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Totley Rise Community Shopping in 1914

Totley's Scout Hut: the story so far

Thirty years ago the Scouts took over the hut at Aldam Road (which used to be a part of the old Lodge Moor Hospital before it was deconstructed and moved to this site in the early 1980s). Since then the hut has seen a lot of use, with hundreds, if not thousands, of local children spending time there, some of whom are second generation members. Sadly, the hut in its original state has reached the end of its life, as you can see in the pictures. Without a huge amount of structural and cosmetic work, it will only be a year or two before it becomes unsafe, and then it would need to be demolished and rebuilt from scratch, which the Group cannot afford.

The Group's executive committee are keen to get going with the planning and fundraising for the new hut, and we have estimated that the building works could cost up to £150,000. The com-

mittee are very conscious of what a big part Scouting plays in Totley's community, supporting local charities, helping with community events, and bringing children from different schools and backgrounds together. It's often their first link into a world outside of school, and we want to make sure that the hut can continue to host meetings for many years to come.

What have we done so far?

A new 20 year lease was granted by Sheffield City Council in October 2019. The committee were originally exploring a replacement building but the astronomical costs for a new build of equivalent size (£400k+) mean that the project has been refocused onto a full refurbishment of the existing hut.

A builder has been appointed, who has been working with us (*continued p.3*)

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Totley's Scout Hut: the story so far (from p.1)

since December 2021. Exploratory work has been carried out, which involved working out how to remove asbestos from the walls and establishing the extent of rotten timber. A structural engineer's report is awaited, which will inform the design for strengthening the posts in the exterior walls. This will enable us to obtain costs for the strengthening work, which will be carried out from the inside of the building.

All the asbestos in the building walls has been removed and new exterior boards have been installed and given one coat of paint, and gutters have been cleared

What's next?

To finalise approach and costs of replacing rotten timber and supporting the new structure for the long term, which is expected to be in a series of work packages. Costs are unknown at present, until the structural engineer's report is received, but we are hoping the total cost will be under £150k.



Work in progress to remove old panels

We will identify and cost up work that will make the building fit for purpose in the 21st century e.g. refurbishment of WCs, including provision of accessible facilities and separate WCs that adults and leaders can use, to improve safeguarding; provision of quiet break-out space for children with additional needs; kitchen refurbishment; and provision of internet access.

Fundraising is expected to come from a variety of sources - subscriptions income, gift aid, donations and fundraising campaigns. We are applying for grants, and a loan will also be considered.



Rotting timbers

We will begin structural work as soon as funds are available to complete the first package of work. It's essential that we keep Totley's Scouting community thriving for the current Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers - and for the many children who will benefit from the enrichment offered by Scouting in the future. If we aren't able to raise enough money to renovate the hut, Totley Scouts will be without a meeting place within a couple of years. We don't know of anywhere else

locally that can accommodate our groups, so numbers would have to be dramatically reduced or the groups closed altogether.

You can follow our renovation journey on our website here: <https://www.215thtotleyscouts.co.uk/hutrefurbishment>

The web page also gives information about how you can help us to raise funds, including how to join our lottery. Or you could follow us on Facebook (@totleyscouts) to find out more about future fundraising events. If you have any ideas for ways in which we could raise money or have anything you could donate to help with the building (materials, time, skills, etc), we would love to hear from you at totley1stscouts@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Helen Armstrong, Fran Arnold, Katrin Stefansdottir (Totley Scouts Executive Committee)

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Totley Open Gardens 2022

Totley Open Gardens will be taking place again this year on the weekend of Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of July from 1-5pm.

A variety of gardens across Totley, and some allotments, will be open for visitors to come and get inspiration, admire good gardens, and see some good vegetable and fruit growing.

Plants will be on sale in several gardens, tea and cakes in others. Toilets will also be available in some places.



Visitors enjoying one of the Open Gardens in 2021

Programmes will be on sale for £5 per person at Totley Library for a month prior to the event and, on the days of the Open Gardens weekend, near the Ironing Parlour on Baslow Road.

All the money that we raise at Totley Open Gardens goes to local community organisations – Cherry Tree Support Services, Transport 17, the Scouts, and Totley Library. In 2021, we raised £5,000. Please come along to the event and help us raise another fantastic amount.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

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Councillors' News

In early March the Council met to discuss its budget for the next financial year. At times the debate was very lively but in the end commonsense prevailed and a legal budget was set. We were pleased that our proposal to increase the operating hours of Council-run recycling centres was accepted, though other proposals to increase the availability and capacity of curbside recycling was voted down by the administration. This was disappointing as commercial recycling facilities at major supermarkets are being scaled down or removed altogether. Not only does this make it more difficult for everyone to do their bit for the environment - it may lead to more illegal fly-tipping. There have already been several incidents of this in our ward, one of which involved hazardous material, and local councillors have been in frequent contact with Environmental Services about this issue. If you see evidence of fly-tipping please report it to the Council and let us know.

