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This photograph, taken in the 1920s, shows the view from the bottom of Bushey Wood Road, looking towards West View Lane. The road over the railway bridge led to Westview Cottage, the house obscured by trees on the right; whilst the white house in the top centre is on Prospect Place, which was originally called Steep Bank! (Our thanks to Pauline Burnett)

## Don't Forget Your Flu Jab!

*Tajinder Singh (Totley Pharmacy) writes:*

With case numbers, maximum group sizes and local lockdowns constantly changing, this is an article that may seem dated when you read it; however, what is certain is that this will be a particularly critical year for winter health. Obviously, the main headline-grabber has been, and will remain, Covid, but keeping on top of flu will be critical for your - and the nation's - health. Flu can lead to serious illnesses, such as pneumonia and bronchitis and even death in vulnerable people. You are more at risk if you are older, have certain long-term conditions, or are pregnant. As recently as in 2017/18, England and Wales experienced approximately 50,000 excess winter deaths.

The NHS and social care systems typically operate at maximal capacity in the winter months, with bed occupancy regularly exceeding 95% in recent years. If we achieve higher flu vaccination rates, we can lessen the strain on NHS resources so that they can be used better to deal with a likely increased demand. If, as expected, there is a rise in Covid cases in the winter, NHS resources will possibly be stretched beyond capacity and some people may not be able to access all services

in a timely manner. Controlling flu will also be important as many symptoms of Covid and flu are very similar. Having fewer cases of flu in the country will help the country deal better with Covid and other respiratory diseases. Make sure you get your free flu jab if -

- you are 65 and over
- you have a long-term health condition (such as respiratory or heart conditions)
- you are pregnant

So important is the need to maximise flu vaccination this year that the NHS has extended the free program to all 50 - 64 year olds. However, there has been some misunderstanding about this extension. In order to ensure all high-risk people in this group receive a vaccination, the extension will be phased and will be subject to vaccine supply. Since the government has bought extra supplies, there should be no need to panic if you are not in the high risk groups.

All healthcare professionals are working hard and making plans to manage this service. Unfortunately, (*continued p.3*)

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### Don't Forget Your Flu Jab! (from page 1)

the increased demand means suppliers are not being entirely clear about delivery dates this year. For this reason, you may not have been given an appointment date yet. Rest assured, your surgeries and pharmacies are working hard to manage this service. We have been providing flu vaccines for the last few years and will do so again.

This year, we are liaising closely with Baslow Road surgery to ensure we manage to vaccinate as many patients as possible. We have already started keeping a list of patients who want to receive the flu vaccine, and we will let them know each time we receive vaccines. Please get in touch to add your name to this list if you do not have an appointment booked with your surgery. We will also be posting regular updates on our website [www.totleypharmacy.co.uk](http://www.totleypharmacy.co.uk) and on our Facebook page.

I remain hopeful that there will be a Covid vaccine sometime this winter. If one is released, we will also offer a vaccination service for it. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for updates. Hopefully, an effective test, track and trace system can be developed soon too.

We are all fully aware of recommended measures around distancing and hand-cleaning to minimise Covid infections so I won't repeat them here. It is useful to look back at last year's message about minimising flu spread which was similar.

#### Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible

An important lesson that we have learned from Covid is that the NHS cannot save everyone, and that prevention is better than cure. Unfortunately, despite the great efforts of the NHS, many people still succumbed to Covid. Evidence has also shown that exercise, weight loss, diet and supplements all improve patient outcomes to Covid, with healthier individuals being more likely to beat the illness. It is very important to remain healthy to give yourself the best chance of fighting the virus if you catch it, so keep exercising (responsibly) and try to maintain a healthy diet. Exercise can still be done even if you are staying at home, so please keep up your efforts even if restrictions are reinstated. As well as dispensing medicines to treat you, at Totley Pharmacy we have always promoted a healthy lifestyle. Please call in to see us for advice on exercise, diet and appropriate supplements.

The community spirit generated locally during the pandemic was incredible, with so many people volunteering to help the vulnerable. It seems likely that restrictions will be applied again in the winter, and that this community spirit and volunteers will be needed again. If you are happy to help, we are part of S17 Community Network which helped co-ordinate the volunteers before, so please let us know. The help that was provided by volunteers last time was hugely appreciated last time, and I'm sure it will be again should it be needed.

## Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society

Those of us who have music as our main hobby are getting twitchy at the lack of opportunity to practise it. It is not only the music that we miss but the social contact. I appreciate we are not alone and that everyone is suffering from the lack of social company. I suppose most of you, like her who must be obeyed and me, are doing what you can and having friends to tea or something stronger in the garden but as the weather closes in and the nights get longer I guess we'll all try and be as safe as we can be but indoors. No doubt we will be extra cautious and hope for the best. I feel very sorry for those people with no garden or balcony to enjoy.



As far as the society goes I doubt anything will happen this side of spring 2021. I cannot see us rehearsing anytime soon. Even when we are allowed to do so our older ones may be reticent until we are protected by a vaccine. The government (who?) has issued guidelines for theatres and rehearsals but they obviously have no idea how choral groups, musical theatre and on-stage choruses operate. Facemasks if you get close to each other! Singers and dancers need lots of breath and masks restrict the oxygen flow and increase the carbon dioxide intake, an impossible situation for the likes of us. Can you imagine the leading lady and her beau embracing six feet apart with masks on – what fun! So, for now we listen and if we've the will power, practice, but we cannot wait until things are really back to normal.

Until the next time please stay safe, don't relax to the point of danger, keep the younger elements in check even though it is hard for them and keep smiling.

Derek Habberjam



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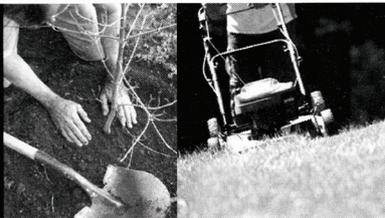
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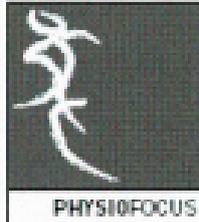
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### A Very Special Welcome Back!

After the all the trials and tribulations that 2020 has thrown at each and every one of us, it feels incredible to be welcoming all of our children back to school. The atmosphere around school has been superb, as children have experienced the joy of re-connecting with their classmates and teachers have delighted in working face to face with full classes once again. An extra hello must go to all of our new children and families who are coming to Totley Primary for the first time. We are so excited about getting to know them as the children begin their journeys with us and become part of our school community.

The return to school has been the result of a collective effort so I would like to firstly thank the children for showing such resilience in returning to school with overwhelmingly positive attitudes in these strange times. The staff also deserve great credit for putting all of our safety planning into place so seamlessly, following all of the guidance and operating in year group bubbles, while ensuring that the children have a rich and vibrant learning experience. The first part of the school year will be dedicated to weighing up the impact that the lockdown period has had on children academically, socially, pastorally and physically and adapting our provision as necessary to get them back on track and provide additional support to those who need it.

With the possibility of further disruption on the horizon, we are working hard as a school and as a Trust to make contingency plans so that continuity of learning can be sustained to the highest of standards should children be forced to learn remotely for a sustained period.

In amongst all of these challenges though, the one thing which is unchanged is the fact that school remains a fun, happy place - packed with smiles and laughter - where the spirit of our school motto, 'Good Friends Stick Together' is as relevant now as it has ever been (albeit with the caveat, 'whilst maintaining a safe social distance!')

On behalf of all the children and staff, I would like to send our very best wishes to everyone within the Totley community.

*Ben Paxman, Head Teacher*

## Totley Scouts

As you can imagine, lockdown has had a huge impact on our ability to hold Scout meetings in person! So we have been quiet for a little while, but rest assured that the Group are still going strong and we remain focused on fundraising for a new Scout hut. A little before lockdown in March, we were very happy to be able to run a fantastic Spring Craft Fair at Totley Rise Methodist Church. We had stalls run by a number



of local and Sheffield-based crafters, and were absolutely delighted to raise £1040 at this event. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the helpers, cake bakers, tidy uppers - and, of course, to everyone who came along to support us! Our Lottery draw continues to provide £100 to one lucky winner each month, and contributions to the lottery have now helped us to raise over £1000 towards the new hut fund. If you'd like to help us raise money for a new building, and be in with the chance of winning £100 each month, tickets are £5 each - just contact [totleyscoutsdraw@gmail.com](mailto:totleyscoutsdraw@gmail.com) and we can get you added to the draw!

Of course, due to Covid restrictions, we have sadly had to miss out on all the fun summer activities that we normally

enjoy with our members and our summer camps this year, too. Unfortunately, during our absence from the Scout Hut, we've suffered some vandalism and fly tipping. If anyone sees anti-social behaviour could they please report to the local police? If anyone sees a crime actually taking place, then call 999. To report a crime that has already happened, it's ring 101 or report via [www.reportingcrime.uk/](http://www.reportingcrime.uk/). For fly-tipped waste where the perpetrator is no longer present, it's the council's responsibility - see link at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/pollution-nuisance/anti-social-behaviour](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/pollution-nuisance/anti-social-behaviour).



*The Scouts' Craft Fair in March*

Whilst we may have been unable to meet in person, we have managed to find other ways to stay in touch with our members. During April, we ran a Spring Stay At Home Camp, with a different challenge for Beavers and Cubs to do each day - from designing their dream camp to putting on a talent show and making smores. Some Zoom meetings of our different groups have also taken place, and have given the children the chance to see each other online and join in with games from home, like scavenger hunts.

We plan to continue to run Zoom meetings now that term has started, and are working hard behind the scenes to get back to face to face meetings within Government guidelines.

We'd like to reiterate our thanks to parents for their continued support during the pandemic. Whilst subs payments have been suspended since March, we do still have a number of fixed costs that we have to cover, so any donations would be welcome. Links and information about how to donate to us are available on our website - <https://www.215thtotleyscouts.co.uk/>

*Fran Arnold*

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## Walking the Dog

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**Jack** I didn't even know you'd got it.  
**Rony** Nor did I, till about six years ago.  
**Jack** What does it do to you?  
**Rony** Sally knows more about that than me.  
**Jack** Why?  
**Rony** Because she's usually there when it happens.  
**Jack** So are you?  
**Rony** Yes, but I don't remember .  
**Jack** What?  
**Rony** What I don't remember.  
**Jack** You're just trying to be clever now, so you don't frighten yourself. Tell him Sally!  
**Rony** Yes, you tell him Sally! And tell me what does happen when I'm not there?  
**Sally** Well, once you had a big fit in the Co-op and fell over and bit your tongue, but Paul came off the cash desk and rescued you. But usually, you just go blank for two minutes like there's no-one home. Sometimes you shout and don't know who I am.  
**Rony** Thank you Sally, I asked Sally to join us this month Jack. In case I forgot.  
**Jack** Forgot what?  
**Rony** What I've forgotten.  
**Jack** He always has to be silly doesn't he, Sally? You'll have to tell us, please. So - how often does it happen? What does he do when it does? And why does it?  
**Sally** Something to do with electricity signals in his head. It's been happening more, and a bit ago he had a lot and couldn't remember anything.  
**Jack** Thank you. Now tell us about all the famous people who have epilepsy Sally, so he can stop feeling so sorry for himself?  
**Sally** Elton John, Lenin, Dickens, Danny Glover, Roosevelt, Rabbi Lionel Blue, Neil Young, Prince, Martin Kemp, Edward Lear, Dostoyevsky, Laurie Lee. Oh, and Socrates and Julius Caesar.  
**Rony** I'm in good company then. Tell you another thing, Jack? When you have epilepsy, you repeat yourself.  
**Jack** Don't do it then.  
**Rony** No, but the trouble is you don't know you are doing till you have. And even then you don't always know you have, so you do it all over again anyway.  
**Jack** Even when you are writing about it in the *Totley Independent*?  
**Rony** Yes. That's why they have a 'Head Eater' called Phil .... 'Ed -itor'? 'Head Eater'? Joke?  
**Jack** Just because your epilepsy makes you go funny, it doesn't mean you are funny, Rony. Epilepsy isn't funny. And it's probably you drinking all that red wine that makes you have all your fits anyway.  
**Rony** (*whispering*) You're barking up the wrong tree there Jack! So shhhhhhhhh!...  
**Jack** Wuff!  
**Rony** And anyway you dogs can get epilepsy, and you don't drink.  
**Jack** It's only the posh pedigree dogs that get it, like labradors and beagles. It's the same with humans of course. It's the posh ones who get it. Sally's just googled.  
**Rony** You don't have to be posh to have it. It's just that posh people are the ones who get remembered. The working class are hidden from hist-

**Phil the Editor** No politics! This is the *Independent*!  
**Rony** You seem to know a lot about epilepsy, Jack? For a dog?  
**Jack** Yes, well there are plenty of dogs in history that have helped humans with their fits by sniffing them out before they happen. I think I have done that for you a few times, actually?  
**Sally** Good dog, Jack!  
**Jack** Thank you, Sally!

