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December 2017: Penny Lane as you walk from the Crown to the Cricket. (Photo: Chris Measures)

Local Street Trees: the Good News and the Bad

Sally Goldsmith writes: While on holiday, we keep meeting people who, when we say where we're from, say "Isn't that where they are chopping down trees?"

Thanks to a long and successful campaign opposing a scheme no arborist expert in the world has been able to understand, there has been an extensive pause in the relentless felling. The Campaign recently receiving a special award in London from the Woodland Trust for being, as one journalist put it, "the most influential environmental campaign group in Britain today". This Autumn, mediated talks between campaigners (STAG), Amey and the Council, chaired by the Bishop of Sheffield, have at last taken place. A more sympathetic Councillor with a hearing ear has been put in charge of the scheme to re-

place trees on the highways network (though many in the Council are still very hostile to any compromises).

As a result of all this, it has been promised that several trees in our neighbourhood are to be retained – the stately Vernon Road oak in Dore, eight blossomy and Christmassy cherry trees on Abbeydale Park Rise and the graceful alder tree on Aldam Way. By the time you read this, we are hopeful that at least two more trees will be saved locally in Dore and Totley through a process of joint inspections by Amey and experts appointed by the Campaign. These inspections are expected to find creative engineering solutions to retain the trees. However, question marks hang over five others locally which are still on the felling list – two on Aldam Road and three on Abbey-

dale Park Rise.

City-wide, by the end of the contract's first 5 years, around 5500 trees had been felled, some diseased, dangerous and dying of course, but many healthy. Due to the Campaign, 305 of the most valuable trees were still standing. Unfortunately, even with the new proposals, of these 305, only 43% are to be retained. With a relaxation of the Council's requirement for dead straight kerb lines, we estimate around 80 or 90% could be saved.

On kerbs, the Council say there should be "no deviation [of kerb lines] in any place exceeding 50mm in any 1 metre length, or which detracts from the visual appearance of the project network part." Never mind the visual appearance of a mature tree! (continued p.3)

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Local Street Trees: The Good News and the Bad (continued from p.1)

It is still unclear how many more are to go over the rest of the 25 years. A figure of 17,500 is still in the contract though the Council dispute that it will be this many. However, if the kerb specification is not relaxed we still expect thousands more to go.

We know that other local authorities get around this, and indeed the Dept of Transport say that straight kerb lines are not a strict requirement. Six gorgeous mature lime trees, carefully planted to line the road around 90 years ago, were felled last year on Chatsworth Road because of this insistence.

So, it is very positive for beauty, air quality, carbon and flooding mitigation, and biodiversity, that some trees are to be retained. It is very positive, even where trees are still on the felling list, that they will first be subject to joint inspections to reassess them. But the Campaign is far from over and though we expect some carefully publicised good news from Amey and the Council on the first, probably positive inspections, after that it's anyone's guess what will happen.



The candlelit vigil under the Vernon Road oak the evening before it was due to be felled in October 2017

The Campaign is also still pushing hard for a proper Street Tree Strategy, a practical working template against which work can be carried out. It also wants some sort of inquiry as to what went wrong – so far the Council have refused this. I have been appalled at what I have seen on ordinary suburban streets – sometimes 60 or so men – tree fellers, barrier men, security staff and police - in order to fell one tree. The security men, more used to dealing with drunks at nightclubs could not seem to translate that pensioners protecting trees might need different tactics! Sometimes their handling has been very rough. Personally I have been under video surveillance, photographed, ridiculed, laughed at.

Transparency and proper procedure have been in short supply. When officially questioning decisions in writing on a particular tree on Aldam Way, I have also been seriously misled. I hope to bring you more on complaints about their handling of the issue of this lovely tree soon.

If you feel able, what would we like you to do now? Firstly, to write to Councillor Lewis Dagnell who now heads up the tree replacement scheme and Leader of the Council Julie Dore, asking them to relax the kerb specification in order to save more healthy trees. Also, to write to your local councillors (even where they support us, this gives them a mandate to represent your views) and your MP. The kerb specification makes no sense and is not a legal requirement. The Dept of Transport agree. Other local authorities have no problem with being flexible. We understand that Amey would be willing, but it is the Council who insist on these strictures.

Secondly, if you would like more democracy and representation in the Council, please sign this petition: <https://www.itsourssheffield.co.uk/petition/>. At the moment a Cabinet of ten Councillors make most of the decisions on

your behalf and most local councillors do not get a look-in. Many believe that the old Committee system was much fairer - all councillors were able to take part in decision-making and more discussion time was given. All Councils were forced by the government to go over to the new system, but now, if a large enough percentage of the electorate oppose it, the Council have to consider changing. If you care about democracy, transparency and a less party political combative style of politics – not just about the trees but about all issues that affect you - then do consider signing.

Do get in touch if you would like to help with any of our work.

Sally Goldsmith
goldssally@gmail.com



Totley History Group

Programme 2019

27th February: 'The Story of an Ordinary 19th Century Family' by Suzanne Bingham. An exploration of the lives of two ordinary Victorian Sheffielders and how the social issues of the time had a major influence on all aspects of their lives. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

27th March: 'The Plague Doctor. Medical Treatments in the 17th Century'. A talk by David Bell. A highly original and entertaining session about the fanciful and often absurd world of 17th century healthcare. Totley Library, 7.30 pm

24th April: Annual General Meeting, followed by 'The Great Sheffield Deer Park', a talk by David Templeman. An informal look at Sheffield's 8-mile Medieval and Tudor Deer Park being one of the largest privately owned in the country. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

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Totley Scouts

Happy New Year to all our members and supporters. All our sections are now back in full swing with an exciting and busy programme of activities planned. We have said goodbye to a few old faces and welcomed lots of new members to our group.

Even though we still have the dark nights we are not letting that stop us getting out and about. We have camp fires planned, torchlight walks, indoor caving, first aid, pancake fun and much more. We are also thinking about the nice weather when it arrives and are beginning to plan our spring and summer camps.



In November our Scout Troops enjoyed a great indoor weekend on a Spy Camp at Glenbrook Guide Activity Centre. The Scouts learnt lots of skills including deciphering codes, problem solving, getting through laser grids and much more. We had a lovely three course meal on the Saturday evening and all the young people rose to the challenge and got dressed up in shirts, ties and cocktail dresses in true James Bond style.

We also were delighted to be invited to the Co-op on Baslow Road to be presented with a cheque for £4775.04. Last year our Scout Group was one of the charities chosen to benefit from the Co-op Community Fund and we would like to say thank you to all the Co-op members who chose us as their charity to receive their kind donations. This money will be put towards our new build fund and is very much appreciated.



As well as money from the Co-op Community Fund we have been very lucky to have received other donations as well from *Totley Independent*, *Totley Open Gardens*, *Totley Show* and *URC Beavers*. We would like to thank everyone who has been kind enough to donate to the Group. We appreciate it so much and can assure you that all money received has gone straight into our new build fund. We hope to be able to bring you more exciting information on this sometime this year.

In addition to the lovely donations received we had a very special donation to our funds from one of our very own Cub Scouts. Stanley Coe set himself a sponsored challenge to do a 24-mile cycle ride along the High Peak Trail from Parsley Hay to Ashbourne. Stanley did this during the half term holiday and raised for the group a fantastic £240. Well done Stanley and thank you, we are all very proud of you!

In December we said goodbye to one of our Beaver Leaders, Alicia Manterfield. Lissy, as we all know her, has been with the group for many years leading our Tuesday Beaver Colony with great enthusiasm and expertise. Lissy has decided to

move on to do other things and we would like to thank her for all her time, effort and dedication to the group. Following this I am delighted to say that Charlotte Bridgens has now stepped up to the role of Beaver Scout Leader and we wish Charlotte well in taking the lead of the Tuesday Beavers.



*Fund-raising cyclist
Stanley Coe*

At the moment we are looking for a bit more help with some of our sections, in particular the Beaver sections and our Thursday Cub section. If you might be interested in coming along for an hour or so once a week to help out or know of anyone who might be interested, please do get in touch with us. Our younger sections in particular can always do with an extra pair of hands and we are a very friendly group. We would love to hear from you.

*Sue Bridgens, Group Scout Leader
hallamadccubs@gmail.com*

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Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding Open Mornings on Saturday 6th and Saturday 27th April 2019, between 10am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at Crown Green Bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as free instruction will be given and practice sessions organised.

Crown green bowling is an outdoor activity which provides an opportunity to meet people and forge new friendships.

Our Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Playing groups are made up by members as they arrive.

Friendly Inter-Club Matches are held throughout the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed on the club. Social events are held regularly throughout the year including Dinners and Treasure Hunts 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 Bowling Green is situated on the right hand side at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Complex where ample car parking is available.

Please come and join us at our Open Days, equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels), where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a selection of bowls from which you can choose, to borrow for play.

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Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society



Just an update on what is happening in the life of TOADS.

Our last play, "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin" was a cracking thriller which went down well with audience and cast alike. Although we all like a good laugh, it was a welcome

change to do a thriller. And John did a cracking job with his first attempt at directing. We hope he will be tempted to direct again in the future.

Unfortunately there are no photos available just yet to include, but hope to have some available for the next issue.

We were very surprised and happy to receive a good-luck card from the widow of "Harlequin's" author - Norman Robbins - wishing us well with the play, and hoping for some photos from our production for her personal records. We will send her some as soon as these are available to us. We were also approached by French's, the publishers of "Harlequin", asking for us to provide some photos for their catalogue and website. We feel very honoured!

We have just this week started play-readings for our next play. This is to be directed by Sarah Scott, so watch this space for further updates on the progress.

The dates for the play are Wednesday 15th May to Friday 17th May at 7.30 pm and the usual matinee on Saturday 18th May at 2.30pm. Hope to see you there - your support of your very own amdram society is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year! Let's hope we don't have another visit from The Beast from the East!!

Anne Bettridge

Totley Yard Sale 2019!

There will be another Totley Yard Sale on Sunday 28th April from 10.30am.

This will be the 8th Yard Sale, which is now popular among buyers from across Sheffield and beyond. You sell your unwanted things from the front of your home. A list of vendors is produced for selling to all punters, and the Yard Sale is advertised widely on social media and in the local press.



Vendors pay £6 to take part, and this money goes to Totley Open Gardens, who combine the money with the funds raised by the Open Gardens event on 6th and 7th July. These funds are then distributed to local voluntary and community organisations.

Since this is a community event organised voluntarily to raise money for local groups it is appreciated that everyone contributes the £6 in order to take part.

If you would like to take part in the Yard Sale, to book your name on the Vendors List, please contact Jennie Street on jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk or Tel. 236-2302.

