of the bus services were raised. Councillors reassured the meeting that the issue of grit bins is under review; and we were reminded that non-profitable bus routes were subsidised by the council.

How much will change as a result of consultation such as this? Probably not very much. A recurring theme in the councillors' responses was the serious lack of finance available for improving services and amenities. And as we have heard before, lack of resources is a major factor with regard to improvements in road safety. All we can do is watch and wait. Oh, and of course, vote wisely!

Phil Harris



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#### Friends of Gillfield Wood Bird Walk: 7th February 2015

One of the highlights of our morning bird walk this February was the sight of Tree Sparrows perched at the top of an old Oak tree at the back of the houses on Rowan Tree Dell.



Tree Sparrow, photographed by a member of the Walk

To be able to see these neat little birds out in the open was a delight. It gave us the opportunity to note clearly the birds' markings - the red-brown crown, pure white face and distinctive black cheek patches on each bird. The Tree Sparrow is a bird that is easily overlooked but is quite different from its close relative the House Sparrow. House Sparrows were in close attendance this day, to allow comparison, and small parties of both species were active and chattering together in the bushes nearby as they so often do in this area during the winter months.

Some time was spent looking over the field, trees and hawthorn bushes at this east end of Gillfield Wood as we recorded Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Great Tit and Blue Tit in small numbers along with a few other species, including six Starlings that made a quick fly-past. Pleasingly we were later to see three Redwings in this area as well. Their red flanks were clearly visible as was the pale stripe over the eye to help confirm the identification. These birds are lovely; they are winter thrushes that usually come over from the continent in good numbers in the autumn and then they can regularly be seen in our trees and fields on the north side of the wood. Disappointingly they and the visiting Fieldfares have been few and far between this winter.

We had recorded all the usual species from the moment we met at the Scout Hut at 9am and made our way along the main footpath towards the wood....carefully! There was ice on the path and crunchy snow elsewhere but even this was a marked improvement on the conditions over the previous few days following the large snowfall at the end of January. Wren, Robin, Blackbird and Woodpigeon put in an appearance and we had very good views of three Bullfinches. Two males with their bright red bulging bodies and black caps chased each other over Blackthorn bushes whilst a female looked on, with surely a certain amount of interest.

As we entered the wood, Nuthatch and Coal Tit were heard calling and with some searching were seen at the top of some larches. But the big surprise as we moved into the centre of the wood was a bird trilling beautifully, high above the tree tops. It was a Skylark, singing whilst flying in an easterly direction, fluttering its wings in characteristic fashion as it travelled. Excellent! It really appeared to lift everyone's spirits with a thought of hot summer days.

We stood just outside the wood at different stages of the walk, patiently scanning the hedgerows and trees around us.

The reward was a distant view of a female Great Spotted Woodpecker quietly clinging to the top of a Larch that was sticking out above the wood. Distant maybe, but we all had the chance of viewing it in more detail through a telescope, which accentuated the black and white markings in the bird's wings and that red flush of the vent under its tail. Then just as the bird dropped down from its perch, some of our party of sixteen were lucky enough to get brief glimpses of a Treecreeper moving between distant oak trees. This bird proved elusive for the rest of us to see, but that's "birding" for you.

It had been an overcast but crisp morning and although lacking that special ingredient – sunshine! - the birds performed, and everyone enjoyed the event, with twenty eight species in total being seen. On occasion one felt that spring was just around the corner, especially when Great Tits appeared to be staking a claim to territory as they belted out their call, and a Great Spotted Woodpecker broke the silence, this time by drumming loudly on the dead branch of a tree.

Strolling back slowly to our start point, two Jays were seen in flight and a Grey Wagtail was heard calling. One associates this species of Wagtail with fast flowing streams, so Totley Brook, at this time, is ideal for them. However, we watched this particular bird work its way along the roof and gutter of a house on Aldam Road, feeding and flashing its bright lemon yellow vent as its tail bobbed up and down constantly. A special bird to end a great morning.

Our next quarterly bird walk is planned for Saturday morning May 16<sup>th</sup>. No experience necessary. You will be made most welcome if you wish to join us, when we will be searching for birds that we refer to as "summer visitors" which will hopefully include on the day, singing Blackcap and Chiffchaff. For more detail see our website www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com.

Chris Measures



#### THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

South Pennine Group www.southpenninehps.blck.co.uk



#### **SPRING PLANT SALE 2015**

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If you would like further information about the South Pennine Group, please visit our website above.

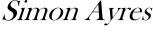
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# **Totley Rise Methodist Church**

#### **Spring/Summer Events**

#### Services:

9.00 am Early Services (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays). A quieter, more traditional service.