**Rony** I'm afraid you're barking up the wrong tree, Jack.  
**Jack** Wuff!  
**Rony** And I bet you don't know that Jesus in Mark 13 cured the epileptic boy by casting out his devils? Or have I said that before ?  
**Jack** Not yet I don't think. But you will. And you seem to have forgotten Sally even if she is still here? And you used to work in the Art Gallery, didn't you, Sally? Before you came to Totley to live happily ever after?  
**Sally** Yes, I did Jack. Well remembered .  
**Rony** It's me who's supposed to be remembering? If I'm remembering right?  
**Jack** Shhh. Sally is about to tell us us about all the famous artists who've had epilepsy.  
**Sally** Edward Lear, Van Gogh and Kyffin Williams, that Anglesey artist you always enjoy on your holidays. And what about my Aunty Gwenny in Hillsborough?  
**Rony** Was she a famous artist who had epilepsy ?  
**Rony** No, but she wore a wig and pretended not to have epilepsy so we had to pretend we didn't know she had. Or that she had a wig. But she had and she had it even if we didn't know what 'epilepsy' was when it was at home.  
**Jack** What is it when it is at home now?  
**Rony** You'd better ask Sally. My memory isn't very good these days even if it was before. And it wasn't.  
**Jack** Can you help me Sally?  
**Sally** Epilepsy is Greek for 'to take hold of' or 'seize'.  
**Rony** Oh so that's why it's called a seizure! And Sally will now explain why 'seizure' looks as if it's spelt wrong. And then where the Moon Goddess comes in?  
**Sally** Your Mrs Peacock at Totley All Saints said it was "i before e except after c" so I don't know why its right spelling is wrong. And if you were Greek and offended the Moon Goddess, you got epilepsy and had to eat mistletoe.  
**Rony** No wonder Sally is more popular in Totley than me. And me.  
**Jack** Oh come on you two. We've had enough self-pity for one article. Walkies!  
**Sally** Yes, I think we're barking up the wrong tree Jack.... Am I repeating myself again?  
**Sally and Jack** Yes.  
**Rony** Repeating yourself is a sign of it. Have I said that?  
**Sally and Jack** Yes.  
**Rony** And have I said about Mark and Auntie Gwenny?  
**Sally and Jack** Yes!  
**Rony** So I'm repeating repeating myself again now, am I?  
**Sally and Jack** Yes.  
**Rony** I'd better stop then hadn't I?

**Rony Robinson**  
**Jack Robinson**



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## Suffragettes in Sheffield and Elsewhere

The suffragist movement which campaigned for votes for women in Britain started in the 19th century. In several countries around the world such as Finland and New Zealand women already had the vote. Early 20th century peaceful campaigning for women's rights and votes for women became gradually more extreme as the pleas of women remained unanswered. Increasingly active and extreme campaigning continued into the start of the Great War and possibly owes some of its eventual success to the number of "outrages" committed. From around 1904 in the name of the women's campaign windows were broken, paint was daubed, flour bombs, stink bombs and stones were thrown, telegraph and telephone wires were cut and postboxes were set alight.

In September 1906, a speaker from the Women's Suffrage Movement came to Sheffield where her audience of just 24 people heard the city's attitude to the cause described as "apathetic". The same month Miss Christabel Pankhurst, co-founder of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), spoke to a larger assembly at the bottom of Lansdowne Road, Sharrow. By the following year things were hotting up.



*Christabel Pankhurst*

In January 1907 a larger meeting at Montgomery Hall was addressed by the Misses Billington and Gawthorpe. Miss Gawthorpe had already been in prison for her actions. The following month, 29 suffragettes were released after serving short sentences at Holloway Jail. They were met at the prison entrance by a brass band and taken as heroines to a campaign breakfast for 300. Among those released were Mrs Whitworth from Nether Edge and Mrs Yates from Pitsmoor. They described their time in prison with their first meal consisting of a brown cob of bread, inedible fat bacon and "a pint mug of the most abominable tea". Meat and potatoes or suet pudding instead of meat was usually the main meal of the day - the most palatable thing they said they ate was the pea soup.

Richard Haldane, Secretary of State for War, was the guest speaker in November 1907 at a ticket-only event at the Albert Hall, Sheffield where he spoke to an audience of 2,500. The

event was picketed outside by suffragettes distributing leaflets, although a few Sheffield ladies who were known and trusted were admitted by ticket to seats in the balconies. The chairman of the meeting apologised for the fact that most women had been excluded, and that this was a consequence of the "disgraceful and unwomanly behaviour of the persons called suffragettes". Further, he said that if any suffragette had obtained admission to the meeting she had done so under false pretences, and a voice called out "Rot"!

In June 1908 another suffragette meeting in Sheffield heard from one of the leaders of the campaign. She said that it was a curious thing that women were employed to teach little boys the duties of citizenship though the law decreed that they could never have a part in it themselves. Winston Churchill, who at the time was the newly appointed President of the Board of Trade, was dismissed with an American definition of a politician, "Providence made him hollow that he might his principles swallow." In May the following year, Herbert Asquith, Liberal Prime Minister, was due to address a large meeting at the Drill Hall, Sheffield. Women were excluded from the meeting and on arrival the Prime Minister was protected from a hostile welcome from crowds of women by a large police presence. The chairman of the meeting said it had been rumoured that women would be dressing in men's clothes to try to get in, but if any of them had succeeded they would be found out and prosecuted. That November, Churchill was attacked at Bristol Temple Meads station after he had alighted from a train. He was now a prime target as he was opposed to women's suffrage although his wife Clementine was a sympathiser. A woman clutching a riding whip broke through a police cordon. She hit Churchill in the face with her hand shouting, "Take that, you brute. You brute. I will show you what English women can do." There was a



brief struggle near the edge of the platform and the woman, Theresa Garnett, was arrested. In January 1910 Churchill, on a speaking tour of Scotland and en route to Arbroath, was shouted at by women who reached his carriage when his train stopped at Dundee station. The cry of "Votes for Women" went up. Churchill looking up from his papers merely asked, "Is it a whip?" The shouting continued as the train moved off and women were prevented from running alongside it although not altogether successfully.

While women's groups disagreed over tactics, lack of progress led to more illegal and violent action, and eventually the railways became a target, mainly after 1912. Sheffield seems to have been spared some of the worst examples. On the main line at Potters Bar a signalman on the night shift found that his signals which had worked perfectly well suddenly didn't work at all. He tried to signal an approaching express to the North but the lever wouldn't respond. After a lot of tugging the lever worked and signal finally cleared. Then another signal on another line was difficult to operate. It finally worked but by this time an engineer had been called out to investigate. He found that fittings by the signal posts had been tied up with window sash cord. On the cord was a note, "If you want to prevent this kind of thing the remedy is votes for women".

During 1913, arson became a common feature of suffragette action. Public buildings, sports facilities, seaside piers and the homes of rich men had been attacked and set on fire. In March 1913 the railway station building at Saunderton on the line between Paddington and Birmingham was burnt out. A

fire had been started in the booking office and had spread to the waiting rooms and parcels office. On the same night, the new timber station building at Croxley Green near Watford sixteen miles away was also burnt down. Both fires were believed to have been started by suffragettes. Placards reading "Votes for Women" and "Burning to get the Vote" were left on the platform at Saunderton. In the same month another ingenious tactic was used. Prominent residents in Sheffield, including the Vicar of Walkley, received unstamped and unregistered letters containing coins. At the time, coins had to be sent in registered letters for a fee of fourpence. The recipients of the unstamped letters were asked to pay the fourpence fee plus an extra twopence for the lack of a stamp. When the letters were opened, the recipients found either farthings or a halfpenny with a printed leaflet talking about the women's suffrage campaign.



*The burned-out station building at Saunderton, March 1913*

The following month at Davenport, near Stockport, a coach at the end of a siding containing seventeen vehicles was destroyed late at night by a form of bomb made from a metal canister. The driver of a passing train heading for Crewe was almost hit by a piece of flying debris which entered the footplate hitting his tea-can and knocking it off the locomotive. One carriage door was found thirty yards away. The coach had been doused with paraffin, and upholstered seats had been piled up over firefighters and oil. That same night, 3rd April 1913, the station at Oxted, Surrey was targeted. On this occasion a bomb with a clock timer in a travelling basket was left in a lavatory to explode at three o'clock in the morning. The bomb exploded blowing off the roof and bulging the walls but the explosion failed to detonate gunpowder and a can of petrol which was part of the device. It was later found that the bomb had been planted by a 19 year-old political sympathiser Harold Laski - he went on to a distinguished academic and political career! Then at Clapham Junction a railway employee on a train to Waterloo noticed a partly concealed wooden box with a fuse which had burnt to within two inches of the explosives inside. The device was taken off the train where the stationmaster plunged it into a pail of water. It was found to contain explosives, petrol-soaked rags and lead shot. Later in the month a coach burnt out at a nearby siding when candles, petrol and cotton wool had been used to start the fire. Suffragette literature and postcards addressed to Prime Minister Asquith were left behind, along with press cuttings describing other recent outrages. Women's footprints were said to have been found by a hole made in a fence to get to the siding.

One of the most well-known suffragette acts took place on 4th June 1913 when Emily Wilding Davison attempted to pin a banner on King George 5th's horse, Anmer, during the Epsom Derby race. Miss Davison was hit by horses and received an injury from which she died four days later. The return half of her train ticket from Epsom to Victoria was found in her pocket. On 14th June her body was taken by train from Epsom to Victoria and then in a procession to Kings Cross for a night train to Morpeth where she was buried. The same month an unoccupied castle near Stirling was subject to "incendiarism" and damage costing over £7 million at today's values was caused. There was a public denial by the militant



*The moment when Emily Wilding Davison was hit by a horse at Epsom, receiving injuries from which she died.*

WSPU that, although suspected, they had not been involved in an attempt to wreck a London to Plymouth express train. Sleepers which had been placed across the rails on both lines were discovered in a tunnel. The driver of a local train had hit the sleeper and had stopped to investigate when he noticed another heavy wooden sleeper across the adjacent line. The express train from London was signalled but the sleeper was removed before the train arrived. "No interference with the railway system is sanctioned by the WSPU", the statement read: the organisation disagreed with actions being taken by two other women's groups. The police who investigated the incident were reticent to comment on who was likely to have been responsible for the "dastardly outrage" as it was described.

And so it went on. Explosives were used when a carriage was blown up with either gunpowder or gun cotton at a siding at Newton Heath, Manchester in July 1913. Two months later Kenton station near Newcastle, a wooden building, was



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completely destroyed by fire. Suffragettes left behind two luggage labels on which had been written "Asquith is responsible for militancy. Apply to him for damages." Later in the year a different approach was taken when the managers of all the London railway termini received handwritten letters saying that highly explosive bombs with timers were going to be left at their stations that day. The letters were the work of the same writer, believed to be a woman living in west London, who stated she was a suffrage sympathiser who was against the bombing of railway stations. The police investigated and judged the letters to be a hoax. Nonetheless, police were assigned to protecting railway parcels and luggage offices at London's termini.

Many known suffragettes were arrested and in court declared they would go on hunger and thirst strike if imprisoned. At the time, suffragettes on hunger strike were being force-fed under the provisions of the 1913 Prisoners Act, nicknamed the "Cat and Mouse Act", which was much opposed by the suffrage movement. Sick hunger strikers could be released from prison on licence and then returned to prison to complete their sentences when they had recovered. This was likened by the movement to a cat playing with its prey before killing it, hence the nickname.

Prominent campaigning continued into 1914 when a concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London in March in the presence of the King, Queen and other members of the Royal Family was interrupted by a shouting suffragette. She was ejected and failed to get near the Royal box. Prime Minister Asquith was accused by suffragettes of violating Liberal principles by torturing women in prisons. On his travels by train, women were often excluded from platforms. In April 1914 he trav-

with slashed upholstery and luggage rack netting, along with "Votes for Women" scored in the woodwork. Suffragette literature was left behind where damage had been done. A goods train from London heading in the Sheffield direction was stopped at Wellingborough when a bomb was found in an open wagon. The bomb consisted of gunpowder, gelignite and iron bolts and was thought to have been dropped into the wagon from an overbridge along the route. Northamptonshire constabulary and the railway police thought that this was a suffragette act.

By July 1914 the total of damage attributed to militant suffragette action between February 1913 and June 1914 was estimated at £384,000. This included all damage to churches, public buildings, sports grounds, retail and railway premises, telephone and telegraph installations and works of art and museum pieces. At present values this damage totalled over £44 million!

When war was declared on 4th August 1914 the suffragette movement was scaled down and militant action, including that on railways, was suspended in the national interest. At this time at the start of the Great War, around 2% of railway staff were women, and this had grown to around 16% by the end of hostilities. Women were working in many railway roles to fill gaps created by men who had joined the colours. Their suspension of violent action and their part in winning the war may have helped to sway the decision-makers to look more favourably on their cause. By 1918 David Lloyd George had succeeded Asquith as Prime Minister and his government's Representation of the People Act finally gave women over 30 and who were householders the right to vote – covering about two thirds of the nation's women. It took another ten years with the Equal Franchise Act of 1928 to extend the right to women over 21. Women had made their point in no uncertain terms. It had taken time and railways had played their part, albeit at a cost.

Mike Peart



elled from Kings Cross to Cupar, Fife, and at Newcastle a suffragette jumped onto the footboard of Asquith's carriage and tried to pass a document through the window before she was dragged off by railway police. At the final destination, women were banned from the platform and a large police presence was in attendance. The same year, numerous railway carriages in the Birmingham area were damaged

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## Transport 17

Starting to write this article I looked back to where we were at in the last edition way back in July – goodness how things change!! There was a level of optimism back then but now things seem more uncertain than ever.