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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Christmas is over for another year and I for one am full of food and drink so much so that I'll have to start the annual ritual of cutting down to make room for future beanfeasts! Our December concerts went down well with the one in Dore another sell out. Everyone seemed very happy with the result, audience and performers alike. The male supporters are getting to learn that you might end up as one of the cast if you sit near the front but Judy did not shirk from picking likely suspects from well back in the auditorium!

You can guarantee that Judy will be utterly outrageous but extremely funny. We had a ball. We have one more concert planned which will be at Whittington Moor Methodist Church on Saturday 16th February 2019 at 2.30pm. which will be an all Gilbert & Sullivan affair.

This brings us nicely to our next major production which, as I am sure many of you will know, is *The Yeomen Of The Guard*. The last time we performed this opera a gang of us went to The Tower and sang a selection. I don't think that is likely to happen again but we will be singing at Classical Sheffield again this year and no doubt *The Yeomen* will feature.

This operetta is full of pomp and intrigue in equal measure. It tells the story of Colonel Fairfax who has been falsely accused of sorcery and sentenced to death in The Tower and opens, unusually, with a solo by Phoebe Meryll. The full chorus then enters and sing one of the most rousing double chorus in any of their operas. The Colonel works out a plan to prevent his accuser, a cousin, from profiting by arranging to marry Elsie, a poor strolling player who expects to be handsomely rewarded on his demise. Elsie's partner, Jack Point, only gives in to the marriage after receiving assurances that she would be a widow in no time and that Jack could take up where he had left off. A few of his followers manage to help Col. Fairfax escape and the Tower warders are blamed for letting it happen.

Gilbert & Sullivan were well known for their comic operas but this one departs slightly as it is the only one of theirs that comes close to being a Grand Opera in the Verdi mould but because of the comic elements doesn't quite make it. The music, as usual, is fabulous and the cast, now in floor rehearsals, sound wonderful.

This year we are performing this show at The Merlin Theatre, 2 Meadow Bank Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield. S11 9AH. This theatre has recently been refurbished and is superb. It has disabled access and limited parking for those with mobility problems. The stage is large and the audience views are unrestricted. As usual we will have a professional orchestra and the production team and cast will ensure a show of the highest quality. It is one of G&S's more popular shows so don't leave getting your tickets too late! If you want to know how the story ends you will have to come and see it.

We will be staging it from Wednesday April 10th to Friday April 12th at 7.15pm and on Saturday 13th April at 2.15pm. There are several ways to book tickets; for those, like me who are technophobes, you can phone John Savournin on 0114 236 3797 or 0758 5802915 (after 7pm). You can also send a S.A.E. to John Savournin at 62 Hastings Road, Millhouses, Sheffield S7 2GU. The tickets are priced at £15 adults and £7.50 for under-16s.

For those of you who have joined the modern world they are available via e-mail at dore_bookings@mail.com or via our web address at <https://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html>.

We hope that you will come and support us at this new venue and I am sure you will have a wonderful evening's entertainment. If you have not tried Gilbert & Sullivan before this might just be the one for you.

Happy New Year

Derek Habberjam

On The Beat

Local Neighbourhood Policing Team Update: PCSO Ken Blake

Hello to all Totley residents. For anyone who has not yet met me on my patrols I am the new incumbent of the Totley PCSO position within your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team based at Woodseats Police Station.

My role on a day to day basis is to provide high visibility foot patrols in the local area, conduct reassurance visits to victims of low level crime and to help prevent/reduce any acts of anti-social behaviour.

Increasingly I work with partner agencies involved with vulnerable adults and speak regularly with local housing managers on issues relevant to policing issues. I also have a working relationship with the Headteacher and staff at Totley Primary School.

As your local PCSO it is my intention to provide a first class service to the residents of Totley. There are many ways for this to be achieved, communication when on patrol, regular contact and exchanging of information with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Drop In sessions at the local library and reaction to residents calls to SYP.

Should any residents have any policing issues, particularly relevant to the Totley area, that require a timely police attendance they should ring 101. Any information for my attention can be directed to myself, confidentially, to my work email address: ken.blake@southyorks.pnn.police.uk.

Residents I am sure by now are aware of the random attack in December on a local man on Baslow Road. Thankfully such attacks are rare in our area and after extensive enquiries a male has been identified for the offence. Enquiries are still ongoing. Can I take this opportunity to thank any residents who took the time to contact SYP with information leading to his identification.

I look forward to serving the Totley community and hopefully meeting more residents as time goes on.

PCSO Ken Blake

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Diary for February and March

February

Monday 4th: Bats of South Yorkshire A talk by Robert Bell on the bat species in our area, some aspects of their life history and local sites of note. Totley Library, Baslow Road, 7.30pm.

Saturday 9th: Winter Bird Walk with Chris Measures. Chris's first walk of the year will be a gentle stroll in and around Gillfield Wood to see and hear our wintering birds. Meet at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road at 9am. No experience necessary. Bring binoculars and cameras. Strong shoes are essential. The walk will last about 2-3 hours.

Sunday 17th: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning, run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com where any late changes of venue will be published

March

Monday 11th: A Potted History of Longshaw Thelma Griffiths has kindly agreed to share some insights into the history of the Longshaw Estate, including connections with Totley. Totley Library, Baslow Road, 7.30pm.

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All welcome! A contribution of £3 is asked of non-members. Annual membership £5 (£8 per family).

Paul Hancock

Totley Litter Pickers

15 members of our community turned up on December 29 to litter pick around Totley. 16 bags were collected in just over an hour!

I made a tally of litter collected by volunteers in Dore and Totley between 24th and 29th December (Christmas holiday period) and the total was 28 bags!

Litter Picking Dates 2019

Starting at 10am from Totley Library, Baslow Road

Saturday 23rd February
Saturday 30th March
Saturday 27th April
Saturday 22nd June
Saturday 27th July
Saturday 24th August
Saturday 28th September
Saturday 26th October
Saturday 30th November
Saturday 28th December

Put the dates in your diaries!

Best wishes

Litter Julie

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Calton Lees Walk

On Wednesday 27th February at 10am, Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from Chatsworth Gymnasium and Swimming Pool (which is on the left just before the cattle grid at Edensor). We will follow the river to Calton Lees and then go up near Russian Cottage.

Lunch (optional) will be at the Cavendish Club next to the Gym.

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. If you wish to come just turn up on the day.

If you have any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767. The walk is 4 miles long.

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in month, 6 to 7pm, Totley Library, Baslow Road.

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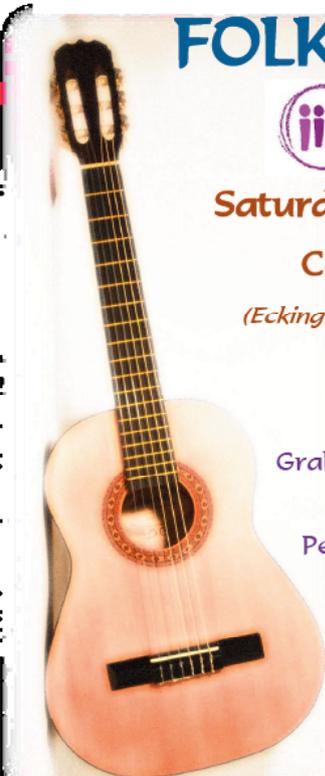
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People Keeping Well

Happy New Year to you all, It's great to be back!

I have now returned from Maternity leave and I'm back working on People Keeping Well in Dore and Totley. I'm looking forward to catching up with you all and picking up where we left off last year and working hard to increase the number of activities and services in the local area for all members of the community to benefit from. I will be re-introducing the three-monthly newsletter in February, which will contain information about what we are hoping to achieve in the coming year. I will send this via email but we will also be delivering newsletters in the post throughout the area wherever possible. In the meantime I'd like to update you all on what is happening right now in your community.

- I am thrilled to note that our Sporting Chatter group has gone from strength to strength in my absence with lots of new members and exciting activities happening now and planned for the future including a **Sheffield United visit on Feb 21st at 2pm at Totley Library**. If you would like to book your place on the Sheffield United trip please contact me on the details below. Please be aware that the group is now held every other Friday between 10am and 12noon at Totley Library and everybody is welcome to join. Please come along and bring a friend! Tea, coffee and fun are guaranteed.

- Our Exercise to Music classes on Mondays, 2-3 pm, has also grown massively in popularity and a brand new Body Conditioning exercise class is on Thursdays from 2.30 to 3.30 pm. Both are held at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. I'm sure anyone who has attended Emma's



existing class would agree with me that the benefits they have received from joining this class have made a real difference to them. Feel free to come along and try out the new class which also involves exercising with household items such as cans of beans and brooms! Great fun will be had by all I'm sure.

- Our fantastic Jan is now running a brilliant and popular Table Tennis Group at Bradway Hall on Fridays between 7 and 9pm. Contact me for more information.

- Look out for our Health and Wellbeing day at Totley United Reformed Church in February. I will publicise dates and the exact contents when confirmed.

- Our Community Grants have proved successful with a number of community members coming forward and asking to set up their own projects in the area or to assist in supporting existing groups and project work. There is still budget available for this so please contact us for our simple application form if you would like to set up your own activity or group in the area or ask us to support an existing project. Funds are available up to £500 and money is granted after assessment by partnership members. Please use this money - it's there for you to apply for.

- We are currently looking into continuing our previously-named Life Stories Group with a similar activity and I hope to bring you news very soon.

- As always we seek to increase our volunteer base. If you feel you might be interested in assisting with any of our activities or would like to help distribute newsletters or posters so we can reach as many people as possible please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Virginia at virginia.lowes@ageuk-sheffield.org.uk.

- As most of you will know I am always very keen to ensure that we are still delivering on the things you would like us to in Dore and Totley so I will be reviewing this with you in the

form of a Community Asset Mapping session. This is a great way of identifying ways in which we can fill in the gaps and ensure we deliver on what the community would like to see. I will send out details in the near future as to when that will take place. I really encourage you all to join us and have your say.

- Please continue to bring along anyone you feel may benefit from our activities and continue to refer anyone to us who you think we should be reaching out to in your community, as always one of our long term goals is to prevent loneliness and isolation in the Dore and Totley area and help prevent people needing to access NHS services. We can't succeed without your help and without you getting involved.

Please contact me with any ideas or queries, and here's to a fantastic 2019 !!!

Jo Glaves

It's Your Pharmacy!

One of Sheffield's leading pharmacies has been praised for its work with the local community after it was named a finalist at one of the UK's biggest industry awards ceremonies.

Totley Pharmacy was shortlisted in the Local Health Initiative of the Year category at the national 2018 Pharmacy Business Awards, held at Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London.