On a more positive note we are pleased to report more progress on some local projects funded by the Ward Pot scheme. Close to Totley All Saints School there is an area known as the Pinfold. A Pinfold was an ancient compound for stray animals and so this area must have existed for a very long time. The area was transformed into a garden in the late 70s and has been looked after by local residents since then. However, it had become overgrown and some major clearance work was needed to restore it for the benefit of the people of Totley. The problem we faced was that the actual ownership of the land remains in question and Sheffield Council were clear that it is not their responsibility. After some extensive 'digging' into what could be done to help we

found a way of funding the clearance of the site via the ward pot. Shrubs and trees were cut back to provide more light and space earlier this year. The Pinfold is now more open and worth a visit if you have not been there.

Another issue that features regularly in our postbag is protection of the Greenbelt that surrounds our ward. Easy access to beautiful countryside is something that makes Totley such a great place to live and we have long campaigned to preserve it. At a recent meeting a large majority of the Council voted for a local development policy that would prioritise development on brownfield sites, not precious green space. This was a welcome result but there is a long way to go before the new Local Plan is ratified. We will keep you updated on progress as events unfold.

And finally Do let us know if you need any help or advice on Council matters. Our contact details and surgery dates are shown on the Council website.

See you soon,

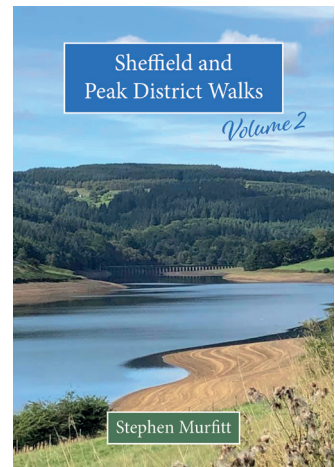
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Writer on Local Walks produces Volume 2!

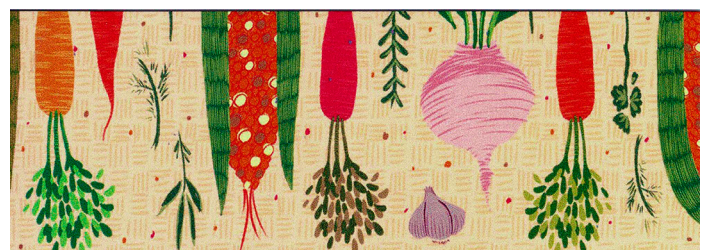
Local writer Steve Murfitt published his book 'Sheffield and Peak District Walks' about a year ago, and has sold 800 copies, mainly through local shops and publicity in local publications. Steve says "It was amazing how many people contacted me through this, and shows the power of local news!"

The success of the book led Steve to write a second volume, which includes walks local to this area, and also walks in the White Peak, and in North East Derbyshire, all of them being between 4 and 9 miles in length.



Included in the book are the following walks: Bamford Edge, Bole Hill Quarry, Grindleford, Calver, Sheffield Lakeland, Shillito Wood, Victorian Sheffield, White Edge Moor, Limb & Porter Valleys, Totley Moor, Mayfield Valley, Moorseats Hall and Crook Hill.

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Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society

Hello everyone!

I am delighted to tell you that rehearsals are well underway for TOADS' May 2022 play!

As you know, this play has been written especially for us by Alan Wade, who is well known in the area as a very talented actor and playwright, and for his association with Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society.



His latest play is *Beach Day*. Come along and meet Phil and Les, Rita and Doug, and a host of colourful characters at Sunny Sands Caravan Park. It will be lovely to see you!

The dates of the play are Wednesday 11th May to Friday 13th May at 7.30pm, and Saturday 14th May at 2.30pm.

Please call Jeff on 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket or contact any Toads member.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Anne Bettridge



All Saints Church Listening and Hearing

A friend sent a lovely photo and story about her granddaughter proudly showing off her new school

clothes. "Granny do you like my school unicorn?" she asked. Granny replied that she thought it was called a uniform but the youngster insisted "No Granny I heard the shop lady tell mummy it was a school unicorn" Of course it always will be now!

It can be amusing when we mishear something and also quite embarrassing, maybe even dangerous at times, but these misunderstandings often stay with us so that we eventually accept them as fact.

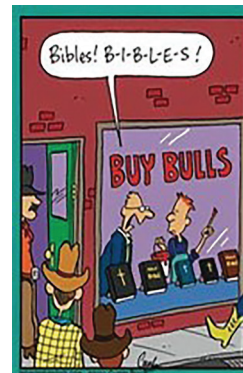
A common misunderstanding about the Christian faith is that Christians believe that if they live a godly life they will be protected from pain and suffering. In fact, Christian life is not always easy! You will still face ups and downs, challenges and joys. You will have problems and troubles to overcome like everyone else. What God does promise is his assurance that He will always be with us as a constant source of comfort and support, through all the trials of life and in the good times too.