You can't help but notice that the blinds at the office remain closed. However Mike Roberts and Denis Dacey have been busy with the buses. They have been taking them out to ensure they are all ticking over and ready to roll when needed. You may well have seen them out and about. As we would hope the 66, bus has sailed through its MOT - it's hard to believe we have had our newest bus for almost four years!! How time flies. Despite all this, sadly, it is a complete unknown as to when the buses will all be back in action.

A couple of our lunch clubs talked about starting up but I'm certain the latest restrictions will have put paid to that. As regards Transport 17, there is a considerable task to ensure the service we provide will be safe for the very vulnerable group of people we transport. The Management Committee took the decision that we currently do not have the capacity to embark on the process to put everything in place in case we were needed. Once we have our new Coordinator in place then it will be possible to work out what will be possible and when.

When you read this you may well have seen the Coordinator post advertised. The advert is being put on the VAS website (<https://www.vas.org.uk/what-we-do/jobs/all-jobs/>), the Age UK Sheffield website (<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/>) and of course the Transport 17 website ([www.transport17.co.uk](http://www.transport17.co.uk)). The closing date is the 9th of October with an interview date during the week commencing the 19th of October. It would be fantastic if the new post holder was someone from S17. During the Covid pandemic, life has changed for so many people: people are looking at their lives differently, taking stock and considering new approaches. Maybe this would be a role that would be a new challenge for you, a new opportunity? We have said that it will be a temporary contract for six months but it would be our intention to aim for it to be a permanent contract. As we have said before this is an opportunity for the new post holder to shape and deliver Alan Jockel's vision, collaborating with other locally-based community organisations to assist those who need a helping hand to get out and about, which is so vital to their well-being. If you are interested, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sadly we have had to cancel the Christmas Fayre planned for November 14th. This is a huge blow for us. Even before the latest restrictions starting on September 14th were imposed, it was decided in consultation with Ben and Scott at the Cross Scythes that it just wasn't feasible. They reiterated their willingness to support us in anything we might try and plan instead. Once again we can't thank them enough for that.

Like so many of the local charities we will have a huge gap in our income for 2020. The fundraising subcommittee for Transport 17 have got their thinking caps on to see if we can come up with any alternative ideas to raise some funds. We now have a JustGiving account so if you wish it is possible to make a donation online by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/transport17tduk>

It would of course have been Trolley Show at the start of September. For the last couple of years we have produced a quiz as a fundraiser and prizes have kindly been donated by local businesses. Jenny Nuttall has been beavering away in the background to create another one for 2020 so even without a Show or prizes we have a street names anagram quiz for a bit of fun. If you fancy having a go you can find it on page 15 of this issue of *Trolley Independent*, on our Facebook page, and at [www.transport17.co.uk](http://www.transport17.co.uk).

Over the past few months we have received some donations from the Belbin family, Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Trolley Rise Methodist Church and Bradway Community Association. We are so grateful for their support particularly in these difficult times.

Sometimes life seems to be getting back to normal and then it's all topsy turvy. There is still real concern about people being able to get out and about confidently and we are all so aware of the isolation people can be feeling. So many people are doing amazing things to support others. Whoever you are, wherever you are everyone at Transport 17 hopes that you are all keeping well and healthy and we can't wait to get those wheels turning again.

*Sandra Longley*  
(on behalf of the Management Committee)

## Trolley Show

As most people will be aware we took the decision in May 2020 to postpone this year's Show because of Covid 19. It has turned out to be the right decision but for the wrong reasons. We all hope that by next Spring we will have found a cure for this dreadful disease and that Trolley Show can go ahead in September 2021.

The date - we hope - will be **Saturday 18th September 2021.**

In the last *Trolley Independent*, I asked people to send me photos of items they would have entered as exhibits for this year's Show, had it gone ahead on 12 September.

Several people sent me photos and a selection is reproduced on page 12. Some of the photos are items that people may have displayed, though not necessarily have fallen into one of the specific classes.

Once again the photos prove that we have some very talented people in our area.

I have to report that we only had one entry for the Children's Poster Competition. Unfortunately that poster did not comply with some of the criteria we had asked for. We have therefore decided to reopen the Competition and give it a new deadline of **18 December 2020.**

It is hoped that now the two schools are back, they will promote the competition during their Autumn term. There are two age classes, one up to and including 8 year olds and the other 9 to 14 years of age. The poster can be in any art medium, in colour or black and white.

The poster needs to be in portrait style and display the following:

The words – 'The 35th Trolley Show'

The date – 18 September 2021

The time – 1.30 – 4.30pm

The place – Trolley Primary School

Put the age of the child on the front of the poster, preferably in the bottom right hand corner.

Then put the entrant's details either on the back of the entry or on a separate piece of paper attached to the entry. This is to ensure that the judges do not know the name of the entrant prior to judging, other than their age.

All entries can be dropped off at the Ironing Parlour, 166 Baslow Road, during their opening hours, up to the closing date of 18 December 2020 at 4pm.

We will judge the entries over the Christmas period and the winners will be announced in February/ March 2021 issue of *Trolley Independent*.

If you have any questions please do not be afraid to email me at my address below.

*Mick Warwick, Trolley Show Chair*  
[trolleyshowchair@hotmail.com](mailto:trolleyshowchair@hotmail.com)

# Totley Show 2020: if only.....



A selection of photographs of items which would have been entered as exhibits in this year's Totley Show, if it had been held. Hopefully next year.....



## Green Oak Park Buildings

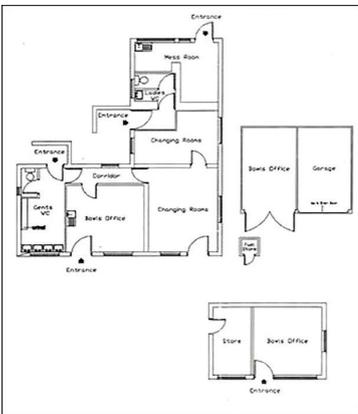
What were the old buildings next to the bowling green in Green Oak Park used for? This is an interesting question!

Green Oak Park, or Totley Recreation Ground, as it was originally called, was opened on 23 March 1929 by Mrs Sarah Milner, who lived at Totley Hall. The park was on land that had been bought by the local Council from John Thomas Carr, a farmer and smallholder who lived at Mona Villas. In those days, of course, Totley was in Derbyshire and was part of Norton Rural District Council, along with places like Bradway, Greenhill and Beauchief.



Green Oak Park Opening Ceremony, 29 March 1929

The Council bought over 8 acres of land made up of two large fields which were called Red Wells and Gilling Storth, together with a 285 square yard plot of land which provided access to the park for vehicles and equipment from Lemont Road. The bowling green was not built until Spring 1956 although other sports like football and cricket took place in the park from soon after it was opened.



The simple answer to the question is that the buildings were used by the members of the Green Oak Bowling Club. We have some floor plans which show us what they were used for. The main building had ladies' and gentlemen's changing rooms and toilets, an office and a "mess room" with a kitchen sink, where drinks would be made and food prepared. The smaller building was used as an office and a store for equipment. It would have

had filing cabinets to keep club records and accounts. There was also a third building which was used partly as an office and storeroom and partly as a garage. No doubt they kept their mowing machine and other gardening equipment in there. That has now been demolished.

Why were there three offices? One of them is in the demolished building and would have originally been a garage. Another would have been for the park keeper. Most public parks had a keeper and published opening times which changed with the season. The park keeper would have locked the park gates at dusk and opened them again in the morning. The park keeper would also have been responsible for the maintenance of the park and for scheduling bookings for the football and cricket pitches. Harry Bellamy was appointed park keeper at Green Oak Park in 1951 and he and his family lived at first in a prefab before moving into a permanent home on Aldam Road. Harry remained in post until his death in 1970 at the early age of 52. His son, Clive, has been searching for a photograph of Harry, in his park keeper's uniform for many years. If you have any old photos of the park that might

show Harry in his uniform, please get in touch with us.

However, if that is the simple answer, there is also a more complicated answer and one that we have not yet fully investigated. There is a lot of interest at the moment in the early days of Lemont Road. Tracing "the history of my house through time" has become a popular topic for research. We know from maps drawn by the Ordnance Survey and from land ownership records that the whole of this area was known as Green Oak and was pasture land until the 1870s. Mickley Lane had existed for a long time but Lemont Road had not yet been built. It was just a track across the fields.

The first houses on the road were probably Hawthorn Cottages, on the corner of Lemont Road and Mickley Lane (numbers 2, 4 and 6) which are dated with a plaque showing the year 1876. The three houses on the opposite corner, numbered 1 Lemont Road and 18 and 20 Mickley Lane, were built at much the same time. By the time the Ordnance Survey got around to mapping the area in 1896 most of the houses on the south (now park) side of the road had been built except for two gaps where numbers 19-25 (Moorland View) and 37-39 (Mona Villas) would later fit. However, the 1896 map shows some buildings next to number 33, in plot number 35, where the entrance to the park would be later.

If we move on to the next map we have, made in 1915, all the houses on the south side of the road have been built but there is a gap where number 35 would be and there are some buildings away from the roadside jutting into the field and a smaller separate building roughly where our small building would be. So could it be that they enlarged the older building (built before 1897) and built a second smaller building before 1915? We have one extra piece of evidence - a photograph.



Few people before the 1930s would have had their own camera and so picture postcards became a cheap and popular way of showing others where you lived or were visiting. We have a picture postcard taken from high up on Bradway Bank looking down across the fields towards the back of Lemont Road. Main Avenue can be seen in the distance at the top left. The houses in the bottom right corner (Brook Terrace and Glover House) were at the junction of Glover Road and Mickley Lane and have now been demolished.

Below is an enlargement of the area where our two buildings now stand. It is quite hard to see as the picture is rather



blurred but there are buildings jutting out into the field. The trouble is they don't look much like the ones that are there today or even like the ones in the old maps. We can also see perhaps hen-houses or pig styes in the field near our buildings. The postcard was not sent, so we don't have a precise date for it but from the surrounding buildings and other postcards produced by the same company, it could be taken around 1926-28. It must be before 1929 as the park has not been created but after the Green Oak Labour Hall (now Heatherfield Hall) was built on Baslow Road in 1925.

So we are beginning to form a picture where the original building (perhaps erected in the 1890s) has been modified not once but possibly several times over the years.

What do we see if we look at the back of the building? We have a photograph from the Lemont Road entrance taken in 2013. It appears to show that all the brickwork is not the same. It looks older on the left, the bricks are darker and the mortar is more worn, newer on the section behind the sign for gentlemen and more modern



still in the section between the two. That might tie in with our floor plan. There could have been two buildings that were later connected together. It is beginning to look like the ladies changing room and toilets were added later and, finally, walls built around the entrances to the toilets to provide more privacy.

The older, darker, part of the building, nearest Lemont Road has an entrance door with letter box, a wider cart door and a hatch above a modern window. Before the window was added, the cart door would have been higher. If this block had been built when the fields were being used for grazing, it would probably have been built to stable animals, or garage farm carts, with a hay loft above.

*Dorothy Prosser*

## A Big Year for Local Bike Shops

"We've serviced 1,131 bikes since the lockdown started," says Henry Nottage (pictured below) of Tony Butterworth Cycles in Hillsborough. "That's twice as many as we'd usually do in that period. It's been a rollercoaster year of unprecedented demand and interest in cycling, which is fantastic, but there's also been lots of disruption to supply caused by the virus."

"Our supply chains collapsed under the pressure of thousands of old bikes being resurrected out of the garage like Dracula



waking up from a thousand year sleep," says Russell Cutts from the Russell's Bicycle Shed operations in Sheffield city

centre, Nottingham and Neepsend.

"Inner tubes became a tradeable currency and briefly existed on the commodities market at the London Stock Exchange."

It's been a cycling year like no other, said Outdoor City bicycle mechanics on Local Bike Shop day. The government directive to get out and exercise, the concern about public transport, and then the new funding for cycling infrastructure and the handouts of £50 bike repair vouchers all contributed.



Rob Jackson (left) had only just started his Bike Revive mobile bike mechanic business in Crookes when the Covid 19 crisis started. "I went from about 5 bikes a week to 27 bikes in one day at its height," he says. "It's been non-stop since Covid started. But it's good to feel I'm doing my bit for my city."

"Like all frontline businesses and services we've been put through the mill, not helped by a bike burglary in August," says Russell Cutts. "But my staff have been

amazing and I wish I was able to clone them, they've worked their socks off through very uncertain times."

After hearing about life on the front line from customers working in the NHS early in the crisis, Henry Nottage decided to offer free bike servicing for all health care staff. The huge demand meant working 70-80 hours weeks early in the lockdown, with a day off every fortnight.

"We just wanted to do what we could to help the health service to be in the best condition it could be to respond to the crisis that was coming," says Henry. "Lots of NHS staff were cycling to work to avoid the buses so it was satisfying to be part of the system that supported that."

Henry wants to see cycling as a "viable, enjoyable and safe way to get to work across all parts of society," adding that employers can do their bit by making sure staff have a safe place to park their bike, and by providing showers in staff buildings. He also hopes the police will work to address the spike in bike thefts seen by many bike retailers over the crisis period.

Local bike shops are planning for the future: one line of thought is that the huge surge this year means there'll be less demand in 2021, but there's also the likelihood that with support from local and national government for viable cycling and walking infrastructure, along with lobbying from local groups like CycleSheffield and Love to Ride, riding a bike or e-bike will become a mainstream activity.