The leading South Yorkshire pharmacy fought off stiff competition to be named in the top three in its category and was praised for its connection with local people by a panel of judges at the glittering gala dinner.

The awards recognised the best of community pharmacists and attracted politicians, pharmaceutical executives and healthcare leaders including Shadow Health Secretary Jonathan Ashworth.

Totley Pharmacy's success comes on the back of a year in which it formed a partnership with St Luke's Hospice, donating a total of £7,000 during 2018.



The business also sponsors Sheffield United Football Club. In partnership with Sheffield United Community Foundation, in 2018 the pharmacy worked with a local primary school and organised a walking football tournament to promote healthy living and exercise for the young and old.

Owner Tajinder Singh said: "We're thrilled to have been a finalist at one of our industry's top national awards ceremonies. Recognition such as this emphasises that we do things the right way and we will continue to stay true to our values."

I would like to thank the whole team for their hard work to achieve and maintain such high standards, and to all our patients and partners for supporting our work."

For more information visit www.totleypharmacy.co.uk or call 0114 236 1070, or search for 'Totley Pharmacy' on Facebook.

What's on at the Library



Now in our Fifth Year!

We are now in our fifth year of running Totley Library as a volunteer-provided community service. We are optimistic that 2019 will be another great year for the library. We also hope it will be a great year for all our volunteers, who work so tirelessly in the library and ensure that it remains such a vibrant community service! We would like to thank all our volunteers, and all the many local organisations and individuals who continue to support us in keeping the library open. Without this on-going support the library service and community hub would be at risk. Thank you also to all our library users and to everyone who supports the library by borrowing or buying books from the library, or who attends events or meetings at the library.

New books and more lending: Over the last year, we have made a particular effort to improve our book stock and we have purchased more new books than in previous years. We have used funding from Sheffield City Council, along with donations from individuals, to buy new books, and we have also used funding raised from our own fund-raising events. Age Concern recently provided a grant of £500 to the library so that we could purchase more large print books.

We are delighted that in recent months we have seen an increase in the number of books borrowed by our users, with loans increasing nearly 15% during the Autumn months compared to the same period last year. Between April and December, we lent out 24,000 books! If you've not been in lately, please come in and have a look at all the new books and see if can find a new favourite book!

Totley Library Lottery Winners: Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! In November, Pat White won the first prize of £137.40 and Ken Moore won the second prize which was £34.35. In December, Gill Warburton won the first prize which was £137.60 and Stella Kelly won the second prize of £34.40. Thank you all to all of you who are signed up to our Lottery as this provides very valuable financial support to the library.

Cleaners needed! Our library is run by volunteers, and that includes all aspects of running the service and the building. We have been grateful to those volunteers who have undertaken to help with the cleaning of the building, and we know how much our library users appreciate how clean and tidy the library is kept. However, the number of volunteers in the team has reduced recently and we urgently need some reinforcements! If you can spare just a few hours a month to help keep the library clean we would be delighted to hear from you. Cleaning is usually done in the morning before the library opens. Please contact the library if you are able to help.

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children: Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am on a Wednesday morning continues to be very popular. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

Totley Library Community Cinema

Singalong 'Greatest Showman' – Friday 22nd February!

We will be holding a special sing-along viewing of *The Greatest Showman* on Friday 22nd February, complete with a Pie and Pea supper. Tickets will be £10 (£8 for Friends of CRIC) and are available from Totley Library. Pie and peas served at 7 pm, and the film begins at 7.30. Please come along and bring your friends for a great evening!

Other films in our winter programme are listed below.

For normal showings, tickets include prize entry and cost £4 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Children's films

Sunday 17th February 2.00pm Christopher Robin
Sunday 17th March 2.00pm The Grinch

Films for adults

Thursday 14th February 3.00pm The Shape of Water
Friday 22nd February 7.30pm The Greatest Showman
Thursday 14th March 3.00pm The Greatest Showman
Friday 22nd March 7.30pm The Shape of Water

Isabel Hemmings

Regular events and meetings at Totley Library

Monday:

French for children – 10 am toddlers and babies; 3.40 reception and Yr 1; 4.10 years 2-4; 4.40 years 5 to 6.
Readers Book Group, every first Monday, 1.30–2.45 pm
Friends of Gillfield Wood, occasional Mondays, 7.30 pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the FoGW Diary on p.10, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com
Councillor Surgery, 2nd Monday of the month, 6.00–7.00 pm

Tuesday:

Basic ITC Sessions, 10am – 12 noon. To book, phone Heeley Development Trust on 0114 250 0613.
Baby Time 1-2 pm. Fun music session with songs, rhymes and musical instruments for babies aged 0 - 18 months.
Craft Group, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Poetry Group, last Tuesday in month, 7.00 – 9.00 pm. *Please note that this group cannot accept new members at present.*

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 12 noon
Toddler Story Time, 10.30 – 11.30 Craft activities, singing and stories.
Health Walks, 10.30am Wednesday, Totley Library. One longer of up to one hour duration and one shorter walk, followed by refreshments from Totley CRIC. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinffield.btck.co.uk/
Totley History Group, usually last Wednesday of the month, 7.30. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters in library, the Independent Diary, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk
Yoga sessions 7.00 – 8.30 pm, Wednesdays (except the last Wednesday of the month). For more details call Ann Zielonka on 0114 2361585 or 07929 736966. Beginners welcome.

Friday:

Sporting Chatter (People Keeping Well) Every fortnight, 10-12noon. 15th Feb, 1st, 15th and 29th March. Enquiries: call 0114 250 2850.

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Transport 17

2019 - another year begins, festivities and celebrations have passed. Once again we find ourselves preparing to leap into action and make the very best of what the next 365 days offer!!!!

2018 ended on a high for Transport 17. Way back in November our Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes was a huge success raising £1000. We were all thrilled with the result. Loads of thanks go to Ben, Scott and their staff, the many local businesses who donated items for the raffle and Bottle Bonanza Stall and of course everyone who came along on the day or sent a donation. The band of volunteers who turn up to help with the preparation and on the day rarely get mentioned but without them the event would not happen as smoothly and successfully as it does. Transport 17 cannot thank them enough.

At the Christmas Fayre we were pleased to be presented with a cheque for £150 from the Topley Show Committee. That evening we collected another cheque for £650 from Topley Open Gardens. It was a great opportunity to meet a lot of the people who open their gardens. They were holding their AGM and it was interesting to hear of all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make the event the success it is. Transport 17 very much appreciates being a beneficiary of these two local events and would like to thank them for their generous support.

Stella Jockel, whose husband instigated the setting up of Transport 17 continues to support us and it was great to see her at the Christmas Fayre. At one time she too was one of the band of volunteers involved in our fund raising activities. Once again she has given us a generous donation to help maintain the organisation her husband felt about so strongly. Huge thanks also go to Dore Village Society (£450), All Saints Church (£300), *Topley Independent* (£300), Mr and Mrs Cotterill and Bradway Discussion Group (£100). Also we have had our first donation through My Donate, the online facility we have set up which was for £70.

We are already beginning to see the benefits of being a Co-op 'Local Cause' for 2018/19. Some of you may already have selected us as your local cause which means that the whole 1% the Co-op gives to Local Causes will be allocated to Transport 17 instead of being shared amongst all the Local Causes. If you haven't done this, now is an opportunity to remind you that you can choose Transport 17 as your local cause by going on-line at www.coop.co.uk/membership, by phoning 0800 023 4708 or by emailing membershipcontactus@coop.co.uk. Perhaps friends or family would be willing to do it too: anyone living up to 15 miles away will be able to nominate us if they choose to. If you're not a Member of the Co-op, why not join today? It costs just £1 to join and as well as helping to raise money for Transport 17, as a Member you'll have other benefits, including 5% back on selected products to spend on your next shop.

We are proposing to be in the stores at Topley and Dore in the coming months and look forward to meeting you there and chatting to you about ourselves.

It is some time since we held a social get together for our volunteers. Everyone has their slot and it isn't often that they get the chance to meet up, chat, get to know each other better and share their experiences. So the Management Committee were delighted that over 30 of us met up at the Shepley Spitfire at the start of December. It was a great evening and we plan to do it again on a regular basis. We are quite a team, and it is important that there are opportunities for us to come together to reinforce and celebrate this.

We really enjoyed being involved with the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church which was a great opportunity for us to be involved in another community event. We hope you enjoyed seeing our tree with all the lovely comments from the Transport 17 passengers. Those comments are what keep us all involved with Transport 17. Thanks go to Jenny Nuttall for making the decorations and decorating the tree and to Wendy Trotter who helped to gather all the comments.

Plans are already in motion for events for the year. Our first coffee morning will be at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 23rd March, 10am - 12 noon. So please put the date in your diary

and we look forward to seeing you, your friends and family there. Previously we mentioned holding a fundraising Pie and Pea Supper with entertainment from the well known 'good old days' singer and entertainer Jimmy McWilliams. Initially we had thought that February would be a good time but given possible weather conditions we decided it would be better later in the year so more news of that to come later.

So it just leaves me to wish you all the very best for 2019. May it be a good year for us all.

Sandra Longley (on behalf of the Management Committee)



Topley Primary School

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Topley Primary

At this time of year, many of us are thinking about fresh starts and making resolutions to make changes for the better. Often these are connected to eating more healthily or trying to exercise more regularly, which are really important things! However, the messages about looking after our mental health and wellbeing are becoming stronger and stronger as our world becomes more complicated and faster-paced than ever before.

Here at Topley Primary, we have applied for a Mental Health in Schools Award through Leeds Beckett University. This involves a rigorous process of looking at both the need for supporting mental health issues within our school community as well as making our provision and support for children, staff and parents / carers the best it can be. We have made this a priority area for school this year, and our Inclusion manager, Mike Barnes, has taken the lead role in driving this forward. Assemblies and PSHE lessons in school have been planned to support children in dealing with anxiety and what to do if they are feeling low. A seminar for parents, which we are running in conjunction with the West MAST (Multi Agency Support Team) around encouraging resilience in children, has sparked a good deal of interest and promises to be a really helpful event. We also have plans to designate one of our rooms in school as a 'wellbeing hub', which contains sensory equipment such as light boxes, aromatherapy aids and soft-play resources. This will be used to support individual children with specific needs and give us the ability to work with small groups in response to situations as they arise.

Mr Barnes has done a great job in producing monthly articles on wellbeing for our school newsletter. The aim of these articles is to increase awareness but also to provide practical tips and suggestions to guide parents and carers in talking to and supporting their children. Topics covered so far have included 'Dealing with Change', 'The Importance of Sleep' and 'Mindfulness'. This month's topic of 'Growth Mindsets' couldn't be better timed as we come back together after the holiday. Have a look at these simple phrase 'swaps' which are designed to encourage a more positive outlook on being challenged and feeling more in control of situations which appear difficult to cope with!

INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Here's to a happy and well balanced 2019 from all at Topley Primary School!

Ben Paxman, Headteacher

Organic Gardening

It was not the most pleasant Autumn that we have ever had, but at least we now have plenty of water! Water is a precious resource, though, and should not be wasted.

While the BBC's Autumnwatch programme showing the 'Fall' in New England, USA, was very interesting, our own trees and woods were just as beautiful when the leaves changed colour. A Guelder Rose (native) in my own garden turned a particularly beautiful pinky brown. I can recommend them and am tempted to plant more.

I am not so happy to find that my two mature Alder trees appear to have been infected by a bacterial disease which is not curable and I am currently seeking advice from highly-qualified tree experts as to what is the best course of action. I shall be very sorry if I have to lose them as they are lovely trees and support lots of wildlife.

Like water, our native trees are also very precious. They absorb carbon dioxide and provide habitats for many other plants and species of birds, mammals and insects.



Berries and the last of the leaves on my Guelder Rose

The importation of trees and other plants has caused huge problems – for example, Dutch Elm Disease - and despite supposed biosecurity measures, foreign pests are still arriving. Some other countries are making huge efforts to stop this problem and so people there are more aware of the dangers. Here, it just carries on, and the pretty flowers and other plants you buy from the supermarket or the garden centre could be harbouring a really dangerous organism.

Another problem concerns hedgehogs which continue to decrease nationally, despite much effort being made around the country to reverse this trend. Leaving access between gardens and putting food out can help. Hedgehogs love mealworms, but it has been found that they can cause bone problems and the advice now is to feed non-fish cat food, dog food or special hedgehog food. Not being sure of the sourcing of the first two options, my choice would be the special hedgehog food. Mealworms are still fine for the birds, so feed above the ground or remove dishes in the evening to remove temptation for any passing hedgehog.

While many people love to see grey squirrels on their trees and even their bird feeders, they are not native and have had a devastating effect on the numbers of our native red squirrel as well as seriously damaging trees. Those of us who feed birds need to ensure that we discourage the greys by making feeders as inaccessible as possible or using the special feeders which prevent squirrels having access to the food.

Similarly with pigeons. A few native woodpigeons is one thing, but, in my area of Bradway, we have been invaded by feral pigeons which have presumably been released by owners who no longer want them. That is not a kind or responsible thing to do. To discourage them, I hang my feeders on a Hawthorn tree and cover the area beneath with clippings from hedges and shrubs which make it difficult for pigeons to find any

dropped seed. Any ground feeding dishes are always inside special cages which keep larger birds out. The pigeons make a lot of mess on roofs and can also attract rats, so however tempting it might be, it is better not to feed them specifically.

It is very disturbing to see adverts from companies promoting artificial grass. It is made of plastic and, as well as covering ground that could be supporting plant and animal life, it could become damaged or break down, sooner or later, through wear and pollute the ground, possibly eventually getting into our waterways and on!

As alternatives it is better to use good quality flagstones, which can easily be moved elsewhere, if required, or, better still, allow the area to 'go wild'. It would gradually develop into a hay meadow which just needs scything/cutting down at the end of August - very low maintenance and, in time, some pretty flowers and grasses to enjoy, with all the concomitant benefits to wildlife.

When the heatwave ended last year and the soil became more moist and workable, I was able to plant out my seedlings which had been growing during the summer months. These included further areas of Red Clover, Self Heal, and Birdsfoot Trefoil, as well as Rock Roses which are low-growing, long-flowering plants and excellent for wildlife. Others, new to the garden, were Dark Mullein, White Campion and Catsear, which I am hoping will all flourish in time.

I also like to plant some annuals, such as Herb Robert, Corn Poppy and Red Deadnettle, and biennials, such as Foxgloves, Vipers Bugloss, Teazels and Garlic Mustard . . . time allowing!!

One annual I love is the Scarlet Pimpernel and, in the autumn, I sowed some seeds between the flagstones on my patio. They should look lovely if they grow well and won't trip me up like the Greater Hawkbit which planted itself right outside the patio door!!

More seeds have been planted for next year as well and bulbs for spring flowers too, including Lesser Celandines, Wild Daffodils, and my favourite, Wood Anemones

It is so disappointing to see cultivated Daffodils around, especially in the countryside, as they are not nearly as pretty as our more delicate-looking native, or as good for wildlife. Sadly, any views of the beautiful Lake District now rarely show the native wild Daffodils which, after a stroll with his sister, Dorothy, in April 1802, through woodland carpeted with thousands of them on the edge of Ullswater, so inspired the poet, William Wordsworth, that he wrote his well-loved poem: "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud".

Marian Tiddy

Traffic News

I keep hearing complaints about the speed cameras. I wonder why?

The following is the latest report from the Police Officer manager of the camera vans. (Don't forget that they operate in both directions, in the dark and in the wet).



"The number of offences we are detecting on Baslow Road seems to have plateaued. On average we are seeing around 15-20 offences per hour when we are on site.

The enforcement on Abbeydale Road South appears to be having the desired effect. When we first started enforcement here, we were seeing around 40-60 offences per hour. This has now dropped to a similar number as Baslow Road, but there is clearly

still a need for continued enforcement."

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Friends of Dore & Topley Station

That canopy – watch this space, yet again

By now I thought I'd be able to tell you that construction work had started. If you use the station you'll see it hasn't. I won't suggest it will have done before you read this because past experience says it won't! It might be there by the next edition, fingers crossed. The latest revision of the plan is now with Network Rail for their approval.



Detailed changes were needed to the last version we saw in November.

Passenger numbers

The increase in passenger numbers at Dore & Topley for 2017/18 is impressive. Up 8.3% over 2016/17, quadrupled in the last 20 years, and doubled in the last 8 years. That's much higher than most stations. The effects of the timetable meltdown last May and the current lack of Saturday stopping services due to strike action may result in a dip in the steady trend for 2018/19.

2008/ 09	82,802
2009/ 10	85,626
2010/ 11	92,828
2011/ 12	106,220
2012/ 13	122,764
2013/ 14	138,440
2014/ 15	145,956
2015/ 16	155,854
2016/ 17	164,880
2017/ 18	178,580

Clearly this helps to explain the overcrowded parking around the station - a likely subject for a future Topley Independent! Suffice to say that FoDaTS is in very active contact with SYPTe and other parties to try and resolve this. It will take years and probably cost millions.

Looking forward

What about that new second platform? Since the station was reduced to one in 1985 a lot has happened. Then, the stopping trains from Dore only ran to New Mills every two hours, and you had to change for Manchester. At commuting times we now get two through trains to Manchester, at least one being fast. We've fought back well since that low point, that fight begun by the late Peter Fox and others.

Since the last issue we've met the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme Project Sponsor from Network Rail.

The Scheme was originally intended to fall within their Control Period 5 works and expenditure, ending in 2019. It wasn't approved in time to be included. However, it's currently being re-costed and rescheduled with £0.5m from the tail end of CP5's budget.

The expectation is that revised plans can be signed off in the late Spring. Tenders can then be issued to contractors, and agreed in the autumn, budgets permitting. Then we'd expect the appointed contractors and sub-contractors to negotiate a timed phasing of the work. This will include careful planning of heavy earthworks to be done during the warmer and drier summer period. Co-ordination for line blockades will be necessary to ensure the work here doesn't clash with work elsewhere and enough forewarning is provided to train operators. This should all be covered within Control Period 6 and the Department for Transport and Chris Grayling have

said it is to go ahead.

The work involves a new passing loop at Bamford, another loop here below Poynton Wood (Network Rail have bought the required land), the redoubled track through and beyond our station, lengthening the existing platform, building a new one and a bridge with lifts. The Heeley loop nearer town is also to be lengthened. Changes are to be made to signalling, currently split between York and Manchester at a break point below Poynton Wood. That doesn't help when passing trains from one control point to another. The new break point will be west of Earle's Sidings at Hope and signals from Sheffield to that point will need to be changed.

Realistically, work can't start before 2020. Heavy earth moving may not start until 2021. Network Rail say they wouldn't want to give any impression the tracks will be ready before the December 2022 timetable changes.

They've taken an awful beating on cost and time over runs in the last few years and are anxious to ensure this scheme doesn't go that way. However, the sponsor gave us the impression tracks might be ready earlier than late 2022 to help alleviate current issues while they bed in and before using them to provide timetabled train paths. Better than risking another shambles like we had last May!

HS2 may happen, but even the most optimistic plans suggest we won't see any work here before 2030.

In short, there remains a lot to be done – eventually!

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group. If you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary: nj-barnes@outlook.com

There's lots of information on our website at: www.fodats.net

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Community Infrastructure Levy

When developments take place a charge is placed on the Developer called Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). 85% of the money raised goes to Sheffield Council centrally and 15% should be retained locally within the ward to compensate the community for the development.

Because Dore and Topley Ward has had some recent large developments most notably on the old King Egbert site the locally retained element would have been a substantial amount of over £80,000.

However, the Labour group have redefined local as being the whole of Sheffield and have redistributed the local element to other parts of the city. The result is that Dore and Topley Ward is left with only just over £12,000, a loss of £68,000 which would have been spent in our ward.

Your local Councillors opposed this change as the extra cash would have enabled us to make significant investments in the ward and it goes against the intention of the legislation.

Cllr Colin Ross

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THE TIME TRAVELLERS

Our November talk was given by Vince Boulter on Prehistoric Rock Art. It was animated and controversial as Vince presented some imaginative takes on how primitive man managed to decorate caves many hundreds of metres underground without decent lighting. The November walk was led by Stuart Nunn, a local historian and archaeologist who is knowledgeable about the Eastern Moors.

The Time Traveller members' social evening to mark the winter solstice was another lively event. Good food and good company marked the end of another very successful archaeological year where we have made yet again some ground-breaking discoveries, and new sites have been explored. This is another opportunity to say that The Time Travellers archaeology group welcomes new members. You don't have to want to wield a trowel and do actual 'digging' as we have a range of other activities, talks and visits all through the year. All we need is your enthusiasm, so resolve to make 2019 the time to join up with us.

Our newest community link is with the newly formed Over Haddon local history group. We have been collaborating with them in their search for a lost medieval manor house. The site has already proved to be very interesting – turning up a wide range of dateable pottery and glass from the early times of the house. Work just before Christmas using dowsing (yes it really does work, though even we are not sure how!) revealed the outline of the building and surrounding garden and orchard walls.