9.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) Toddler Praise aimed at the under 5's and their parents/carers

10.30 am Mid-morning Service every Sunday - An informal and contemporary service with a monthly Communion

6.30 pm Reflective Worship: every Sunday. A quieter space for worship and listening to God

9.30 – 10 am Tuesday Prayer, every Tuesday. Prayer for the world, community and for healing and wholeness in the Church

#### **Quiet Garden**

This peaceful retreat from the stresses and strains of busy lives will be open from Good Friday until Easter Monday. There will be an Easter Trail for both adults and children. There is a Garden noticeboard which provides details of events associated with the Garden and of wildlife to look for at this time of year.

#### **Messy Church**

Saturday 4 April 3.00pm – 5.30pm Monthly on a Saturday with a different theme each time. A happy mixture of games, crafts, food and lively worship all based on a bible theme. Suitable for pre and primary aged children. Tea and snacks are included.

Contact Rachel on 07912 352 543 or racheltrm@yahoo.com for details and how to book and with any special dietary needs. There is a small charge of £2 to cover your meal and craft supplies

# Ongoing Events (and see Totley Diary, page 30)

Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter Every Tuesday 12.00noon -3.00pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Centre. This busy and friendly group has been a great success. They aim to include more people from the area, even the housebound. Housebound does not mean isolated. The group will happily provide wool, needles and a chat for those who cannot travel to the church. Young people are also welcome as part of our community. There are skilful, lovely ladies ready and willing to help those new to knitting and sewing.

Many charities benefit from the group's work: Butterfly Wings (stillborn babies), Sheffield premature

baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted knitted Ellie the elephant as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks. Members can knit/sew (a sewing machine is available) for their chosen charities. Maxine, the organiser, says that all the ladies love coming. Men are also welcome. You can stay for as long as you like up to three hours. We offer tea, coffee, biscuits and, most importantly, friendship.

**Little Lights** Wednesdays 1.30pm – 2.30pm during term time. A chance for Mums/carers, babies and preschool children to meet for songs, fun, snacks and crafts all based on a bible story. Contact Rachel on 07912 352543 for more details.

**Tuesday Ladies** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm, in Totley Rise Methodist Church Lounge, About 35 ladies consisting of both church and non-church members meet to enjoy speakers or a quiz or beetle-drive.



Sometimes the evening includes food such as salmon and strawberries, or cheese and biscuits. If you would like more information please call Janet Savage on 0114 2369002

# How much can you get?

There has been a lot of criticism recently about the behaviour of two former Home Secretaries after they were tricked into bogus interviews with a supposed foreign employer. The critical comments seem to be on two fronts – the use of position and experience to get the job, and the apparently high payment requested.

I would suggest that using one's training and experience is what everyone does for the first application for work and for any subsequent promotion. Surely, in today's commercial world, each and everyone aims to be paid as much as possible.

One follow-up from this is the suggestion of making it illegal for Members of Parliament to engage in other paid activities. If this were to happen where would it end? I myself have been guilty of this 'offence'. For 25 years I was a part-time tutor for the Open University.

In the first 13 years I was in full-time employment as a lecturer in Sheffield, and for the last 12 in retirement. Looking back, I have also been guilty of encouraging this scandalous behaviour. I employed



two young builders to erect a garage during their weekends off, and I also employed a full-time fireman to erect a garden fence in his time off. At a higher level don't medical consultants work privately outside their NHS employment?

As for the supposed demand for £5000 per day: in their position would you expect them to ask for the current minimum wage? Their comparison, and who could blame them, would be the head of a failed bank who limited his bonus to £1.1 million on top of the same amount of salary. If we assume a five-day working week, £2.2 million divided by 260 working days comes to around £8,500 for each and every day!

I can remember as a teenager in the 1930s arguing with my dad and saying that there was no good reason for a doctor to be paid more than a dustman – both did vital work for the community! And in those days the ratio between top and bottom salaries was much less than today.

Ah, well, as they – we all learn more sense as we get older! Never mind the ethics of it all!

Don Ashford

#### **Puzzle Corner Solution**

#### Who studies most?

In the worst-case scenario the students not taking a particular subject are different from the students not taking another different subject.

The students taking all four must as a minimum be –

(100-30-25-20-15) per cent.

That is, 10 per cent must take all four.

**TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY** 

MONDAYS COFFEE MORNING, All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon

TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm

RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm

SLIMMING WORLD, Abbeydale Sports Club, 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Jo Elsey: 262 0523 or 07590

545253

**TUESDAYS** PILATES, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372

COFFEE MORNING. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon

KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU. Drop in, free, impartial, and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church,

10am-noon

CRAFT GROUP. Totley Library, 2pm

WEDNESDAYS PILATES CLASSES. Dore Old School, 9.00-10.00 and 10.15-11.15. Contact Caroline - Tel: 0781 722

0324, email caroline1north@btinternet.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk

COFFEE in the LIBRARY. 10am-11.30am

**TODDLER GROUP.** 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088 **HEALTH WALKS.** 10.30am, Totley Library foyer. Phone Tina, the Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335

MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm

**THURSDAYS** BELROBICS, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.

NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, various locations. Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1.00pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call

01252 714276

**PUSHCHAIR CLUB**. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details **PILATES CLASS**, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm **also new class** 

**1.30pm to 2.30pm**, Phone Emer Coffey 07792 422909

FRIDAYS PILATES, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am, 10.30-11.30am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372

SATURDAYS MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall 1st Saturday Monthly 8pm-10pm

#### **APRIL**

**SUN 5<sup>th</sup> and MON 6<sup>th</sup> MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South. 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1 per ride per person. See <a href="https://www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk">www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk</a>

**WED 8<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk: Andrew Swift, 'Sheffield Motor Manufacturers 1900-1930'. Visitors welcome. **WED 8<sup>th</sup> and THURS 9<sup>th</sup> WHIRLOW HALL FARM TRUST:** Easter Lambing. See new-born lambs and other animals. Activities for children: face painting, pony rides (11am-12.30pm) and Easter egg hunts. Hog Roast; café and farm shop. Adults £3.00, Children £3.50 (under 2's are free!), Family Ticket £12.00 (2 child, 2 adult). **TUES 14<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD:** Annual General Meeting, and talk by Ian Rotherham, 'Beyond the Wood: the remarkable story of trees and woods in history', 7.30, Totley Library.

**SUN 19<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD,** Practical conservation morning, 10 am. Check website for details and meeting point: www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com

SUN 19<sup>th</sup> MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES for details see entry above.
TUES 21<sup>st</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: 'Great Halls and Houses –
Derbyshire', with Ellen Outram. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.
WED 22<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: AGM, followed by 'Mary Queen of Scots: the captive years: 1568-1584', by David Templeman. 7.30, Totley Library.
WED 22<sup>nd</sup> TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk: Dr Steven Beck, 'Cancer Screening for Men'. Visitors welcome.

**MON 27<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**, Annual General Meeting, 7.30, Totley Library.

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#### **MAY**

SUN  $3^{rd}$  and MON 4th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES For details see entry above.

**SUN 10<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD**: Flora Walk in the Wood, with Rebekah Newman, member, and ecologist with the Peak Park. Meet at Scout Hut, Aldam Road, 10 am.

**WED 13<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk: Mrs Joanne Brunt, 'Can We Afford the Doctor?' **SAT 16<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD**: 8.30 am – A Birds and Butterflies Walk, with Chris Measures. Meet at Scout Hut, Aldam Road.

**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD,** Practical conservation morning, 10 am. Check website for details and meeting point: <a href="https://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com">www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com</a>

TUES 19<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWMEN'S GUILD: 'Courtship and Weddings', talk by Joanne Brunt. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 10 am.

WED 20th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: 'Ruskin and his connection to Sheffield' by Mark Frost. Totley Library, 7.30.

SAT 23rd TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION: Farmers Market, 12 noon – 4 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church.

SUN 24th and MON 25th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES For details see entry above.

WED 27th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk: Chris Dorries OBE, HM Coroner, 'Dr Crippen'. Visitors welcome.

**FRI 29<sup>th</sup> WHIRLOW HALL FARM TRUST - 'Rock the Barn'** presents singer/songwriter John Reilly (Boy on a Dolphin, Acoustic Angels). An acoustic set with songs from John's latest album 'Bad Vibe Shredder' and Boy On A Dolphin favourites. With pianist, songwriter and composer Lewis Nitikman. Doors: 7pm. Show starts 8 pm. Tickets £15 includes hot dog & one drink from the bar. For more information call 0114 2352678 or email <a href="mailto:eventsenguiries@whirlowhallfarm.org">eventsenguiries@whirlowhallfarm.org</a>

#### **School of Food**

Hartingtons School of Food, run by Totley-based Julie Ryalls and Chris Horne, will be opening its doors to all on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April as part of the Bakewell Food Festival.

A full programme will run throughout the weekend, with former 'Masterchef' finalist Janine Lishman-Peat doing baking demonstrations on Saturday, and recent 'Great British Bake-Off' contestant Howard Middleton giving demonstrations on Sunday, talking about gluten-free baking and giving an insight into his time on 'Bake-Off'. In addition to baking demonstrations there will be a mini



artisan food fair on both days, including oils, dressings, artisan bread, pork pies, chutneys, jams, marmalades, fabulous muffins and cakes.

You will have the opportunity to see where Hartingtons artisan food and drink courses take place and meet the owners. There will be festival offers on selected courses and the chance to enter a free prize draw to win a cookery course.

Saturday's events start at 10.00 am and Sunday's events start at 11.00 am. Admission is free. Full details are on the events page of the website www.hartingtons.com or call 01629 888586 for further details.

DORE ART GROUP

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