"E-bikes are going to be a great leveller as the prices come down, and with new infrastructure going in, the future for cycling in Sheffield is going to be rosy, at a much bigger level," says Rob Jackson, who says that he's already having to look for a new workshop after the 2020 surge in cycling. He says the unique community spirit in Sheffield has helped him cope: he and fellow bike businesses have worked together to meet demand and help each other out, and when he was unable to work for a few weeks after a mountain bike injury, most of his customers agreed to hang on until he was able to get back to work.

Rob sees no reason to doubt that cycling (on bikes and e-bikes) can increase to 20% or more of journeys if routes and other infrastructure improve. "But the council should stick to its guns, and not just listen to the people who shout the loudest," he says, after the early attempts at reallocating road space in places like Shalesmoor. "The naysayers are going to have to wake up and see cycling is a viable option," he says. "My message to cyclists and drivers alike is we all need to get on with each other," says Henry Nottage. "Let's share the networks in our city in a civil manner."

*David Bocking*

## Councillors' Update

At last! After many frustrating delays the Sheffield Local Plan is available for consultation. This is a very important document because it sets out the plans for housing in our city over the next 20 years. A Green Belt Review is part of this process. Sheffield needs 40,000 new homes over this time and the plan sets out options as to where these homes can be sited.

Two of the options include placing a substantial portion of these new homes in the green belt and the Local Plan reviews a number of locations where that building could take place.

The consultation is open until 13th October and you can have your say by visiting the Sheffield City Council website and search for "Emerging Draft Sheffield Plan". Your local Councillors will be keeping a very close eye on progress.

Full Council meetings have resumed albeit virtually. This has enabled members of the public to ask questions again, so feel free to exercise your democratic right and quiz the City Council! Something we all need to be aware of is the strain on the city's finances due to the pandemic. Current estimates suggest an overspend of around £50million this year and we need to make sure that the right decisions are being made on priorities. All three of us are actively involved in scrutinising different aspects of the Council and how it spends its money.

A lot of Council staff continue to work from home. This relies on technology always working efficiently which is not always the case! However, increasingly council services are returning to more normal conditions, but it will be some time before most staff are back in the Town Hall. Indeed it is likely that as a result of the experiences we have all had during lockdown that some new ways of working will continue.

And finally ..... due to the pandemic we regret that our face-to-face surgeries remain temporarily cancelled but you can still contact us by phone or email. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## S17 Covid-19 Community Support Group

Hello S17!

So much has changed since the lockdown started to lift. Many of our community including those who stepped up to help during the height of the lockdown have returned to work, some even returning to their offices. Children are back at school. Flour and loo rolls are no longer prized shopping items.

And yet, there are still many in our community who are at risk and for whom life is still very far from normal. So in this article we would just like to reassure you that we're still here and actively supporting this community whenever the need arises.

If you have symptoms or are self isolating, and need help with shopping essentials or delivery of medication then we still have volunteers in the community who are there and able to help.

You can reach out to the contact on the leaflet that was put through your letterbox in March or contact us by the following means:

**Mobile: 07738 947920**

**Email: [help@s17covid19.co.uk](mailto:help@s17covid19.co.uk)**

**Facebook: S17 COVID-19 Community Support Group**

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*Liz Nicklen*



## Transport 17 Mixed-up Street Names Quiz!

Can you help? The T17 buses won't be able to pick up any of their passengers in Totley and Dore unless these street names are worked out!

**A naive Menu**

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**reLease n Park**

**aBRoad slow**

**oW youR Bead shod**

**Leave nW ready**

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**raRe Dood**

**a LegS a vane**

**leve u SuAve nanny**

**u odd boyS Ale a bReath**

This is just for fun this year so there aren't any prizes but we hope you enjoyed working them all out! Remember you can now support Transport 17 by donating via JustGiving at: <https://www.justgiving.com/transport17tduk>

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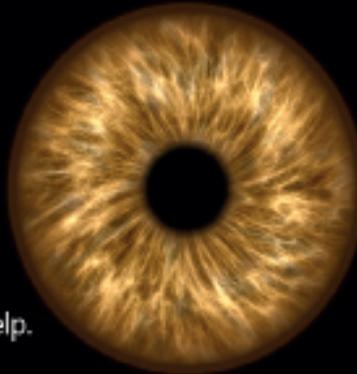
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## Gardening Tips for October and November

Under normal circumstances I would be writing about the Trolley Show. Sadly not to be. I have missed the show, and the enthusiasm of the people intent on keeping it going. The show committee is already working on ideas for next year - I understand that the competition to produce suggestions for posters for next year is now ended. I expect the winners will be announced in this TI.

Our garden is looking very smart - paths weeded, lawn edging cut. Some pruning has been done but a bit more needs to be done later. We have a bit of help with the heavy and bending down jobs, which makes it a bit easier. The hanging baskets and troughs are still looking colourful (on September 9th). The weather is very hit and miss, making it difficult to plan what to do next; we are managing to get some things done in between showers and heavy rain, and maybe we will have an Indian summer, which always makes the winter seem shorter. We live in hope.

Jobs to do during the two months are tidying paths, fixing wobbly ones, cleaning and oiling tools, servicing mowers, fixing up bubble insulation, and removing any shading so that plants get maximum light during Autumn and Winter months.

Our next door neighbours have cleared their two-year overgrown garden. They have really blitzed it - removed all top growth, brambles, overgrown shrubs, weeds, young saplings which had seeded - and it is now just rough grass and stubble. We had a good picking of blackberries before they stripped the lot down. We look forward to see the resulting garden, which they say they are doing over the year or so.

Our vegetable garden is still producing delicious beans, broccoli, sweet corn and cabbage; the climbing peas which I put in a bit late are not swelling much at the moment. We will have to treat them as sugar snaps. The raspberries have made nice plants ready for next year. I need to tie them back a bit more to keep them safe over winter. We paid a visit to New Leaf garden centre. I was a bit apprehensive but they looked to be organised and the people were sensible, taking note of the distancing regulations, masking etc. it was nice to have a break from being house bound, but I was glad to get home (still nervous).

We had a trip to Bakewell on market day. It was very busy. The distancing was not always possible, and not many people observed the rules, so we had a quick meal in the upstairs café. They were observing the rules with good spacing between tables, and very keen on masks, wiping tables etc. We did a small amount of shopping (yuk) and came away. It took 18 minutes to get out of the car park (still nervous).

We have just picked our Jupiter cordon apples. They have not been as fruitful as in previous years but they are lovely and juicy and full of flavour. The other cordons are having a rest year, just one or two apples on some of them, I think the late frost killed the blossom on some of the earlier ones.

The time has come to start thinking about Winter. The insulation should be in greenhouses by the time you read this, the shading removed and the glass cleaned, which will give the plants maximum light during the winter months. Reduce the watering to prevent mildew etc. The ponds are looking a bit sad. One has still got a leak, and it is very difficult to find where the leak is. We are thinking about filling it in, and just having one pond which is easier to maintain. It will mean we will have more border to look after, which is easier than looking after a pond. Something to think about over the Winter.

I have just been told that my man-cave is untidy, and needs a good clear out. I'd better get on with it or Christine might do it, and if she does I will never be able to find anything, and the wheelie bin will be full of those lovely things I have saved, which might come in useful one day....

Enjoy your gardening and keep safe!

### October

**Flowers:** Order roses ready for planting next month. Prepare beds for spring plantings, removing summer bedding and forking over the soil, adding a dressing of fertilizer.

Herbaceous plants can be put in now, except in exposed gardens which are best left till Spring. Lift and divide Michaelmas daises and other herbaceous plants which have outgrown their allotted space. Tender plants which have been outdoors must be lifted and placed indoors; and begonia tubers must be lifted and dried off and stored in a cool frost-free place.



*Crocus*

Summer bulbs must be lifted or covered with mulch before the frost comes. Keep newly planted plants well-watered

during any dry spells. Plant out spring flowering bulbs (narcissi, lilies, daffodils and crocus). Hold tulips and hyacinth until the end of the month. Do not forget if you are into planting forget-me-nots, polyanthus and primulas with spring bulbs the plants go in first. Dahlias can be lifted when the frost has blackened the tops. You needn't wait for that if the ground is required for planting - lift them carefully with a fork, cut down the stems to about 6-9" above the tuber, and lay them with stalks downwards in a frost-free place. 10 days or so later the tubers may be cleaned, cutting away any damaged roots or doubtful pieces, and dusted with flowers of sulphur and do not forget to label them.

**Vegetables:** Dig vacant ground as crops are cleared. Plant out spring cabbage in firm soil, earth up leeks and celery for the last time, cut marrows and hang them in nets in a cool dry place, remove any discoloured leaves from brassicas, put onions in store by roping them or in nets, inspect regularly and remove any suspect bulbs. Keep the hoe going around all growing crops and watch out for pests and deal with them before they are established. Turnips can be lifted and tops screwed off, store them in sand, or you could leave some in the ground and use the tops as an alternative vegetable, cooking as for spinach. Make sure brussels sprouts are well supported - it would be a shame to lose them having got this far. All root crops other than parsnips, swedes and Jerusalem artichokes should be lifted and stored. Store potatoes in a dark well-ventilated frost-proof place - if they are stored in heat they will begin to sprout.

**Trees Fruit and Shrubs:** Hardwood cuttings of gooseberries and blackcurrants can be taken now, inserting 9" to 10" cuttings 6" deep in a sheltered position outdoors. Peaches should be sprayed at leaf fall with lime sulphur against leaf curl. Cut out any dead or crossing branches from trees and

bushes, paint any cuts larger than a half-inch diameter with arbrex. Do not forget to inspect any fruit in store and dismiss any doubtful apples and pears, pick any fruit still on the trees before they are dashed by weather, remember to limit the new growth of raspberries to 6 to 8 canes per plant. Make sure all cordon trees are well-supported and the ties are not fraying. Evergreen shrubs and trees should be planted by mid-month, hardwood cuttings can be taken from shrubby plants. Give established shrubs and trees a mulch of manure or compost, working it into the soil with a dressing of bone meal. If the weather prevents the planting of newly-delivered trees and shrubs, undo the packaging and stand them in a dry shed until the weather breaks, covering the roots with straw or sacking which must be kept damp.

**Greenhouse and Indoor Plants:** Remove all traces of shading from the greenhouse. If you have had trouble with pests clear the greenhouse and fumigate with smoke cones and wash down with disinfectant. Any tender plants that have been left out should be brought inside or the frost will kill them: a minimum temperature of 4 degrees to 7 degrees C (39-45 degrees F) should be maintained. Cineraria is a bit temperamental - it will collapse if allowed to dry out or go soggy so watch out. Bring in primula obconica from the



*Primula obconica*

frame - this plant can affect sensitive skins so gardeners beware. Pot on schizanthus to larger pots, as they do not like to be pot-bound. Grapes which are slow to ripen can be hurried along by removing more leaves around the bunches. A final batch of viola and pansy cuttings may be taken and inserted in pots in the cold frame.

Gradually cut down watering on fuchsias, but do not let them dry out completely. Treat cyclamen to a fortnightly feed. Watch the temperature, do not forget a sunny winter's day can soon raise the temperatures to over 100 degrees F - and this can be devastating to resting plants.

**Lawns:** Carry out any final repairs, rake and scarify, brush over with a fine compost and treat with autumn, winter lawn fertilizer. This will give you a fine green sward in the spring.

### November

**Flowers:** Tidy up herbaceous borders, cutting off all dead or dying leaves and stems, and dig over any vacant plots. If you have not fed the ground recently then a good dusting of bone meal will work wonders - work it into the top 2 inches of soil and the worms will do the rest. It is a good time to half-prune roses, which stops the wind from rocking them. You can prune them down properly in the spring when the frost has done its worst. It is also a good time for planting roses. Dig a large enough hole to spread the roots in a natural formation, and fork a bit of bonemeal or better still rose fertiliser into the bottom of the hole (but don't let the roots lay directly on the bonemeal). Fill up the hole making sure there are no air pockets, firm them in well but leave the final 2 inches or so loose. Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rotting parts and dust with flowers of sulphur. The planting of hyacinth and tulips should be completed this month. Check over bulbs planted in pots for winter flowering - one or two of the most

forward can be brought into the light but keep them cool (60 deg F max), and make sure they have plenty of root formed. Time to plant honeysuckle, clematis, jasmine and ornamental vines. If they are dry when they arrive give them a soak in tepid water, drain them for an hour or so before planting them, and tie them to the supports straight away. Herbaceous and moisture-loving plants can be planted now. Split up perennials like michaelmas daisies, golden rod and scabious, replant the best bit (usually the outer portion) and pot up any surplus for the charity plant stalls. Don't forget to wrap up the tender plants or bring them indoors before they get nipped by frost.



*Scabious*

**Vegetables:** Clear any plots of old veg and roughly dig over leaving the clods big so that the frost can get to them. This is one way the frost helps the gardener in breaking down clay soils and killing off any nasties. Stake up brussels sprouts and broccoli, removing any yellowing leaves. Cover any green crops with netting or fleece to protect from birds, watch out for the dreaded slugs and deal with them pronto. Keep the old hoe busy eliminating weeds before they take over. Lift and store Jerusalem artichokes, also a few roots of parsnip, as they will be difficult to dig up if the ground becomes frozen. Lift a few crowns of rhubarb for growing in the greenhouse. Leave them on top of the ground for a week or so before taking them inside, the crowns can be close to one another and light excluded (a grow bag would do if you do not plant in the ground).