Time Traveller members have recently paid visits to Kelham Island, close to the city centre. This area has a very rich industrial history and has won an Urban Neighbourhood award for its vibrant social and cultural scene featuring pubs, breweries, housing and of course, a fantastic museum. This man-made island was created on the River Don sometime around 1180 when a goit was built to take water to a corn mill situated near to Lady's Bridge. The name 'Kelham' is thought to have been because the Sheffield town armourer – Kellam Homer established a grinding workshop with a water wheel on the island. The spelling seems to have changed by the early 19th century by which time Kelham Island was home to several tradesmen working out of iron foundries and grinding shops. The site was bought by the city in the 1890's to house a brand new electricity generating station that powered Sheffield's new tram system.

Nowadays, the name Kelham Island is probably more associated with pubs and beer production. By the time that the Kelham Island Brewery had opened in 1990 all four of the city's major breweries (Wards, Whitbread, Stones and Hope & Anchor) had closed.

Coming up over the next few weeks, The Time Travellers have a talk by David Templeman about Sheffield's Deer Park where once again David will dip into the Tudor history right on our doorstep. Watch out on the 2019 programme for



opportunities to see the amazing rock art in Ecclesall Woods. They are best seen when the bracken has died back so, weather permitting, we can see rock art dating back thousands of years on our doorstep. You may also have seen us at the Millennium Gallery weekend Heritage event in mid-January.

If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that The Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months then log on to our website at <http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk>.

Glynn Burgin

Recently Spotted.....

...in a pub-restaurant not far from here:



If anyone knows how people can best comply with this request without getting arrested, please send in your suggestions on a postcard!

Totley Library Plant Sale 11th May 2019



Raising funds for Totley Library serving Totley, Dore and Bradway

We are once again looking for green-fingered people to donate plants for next year's sale. You might be dividing herbaceous plants this Autumn or planning seed sowing for Spring.

The library is a charity managed and run by volunteers with minimal funding from Sheffield City Council. In May 2018 we raised over £1,000 for the library, and were very grateful for the fabulous plant donations.

We are holding the event again on 11th May 2019.

If you can help please let us know and we'll contact you nearer the time.

Please contact Fiona Smith:

fionaksmith@gmail.com or phone 0114 235 0445
or leave a message for Fiona at the library!

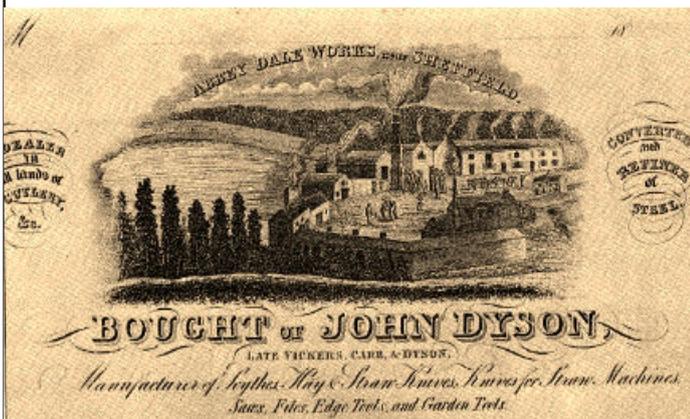
A Totley Entrepreneur: John Dyson, 1789/90 - 1858

John Dyson was born in the Parish of Norton and baptized at St. James' Church. The parish encompassed Totley at this time, as well as all of Heeley, so it is difficult to pinpoint exactly where his parents lived. He became a scythe grinder, probably having served his apprenticeship at one of the many wheels on the River Sheaf that bordered the parish.

He first rented the Abbey Dale Works site during 1820's, forming various working partnerships with Biggin, Carr and Vickers, names that would become synonymous with the steel manufacturing industry. There is evidence supporting the improvement of the crucible steel making workshop at Abbey Dale during this period. Then in 1830 he declared an end to his latest partnership of Dyson, Biggin & Co. and created his own company, John Dyson & Co.

Once in charge of his own destiny he began improving and expanding the forge and gained more control of his supplies and 'production line'. He built and moved into the Manager's house on site. He also built stabling, storage and a new counting house, and re-jigged the use of existing buildings.

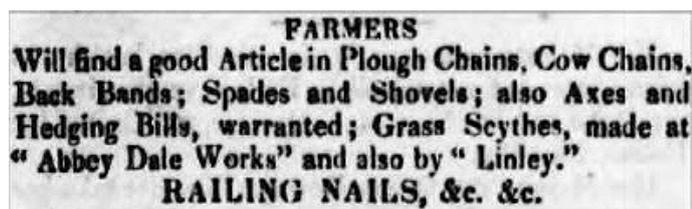
By 1832 this impressive letterhead was being used on his invoices and shows the forge almost as it appears today..



He established Dyson's Brickworks on Totley Moor in 1832/3, where he also mined the ganister from which his crucibles were made. A constant supply was needed as the pots only lasted for a few firings. Then in 1836 he bought and modernised Totley Rolling Mill, which allowed him to expand further by transferring that part of the process from the Abbey Dale Works. This created a space that became the finishing area for his edge tools, and storage for goods awaiting shipment.

He was a man with ideas and ambition...

During the decade his products appear to have gained custom and kudos. They were prized for their quality and could be purchased across the country, as seen in this chandler's advertisement from The Carlisle Journal in 1838...



However, all was not running smoothly as the formation of Unions was giving the workers courage to defy their bosses, to question working conditions and their rates of pay. As early as 1832 Dyson, in a letter to a Skipton customer, apologises for only supplying part of the order, due to trouble from the Grinders' Union, 'you cannot get them to work as they should do'.

In 1840/41 Dyson had a lengthy disagreement with a worker who had refused to grind some hay knives. The man knew that other employers were paying a higher rate per dozen and as a consequence had walked out on more than one occasion, despite being ordered back, firstly by Dyson and then the Courts. The case was fully reported in the Sheffield press and would have brought Abbey Dale Works to the notice of agitators in the Grinders' Union who looked for employers they considered to be unfair.

The following year the Works was targeted and an explosion destroyed the Grinding Shop. It was the early days of the 'Stirrings in Sheffield' when vandalism and destruction were

wrought on many works by agitators in the Unions. Sometimes it was just 'rattening' of the leather straps that drove the machinery (Abbey Dale had had these attacks too), but other destruction could be greater, as in this explosion, and even murders took place.

Dyson was uninsured, and with production at a standstill was declared bankrupt within a few short months. This was announced in the press throughout the country, specifically in Perry's Bankrupt and Insolvent's Gazette, where he would be listed each month until discharged. The discharge would then be announced in the same manner. Many bankrupts were jailed, but there is no evidence that this fate befell Dyson.

In 1844 an auction took place over a period of three days, at the sites of his once thriving business.

SCHOFIELD AND SON

Are directed by the Assignees of Mr. John Dyson, a Bankrupt,

TO SELL BY AUCTION,

On the Premises, at Abbey Dale, Totley, and Totley Moor Side, on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, the 12th, 13th, and 14th Days, of June, 1844, commencing at Ten o'Clock each Forenoon;

THE Valuable STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising 400 Dozens of Finished and Unfinished Scythes and Skelps, Hay Knives, Sickles, Hoes.

The MATERIALS.—A quantity of Steel, Iron, large Stock of Metal, Wire, Timber, Handles, Clay, Coke, Casting Pots.

The WORKING TOOLS comprise the necessary requisites for Scythe Manufacturers, Smiths and Grinders; also Furnace Tools, two Ton Metal Weights, two large Standard Scales, Clay, capital Counting-House and Warehouse Fixtures, Winding Machine, Coives, Wood Stable, Hay Stack, Oat Stack, Iron Fencing, two Drags, and other Property, particulars of which will be fully detailed in Catalogues, to be had on MONDAY next, on application to the AUCTIONEERS, at the Music Hall, Sheffield.

ORDER OF SALE.

WEDNESDAY—Stock and Materials at Abbey Dale.

THURSDAY—Tools, Fixtures, and remaining Property at ditto.

FRIDAY.—Tools, Materials, and Pit Utensils at Totley, and Totley Moor Side.

Dyson's tenancy at Abbey Dale came to an end in 1848, leaving behind a debt of £407 (almost £39,000 at present day values). Maybe the Courts had thought that by using the undamaged parts of the forge he had a chance to clear his debt, but clearly this hadn't happened.

In the census of 1851 he is to be found living at 67, Fitzwilliam Street, running a beer house. He died in Bradway in 1858 and was buried at Norton Parish Church, where he had been christened almost seventy years previously.

Every indication is that he never cleared his debt. The Courts had continued to monitor his 'worth' annually, but at his

A Tolley Entrepreneur: John Dyson, 1789/90 - 1858

death it was declared to be 'under £100', the lowest level on their scale and accounting for just the goods and chattels of his home. A sad end for the man whose entrepreneurial skills might have brought him great wealth in less volatile times.

Although three men were arrested following the explosion, no one was ever convicted of the crime.

'Rattening' was a term given to the damage inflicted on the expensive leather belts that drove the machinery, said to resemble gnawed teethmarks made by rats.

The recent name of the Refractory on the original site of Tolley Moor Side is coincidental. I tried to find a family link between John Dyson in this story and the Stannington firm (Dyson Refractories Ltd) who bought it some 50 years ago, but failed. However I like to think that maybe our John got his inspiration (and expertise) from a common ancestor!

Pauline Burnett



The run up to Christmas this last term was fantastic with loads going on - that's aside from all of our usual lessons, activities, visits and visitors! As ever - It's all happening at TASS!

Global Neighbours - Bronze Award

Since our last report, we are very proud to announce that we have just been awarded the Bronze Award in recognition of our wide-ranging steps to 'love our global neighbour' from events involving recycling and saving energy to Fair-trade fortnight and learning about the Rights of the Child. As you may remember, we've changed our emphasis a little this year from our drive on the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award and are now focussing on the Christian Aid initiative designed to encourage children to become 'courageous advocates' for the common good - both globally and locally..



Our Global neighbours can be very proud of all of their achievements in leading the school - all with the help of Mrs J Brown (Y2) and Mrs Leggett of course! Congratulations and well done to the following: Y1: Georgia Marston and Joel Casson; Y2: Spencer Corrin, Kharis Lancaster and Joshua Todd; Y3: Charlie Rose and Ruby Lawson; Y4: Flossie Tomkinson and Will Reaney; Y5: Ewan Cuckney, Evie-Louise Ramskill, Ethon Hodgkins and Grace Osasu; Y6: Joseph

Blanks, Issey Campsill, Guy Eckersley and Jessica Camateras. The children will continue to meet every few weeks with Mrs J Brown and Mrs Leggett to formulate their plan to gain the silver award.