Another popular misconception is that the Christian life isn't a very enticing prospect because it is all about following rules and giving up fun. All of us, whether people of faith or none, are bound by laws but these are man-made. God intends for his people to have abundant lives. Christian faith tells us that God created all of the good, wholesome, enjoyable, and fun things we have on this earth as a blessing for us all to enjoy. At the heart of Christian faith is salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus which Christians celebrate at Easter. Today serious academics, who have studied documents written by secular contemporaries of Jesus, proving his existence and teaching beyond doubt agree that he was a

remarkable teacher who reportedly did things that defied explanation. They also know that he was crucified in an unspeakably cruel and painful way and that his followers were convinced that three days later he came back to life and were willing to die because they would not renounce that belief. Many people have heard about his life, ministry and death but find it very hard to believe that it is of any significance. Christians have always believed that Jesus was not just a good man, but the Son of God. Indeed the whole of Christianity stands or falls on whether Jesus was who he said he was.

The Christian writer CS Lewis summed up our response to Jesus as follows: "Either Jesus is the Son of God; or a madman or worse. But His being just a great teacher? He's not left that open to us. If we don't believe his own claims about himself, why should we believe any of his teaching? This Easter what will you hear and understand about the the life, death and resurrection of Jesus?"

Join us on Easter Sunday for Family Holy Communion from 10am.



The church hall is now available for hire again and enquiries should be addressed to Beth Booth (totleyallsaintshall@gmail.com) or 0114 236 5512.

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 churchwardenstotley@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.

Jubilee Picnic

Totley All Saints Church invites you to a Community Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June from 12pm, in the church grounds, Totley Hall Lane.

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5.30pm - Y4/Y5

Contact Joanna on 07854 148809 or email speaquesheffield@gmail.com to find out more about local availability for French language classes.

Friends of Gillfield Wood, occasional Mondays, 7.30pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the FoGW article in this issue, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com

Councillor Surgery, 2nd Monday of the month, 6.00-7.00pm

Tuesday:

Baby Time 1.30-2.15pm (term times only). Come along to meet other parents/carers and babies. We sing simple songs, have fun and allow time to chat.

Poetry Group, first Tuesday in month, 7.00 - 9.00pm. *Please note that this group cannot accept new members at present.*

Friends of Dore and Totley Station Occasional Tuesdays, 7.30pm. See www.FODATS.net

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12noon

Themed Craft Activities 10am - 11.45 am Children can take part in a weekly themed storytime/craft activity. This will be offered on a free flow basis, supported by members of the Storytime team. Come along with your little ones!

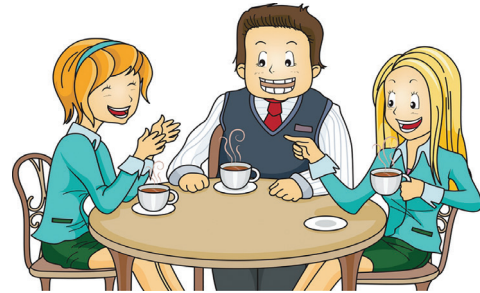
Health Walks, 10.30am, meet at Totley Library. Contact Step

Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com

Totley History Group, usually last Wednesday of the month, 7.30. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters, the *Totley Independent Diary*, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk
Yoga sessions 7.00 - 8.30pm, Wednesdays (except the last Wednesday of the month). For more details call Ann Zielonka on 0114 2361585 or 07929 736966. Beginners welcome. You are advised to call Ann to check that the sessions are taking place.

Thursday:

Thursday Morning Natter 10.30 - 11.30. Hot drinks and good company - for people aged 60 or over.



Chair Aerobics with Kay 12noon for 45-60 minutes. An Age UK and People Keeping Well weekly exercise class. £3 per week - no need to pre-book, just turn up.

Reading Club 2 meets in the library on the third Thursday of each month between 1.30 and 3pm. If you are interested in coming along please email Dawn Rich, who runs the club, at dawn@ilmd.biz

Saturday:

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The Rotary Club Of Sheffield Vulcan

Despite Covid limitations, the Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan has continued to thrive.

We have supported Food Banks by providing volunteer drivers to reach the housebound, distributing food supplies, and facilitated cash grants of £9,000.



Our local community work is varied. Last year for example we acted as stewards at Whirlow Hall Farm for their Superhero Fun Day, and at Meadowhall for a Musical Drive-in in aid of the Roundabout charity (helping homeless teenagers). Further stewarding manpower was given to the Sheffield 10K Run for All.

Annually we financially support a pantomime visit for a local school, have collected usable clothes for asylum seekers in need, and held bucket collections in support of local causes. In 2021, we raised over £15,000 for over 40 (mainly local) charities.

We seek to improve and enrich our environment in Sheffield – over the past 10 years, we have planted many thousands of young trees and spring bulbs. As part of that aim we have 'adopted' Beauchief Gardens, near to the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. During the Autumn, we trimmed a large number of bushes, planted crocus and daffodil bulbs, and carried out general maintenance. Now that Spring is here, we have started work clearing up after Winter and preparing the Gardens for the better weather.



Taking a break in Beauchief Gardens

During February we collected hundreds of books for schools for the benefit of disadvantaged young children as part of an initiative by Abbeydale Rotary, and our plans this Spring include stewarding at the Sheffield Half Marathon, and a four day collection for Marie Curie at Morrisons supermarket at Meadowhead.