**Trees Fruit and Shrubs:** Move container-grown evergreens to a sheltered spot out of the wind; and any deciduous hedges etc can be cut back at this time. Fruit trees (especially those trained against a wall) can be pruned, but after pruning make sure they are tied back securely. Make sure that all supports for your fruit stock are in good condition and the wires etc are not biting into the stems or trunks. Prepare ground for

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planting all kinds of fruit trees, bushes and canes, dig it as deep as possible and work in some manure especially if you are planting blackcurrants. When pruning trees watch out for canker (a crusty like scab on the branches), cut it out with a sharp knife and paint the wound with a tree paint. Look over fruit in store - use any suspect ones or discard them.

**Greenhouse and Indoor Plants:** If you have not already done so, give your greenhouse a good fettle, remove all those dying plants and any other debris that is lying around. Give the glass a good wash with greenhouse cleaner, making sure none goes on the plants; and fix up the insulation. One of the most important things at this time is getting a nice balance of temperature and ventilation. The temperature on a sunny day can reach 100 deg F which would build up quite a damp atmosphere if adequate ventilation is not provided. Most plants do not like it, so keep a wary eye open and try to avoid these conditions. If you are a summer greenhouse gardener when the greenhouse is empty in the winter (shame on you) then a good wash down with Jeyes or similar is all that is required, and do not store tools etc in the greenhouse, as this reduces their life quite considerably.

Cyclamen and winter flowering primulas are ready to come into flower and will benefit from a feed once a fortnight. Remember that calceolarias must be quite dry before they are watered - this rule applies to most pot plants except those that are in full flower or those that are growing rapidly in a heated greenhouse. Seedlings and cuttings should be kept on a shelf as near to the glass as possible.

Plant indoor lilies, gladioli and hyacinth to flower in spring (you see there is no need to have an empty greenhouse). Prune flowering maple, musk, fuchsias, oleander and plumbago. Try to keep the atmosphere around indoor plants, especially those near radiators etc, moist by placing them in a tray of damp pebbles (or glass chips which look a bit posher) and spray-mist them occasionally (except for the hairy leafed specimens). Do not over-water plants at this time and avoid spilling water about in the greenhouse and cold frames.

**Lawns:** As usual keep lawns clean and well raked, scarify and give them a feed of autumn winter fertiliser. Keep off when they are covered in frost. In mild spells you can dig and prepare new lawn sites ready for sowing or turfing in spring.

**Cheerio for now,**

**Tom**



During the coronavirus pandemic lockdown the existing Southwest People Keeping Well partnership reached out to new local partners including the Covid19 S17 Support Network, local businesses and a range of service providers to provide a cohesive network.

This collaboration resulted in the creation of the S17 community network guide, a copy of which was delivered to every house in Sheffield 17 in July.

The guide was designed to look at ways of supporting the community as we moved out of lockdown. It contains lots of information and useful advice, along with the promotion of local activities and services. It includes local business advertisements to encourage people to shop locally and help get independent businesses back on their feet.

It also contains details of how to access key citywide services and how to get involved in volunteering to support our most vulnerable residents. There is information on the People Keeping Well programme - the activity timetable is reproduced on page 34 of this issue.

## Blacka Moor Nature Reserve in Autumn

Entering Blacka Moor Nature Reserve from Strawberry Lee Lane is a delight in the autumn. With a carpet of fallen leaves, orange and brown, at your feet and the arching branches of Beech and Oak creating a canopy of yellow and green overhead, a tunnel of colour surrounds you and it comes to life when sunlight filters through.



It is here that Grey Squirrels scamper amongst the branches of the huge trees, disturbing, as they go, a few more leaves that float gracefully to the ground, whilst Jays search the leaf litter for acorns and Pheasants make their presence known by loudly calling out loud. And as Chaffinches "ping" their call from within the glowing woodland, steel-blue Nuthatches can be found tapping away at dead branches in their search for food.

The reserve's dry stone walls are covered in moss and the Silver Birches are coated in lichen; without doubt moss and lichen are always worth close inspection to appreciate their beauty. And it is this time of the year when a variety of fungi of all shapes and sizes can be found scattered throughout the reserve but the bright red cap of the Fly Agaric, Amanita muscaria, always causes great excitement when it stands out perfectly at the edge of a path. Splashes of colour continue with the rich crimson red leaves of Bramble and in contrast the striking yellow petals of late flowering Tormentil. It is truly a palette of colours wherever you look on this reserve.

And on such crisp autumn days, Jackdaws fly across open blue skies calling whilst Redwings and Fieldfares, newly arrived from the continent, chatter in flocks as they move through the area feeding in berry laden trees. If you are particularly lucky a Green Woodpecker may be seen in a flash of green undulating flight as it rises from Strawberry Lee Pastures or a Stonechat, hopefully a striking male, may be found feeding from the tops of bronzed bracken fronds on Blacka Hill.

And do not be surprised if, in a quiet area of the reserve, you happen to flush a Woodcock. This stocky, beautifully marked rusty brown wader, their numbers supplemented in winter by migrant birds, can explode from cover and in low flight quietly seek refuge close-by. Great moments to experience on this special reserve where there is always so much to see and take in. It is on Totley's doorstep so well worth a visit if you have not already done so.

Blacka Moor is 181 hectares in size and is managed by the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. If you would like to learn a little bit more about the reserve or the Trust please do have a look at their website: [www.wildsheffield.com](http://www.wildsheffield.com).

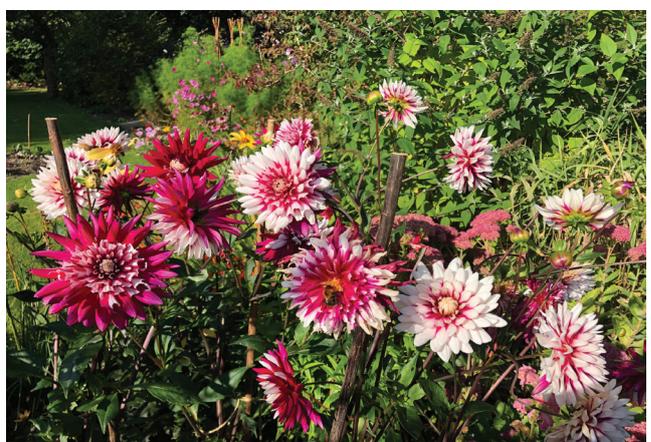
*Chris Measures*

## Totley Open Gardens

Although coronavirus deprived us of our annual opportunity to enjoy some of Totley's gardens over the Open Gardens weekend, gardeners have kept pretty busy during lockdown and after. Here is a selection of photos from some Open Gardeners....



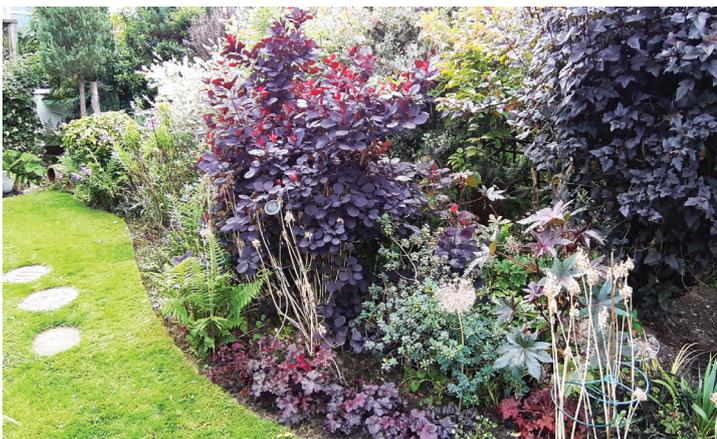
Left: Ray Sables. Above: Catherine and Valeria Wrigglesworth



Above: Two photos from Avril and Andy Holme (pictured below)



Above: Sue Hare. Below: two photos from Jennie Street





## Totlely History Group

As we have seen, hopefully, the worst of Covid-19, and the country begins to get going again, the Committee has been considering the future activities of the Group. We had hoped that we might be able to resume with our planned September meeting followed by an AGM in October. However, as we obtained more information regarding the shape of the post-pandemic world it was clear that that plan was optimistic.

It seems unlikely that the Library, or any similar venues, will be available to hold meetings because of the continuing need to meet social distancing requirements. As a result of this the Committee has decided, reluctantly, to cancel all meetings for the rest of the year. At this stage we are hoping that we can resume our meetings programme from January onwards but we will be keeping abreast of the guidance available as the year unfolds.

On this basis we would hope to be able to hold an AGM in April and in view of concerns already discussed by the Committee as to the future of the Group that will be the main topic for discussion.

In view of this interruption to our activities the 2019/20 membership year will be extended to 31st March 2021.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Committee, I hope that you and your friends and families are all keeping well.

*Norman Rolfe, Chairman, Totley History Group*

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## A Walk with Nature at the Edge of Totley

August 17th: I set out on another round walk, this time starting from Totley Hall Lane. This walk will loop around Storth House and Fanshawe Gate Hall on the south side of Gillfield Wood, a lovely area to explore at any time of the year.

Passing through the new metal kissing gate at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane, I take the middle footpath that goes diagonally across the first field; the early afternoon sky is filled with still white clouds and I can hear House Martins chattering overhead. I stop to watch as they zip this way and that; with their white rumps flashing as they feed above the trees I cannot help wonder how soon it will be before they depart on their long journey south for the winter.

A Great-spotted Woodpecker then calls from nearby and this brings to mind that I had two juveniles interacting here a few days before, their red crowns showing as they moved about the branches of a dead Ash tree at the edge of the field. Today, those same branches are occupied by a small flock of Starlings silhouetted against the bright sky. As I work my way through a flock of sheep grazing in this first field I note that a lot of acorns are just developing on the veteran Oak trees, and I notice one or two Knopper galls attached to the acorns. These irregular shaped, knobbly galls are induced by a gall wasp, the wasp emerging in the spring after the galled acorn falls to the ground in the autumn; it is one of many kinds of galls that can be found on Oak trees.

As I climb over the first stile I catch the gentle song of a Robin while a couple of Blue Tits fly along the top of the hedgerow before diving back into cover. I continue along the footpath until it splits in two; a stile on the left to go one way, but I take a sharp right to follow the path up to the next gate and stile. This part of the path has a ditch and stream on the left hand side. It is here that I scan nearby trees and find, to my delight, a Little Owl sitting peacefully on a low branch, its body tucked closely up against the trunk of the tree; so well camouflaged.

Climbing over this next stile, I walk up into the field keeping to the path that runs alongside the hedge as it bends to the left and heads towards Gillfield Wood. It is nice to get into this field as it provides an elevated position where you can see over the wood. It is always worth taking a few moments here to scan the tops of trees and the surrounding fields. A flash of colour and a Jay suddenly appears along the edge



Jay

of the wood and then a Chiffchaff flits by me as it works its way through a Hazel bush clearly searching for food. Beds of thistles have appeared in this field so I walk over to watch hoverflies and bumblebees moving about the flower heads and I get close views of a variety of butterflies including Small Tortoiseshells and Peacocks which is particularly pleasing as I had found good numbers of these caterpillars feeding on patches of nettles in this field earlier in the season.

Reaching the wood, I go through the metal garden gate, which always appears a little out of place in these surroundings,

and on entering the wood I continue in a straight line across the main footpath in the wood, and I drop down the bank to the fields that are visible on the south side; the direction to Storth House is confirmed by the wooden marker that I pass. At the foot of the bank, as I cross the small wooden bridge and the next stile is in front of me, another Great-spotted Woodpecker calls out; this species has done particularly well rearing young in Gillfield Wood this year so it should be no surprise to encounter one or more of these woodpeckers if you do take a stroll in the area over the coming months.



The view over Gillfield Wood from Storth House  
(Photo: Chris Measures)

Before climbing over the stile to exit the wood, I take the opportunity to look back and see the rays of the sun shining through the lush green canopy; it produces a beautiful dappled effect and I watch and hear Totley Brook babbling over rocks and stones in the sunlight as it meanders through the wood. Quite perfect.

The footpath through the next field is clearly marked by a central post; the path running up to the top left hand corner of the field. Always keep an eye out for Red Deer in these fields: a small herd can often be seen grazing during the autumn, with a stag in attendance. And the stag usually stands outside the woodland on the left during the rutting season, calling loudly from high up on the bank. Other stags can respond from fields and the moors nearby. If the wind is in the right direction you can actually hear it bellowing when you are standing in Totley!

On reaching the top of the field, I sit for a few minutes on the stile. A stream runs down through the fields here and creates an interesting damp area. I watch some butterflies - Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers plus two Small Skipper butterflies flying about amongst the sedges, but my attention is easily drawn to two young Buzzards perched in a nearby tree. As I watch them, without notice an adult Buzzard quietly glides over my head with prey in its talons and drops the food item in a nearby field with the two young birds in hot pursuit calling madly. A special moment for me to savour but I must press on.

My walk now takes me over stepping stones and stile to follow the officially re-routed footpath up to Storth House; the path has been clearly marked. There is fencing on the left and a large hedge with a variety of trees and shrubs on the right; Willow, Alder, Hawthorn and Mountain Ash. This is such a good area for wildlife. Small birds abound; tits, finches and warblers are active, a Pheasant calls while hoverflies and honeybees gather on Angelica amongst the Bramble and Willow Herb.