TASS Christmas

Events to celebrate Christmas started on December 7th with our Christmas Fair led by our amazing PTA - the Fun-d Raisers - headed up by Sara Evans (Chair), Helen Foot and Liz Priest (Joint Secretaries) plus Diane Wilkinson (Treasurer).

The team managed to raise loads of money over the Christmas period so that our children can enjoy many added extras such as a pantomime, special visitors coming in to host our Science Day, books, visits and play equipment.

Other events which they put on included: the junior and infant discos, a raffle plus mince pies and mulled wine at our Carols on the Yard event on the last day!

We also enjoyed our Christmas Service at All Saints Church plus our Christmas Lunch and parties went down a storm with the children and we even had a visitor with a red suit and white beard! The Y3s went on a 'Journey to Bethlehem' at Tolley Rise Methodist Church and then our TASS Superstars put on our amazing productions. This year, the infants presented their Nativity with a twist: 'A Miracle in Town' plus the juniors had two outings of a traditional Christmas Concert. They were amazing!

Merit Treats

At Tolley All Saints, we like to reward our children for doing the right thing in terms of behaviour and learning and regularly give out Merit cards. These get added up at the end of the week and give us an overall winner at the end of the term. The teams are: Ruby, Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald - all led by our fantastic Y6 Merit Captains. The Team captains this year are: Jessica Fields and Hugo Deeks (Diamond), Megan Hill and George Brown (Emerald), SiZhe Luo and Jessica Diggins (Sapphire) plus Harrison Corrin and Lily Grayson (Ruby).

Each half term, the School Council decides on three possible choices of what the special afternoon treat could be and then each child from the winning team gets to choose. Just before Christmas, the Rubies won and chose to have a 'Night at the Museum' (DVD) wearing pyjamas - teddies were also invited!

Visitors and Extra-Curricular Activities

We like to provide our children with a wide variety of experience and as a result have various visitors and extra aspects to really get them engaged.

Visitors who inspired our children this last term included: Mike Warren, a Christian storyteller, and the Saints Alive Puppeteers. Our after school and lunchtime clubs included the Baily Cup with Mr Johnson (lunchtime), Adventure Club, Chill Zone, Sports Hall Athletics, Chess Club and Badminton with Richard Mills, plus Gemini School of Street Dance Street Dance Club.

So what now? Well, we're getting ready for our TASS Aspire Day where we will be having various professionals in the community to come in and talk about what they do and how they got there. This is all to inspire our children for the future and make them think about how they will get to their chosen line of work. Our Y6s will be visiting Crucial Crew to learn life skills, the Y3s and Y4s will be spending 'A Night at the Museum' at Weston Park and our Y5s will be having their residential at the Oakes Activity Centre. It's all go!

If you want to find out even more of the exciting things that are happening at our school, then please visit our new website or email us at enquiries@tolleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk. We'll be so happy to let you know!

Karole Sargent (Proud) Head teacher

Gardening Tips for February and March

Another new year! I hope by the time you read this that 'Brexit' is sorted and we can settle down to whatever is decided. I have decided not to make any new year resolutions this year, as I have not achieved last year's yet. As one gets older it seems harder to resolve the things that we do normally, without complicating things with new things, don't you think?

We are coming into the gardener's busy season - deciding what we are going to do with the garden, ordering new plants, seeds, equipment etc. All these things become more urgent as time goes by (and doesn't it go faster these days?) We are trying to cut down on things that require a lot of attention; we need things that look after themselves when we go away for a break; we would like plants that supported themselves, or shrubs that don't need pruning,..... and self-watering plants would be a good idea, perhaps you will let me know where any of the above can be obtained, inexpensively of course!

The onions, garlic, shallots and leeks are looking quite perky. They were put in the ground in November/December. I am very pleased with the progress they have made up to now. We have 3 raised beds cleared and made ready for brassicas and beans. I will be planting seeds around February/March time in root trainers, and they should be ready to plant out in late March or early April if the weather is kind to us. All us gardeners have to be patient and not plant out too soon, otherwise we will be dashing off to the garden centres to replace the plants that have been spoilt by frost. I noticed in the press that another beast from the east is likely again. I hope not, but best be prepared! Bedding plants can soon be devastated by the slightest frost.

The leaves which have fallen - mainly from the large oak tree - are still causing us a lot of work. Two compressed compost bins full! I think they are reproducing on the ground - there seem to be just as many to be moved. I must get brushing so that the beds are ready for spring planting. The ponds still require a bit of maintenance. I have not solved the leak problem yet. It's a bit uncomfortable trying to work in very cold conditions with muddy water, soggy leaves and cold stone surrounds, so I look forward to a bit of sunshine to encourage me to persevere so that the fountains can once again sparkle.

Christine has come back from Chatsworth garden centre. She has bought a quite horrendous-looking garden glove. If it had hairs on it would look something like a prop from a werewolf film! It is quite sturdy with hard plastic claws on each finger, and it's called a "Mole", designed for digging, planting and raking. The instructions on the packet say, "designed to provide a solution to any garden task". Now there's a bold statement! I have yet to try it, but the tasks I have at the moment require a bit more than werewolf hand. If I used it around the pond it would finish up looking like a colander. Another statement on the box says it "makes gardening fun"! The only bit of fun would be chasing Christine! I will let you know what happens in the next instalment. I don't know where these marketing people get such sweeping statements from. I used to be a marketing man, but I can't remember making such statements as these. Wow!

February

Flowers: Clean up borders, and work in a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore. Clean up rockery and add a topping of potting compost and chippings. Plant out herbaceous perennials if the weather permits. Plant out (if the weather is kind) anemones and ranunculuses about 4 to 5 cm deep and about 15 cm apart. Prune back hard hydrangea paniculata similar to the way you prune buddleia. This will encourage strong growth and larger flower heads. Remove any rose leaves which may be lying about and burn them, especially if they have a touch of black spot. Spray the areas around them with fungicide. Fill in any gaps in the wallflower beds before the plants begin to grow more actively, and firm in any which have been loosened by frost. Check dahlia tubers in store for signs of mould, and treat with flowers of sulphur if mould is seen. Trim back winter flowering heathers and jasmine as soon as flowers have finished.

Vegetables: Firm in spring cabbage which may have been loosened by frost and give them a quick acting fertiliser, such as nitrate of soda. Slugs are starting to get active this month, so watch out for them and deal with them in your favoured way - I use beer traps, but if you use slug pellets, use them sparingly and pick up dead slugs as soon as possible, before the birds get them. Autumn-sown onions should be transplanted carefully to the place where they are to mature. This should be in an open position, in well-manured ground. Later in the month shallots and garlic cloves can be planted. Divide and re-plant chives.

Trees Shrubs and Fruit: If pruning has not been completed, do so now. Fruit trees grown in grass can be starved of nitrogen. This can be remedied by feeding now with sulphate of ammonia or nitro chalk, using about half an ounce per square yard. The planting of fruit trees and bushes is best completed by the end of February if they are to get a good start. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Ventilation needs careful attention. February can see warm bright days and cold frosty nights - extremes which the majority of plants hate - so it's up to you to balance these temperature changes by ventilation etc. Bear in mind also that fresh air is a vital factor in the health of your over-wintering plants, especially if they are heated by paraffin. Gradually increase watering, and increase humidity by standing plants on moist pebbles or grit. Starting planting seeds of summer bedding plants, snap-

dragons, fibrous rooted begonias, busy lizzie, verbenas in warmth, water seedlings with cheshunt compound to prevent damping off. Plant indoor gladioli corms. All the above should be maintained at a minimum temperature of 50-55F. If you cannot do this then wait a few weeks.



Prick out those onion seedlings which were sown earlier if you are showing at any of the shows, then they should be planted into 6 cm pots at this stage (I use fibre pots). This helps to prevent any check in growth, and will give a fine healthy large onion ready for the Totley Show in September! Make ready chrysanthemum stools for cuttings. Re-pot fuchsia, shake away all the soil from the roots, then place them in the smallest pots that will take all the roots comfortably - they can be potted on later as growth develops. Plant sweet pea seeds for a show in late summer. Pot up rhizomes of achemenes which have over-wintered in dry soil, 6 or 8 to a 12 cm pot, and place them in the warmest spot in your greenhouse. Dahlia roots from which cuttings are to be taken should be started now. They need a warm, humid atmosphere. Although I like to keep my greenhouse reasonably tidy most of the time, they do need an extra fettling now and again, and February is a good time to tackle this job before it gets too overcrowded with new vulnerable seedlings.

Lawns: Tidy up any leaves and debris that may be on your lawns, weather permitting. Keep off when frost is on the grass. You could apply a top dressing of sand if you haven't done this earlier.

March

Flowers: Prepare vacant ground for planting and seedbeds. If possible cover seedbeds with cloches to warm them up. Harden off plants which have been overwintering in frames or indoors, including seedling herbaceous perennials and rock plants. Work into the soil well-rotted manure or compost, or a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore - or both to give the ground and plants a treat. Keep elementary weeds down - nobble them whilst they are young. It's a good plan to get into a regular hoeing routine, to prevent them getting established. Water newly planted perennials during dry spells. Deadhead flowers as they fade. Keep checking for slug damage, especially around young plants and lay slug bait or beer traps as necessary.

Plant lily bulbs. Plant gladioli corms in trays; start them off in slight warmth for planting out in April. Lift and split up over-crowded snowdrops. Sow hardy annuals like larkspur, clarkia and love-in-a-mist either in the garden, under cloches, or indoors to plant out later. Take cuttings of early flowering chrysanthemums and dahlias and root them in warmth. Lift and divide over-crowded herbaceous perennials such as Michaelmas Daisy, Golden Rod etc. Sow sweet peas 2.5 cm deep and 6 -7 cm apart, Plant out indoor bulbs which have finished flowering - they will give a show next spring. Remove shoots that have no live buds from summer flowering clematis and cut back late flowering varieties hard.

Vegetables: Dig up vacant plots and test soil for Ph (adding lime if necessary). Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Brussel sprouts must have a long steady season of growth to be really successful. Sow now in boxes and germinate in a heated frame or greenhouse.

If you also want a supply of cabbages in midsummer (butterflies love them) sow an early variety now in the same conditions as sprouts. Sow spinach in a sheltered spot, they love a bit of sunshine. Sow broad beans in boxes for planting out later.

At the end of the month sow culinary peas outdoors, scooping out a trench the width of a spade, about 23cm, not more than 7.5cm deep, and place the seeds singly in two lines one at each side about 7.5cm between seeds, cover with 2 cms of soil - the depression left will provide the tiny seedlings with a bit of protection, and putting a few in every two weeks will give a nice succession. Plant early potatoes, and have cloches or plastic ready in case of late frosts. Sow spinach beet, a very useful form of beetroot grown for its leaves, which are used like those of spinach.