Responding to recent events in Europe, Sheffield Vulcan, along with other Rotary Clubs, is providing both financial and other aid for the Ukrainian emergency. Rotary International spent \$3.1 million in disaster relief in 2021 - and did you know that it is recognised as the major driving force over the years to end the scourge of Polio, which is now almost eliminated?

Thus Rotary is not solely a local affair – world-wide there are more than one million members in fifty thousand clubs. This network allows clubs to work in harmony together, one such project being Sheffield Vulcan's donation of £925 to a Rotary Club in India for the provision of Personal Protection Equipment in the fight against Covid in a poor rural area.

But we're not just about helping those less fortunate than ourselves and improving the world around us; we meet

(Covid permitting) in person and via Zoom to make friends, enjoy fun events, dine together with informative and inspirational figures, go walking and have many other sociable events.

So, if you have a bit of spare time, like the idea of joining a group of people who, like you, want to put something back into the local and world-wide community, why not contact us via contactus@sheffieldvulcan.org.uk or look at our website www.vulcanrotary.org.uk

Alan Brown, Sheffield Vulcan Rotary

Friendship Lunches

The next Friendship Lunches at the Hammer & Pincers are on Tuesday 26 April, with the fantastic Steve Gray, and on Tuesday, 24 May, with the amazing Alan Turner. The events continue to be a huge success with brilliant feedback from our guests. Tickets are just £10 and include a delicious 2 course lunch and live entertainment.

One guest, Linda, said that she came to the inaugural event on her own and has now made many new friends. She said she would definitely recommend it to people and that it was a lovely event at which to meet old friends and to meet new ones too.

We are extremely grateful to Age UK Sheffield and People Keeping Well for kind sponsorship and to poster sponsors, Twelve Trees Care, Norrie Waite Slater Solicitors and SCCCC. To book please contact the Hammer & Pincers on 01142 620759.

We are very pleased to confirm that a brand new Friendship Lunch has now been launched at the Shepley Spitfire in Totley - the next events are on Friday 29 April and Friday 27 May. To book please contact the Shepley Spitfire on 01142 360298. The price is the same as the Hammer & Pincers' event and includes live entertainment. Age UK Sheffield and People Keeping Well have kindly sponsored this event too and the poster sponsors are Sheffcare and Norrie Waite Slater Solicitors.

A new type of Friendship Lunch has also been launched at the Coffee on the Corner at the top of Main Avenue in Totley. This is weekly, rather than monthly, and will be held every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 pm. The idea is that people can just pop in for a drink and/or a bite to eat - there is no set menu/price and no need to book. A similar event in Sheffield 2 is proving to be a huge success with referrals from GPs and link workers.

For further information and/or to discuss hosting/sponsoring a Friendship Lunch, please contact Kathy Markwick, Freelance Community Consultant, on 0772 9528844 or email kathy-markwick@gmail.com

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Update from Olivia Blake MP

Firstly, many of you have contacted me about the terrible situation in Ukraine. My thoughts are with all those still in Ukraine, those who are trying to flee the violence, and those in Sheffield who are worried about their loved ones. I have been doing everything I can to support people in Hallam who are trying to contact family members and I have

been working with the Universities in our city to discuss the possibility of allowing Ukrainian students to transfer to Sheffield Universities so they can continue their studies. I also wrote a message of solidarity to our counterparts in Ukraine's Parliament and joined with other Sheffield MPs to send a message of support.

Nationally I have been campaigning to improve the Government's policy towards Ukrainian refugees. The Home Office guidance for providing sanctuary to fleeing Ukraine does not go nearly far enough and the numbers of Ukrainian refugees the UK has taken in is far too low. When the crisis first broke out I asked Boris Johnson what support we will provide Ukrainian citizens in the UK to reunite with family members in Ukraine. Despite this the Prime Minister has been too slow in addressing the huge holes in the system and I know many people are struggling to bring their families to safety. I also questioned the Home Secretary in Parliament on what was being done to support particularly vulnerable people fleeing the crisis.

The Government's Anti-Refugee Bill returned to the House of Lords at the beginning of the year. I am concerned that this Bill presents a very real attack on our international legal obligations to those fleeing war. I am currently working with campaigners to raise awareness about the dangerous effects of this Bill on the LGBTQ+ community and I held a debate in Westminster Hall to push this issue up the agenda. The Lords have now rejected some of the worst parts of the Bill, which would criminalise those coming to the UK through so-called irregular routes and strip people of their citizenship without any notice. These are huge wins which we must protect as the Bill returns to the House of Commons. The current Ukraine crisis shows once again how important it is to defend the right to seek asylum and offer support to those fleeing persecution.

I am also proud to have been elected as vice-chair for the All Party Parliamentary Group on migration and I am looking forward to working with this group to hold the Government to account over their hostile migration policy.