At the top of this footpath there is a complex of new fences and gates but the route is clearly marked for me to turn left and head towards and directly behind the back of Storth House. Before I take that path I have to smile at markers that show Gillfield Wood as "Gillifield Wood"; many local people will be pleased with that old spelling. Anyway that aside, I do a slight detour here as I walk a few metres to my right to look over the pond that has recently been excavated. I am pleased I did, because damselflies and dragonflies are

found to be working the rushes at the edges. As I enjoy watching these in the sun a Swallow flies in and dips in flight to take a quick drink on the wing from the water's surface, and then three Linnets fly in and perch briefly on the black railings that surround the pond. Then I notice a butterfly resting in the sun on the dry stone wall, it is a Wall Brown butterfly. For me, a great find as these butterflies have declined dramatically but now appear to be making a bit of a comeback in Derbyshire. Then, as I turn to continue on my way, four Ravens croak overhead as they fly towards Totley moor. So, a great few minutes detour; a real purple patch.

Back to my main route and I pass behind the recently renovated Storth House, saying "hello" to the two donkeys, and with another pond on my right, I climb over the stile into more woodland. The path here is clear although a little muddy at times as it climbs up towards Fanshawe Gate Lane. One thing that does stop me in my tracks is the pungent smell of a Stinkhorn and on this occasion a search was not necessary as I could see the white fungi standing in the leaf litter quite near to me. Moving on, I step out of the woodland into a wildflower area and Speckled Wood butterflies and another Gatekeeper are seen making the most of the sun; quite appropriate to see the latter butterfly as I open the gate onto the lane. At this point you can see for miles over the valley; excellent views, especially on a day like today. Such views make me appreciate what a Green City we have.

Turning left at the gate I wander down the lane and pass by Fanshawe Gate Farm, I then take another left just after Fanshawe Gate Hall to pass by the barn that is currently being renovated. As I walk down the field from the barn with the field boundary on my left, Swallows are flying low across the field and as I reach the tiny gate into the next field I see at least twenty Swallows perched at the top of a Hawthorn bush. It is always a good time to see them in this area at this time of year. Long may it continue, as they have sadly disappeared from many other sites.

Down through the fields I can hear Grasshoppers calling either side of me, a lovely sign of summer, and I catch sight of a Peacock butterfly as it tries to decide where to settle on



stones from the old dry stone wall. A single Foxglove less than thirty centimetres high adds a little colour to the wall and blue Harebells do the same to the grass bank on the right. Here I see two moths flying and dropping into the long grass and on closer inspection these turn out to be Silver Ys, a migratory moth that is quite common at this time of the year, but still a nice find.

This now brings me to the edge of Gillfield Wood with a stile to get over, a bridge to cross and a short climb up to a bench that stands on the edge of main footpath through the wood. Turning left and then immediate right at this point I am heading in the direction of Totley to complete this round walk but perhaps some will welcome a rest on the bench and take in the atmosphere of our local piece of woodland, after all I have just heard a Tawny Owl calling and it is only 5pm.

The walk should take no more than two hours if a steady pace is maintained but there is so much to see it is hard not to stop and enjoy the views and wildlife along the way. I hope you enjoy the walk as much as I do. Stay safe.

Chris Measures

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We continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am via zoom for a time of prayer, bible reading, reflection and music. If you'd like to join us please go to [www.sheffieldurc.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldurc.org.uk). The service is followed by virtual coffee and chat, getting to know one another better. You are welcome to join us.

We also have a regular Carers zoom session, usually on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month. Contact Jan Outram at the Sheffield Carers Centre for more details.

As I type this we had hoped to be getting ready to open our building, having begun work on our risk assessment to make us a Covid secure venue. Unfortunately this has had to be delayed whilst cases of coronavirus are rising. We appreciate that many people really need face to face contact but we are also aware of the risks involved, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable.

One of our members recently found this poem helpful:

### Remind Me

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Let not my eyes be blinded by some folly I commit  
But help me to forget the wrong and to make up for it.  
Inspire me to put my fears upon a hidden shelf  
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What a relief it is to be back at school with the whole of the TASS family. Things are not quite as they were before the pandemic lockdown; we are (to use that awful phrase) getting used to the "New Normal"! As promised, with batteries recharged after the summer break, we are hitting the ground running!

In line with the current guidance, we have put in place extra measures for everyone's safety:

- Staggered start and finish times and the children stay within a class bubble throughout the day.
- We have factored in many extra opportunities for hand washing and our fabulous "Clean Team" is making sure everything is deep cleaned at the end of each day.
- The organisation of the classrooms also reflects the need for staff to be able to keep a social distance.
- Staff are wearing face coverings or visors as they move about the school but not in the classrooms

After such a stressful time for us all, we will be spending extra time this term giving the children time to talk about their lockdown experiences and any worries they have through PSHE lessons, circle time activities and small group activities using resources provided by the Healthy Minds team at CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service). Hope-

fully, we will be offering after-school clubs and beginning to go out on trips as long as this can be done in a Covid-safe way. At times like these, we are especially grateful for our lovely outdoor space and Woodland Workshop.

The children have been amazing at taking all the changes in their stride and we couldn't be more proud of them!



We'd also like to say a big 'thank you' to all of our families for the support they gave their children's learning over lockdown and for coping admirably with the inconveniences of the staggered day.

If you want to find out more about our school, then please visit our website or email us at [enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk). We'll be so happy to let you know!

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## Totley Library

### Library Re-opening

On Monday 7th September we were able to replace the "Order and Collect" service that had been operating since July with an improved service that allows limited public access and limited browsing. Whilst proving to be hard work for the small team that initiated the service, it gave us an excellent opportunity to start bringing volunteers back to the Library and into the swing of things. As a number of our volunteers were either shielding themselves or a close relation, and many others fell into the vulnerable category, we realised at an early stage that bringing volunteers back would not be a straightforward exercise. The volume of work necessitated a third shift being brought in on Wednesdays to keep on top of the required "back office" tasks. As a result we were able to build up a large enough pool of volunteers to be able to move to the next stage.



In order to allow public access to the Library the layout has had to be significantly rearranged to bring in a one-way system and to enable proper social distancing. For the time being the opening hours will continue to be from 2pm to 4pm



*You can still be assured of a warm welcome from our Volunteer team. We may look a little different, as our pictures show, but that is the safe way forward for us all.*

on Mondays and from 10am to 12noon on Fridays. The key points of the new system are:-

- All customers will need to wear a face covering
- Hand sanitiser must be used on arrival
- "Track and Trace" details must be given (these will be destroyed after 21 days)
- All customers will need to bring their Library cards
- Social distancing must be practised at all times

- Access is limited to four people in the Adult library and one adult plus up to two children in the Children's library (Couples count as one person as long as they browse together)
- There is a time limit of up to 15 minutes to select and check out books

As we go to press plans are in place to offer photocopying facilities from Monday` 21st September and from 30th September to add a Wednesday morning session from 10am to 12noon. All being well, limited access to the Public Network computers will be available from Monday 5th October. These computer sessions will need to be pre-booked by telephoning the Library during opening hours. Unfortunately, under current circumstances, there seems to be no possibility of the resumption of community activities before the New Year at the earliest.

### Annual General Meeting

The 6th Annual General Meeting of Totley CRIC took place on the 14th September using Zoom, which proved to be a novel experience. The meeting went surprisingly well and the meeting accepted the Annual Report and Accounts.

Two Trustees, Steve Wyatt and Phil Harris retired, on completion of their terms of office, and were thanked by the Chair. Phil was especially thanked as he was one of the founding Trustees and his contribution has been huge over a wide range of activities. Chris Lansdown had been appointed as a Trustee in June by the other Trustees and his appointment as Trustee and Treasurer was confirmed at the meeting. Carys Hamilton was also elected as a Trustee.

Three other Trustees had been hoping to retire but in view of the current difficulties caused by Covid-19 had agreed to stay on but not necessarily for a full 3-year term. This means that there is an urgent need for prospective Trustees to come forward if the success of Totley CRIC and the Library is to be maintained.



*Look out for this colourful Lockdown Quilt behind the Library desk. It was donated by the #S17 Stay Home Quilt Project. We are proud to display it.*

**Lottery Winners** Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! The first-prize winner in the July draw was Eileen Mason, and the second-prize winner was Brenda Fryer. In the August draw, Susan Facer won first prize, and the second prize was won by Stephen Bate.

**Totley CRIC website** We will endeavour to keep everyone posted about any new developments through our website – keep an eye on it at <http://www.totleycric.org.uk/>

*Norman Rolfe*

## Totley Police Station

The old Totley Police Station stands at number 331 Baslow Road in the row of properties known as Grange Terrace. The top building, the old Post Office, at number 337, carries the datestone of 1882 and the lower terrace, from 313 to 329, a plaque bearing the initials of Thomas Earnshaw (the owner of Totley Grange) and the date 1889. We think that number 331 was built around 1882 as the keystones and continuous banding above the doorway and windows are similar to number 337 and it would appear that the two buildings bookended a much older, lower structure, now designated numbers 333-335. This used to be a farmhouse and is said to have been built around 1773 and the Police House was actually built in the farm's courtyard. It is unlikely to have been purpose built as the lock-up cells appear to have been added in 1890. Before the new Police Station was built, a Constable was stationed at Lemont Road, Henry Topley being there from around 1881 until 1886.

Police Constable Burford was probably the first policeman at number 331 as he was stationed at Totley Police Station from 1886 to 1890. John Burford was born in 1858 in Whiteladies Aston, Worcestershire. When John married Martha Heath at Norbury, Derbyshire on 29 August 1876, he gave his occupation as police officer. A first child Mary was born when they were living at nearby Roston. By 1878 John had been had moved to Parwich where three more children were born, Deliah Harriett, John William and Ellinor Maria. A fifth child, Adelaide Hannah, was born in 1885 when he was stationed at Grassmoor.



*Police Constable John Burford*

When he arrived in Totley John would have had at least ten years' experience which was just as well because this period was perhaps the most difficult for policing. The construction of the Totley Tunnel had brought many navvies into the district and crime increased with this huge rise in the population. He was involved in many, often violent, incidents which won him praise from the townsfolk. A son, James Alfred Heath Burford was born in Totley, presumably at the Police Station, in spring 1888 and baptised at Dore Christ Church on 10 April.

In 1889, frequent disturbances amongst the navvies - there were rarely any issues between the navvies and the townsfolk - required additional police resources and Constable Smith was transferred from Ashbourne to be responsible for policing the operations on the Dore and Chinley Railway. Constables

Walker and Maltby were transferred from Chesterfield to be based at Totley.

On the night of 17 January 1890 a burglar was spotted in bushes in the garden of George Slater at Wood Lea, Dore Road and was tackled by Constable Burford, who received two crashing blows to the head after his helmet had been knocked off. Despite being stunned, he fought vigorously and Mr. Slater, hearing the commotion, threw open the window, at which the burglar pulled out a gun and fired two shots at John. Fortunately both the bullets narrowly missed their target but he became faint from the loss of blood and his assailant escaped. John Burford was off work afterwards with his injuries. The time was approaching for him to leave Totley. A group of prominent citizens petitioned the Chief Constable of Derbyshire for his retention but it was to no avail; he was transferred to Quarndon, near Derby as soon as he was fit to return to work. As a mark of their appreciation, Dore and Totley residents presented him with a testimonial comprising an illuminated address, silver watch and chain and a "purse of gold".

An intriguing advertisement appeared in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph on three successive days during June 1890. It read: 'WANTED, LABOURERS (used to Excavating) at New Police Station, Totley. - C. Grayson, Builder'. We believe that the purpose was to excavate two lock-up cells that were built just below ground floor level and had an iron grill and door.

In the 1891 Census there was a Police Constable William Jones, aged 26, from Powick, Worcestershire living at what was described as the County Police Office, Totley. William was with his wife Charlotte Badham, aged 30, from Shrawley, Worcestershire and their son William Spencer, aged 3, born in Brampton, Derbyshire and daughter Amelia Ann, aged 1, born in Old Normanton. There were police stations in Brampton and Normanton and like Constable Burford, Constable Jones would have been moved between stations every few years. A third child, Sydney James Jones, was born in Totley in 1893. The Jones Family left Totley in September 1896 when William was transferred to Chunal Police Station, near Glossop.



*Grange Terrace, as it used to be*

Constable Jones was replaced by Constable Miles from Heage Police Station, near Ambergate. Charles Miles was born in St. Cross, South Elmham, Suffolk in 1861. His younger brother Robert was also in the Derbyshire Constabulary. Charles married Mary Rodgers at the Parish Church, Milford near Belper on 24 September 1890. They came to Totley with three children: Samuel John born in Milford in 1891, Isabel Sarah born in Heage in 1893 and Alfred born in Heage in 1896. Another daughter Emily had been born in 1894 but she died aged just 14 months. From newspaper reports we know that Constable Miles was still in Totley in April 1898 but was transferred to North Wingfield, near Chesterfield shortly afterwards.