Try growing a few French beans in the greenhouse - they make a nice early change and they don't take up a lot of room. Make a sowing of turnips or swedes. These need a rich but not newly-manured ground. Plant onion sets, using a trowel to set them rather than a dibber - they are then less likely to push themselves out of the ground as the roots develop.

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs: Prepare ground for new shrubs or trees. Plenty of organic compost and well-rotted manure will give them a good start. A dressing of sterilised bone meal will give them a real treat and pay dividends by way of healthy plants and trees. Firm in newly-planted shrubs and those loosened by frost. Feed established plants with a balanced fertiliser. Apply mulch, especially round new additions. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars, and spray as soon as they are seen. Prune autumn flowering shrubs which flower on the tips of new growth i.e. butterfly bush, blue spirea and hardy fuchsias. Prune hybrid teas and floribunda roses. Cut out any dead or diseased shoots or branches from all trees and shrubs around the garden. Feed cane fruits with balanced fertiliser, feed black currants with nitro-chalk. Firm in newly planted fruits, mulch and keep well watered.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: This is a busy time for greenhouse owners with seedlings and young plants to watch over, and all the dormant plants coming into bud. Watch carefully the ventilation and humidity - young seedlings need

plenty of light and air if they are to develop into strong sturdy plants. To avoid the deadly damping off fungus, spray as the plants show through the potting compost with cheshunt compound. Take cuttings as soon as they are large enough and place in propagator; geranium, fuchsias etc. will give you added stock for hanging baskets and tubs next year.

Plant some schizanthus (poor man's orchid) seeds; these germinate readily and give a lovely colourful show in the early summer months. You need to keep a steady temperature of around 65 - 70F for all seed and cuttings until they are established. Re-pot foliage plants and ferns, using a pot one size larger, or on some varieties reduce the root ball size. Try not to damage the roots as you do this and do not remove all the soil - just enough to get a reasonable amount of new compost into the new pot.

Syringe or spray every morning for at least a week and shade from direct sunlight. Pot up tomato plants. Sow seeds of outdoor tomatoes - these should be ready to plant outside in June. Pot up begonia and gloxinia, which were started in February. Take leaf cuttings of African violets and Cape primrose. Houseplants like maidenhair fern, button fern, and spider plant can be divided and re-potted. Sweet peas which have been raised in the greenhouse should be hardened off.

Hydrangeas growing in pots should be fed from now on with a weak mixture of liquid manure every 10 days or so, watering the ordinary way in between times.

Lawns: Start a regular cycle of cutting. If you didn't give an autumn feed to your lawn, give a spring one now. Spike, scarify and top dress with old compost, with a little balanced fertiliser or lawn food mixed in. You will soon have a green sward. Check over your mower! Oil all moving parts ready for the hard work ahead. Don't forget to trim the edges to give the finishing touch and be the envy of your friends.

Cheerio for now,

Tom

Totley History Group presents...

THE PLAGUE DOCTOR:

Medical Treatments From The 17th Century

BY DAVID BELL

David is neither a doctor nor an historian but he spins a hugely original and enjoyable yarn about the fanciful and often absurd world of 17th Century healthcare.



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Walking the Dog....

Jack Bares A Little Bit and Then Bares A Little Bit More!

The story so far.

We are walking in Green Oak Park. Jack has asked if he can be interviewed by me, because he has heard me interviewing people for my popular daily feature on BBC Radio Sheffield called 'Baring All!' I am trying to put him off by saying he is barking up the wrong trees. RR

You're barking up the wrong trees, Jack.

Please? Pretty please? I have to sit in the kitchen listening to you getting people to bare all every day because you leave the radio on to frighten burglars and keep up your audience ratings.

Go on then. But I warn you, it can turn nasty.

What do I do?

You wait there helpless while I introduce you and pinch your best jokes from the questionnaire sheet you've filled in at home. And then - oh, here comes the red light!

Let's go talkies!

Hello everybody! My guest today is a 9 year old male dog. He is half Manchester Terrier and half wolf. He used to live on the Laverdene but he has since has gone up in the world. He likes tennis balls but does not like the Archers theme music. And here he is - Jack Robinson! Hi Jack Robinson!

Hi Rony Robinson!

We're going to start by me asking you 10 baring-a-little-bit quick-fire questions.

Wuff!

1. What did you have for breakfast?

Another bowl of Barking Heads Golden Years For Dogs 7 years plus and that's what I have every day whereas Tempuss -

2. What did you have for dinner last night?

Another bowl of Barking Heads Golden Years For Dogs 7 years plus whereas Tempuss -

3. Who's your least favourite musician - Bach, Offenbach or Michael Barclay

Bach.

Why?

Because he's worse than his bite.

I wouldn't try to be funny Jack. 4: Whitney, Britney or Gene Pitney?

They're all too old for me. I'm only 9.

5. What cars do dogs like?

Rovers!

6. Name three dogs who are more famous than you?

Black Bob, Timmy from the Famous Five... and Spot from Spot!

7. Which of these appears in the great novel Great Expectations by the great Charles Dickens - Mr Barker from the Co-op, Bach from Bach Flower Remedies, or Barkis-who-is-willing?

Barkis-who-is willing. But he's actually from David Copperfield.

8. Name in one minute as many dogs as you can who are who are less famous than you?

Blot, Wuffer, Pringle, Dungle, Bungle, Woggle, Itzybitzy, Laddo, Old Smeller, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, Itcher, Snitcher --

9. What is your favourite place from on the BBC Shipping Forecast?

Dogger Bank!

10. What is your favourite bank?

Barc-lays! It's easy.

It's meant to be. You get all confident answering the 10 baring-a-little-bit quick fire questions, but then you suddenly get caught out with the real baring-all ones.

Like what?

What's your biggest regret?

That I ... that I couldn't.. that I never...that I didn't come and live with you and Tempuss and Sally near Green Oak Park a long time ago.

What else do you regret?

That I'm only allowed to talk in English when we're on our own.

What else do you regret?

That nobody knows how clever I am at talking with my tail, because you humans never bother to learn our dog languages.

You are 9 years old - what do you want to be doing in 9 years' time?

Go on walking in the Rec with you every day, if you are still walking in 9 years' time.

And?

And I'd like to work as Toby at the Punch and Judy on North Bay at Scarborough all one summer. Then bite someone to see what they taste like.

My dog's got no nose, Jack - so how do you smell?

Horrible. But that is a cruel joke to tell me because I -

We like cruel jokes on the radio. I sometimes crack the cruel joke about the man patient in hospital. The surgeon is telling the nurse off because she hadn't listened properly when he told her to remove the man's spectacles.

That's a cruel joke to tell me too because some of us actual dogs have actually -

What difference has it made to your life that you haven't got a mummy?

I'm not playing any more.

Or a daddy?

Not playing.

Or children.

Not.

Or a girl friend or any -

And I'm going to do a great big smelly poo up here on the bowling green where everybody can see! And then I'm going to bark till you have to pick it up! Even though you've come out without a bag as usual!

No Jack - don't. Please Jack.

I am look. Wuff and squeeze. And look - here comes that neighbour of yours who's always catching you. Wuff. Squeeze!

Hi neighbour... No. I know...No he's not my dog! I think he's just some mongrel off the Laverdene.

Wuff. And squeeze. Weeeeeee!

And that's how the story ends. Rony gets fined. I feel fine. Bye bye listeners everywhere! J.R.

Rony Robinson and Jack Robinson

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King Egbert student Isabel Wedgwood is off to the mountains of Honduras to teach under-privileged children. In August 2019, after her A levels, she has gained an opportunity to volunteer for 12 months in a school in rural Honduras with a UK Charity called Project Trust. But first she needs to raise the necessary funds – and has organised an exciting event to help.

Project Trust, based on the Scottish Isle of Coll, is an educational charity that specializes in 12-month volunteering placements for school leavers across South and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Oceania. The projects are focused on enhancing education in deprived communities and are carefully chosen so that they do not take work away from local people.



Isabel Wedgwood

"I am very excited that I will be able to do something meaningful in my gap year before university," said Isabel. "I had to go to the island of Coll for a week to be assessed to see if I could cope with a year away. There will only be two volunteers on each project so you have to be able to really fit in with the local community. My first big challenge started as soon as I knew I had a place. To be able to go, I have to raise over £6,000."

One of Izzy's main fundraisers involves a unique opportunity to hear up and coming rock band 'Juno'. This trio of King Egbert's sixth formers will play some of their own original songs as well as covers. They will open the evening and be followed by the slightly more 'mature' Mill Stone Grit, playing rock covers from the 80s, 90s and 00s.

The event will take place Saturday 2nd March at the Dore Masonic Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm with Juno taking the stage at 8.00. The tickets for this gig are £10 and available at ticketsource.co.uk/honduras. There will be a bar available that evening as well.

A great night out and all proceeds helping to improve life for children overseas.

For more information, and the opportunity to make a fundraising donation on-line, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/volunteering-for-1-year-in-honduras>

Looking after our hedgerows

Early winter in the Peak District, and ranger Chris Millner is explaining the 'Dr Who effect' in hedgerows while lugging a bag of spindly twigs to a patch of farmland near Hathersage.

"When you lay a hedge, the previous hedge dies and a new hedge comes back to be there for another 20-30 years when it'll then be re-laid again, ad infinitum," he explained. Just like a spiky Pete Capaldi losing 25 years and turning into a bouncy Yorkshirewoman.



Peak District ranger Chris Millner

Hedges have been laid and managed in Britain since Roman times, but over the last 200 years many were ripped up to make room for mechanisation like combine harvesters to produce ever cheaper food crops. The UK lost thousands of miles of hedgerows since the 1940s, said Chris.

"Hedgerows are important linear corridors connecting habitats together which birds, animals and insects can move along," said Chris, adding that in the past they were practical and valuable to humans too.

"A hedge would have been a stock-proof barrier, a DIY store to grow hurdles for fencing, a chemist for things like rose hip syrup for coughs, and a health food store for hazelnuts and wild garlic."

But as skilled hedge layers left the land for industrial towns, posts and wire fencing became a cheaper and easier option, and across the Peak District the signs of derelict hedges can be seen as short grassy ridges topped by a few old hawthorn trees standing in a line.

Nowadays, the value of hedgerows to both farmers and wildlife has been recognised, with country hedgerows protected by law since 1997. A good hedge will protect livestock from wind and rain, generate a permanent supply of pollinating insects for arable crops, and help prevent soil erosion.