In other news I have been continuing to campaign for better eating disorder services for children and adults in our city and across the country. Eating disorders are the biggest killer of any mental health condition, yet they have continually received the least funding, and specialist services are now at breaking point. We urgently need a long-term strategy to address this growing crisis. During Eating Disorder Awareness week I met with NHS eating disorder specialists in Sheffield. I have also been working with South Yorkshire Eating Disorder Association, whose progress championing early intervention across our region has been vital. I will also be campaigning ahead of the Chancellor's budget for an emergency package of ring-fenced funding to address the crisis our eating disorder services are facing.

In some exciting news, following our campaign last year I am delighted to announce that the Government has finally agreed to hold an enquiry into the disproportionately high number of deaths of Asian babies before, during or after child-birth. This is a really important step and will hopefully help reduce the huge inequalities that currently exist.

As Shadow Minister for Climate Change I have been campaigning for a Windfall Tax on Oil and Gas companies. The likes of BP and Shell have made record-breaking profits this year. Meanwhile energy prices are rising exponentially and millions of people across the country are being forced to

choose between eating and heating. We need a Windfall Tax now to address this crisis, as well as urgent investment in the green, renewable energy of the future.

In Parliament I have been continuing to call the Government out on their lack of climate action. The most recent IPCC report put forward its bleakest warning yet, emphasising the urgency of immediate, ambitious action to step-up climate action and adaptation. In Parliament I asked COP President Alok Sharma what concrete steps had been made since COP26. I also spoke during the debate on the use of bee-killing pesticides. The Government has gone against the explicit advice of their own scientific advisors and approved the use of bee-killing, nature-harming pesticides. Thank you to everyone who wrote to me about this important issue. I will continue to push the Government on this.

In Sheffield Hallam I have really enjoyed getting out and about more following the January lockdown. Earlier in the month I visited the South Yorkshire Energy Centre with Ed Miliband, Louise Haigh and Oliver Coppard, and heard about the transformative projects being run by Sheffield Renewables to provide secure, affordable energy to people in our city.

It was also great to visit Porter Valley - and hear about their important work desilting the dam and restoring wildlife to the area. Thank you to everyone at Friends of Porter Valley who have worked for years to raise the funds for this vital renovation. I have also been working with residents in Stannington to improve road safety for elderly residents, after an issue was raised with me about the need for more dropped curbs. I met with campaigners to hear about the challenges they are facing providing a safe environment for Sheffield kids to play football. I will be supporting their petition to stop dog fouling on football grounds.

During a debate on special educational needs and children's mental health services, I spoke for the first time publicly about my experience as someone who is neurodivergent, and the long-term mental health impact of late diagnosis. Young people today deserve action to cut waiting times and improve screening so we can ensure early diagnosis of all neurodiverse conditions. If you are interested, you can watch my full speech on my website.

As Chair of the cross-party group on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities I am organising a number of meetings to discuss a range of issues including intersectionality and mental health. This month I chaired our first meeting to discuss the intersectionality of SEND with race, gender, sexuality and class. If you are interested in joining the discussions, you can sign up to future sessions on my website.

Thank you for reading my regular update. As always if there is an issue you would like me to raise or a problem you are facing please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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What's on at Totley Library



Welcome from Totley CRIC from all the trustees and all our hard working volunteers. Things are very much up and running as you will see from our report this month. Following our heater issues recently we have started to think more about the building generally, and how we might make it more eco/sustainable in the coming months and years. We will be looking at insulation and solar panels etc so long as funding and our budget will allow. I have been attending the Local Area Committee meetings and it's interesting to see how various buildings around the city have become 'Community Hubs' during the pandemic - and we very much see our library as such. We will be holding a development strategy meeting in May so all ideas would be especially welcome

Julie Kitlowski, Chair of CRIC Trustee Group

Covid 19 precautions at Totley Library

Covid measures will remain in place for library volunteers and be advisory for library users. Keeping safe in Totley Library means being aware of the Hands, Face, Space & Ventilate advice. Our volunteers will wear visors or masks. The screens and hand sanitisers remain in place with some windows open during library hours.

Current Opening Hours

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

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Lost Books and Fines

Please note from 1st March we will be implementing the same system as the council for library users with outstanding charges for lost Orange Sticker books. Users will be charged for the book and may have their library card blocked. Please have a look at home for any overdue books and return to the library as soon as possible to avoid charges. This will help ensure all our library users are able to enjoy the newest titles.

Books for sale

The next Book Sale is on April 23rd, but remember that good-quality second-hand books, as well as jigsaws, DVDs and music CDs are displayed on our sale shelves each day during library hours and are regularly re-stocked.

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! The first-prize winner in the January draw was Anne Fletcher, and the second-prize winner was Fiona Smith. In the February draw, first prize was won by Mrs C. Ashby, and the second prize was won by Graham Skinner.

Totley Library Cinema

Our Spring cinema programme at Totley Library is now available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Refreshments will be served at all these films. Raffle tickets: £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Thursday matinee films are free for Over 65s.

Sunday 10 April 2pm - The Secret Garden (PG) Updated retelling of the classic story from the makers of Paddington, starring Colin Firth and Julie Walters.