He was succeeded by Constable Hallam from Shardlow Police Station. John William Hallam was born in Sandiacre, Derbyshire in 1853. He arrived in Totley with his second wife, Elizabeth Kirby. They had married at Ashover Parish Church on 5 February 1896. Their first child, Elizabeth, had died in infancy. Another daughter, Eleanor Mary, was born in Totley in the summer of 1898 and baptised at Dore Christ Church on 2 October. Their third child, Elsie, was also baptised at Dore on 15 December 1901.

The next occupant of the Police House was Sergeant Cutts. Francis Cutts was born in Danesmoor, North Wingfield, Derbyshire in 1873. He married Edith Barnes in 1896 at Derby Register Office. Although born in Castrop-Rauxel, Germany Edith was a British national. They had one son, Leslie, who was born in Whittington, Derbyshire in 1897. In October 1907 Sergeant Cutts was sued at Sheffield County Court for unlawful arrest and false imprisonment by Thomas Marshall, a labourer from Sheffield. Sergeant Cutts, accompanied by two police constables from Dore, had watched the man loitering in the hayloft behind Thornfield House in Totley Brook Road and believed him to be responsible for, or connected with, a spate of burglaries in the area. The householder, Charles Haywood Hoyland, had no complaint to make and fully encouraged Mr. Marshall to pursue his claim in court. After due deliberation His Honour Judge Benson decided he must support Sergeant Cutts' version of events. Sergeant Cutts was transferred to Halfway Police Station in August 1908.

His successor at Totley Police Station was Sergeant Burchby. Arthur Burchby was born in Letwell, near Maltby in 1870. He married Mary Alice Lumby at St. John the Evangelist, Carlton in Lindrick, Nottinghamshire on 7 December 1898. They had two children, Marjorie Alice born in 1890 in Radbourne and George Rollitt born in 1905 in Spondon, both on the outskirts of Derby. Sergeant Burchby was still at Totley Police Station in the 1911 Census. On 13 February 1913 it was announced that he had been promoted to Inspector but would remain at Totley for the time being.

On 20 October 1913 it was reported that Sergeant Hall would transfer to Totley from Stoney Middleton. Frederick Hall was born in Billingborough, Lincolnshire in 1875. He had married Jane Oliver on 4 August 1902 at Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire. They arrived in Totley with five children born in Burbage, Derbyshire: Ernest in 1903, Leonard in 1904, Arthur Henry in 1906, Mabel in 1908 and Nellie in 1911. Their sixth child, Stanley, had been born in Stoney Middleton earlier in 1913. The Halls stayed at Totley Police Station until about 1923 and had three more children in Totley, all girls: Elsie in 1914, Ethel in 1916 and finally Florence in 1917.



*Grange Terrace today - 331 Baslow Road*

The next, and we think last, incumbent at the Police Station was Sergeant Wood. George Thomas Wood was born on 30 July 1889 in Dunton Bassett, Leicestershire. He joined the Derbyshire Constabulary in May 1911 and was stationed at Matlock Bath before being transferred to the Acting Chief Constable's Office in Chesterfield in October 1914. He joined the army in May the following year as a Private in the North Staffordshire Regiment and rose to the rank of Quartermaster Sergeant before receiving his commission on 27 June 1917 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Leicestershire Regiment. Like so many, his military service record has not survived but we know that he saw a good deal of action with the enemy.

After the war George returned to his civilian occupation and was stationed at Bakewell. It was there at the Mill Street Congregational Chapel that he married Harriet Ann Newton on 16 June 1920. On 1 August 1921 he was promoted to Sergeant and stationed at Chesterfield. He was transferred

to Totley Police Station in late 1922 or early 1923 and remained there for the next ten years. During their time in Totley, George and Harriet had two daughters, Mona born on 12 January 1926 and Betty on 7 August 1930.

By 1933 the complement at Totley police station had risen to one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables, two of whom Constables Bagshaw and Brindley lived in houses in lower Grange Terrace. Constables William Paskin and Sydney Andrew made up the quartet. Sergeant Wood was now responsible not just for the police station at Totley but also for those at Holmesfield and Dore. It was a common sight to see him on his motor cycle and sidecar driving between the three villages. He left it to his Constables to walk the beat, Paskin around the old village and Andrews around the Laverdene and New Totley estates. Both men were popular and highly regarded; the beat policeman was still a respected figure in the community.

There was hardly any serious crime in Totley but enough petty theft, illegal drinking and gambling, assaults and traffic accidents to keep the men busy, especially being located adjacent to the Cross Scythes and Fleur de Lys pubs which



*The original Fleur de Lys pub*

attracted many visitors from the city at weekends. Perhaps the most serious crime was poaching. The policemen knew to distinguish between those who poached for the family pot and those who poached to make a living and who could be armed and dangerous when approached. The police station closed in 1934 when Totley was absorbed, against the will of the parish council, into Sheffield and Yorkshire.

The first family to move into the newly privatised number 331 were the Wortleys. John William Wortley was born in Sheffield in 1888. He had married Mary Ann Burgess at Dore Christ Church on 27 January 1912. They had moved to Grange Terrace from Chapel Walk together with their three children all of whom were born in Totley: Clifford Stanley (known as Stanley) in 1912, Leslie in 1914, and Winifred in 1916. They were all still at number 331 in 1936 but Stanley left the following year when he got married. In the National Register compiled on 29 September 1939, John Willie, Mary Ann, Leslie and Winnie were still at the old Police House. John Willie was working as a labourer for the city Cleansing Department, Leslie was a plumber and Winnie a paid domestic help. In a letter to the *Totley Independent* in September 2009, Joseph W. Abson said he remembered Mrs. Wortley showing children the cells accompanied by cautionary words that they could end up there if they misbehaved. The Wortley family were still at number 331 at the time of John Willie's death in 1943. He was buried at Dore Christ Church on 9 October.

Mr. Abson said that after the Wortleys left number 331, the next occupant was a gentleman called Percy Crossland. Under the floor of one of the cells was a well supplied by springs situated in what were the farm fields behind the Fleur de Lys, now the Stocks Green Estate. Mr. Crossland had a small generator to work a pump to drain the water when the well overflowed and flooded the cells!

*Dorothy Prosser*

## Organic Wildlife Gardening

It has not been the summer we would have liked, but my garden has not disappointed, and, by August, eighty-five species of native wild flowers had bloomed...there are about 700 in this country though they would not all grow here!

As the spring flowers faded, early summer flowers included germander speedwell, wood cranesbill, tufted vetch, Jacob's ladder, foxgloves, rock rose, and ragged robin.

Hedge woundwort which, according to the instructions in my supplier's helpful handbook, preferred shade, had originally been planted in a shady area. However, this year it has appeared in several other places in the garden, one of which is the sunniest place there is! It has stems with small purple/red flowers growing in a spike at the top, and in a group, forms a sturdy clump. It is very popular with small bees whose numbers gradually increased, visiting most other flowers as they bloomed, along with various hoverflies.



*Betony, scabious and teasels in the left border*

I was especially pleased with the border on the left of the garden alongside the largest pond. It was mainly a mixture of blues, purples and pinks, and included betony, field scabious, lesser and greater knapweed, teasels, chicory, and devil's bit scabious. In August, a recently-planted very pretty pink musk mallow pushed its way up between the taller plants. Having the benefit of facing south/south west, all the plants were visited by pollinators, and I am hoping that the goldfinches which are around will make good use of the teazel seeds.

The border on the right has more or less done its own thing since I allowed the grass along its edge to grow. This was later mown as part of the preparation towards a spring meadow strip next year. The flowers in the border will all have to be fairly tall so that they are not hidden by the tall grass. Previously, I had planted garlic mustard at the back of this border to support orange tip butterflies. The dying leaves are now full of holes as their caterpillars feed on them, which bodes well for next year.

At the far end of this bed is a dog rose surrounded by greater celandine, a very long-flowering and attractive plant. Next to them is a large patch of white deadnettle. These will need to go elsewhere as they only grow to about twenty-five centimetres. It is one of the places to which the hedge woundwort has emigrated, and another lovely flower, nettle-leaved bellflower, has also seeded there. Other flowers that have previously been planted or self-seeded in that bed are ox eye daisies, tansy, cow parsley, St. John's wort, and agrimony. They can all be rearranged, and more added, to give an attractive border, along with some meadow cranesbill, a really beautiful flower, which is begging to be moved from under the spreading branches of a hawthorn tree. Despite the fact that this bed faces east, it gets plenty of sun in the morning and all the plants support a variety of pollinators and other insects.

In the bed within the dry stone wall to the left of the patio there is white clover, marjoram and scarlet pimpernel, a

pretty little annual, after which a narrow piece of trellis supports honeysuckle and brambles. Alongside this is field scabious edged by birds foot trefoil, and a few migrants! It is a popular spot!! The garage wall behind, supports a long-established non-native pyracantha, trimmed back closely to encourage berries for the birds in winter. There is also some creeping ivy, which is very good for wildlife and will replace the pyracantha in time.

In the bed on the right side of the patio I had planted red clover near the house, and small scabious and ox eye daisies had seeded themselves alongside. Later a flower appeared between these two and it looked a bit like common mallow but was more purple. As I had suspected, it turned out to be a cultivated variety which was removed! One of the problems with cultivated plants is that they can escape and displace what is left of our native wildflowers whose pollen and nectar is so much more beneficial to our pollinators, having developed with them over thousands of years.

On the patio itself, lemon balm, marjoram, small scabious, chicory and meadow cranesbill had all self-seeded between the flagstones where restriction of their root systems had stopped them growing too tall. They looked very pretty and much more natural than pots that can need constant watering.

Last to appear were the purple loosestrife, hemp agrimony and the common fleabane which are all damp-loving plants growing near the ponds. The first two of these were affected by the strong winds and heavy rain in August. They did their best to stand up straight again, but eventually the agrimony did need some support.

Nearly all the flowers in my garden are attractive to various butterflies. Hemp agrimony, for example, is favoured by the comma and small tortoiseshell. The latter has been around but not seen on the hemp agrimony, possibly because it has been attracted to a nearby buddleia which they love but, not being native, it does not provide the best nutrition for our butterflies. We did have the orange tips, of course, a few small whites and two gatekeepers. Not so long ago, there were lots of butterflies around, but the loss of native flowers and the use of pesticides on farmland and in gardens has caused a dramatic reduction in numbers.

The birds have had a good breeding season. Goldfinches fed their young on the squirrel-proof feeders and they soon learned to have a splash in the water dish and enjoyed a dust bath in a small pile of dry soil on the patio. There were



*Scabious surrounded by the pretty scarlet pimpernel*

also some good examples of how nature balances itself. A magpie and a blackbird both found snails to crack open and eat and, when lots of birds were around, they attracted the attention of a sparrowhawk. This magnificent bird swooped down from the top of the garden, frightening all the birds and they flew up into the nearby hawthorn, a clump of ivy, or down among the plants below, where with the amazing manoeuvrability of its huge wings, the sparrowhawk swiftly turned and caught a young bluetit. It was rather quiet after that but normal activity returned in a day or so.

I can understand that many gardeners would find it very difficult to change what are habits of a lifetime, but the lack of pollinators is extremely worrying. Gardening organically and growing native plants could make a huge difference. Many wildlife charities are doing their best to improve the situation, but can only do so much. For me, the rewards of wildlife gardening far outweigh those of an immaculate space full of neatly planted foreign or cultivated flowers and bedding plants, which will not support much wildlife, if any.

One lovely memory I have of this year is the volume and clarity of the dawn chorus. It was absolutely wonderful. I thought it was because there were more birds around than in previous years, but later I heard that it was the result of much better air quality due to the huge reduction of air travel during the lockdown. I think less air travel would be of great benefit to both humans and nature.

Marian Tiddy



## It's Our City!

### Where We Are

As you know, Sheffield People's Referendum should have happened on the same day as the local elections in May this year, but the elections and referendum were both postponed because of lockdown.

After the postponement was announced, we wrote to Robert Jenrick (the relevant government minister) urging him to make sure the referendum was held as soon as it was safe to do so, instead of just delaying for a whole year. We have not received a reply.

The postponement was very disappointing, because it was only 7 weeks away from Sheffield voters having the historic opportunity to legally force Sheffield Council to become more democratic. All the work of our teams of volunteers had to be put on hold, just when we were so close to victory!

The delay in the elections has also created a strange situation in the Council, because quite a few councillors (including the Council leader) had said they were not going to stand for re-election in 2020. These councillors have not been replaced - it is unclear how many of them have been able to carry on with their duties as councillors.

### What Happens Now

We expect that the referendum will be delayed for a whole year - until May 2021. Now that lockdown is easing, our volunteers are re-starting to prepare for a referendum campaign in the new year. Our public campaign will restart in January 2021, but the delay has given us the opportunity to make plans now so we are even better prepared than we were!

At our well-attended AGM in January this year, our supporters set up 5 campaign teams:

- Social media, everything online
- Press and letter writing
- Events and Publicity
- Distribution and 'Feet on the Streets', face-to-face stuff
- What might we ask from the political parties?

It was great that so many people attended the AGM and volunteered to help in these teams. Now that lockdown is easing, the teams are thinking about what they can do now to be best prepared for the referendum campaign next year. If you can help in any way, please join one of the campaign teams by using the 'Get Involved' form on our website, or email [info@itsoursheffield.co.uk](mailto:info@itsoursheffield.co.uk)

It is likely that the coronavirus will still have an effect on the referendum itself and the campaign in early 2021, with fewer face-to-face events. We will need to do more of our campaigning online and with newspapers/magazines - so we especially need more volunteers to help us in writing letters/articles and online campaigning. One way you can help right now is to send us details of any other local publications you know about, to [info@itsoursheffield.co.uk](mailto:info@itsoursheffield.co.uk)

You will all have an important part to play next year, by rebuilding the momentum of our campaign and making the referendum a success, spreading the word in your communities and talking about it with your friends.