The National Trust plants new Peak District hedges every year thanks to a Natural England grant scheme funded by the government, and Chris and volunteer Rob Nutt were planting their new hawthorn, holly and hazel hedge to link up with a nearby line of bushy hawthorn and holly planted five years ago. This young hedge is already providing sites for nests and insects, and in a few years can be traditionally 'laid.'

"You cut the tall stems near the roots and lay them over and weave them together," said Chris "Then new shoots grow from the roots and you come back and do the same thing in about 25 years." Meanwhile, a host of wild flowers and wildlife move in to stay for the duration.

Chris has been laying and managing local hedgerows for thirty years, helped by regular teams of volunteers.

"It's quite exciting to go back to where you've worked and see an owl flying along a hedge line looking for insects, or to go past a hedge covered in berries with fieldfares or redwings erupting out of it, where in the past there were just one or two trees," he said.

David Bocking



All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane

Thank you everyone!

By the time you read this, Christmas will be but a distant memory and the decorations stored away for another year. However it is good to be able to thank all those members of the local community who put so much hard work into the Christmas tree festival at All Saints. It was great to see the



variety of different services our community has to offer displayed in such an imaginative way. The efforts were certainly very much appreciated by all who came to see the trees. Your donations of food items and £150 in cash were sent to Grace Food Bank at Low Edges.



In the week leading up to Christmas you may have noticed knitted angels hanging from trees, gate posts and bushes in and around Totley and Bradway. This initiative was started a few years by the Totley Rise Methodist church Knit and Natter group and this year they invited All Saints Church to get involved. We know from feed back on social media that these angels were very well received not only by children who found them en route to school but also the adults who also found them. A huge thank

you to all those at All Saints who knitted and distributed the angels (under cover of darkness!) but also to our friends at TRM who did the same and very generously provided extra angels for us to put out.

On January 6th we said goodbye to Rev. Katie Tupling at a joint service at Christ Church Dore. Katie will be taking up a post as a Disability Advisor, and Chaplain amongst Deaf People, in the Oxford diocese, at the end of February. We wish her well in her new role and hope the family will soon be happily settled in Oxford. At All Saints the PCC and churchwardens take over the responsibility for the life of the church with support from Rev Ali Creasey and our lay readers and preaching team.

Any queries may be addressed to either of our churchwardens Angela Waite 2364728 or Liz Hayden 2364944. We look forward to welcoming you at our 10am services on Sunday and Wednesday.

Liz Hayden
Churchwarden, Totley All Saints

Fostering in Sheffield

If you're a baby, you should be aware that being seen out on your own with a proud looking man in his fifties will raise eyebrows. Grandparents with babies generally come in pairs, although female-only elder companionship is also common when parents are busy working.

Friends of the man in question will often do a double take, particularly if the man is known to already have children in their twenties, and a wife. My approach is to calm people's nerves / suspicions by announcing: "She's our foster baby."

Not the product of an affair then, or a sudden grandchild, but a temporary baby in the family. And just as cute, cuddly (and quite often, smelly) as our genetically-linked offspring of the 1990s.



Foster Dad with baby (picture by Daisy)

When our first set of kids were growing up it was still quite unusual for dads to take care of their children, to the extent that our local newspaper ran a feature on the subject. Not quite so much nowadays, but I still get a few shaking heads after I've dropped toys, blankets, nappies, vomit etc. on a bus, or when I run out of tissues when discussing politics in a cafe with friends and a snotty nine month old.

Somehow, having that quarter century break puts baby caring into perspective, as I'm sure grandparents know. You're a bit more relaxed about things, and can enjoy the experience of nurturing a 'small human' (as our son calls her) without the allied sense of panic.

When we signed up to look after 0-2 year olds on Sheffield Council's fostering service a year and a half ago, we kind of anticipated the broken nights, the bodily effusions, the washing chaos, but maybe weren't quite expecting how privileged you feel to be a foster carer.

So far we've looked after two highly contrasting small humans. We're very much still learning, and I'm aiming to share our experiences in case you've been thinking about fostering yourself, or just want to hear what it's like. In the meantime, if you do see a smiling fifty-something bloke with a pram, think again, he could well be a foster carer. Or George Clooney.

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New Year Resolutions

New year resolutions aren't new — apparently the practice dates back to the Babylonians, whose Akitu festival was centred on praying to the gods for a happier, healthier year ahead. You are likely to be reading this article a few weeks into 2019, so it may seem strange to be talking about New Year's resolutions. However, while I hope you are still on track to achieving success, for most people all the good intentions are likely to have faded and they will have failed to maintain the change they actioned. Congratulations if you are still on track, but do not worry if you have failed - there are a few reasons why you are likely to fail.

January is the month we are least likely to make significant changes and stick to them, especially when the change is difficult or involves giving up something we enjoy. The miserable, cold weather does not help, but also January can be very stressful and depressing especially post Christmas and going back to work after an extended break - dealing with an inbox full of emails after the break, and a seemingly never-ending credit card bill is likely to break your resolve. With this in mind, now may be a better time to attack the problems with renewed vigour.

The most common resolutions last year were

- To lose weight
- To exercise more
- To save money
- To sleep more
- To stop smoking

At Totley Pharmacy, we are always trying to help our patients improve their health and achieve their goals. Here are our suggestions on how to make the goals listed above achievable.

Losing Weight: Losing weight is achieved by consuming less calories than we use, but this process can be made more efficient depending on which foods you eat. Please call in for advice about constructing a diet plan, and for information about the Meal Replacement Products we stock. Our Meal Replacement Products are high quality products low in sugar and high in protein, and so make achieving your goals easier and more likely. We also stock other supplements which can assist with weight loss.



Another option which is finally gaining mainstream coverage is the use of Very Low Calorie Diets. Not only are these the quickest and most efficient way of losing weight, but also very beneficial for your health especially in terms of diabetes and your heart. We have been running this program for over a decade now, and will guide you through it.

Exercise more: The average person should undertake 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise or a combination of both. Moderate exercise consists of activities such as brisk walking or swimming and vigorous exercise consists of activities such as running, cycling or playing tennis.

The benefits of exercise are enormous for your health so please do try to stick with this one. When exercising you increase your chances of injuries, so if you have picked up a

niggle or strain, pop in to see us for advice and treatments.

Save Money: We are not financial experts so all we can do to help you is run regular promotions on everyday toiletries. Keep an eye out for our offers in-store when you are collecting your prescriptions, and also on our social media streams such as Facebook. People perceive local independent stores to be more expensive, but if you compare our prices with the larger chemists and supermarkets for toiletries, we are usually cheaper.

Sleep more: Sleep hygiene is very important for functioning day to day. It also helps relieve stress and can also help with back pain; sleeping better can also adjust your hormones to help weight loss. Getting more sleep might be difficult if you've been stuck in a routine and have bad sleep hygiene. Our pharmacists can advise on sleep hygiene as well as offer products which may help sleep patterns. Pop into our pharmacy for more information.

Stopping smoking: Despite the presence of a vaping shop on seemingly every corner, pharmacists are still the only qualified healthcare professionals who can sell you products to help you quit smoking. While vaping is safer than smoking, it is not as healthy as stopping altogether, and many experts still have safety concerns, so vaping is not the ideal solution. Pop in to see us for advice about how best to quit, and a full range of options.

Reasons why you may not be keeping to resolutions: Most people often try to run before they can walk - make small changes rather than changing everything at the same time. Start small and slowly improve. Often, people like things done immediately but changing your lifestyle and routines isn't immediate.

Not enjoying the process is also a reason! If you don't like what you're doing, or how you're doing it, then it's less likely that you'll keep it up.

Often people don't track their progress - if you see a change you're more likely to stick with it and be encouraged by it. You can pop in to have regular chats with our pharmacists to help keep you on track and motivated.

Taj Singh, Totley Pharmacy

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road

Fundraising for SHARE (Sheffield Health Action Research for Ethiopia) has now finished and we are pleased to report that we raised over £2000. Thanks to everyone in the local community who supported the events we held.

It is proposed that in 2019 we will support Sarcoma UK, the bone and soft tissue charity. This charity funds research into sarcoma which can affect people of all ages.

Our first event will be a coffee morning on Saturday March 16th from 10am until noon. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and delicious cakes.

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TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm.
RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm.
SLIMMING WORLD, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Call Catherine Haynes on 07718 205733.
- TUESDAYS** **PILATES**, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372.
BABY TIME, Totley Library, 1-2pm. A fun music session with songs, rhymes and simple musical instruments for babies aged 0-18months
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.
JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4 pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES**, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk.
COFFEE in the Library, 10am-11.30am.
STORY TIME in the Library, 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.
TODDLER GROUP, 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Katy Maclean 07790 411893.
HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk. For more information see Totley Library item in this issue.
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING, All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm.
CHILDREN'S FITNESS CLASSES for pre-school girls and boys aged 2-5. Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.10am, Abbeydale Sports Club. Free taster sessions. See www.minimovez.com or call Steph on 07838 818743.
- 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@stretr.plus.com for further details.
ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276
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FEBRUARY

- MON 4th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** The Bats of South Yorkshire. Robert Bell will speak on the bat species in our area, their life history and some local sites where they occur. Totley Library, 7.30pm.
- SAT 9th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Winter Bird Walk with Chris Measures. An opportunity to look out for winter birds. Meet at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road, 9am. No experience necessary. Bring binoculars and cameras. Strong shoes are essential. The walk will last about 2-3 hours.
- WED 13th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Mike Waters "End of the Ottomans". Visitors Welcome.
- SUN 17th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details see page 8.
- TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, Len Canziani, "Dad's Bees and Honey Production" Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.
- WED 27th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Senior Detective Paul Leonard, "Operation Caddy Homicide Investigation - Murdered Doctor". Visitors Welcome
- WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP** Suzanne Bingham, "The Story of an Ordinary 19th Century Sheffield Family." An exploration of the lives of two ordinary Victorian Sheffielders and how the social issues of the time had a major influence on all aspects of their lives. 7.30pm, Totley Library.

MARCH

- MON 11th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** A Potted History of Longshaw. Thelma Griffiths will talk about the history of Longshaw and cover any links to Gillfield Wood. Totley Library, 7.30pm.
- WED 13th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10 am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Leo Leader "Swinton Earthenware". Visitors Welcome.
- TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, Annual General Meeting, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.
- SUN 24th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/
- WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP** David Bell, "The Plague Doctor: Medical Treatments from the 17th Century". David is neither a doctor nor a historian but he spins a hugely original and enjoyable yarn about the fanciful and often absurd world of 17th Century healthcare. 7.30pm, Totley Library.
- WED 27th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Prof. Alan Zinober "South Africa and the British". Visitors Welcome.
- SUN 31st FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details see page 8.

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