Thursday 14 April 3pm - The Dig (12A) Story based on the excavation of Sutton Hoo, starring Ralph Fiennes and Cary Mulligan.

Friday 29 April 7pm - Nomadland (12) Oscar winning Best Picture starring Frances McDormand.

Thursday 12 May 3pm - West Side Story (2021) (12A) Director Steven Spielberg's stunning update of the musical classic.

Sunday 29 May 2pm - Call of the Wild (2020) (PG) American adventure film based on Jack London's 1903 novel.

Annual Plant Sale

On Saturday 7 May between 10am and 12.30pm we will be holding our popular annual Plant Sale.

We are looking for green-fingered people to donate plants again this year. You might be dividing herbaceous plants or planning seed sowing. If you can help, please let us know and we'll contact you nearer the time. Email Collette Duke at collette.duke@sky.com or leave a message for her at the library.

Totley Library Art Exhibition

This will be held on Sunday 12 June between 11am and 4pm. FREE Admission!

Any local artists who would like to exhibit in this year's Art Show at Totley Library should contact collette.duke@sky.com for more information.

New Book Additions

We have a range of new books for loan. Here are just a few of our latest titles.



You can make a book recommendation online at <http://www.totleycric.org.uk/suggest-a-new-book/> or email us at book-purchasing@totleycric.org.uk

Sales Shelves

Don't forget to check out our sales shelves in the library. All books are in excellent condition with new adult and children's titles selling for as little as £1. Why not try our Bargain Book Bundle - 4 books for £2. Great value and perfect for holidays!

Holmesfield Church Walking Group



On Wednesday 27 April at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from The Bull's Head at Ashford in the Water (DE45 1QB). We will walk to Churchdale Hall, then through Cracknowl Wood to Bakewell, then back near the river to Ashford where we will have lunch (optional).

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds go to Holmesfield Church. If you wish to come just turn up on the day. If you have any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767. The walk is about 4 miles long but there is a shortcut.

Letter to the Editor

Hi

Just a quick note re the photo on the front page of this issue. It is indeed taken at the point on Baslow Road where Bushey Wood Road and Totley Brook Road meet it, as stated on an inside page.

It also says that it's Bushey Wood Stores but I think most of your older readers will remember it as Ormes. That's certainly how I remember it in the 50s and 60s.

Ormes were a high-quality grocers who had other stores in Bakewell and Matlock. believe they later sold the store to Woods Markets, a local family supermarket chain who were subsequently bought out in the 90s by Blakemores Spar.

Paul Hibberd

Totley All Saints

Church of England Primary School

It's great to be able to say that things are beginning to feel a bit more normal at Totley All Saints at last! Our attendance figures are back up to their usual high and we have been able to reinstate some of our usual activities and have been able to get back to taking part in sporting and musical opportunities.

The TASS cross-country squad have attended lots of meetings and have put in some fantastic efforts. We will be having our sports day this year at the EIS after a two year gap.

Our choir is back rehearsing for the Young Voices event which will see them performing at the Arena with other Sheffield choirs on 28th April. They are sounding AMAZING!

Pupil Voice

Our CREW Council (RE and collective worship) suggested that classes get much more involved in assemblies so as well as assemblies led by the CREW council we have had class assemblies covering a range of issues led by different classes: World Food day Y3; International Day for the eradication of Poverty; Holocaust Memorial day Y6; Fair Trade Y5 and Y2; Recycling Y1

Learning enrichment activities

We were invaded by Romans but fortunately Y3 were on hand to make sure they came, saw and made friends with us! Y3 learned a lot about why the Romans were so successful in battle and many aspects of everyday Roman life.

The Lifewise Centre, an interactive safety centre home to the Joint Community Safety department (South Yorkshire Police, and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue) hosted "Crucial Crew" for Y6 where they learned many important safety lessons in different contexts - and had fun!

World Book day is always taken very seriously at TASS so this year everyone is here in their pyjamas! We had a raft of

great activities including the masked reader and Great Book Swap where all members of staff read a favourite book to a group of children

Our reinstated "Buddy" reading where older readers from Y6 support younger children to improve their reading and enthuse them to want to read more for pleasure is working really well.

Fund raising

As part of our Fair Trade week Y2 planned and held a bun sale which raised a brilliant £102.10.

Global Neighbours

On Friday 25th February we were assessed for our Global Neighbours Silver Award....and it was a YES! The assessor spoke to the Global Neighbours Group, school council and CREW council and was so impressed with the children's knowledge, passion and commitment to Global issues. The certificate is in the post!

We're now looking forward to becoming more connected to our community again being able to invite people into school and being able to go on residential trips

If you want to find out more about our school, then please visit our website or email us at enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk. We'll be so happy to talk to you!

Karole Sargent and Trudi Brown
Proud Headteachers

Another Big Totley Yard Sale!

There will be another Totley Yard Sale on Sunday 29th May from 10.30.

This will be the 9th Yard Sale, which is now popular among buyers from across Sheffield and beyond.