During lockdown there was increased interest in local democracy across the country, and It's Our City! has been contacted by a number of groups. The most recent news is that a group in Barnsley, inspired by our success in Sheffield, has now started its own petition!

Website: [www.itsoursheffield.co.uk](http://www.itsoursheffield.co.uk)  
 Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ItsOurCitySheffield/permalink/486415418659086>  
 Youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/CO6xW-8AtrY>

Thanks for all your support so far, and keep safe,  
 Woll Newall (It's Our City! Coordinating Group)

## Holmesfield Church Walking Group

### Lathkill Dale Walk

On Wednesday October 7th at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Lathkill Hotel in Over Haddon.

We will walk down the road to the Dale, then up the Dale, and then take a footpath through to Haddon Grove farm then back along the road to the village where we will stay for lunch (optional).

The cost of the walk is £4 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church.

If you would like to come just turn up on the day. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246 412767. The walk is 4.5 miles long.

In these uncertain times please check with Robin that the walk is going ahead.



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The club organises leagues for friendly competitive games as well as having teams in various divisions of both the Yorkshire League and Sheffield and District League, and this year the club's first team won the prestigious Yorkshire Premier League.

In addition, there are group sessions

where people can come along and play organised practices and games in a social setting – these are organised at different ability levels, so there is something for everyone (and all ages!).

The club is also home of MTA – a junior squash academy run by our resident professional, Mark Tasker, with classes for all ages and abilities from young beginners from age 7 all the way up to County and National level juniors up to 18.

Opened some 20 years ago, the gym has been expanded over the years and is extremely well equipped – including a dedicated 'strength and conditioning suite'. The gym is very popular with all ages and membership includes regular programme reviews.

AS&FC weathered the COVID storm and reopened its doors at the end of July. During lockdown the club took advantage of the period of closure to undertake improvement work including the refurbishment of all the courts and redecorating throughout the club.

Extensive measures have been put in place to make the club COVID-secure with one-way system, enhanced cleaning and handwash stations throughout the building.

The club has various types of membership: Gym, Squash and Racketball and combined Gym and Rackets – there's something for everyone. Membership also includes

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## Friends of Dore & Totley Station

By March 2020 Hope Valley services were on their way up after badly delayed trains due to major floods in February. Small and aged Pacers on stopping services had all but gone, replaced by bigger two- and even four-coach trains. At long last the key commuter services to and from Manchester provided by TransPennine Express were reliably formed of six coaches. A really bright future stretched ahead and we had a successful morning coffee stall.

We all know what happened next. Longer trains remained but services were reduced and passengers deserted the railway. Services are now almost back to normal but as few as 10-15% of commuters have returned. As each day passes more are settling into a permanent state of working from home. Flexible season tickets due in January may be too late.

Conversely, on fine weather days, passenger numbers on the stopping services may be slightly up on pre-COVID. Perpetual 'holidays' for some have made the Peak District very popular. Nothing like enough for our longer trains to be called busy, and certainly insufficient to off-set commuting time losses, but sufficient leisure users to offer a glimmer of optimism.



*Empty Northern train - spot the other passenger*

### Is it safe to use trains?

Yes it is, as long as we all use common sense. Most trains will have plenty of space for distancing.

- Always wear your mask onboard trains, trams and buses - even if you think it's pointless, it helps to reassure others who may be more vulnerable.
- When boarding at Sheffield or Dore towards the Hope Valley avoid the busier rear carriages of stopping trains. The one at the front may be almost empty so stand at the south end.
- Conversely, when joining TPE fast services to Manchester at Dore you can board coaches 4-6 through 4 at the north end of our platform. They're currently almost empty.
- Don't travel if you have the slightest suspicion that you may have COVID, or been in recent contact with someone who may have.

Services at Dore & Totley are running almost to the timetable originally planned from this May. Most fast services aren't going through to Manchester Airport and require a change at Piccadilly. The Sunday stopping service is still only two-hourly.

Those coming by car won't have difficulty finding space in the car park. It's noticeable that leisure users come from areas much nearer to the station than commuters and more walk. A lot are dropped off or use taxis. When they do park there are likely to be more occupants per car than with commuters.

### Extract from Sunday Times – 23rd August, but clearly written before COVID

"The best villages with train stations for part-time commuters:

### Commute to Manchester:

The Hope Valley line wends its way from Sheffield to Manchester Piccadilly (the train takes one hour and 17 minutes) calling at a series of village stations along the way.

The first serves affluent Dore & Totley on the south-west edge of Sheffield, where there are 120 free car-parking spaces and six bike racks. Then there's the hardy — and stunningly picturesque — Peak District villages of Grindleford, Hathersage, Bamford and Hope. At busy times, the chances of getting a seat decrease the further towards Manchester you go."

### Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme

The latest information we've received confirms that Network Rail still hope to have finance approved in September or October, although their programme could accommodate that being as late as December.

Work should start by Spring 2022 with completion by late Autumn 2023 in time for new services to be introduced in December 2023. Some site preparation may begin in late 2021.

Reliability of all services should improve - as soon as it's complete. COVID pressure to deliver work creating projects may help with this.

Network Rail's surveyors have to check the extra support placed midway along the canopy before the temporary supports can be removed.

### Now the really good news - New trains!

On Sunday 13th September new (well almost, 2 year old) Class 195 trains stopped here for the first time. They're quicker and more able to keep to the timetable, in theory at least. More than half our stopping trains should now be operated by these.

Why not try one - wearing your mask and at a distance, of course.

Meanwhile TransPennine Express services are running all but empty. Manchester city centre is all but deserted - apart from builders preparing offices that may never be occupied! Why not take a day trip to Cleethorpes in a carriage almost to yourself for a walk by the sea with fish and chips on the pier? Our 8.05 departure gets there at 9.50 without changing.



*A day out at Cleethorpes?*

Or take the 8.28 direct to Peterborough, Ely or Norwich for somewhere different and have a night or two away. Unfortunately changes are needed to get back, but currently all trains have lots of empty seats.

COVID won't go on for ever. Slowly we must adjust and avoid the greatest dangers - and enjoy ourselves. Please take a safe, but almost empty train, because if we don't we'll lose them!

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group.

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*Chris Morgan, Chairman*



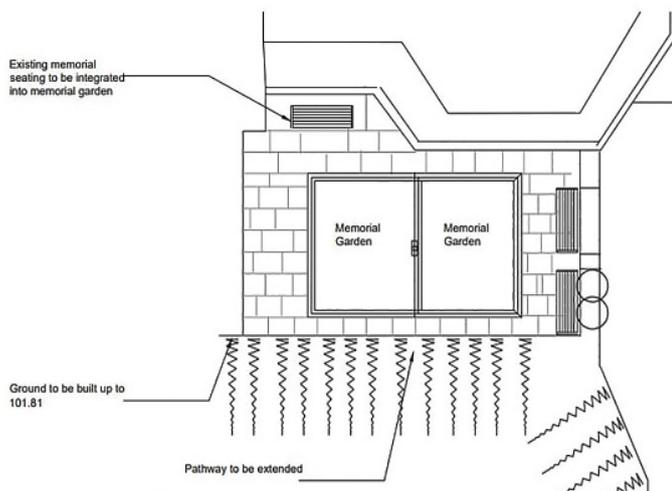
# All Saints Church

## Totley Hall Lane

You may have noticed some work taking place around the Memory Garden in the grounds of All Saints. This is a quiet area, where ashes have been buried since 1966. It is the resting place for anyone for whom Totley was a special place, not just for church families. However, there is no more room in the current plot and so no more interments can take place at the moment.

Just before lockdown, the PCC agreed to apply for permission to extend the area and drew up a simple plan of how it might look. The process will no doubt be lengthy as it is very important that this work is undertaken respectfully and in accordance with all relevant planning and legal requirements.

### A plan of the proposed extension to the memorial garden



The first part of the process was to remove the leylandii (for which we needed planning consent). This will allow the surveyors to look at the site and make more detailed plans along with the architect and because of the location an archaeologist who will have a watching brief over any work.

This area is a place of solace and comfort for many and any disturbance to the privacy of the area is regrettable. We hope that this temporary disruption will be short and that the privacy and tranquility of the new area will be restored as soon as possible.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death on August 10th of Rev David Benson. David was the vicar at All Saints from 1991 until 1998. He retired with his wife Margaret and went to live in Hatfield (Doncaster). David had a fall at home and was taken to hospital where he was found to have broken his hip and needed surgery. He had surgery but did not survive it.

Many of you will remember David with great affection. He was a friendly man, always ready to stop and chat, especially when the chat involved cars!! As well as being the vicar here, he was also a chaplain to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

In retirement David and Margaret were able to spend more time with their children and grandchildren and to enjoy numerous trips in their camper van. His funeral was held on August 25th.

At the time of writing, we are planning to open the church for Sunday worship from September 13th. The opening has been undertaken after a comprehensive risk assessment and advice and guidance from the Diocese of Sheffield and from the Church of England. Worship will look very different to what we have been used to and strict safety measures will be in place. A great deal of planning and preparation has gone into this as the safety and security of everyone has to be our priority. Meeting together for worship is important for all people of faith and so it is at All Saints. If you are unable to

visit the church, the service will be recorded (though it will not be live) You may like to view the service on the website. <https://www.allsaintstotley.church/category/vchurch/>.

Please like our Facebook page (All Saints Church Totley) where we post news and links to other sources information.

As yet, because there are multiple users and the need for the PCC to ensure the hall is safe after each use we are unable to reopen the hall. When we are confident that we can do so safely it will reopen.

This is a time of great challenge, uncertainty and anxiety and members of our church family pray regularly for our community here in Totley and this will not change. However, if you would like prayer for a specific situation or person, we are happy to do this on your behalf. You can email Prayer requests to [churchwardentotley@gmail.com](mailto:churchwardentotley@gmail.com) Requests do not need to include surnames if you prefer and you will not be contacted unless you want your request to be acknowledged.

*Liz Hayden and Angela Waite, Churchwardens*

## Letter to the Editor

Looking at your last issue, I was interested to see the gathering at Totley war memorial reported. I attended Totley C of E school during the war and a girl called Elsa Seals was in our class. Her brother had joined the R.A.F, and turned up at our school one day, dressed in his uniform. We all crowded round him in hero-worship. We later heard that he had been killed. His name appears on the Totley war memorial. What a sad loss.

Another memory revived by my recent visit to Sheffield was a mention I came across of the felling of Gillfield woods in the 1940s. Living in Rowan Tree Dell, I spent much of my spare time in the woods, and remember vividly the felling taking place. All the work was done with axes – no saws and wedges – and they could make the trees fall just where they wanted.

Still thinking of the 1940s, there used to be a holiday chalet just above the river at the bottom of the drive leading up to Shepley's. It was a nice quiet place among the trees. I went down there one evening and found that it was being 'trashed' by a group of young people. I remember seeing all sorts of bits and pieces, including a radio, being thrown into the river, and feeling so sorry for the owner. The rumour had spread that it belonged to a German spy and this was supposed to be an excuse for such mindless vandalism. I sometimes wonder who it belonged to, and how they recovered from such an event.

At the side of the rhododendron patch near the cross-path to Holmesfield, there used to be a small cluster of wild daffodils. Is it still there?

I left Totley in the 50s, and Sheffield in 1962, but I have fond memories of the village and pick up a copy of the *Independent* each time I come up to Sheffield from Plymouth. Love it!

*Best wishes,*

*Jim Whyte*



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	11.30am Chairrobics CWS call 01145537807 for entry details	10.00am Dore and Totley Carers Café 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. <a href="mailto:ian@sheffieldcarers.org.uk">ian@sheffieldcarers.org.uk</a> for Zoom	11.30am Falls prevention/Stability /Balance CWS call 01145537807 for entry details	10am TRM Pause for thought and Prayer - Rev Gail Hunt Available on Church Facebook page or website		10am CCD Virtual Service To join <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ccd-service">http://tinyurl.com/ccd-service</a>
	1pm Totley Library Baby Time email <a href="mailto:collette.duke@sky.com">collette.duke@sky.com</a> for Zoom details	10.30am Bingo and Quiz morning* CPO Call Katie 07447391437 or Ellie 07735316347	2.00pm Short Stories Listen or bring own 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month <a href="mailto:ian@sheffieldcarers.org.uk">ian@sheffieldcarers.org.uk</a> for Zoom	10.30am HiIT Class CWS call 01145537807 for entry details		10.30am TRM Thought for the week - Rev Gail Hunt Available on Church Facebook page or website
		10.30am Mindfulness CWS call 01145537807 for entry details	2.00pm Digital doodles* CPO Call Katie 07447391437 or Ellie 07735316347	11.00am PiYo CWS call 01145537807 for entry details		10.30am DTURC Prayer and Praise <a href="http://www.sheffieldurc.org.uk">www.sheffieldurc.org.uk</a> For landline service, call Elaine on 07929720977
		2.00pm Dancercise cuppa and chat* CPO Call Katie 07447391437 or Ellie 07735316347				

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