You sell your unwanted things from the front of your home. A list of vendors is produced for selling to all punters, and the Yard Sale is advertised widely on social media across the city. Vendors pay £6 to take part, and this money goes to Totley Open Gardens, who combine the money with the funds raised by the Open Gardens event which will take place on 9th and 10th July. These funds are then distributed to local voluntary and community organisations.

Since this is a community event organised voluntarily to raise money for local groups, it is appreciated that everyone contributes the £6 in order to take part and pays as early as possible. You benefit as a seller by being on a list bought by buyers, so get more people coming than you would if you do it yourself.



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

If you live on the edges of Totley and would like to be matched with a more central location, let me know so I can arrange this.

Jennie Street
Tel. 236 2302 or 07527 929592



Totley History Group

On April 13th we will be holding an AGM, at 7.30pm in Totley Library, which will be open to both members and non-members. The main topics will be a display of the group's achievements over the 14 years it has been running, and then to consider future activities of the Group. We are still looking for new committee members to come forward to help to ensure the longer term future of the Group. In particular we are looking for someone to write articles such as this for the *Totley Independent* and other local publications. If you are interested in finding out more about what being on the Committee entails, please send an email to secretary@totleyhistorygroup.org.uk for further details. We would be happy to hear from non-members as well as members.

A major contribution to the success of the Group has been our website but the person who has managed it brilliantly for 10 years has decided to call it a day. Whilst we may be able to manage it on a care and maintenance basis in the short term we are now looking for someone with the expertise needed for it to continue to develop.

Then on Wednesday 25th May local historian and author Peter Machan will tell us about a year during lockdown which he spent exploring the nearby Loxley Valley and how he discovered a surprising 'Cabinet of Curiosities' of diverse landscapes, historical characters, tragic and dramatic events, unusual occupations, perplexing ruins and unique folk tales and traditions that make the area so fascinating. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm in Totley Library.

For updates on all our activities please visit www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk.

Norman Rolfe

The joys of the great outdoors!

Spring is nearly with us and we're all looking forward to spending more time outdoors. We spend so much less time outside over the winter so at this time of year we can look forward to many more hours in the fresh air and sunshine. Being outdoors can really lift our mood and make us feel better and research shows us there are many tangible health benefits to be gained from spending time in the fresh air.

How does being outdoors improve health and well-being?

Spending time in the natural environment is linked to better health and well-being. Living closer to greener spaces in towns and cities improves mental well-being and reduces the risk of diseases such as cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, and asthma severity. Benefits of spending more time outdoors include:

- Reduced stress and anxiety – being able to see, visit and particularly spend time in gardens, parks, or allotments lower stress levels and decrease anxiety.
- Blood pressure - studies show that living near to green spaces reduces blood pressure and lowers the risk of hypertension.
- Better sleep - people with access to a natural environment sleep better than those who live further away. Exposure to natural light in the morning helps us to sleep better at night as it wakes us up more fully than indoor lighting. This then helps the release of melatonin in the evening, a hormone that helps us to sleep at night.
- Better eyesight – children who spend more time outside have less risk of having myopia (short sightedness). probably due to the positive impact of the UVB light from the sun.

How sunshine helps!

Being out in the sunshine has extra benefits for health. The healing properties of the sun have been recognised since

ancient times, and as recently as 1950's, Heliotherapy, or sun treatment, was used to treat TB. Sunshine is beneficial to health in many ways:

Vitamin D – vitamin D produced from UVA rays on the skin helps our bones to stay strong, supports a healthy immune system, reduces inflammation and improves glucose metabolism.



Nitric Oxide – UVA rays on the skin enable the release of nitric oxide, which stimulates vasodilation (widening of the blood vessels) and lowers blood pressure.

Other diseases – increased sun exposure may protect us against many diseases including Type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and several forms of cancer.

Well-being – UVB rays on the skin lead to the releases of beta-endorphins which increase feelings of well-being, boosts immune health, improves wound healing, reduces pain, increases relaxation, and improves sleep.

How much time should we spend outdoors?

Spending any amount of time outdoors is likely to be good for us, however, one study suggested that spending at least two hours in a natural environment each week may be particularly valuable for both health and well-being. The study involved 20,000 people and found that those who spent more time outside reported higher levels of well-being than those spending less time, with benefits increasing up to a maximum of five hours. The study authors concluded that it was the amount of time spent outdoors which mattered more than the activities undertaken when people were outdoors.

*Isabel Hemmings, BANT Registered Nutritionist
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Supermarket recycling closures

Tesco in Millhouses has come under fire after announcing they will be closing their recycling facilities from March 22. The decision to close the recycling centre comes despite the news that £500,000 will be invested into a Street Clean Enforcement to remove litter and vermin in Sheffield.

The Budget, passed last Wednesday, also provided £281,000 to extend the opening times of household waste recycling centres to seven days a week.

But a Click and Collect Customer Assistant at the store, said the store had closed the recycling centre due to fly tipping around the bins which had cost Tesco money to clean. He said "People just dump anything here, we've had bathtubs, toilets, sinks and doors. When all the dump sites were closed in lockdown, people left their rubbish here.

"It looks bad for the customers when they come into the store and its safer to get rid of the recycling centre to prevent people leaving all their waste here."

A Tesco spokesperson said: "We've taken the decision to remove some of the recycling facilities at our Sheffield Abbeydale store where they are already provided by the local authorities. This is partly in response to complaints of litter

Supermarket recycling closures (continued)

and fly tipping in the store car park around the recycling area."

Daniel Perrins, a Tesco worker, was surprised by the decision to remove the recycling centre. He said: "It's a bit of a shock to me, it's going to be a nuisance. I like to take my rubbish here and I use the bins frequently, at least once a week.



Notice at the recycling bins at Tesco, Abbeydale Road

Julie Gay, a volunteer for Sheffield Litter Pickers, said Tesco have the finances to help waste management in Sheffield.

She said: "I'm worried about people fly-tipping their rubbish because there are not enough recycling facilities to deal with the loss of the recycling centre at a local community level. I feel that Tesco as a big multinational company with big profits should be doing more for the environment."

No plans have been announced to replace the recycling centre.

Owen Barnard

Totley Primary School

Building a Reading Culture at Totley Primary

World Book Day 2022 certainly felt like a very special event in school, having missed out on the experience in 2021 due to the Winter lockdown. However, while dressing up days can be great fun, they are only a tiny part of one of our most important missions as a school: teaching children to read fluently as quickly as possible and developing in them a love of books and literature.

Daily story time, when adults read high quality texts aloud to children of all ages, is a cornerstone of our curriculum and allows children to experience the wonder of the best fiction texts, whilst hearing the rhythms and cadences of the English language and being exposed to new phrases and vocabulary. Miss Coupe, Mrs Corrin and Mrs Croft all play key reading roles in school. Miss Coupe is our 'Reader Leader' and leads on ensuring that children are taught high quality phonics lessons from their very first day in school until they develop reading fluency. Mrs Corrin is our English subject leader and takes charge of making sure that all children experience an exceptional reading curriculum through which they are introduced to a wide variety of texts and are taught a carefully sequenced progression of reading skills and knowledge. She

also had the inspiration for our fabulous reading shelter, which stands proudly at the front of the school and offers a beautiful environment in which our Y6 reader leaders can support younger children in enjoying books at break times.



Mrs Croft, meanwhile, looks after our school library. She has done an amazing job over the past couple of years to completely reorganise the school library and categorise every book into age-grouped themes. With support from a crack team of Y5 library leaders, the library is used by children across school each and every day, as well as being loved and looked after. Mrs Croft is also our Accelerated Reader guru - this is an online platform which fluent readers can access to practice and develop their reading comprehension skills at just the right level of challenge. Recent competitions have seen levels of engagement higher than ever, with lots of children getting stuck into this at home!

The support of parents and carers in encouraging children to read is invaluable as we know that reading unlocks the door to many other areas of the curriculum and beyond. In the words of the great American social reformer, Frederick Douglass, 'Once you learn to read, you will be forever free,'

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

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Totley Swift Group

A good number of residents in the village are getting excited as we get nearer to the month of May. They are looking forward to those wonderful birds, the Swifts, returning from their winter quarters in Africa and flying low over our rooftops in acrobatic formations.

Those residents have had Swift nest boxes erected on their properties over the last two years and are eagerly waiting to see if a pair of Swifts takes an interest in their new nest box. Some residents have even had a sound system fitted to play Swift calls that can attract Swifts to the box.

Should you be interested in having a Swift nest box fitted to your property and would like some advice, please contact Totley Swift Group by email - the contact address is swiftsoftotley@outlook.com. If you are considering a Swift box, one important point to make is that Swifts do not make a mess on the outside walls below the fitted nest box. You will also be please to know that once the box is fitted it does not need to be cleaned out, unlike boxes occupied by, say, Blue Tits or Robins.

Part of the service our Swift Group provides is to visit properties and discuss with the owner, the type of boxes available and where best to site a box. We can also explain the use of a sound system, should that be of interest. Some of the nest boxes also have a facility behind the box, that provides a place for bats to roost.



Nearly all the boxes we have erected have been made by Peak Boxes, a business that operates out of the Hope Valley. We have a great working relationship with the owners; their website is well worth a look. If the nest box is purchased from them, we can collect it, to avoid postage, and we may even be able to arrange a discount, depending on when the box is purchased. In addition, we are always hopeful that we can arrange for a fitter to erect a number of boxes around the village on one agreed day.

On one Thursday in March, we managed to get 11 more boxes erected around the village. That means that nearly 70 boxes have been erected since our Swift Group was formed two years ago, and as most of the boxes have dual nest chambers, we are now providing Swifts with over 120 new nest sites to choose from.

There is real concern as to the speed at which Swift numbers have declined nationally; this has been put down in the main to the birds losing natural nest sites in buildings where property improvements have been carried out. With all these new nest sites we are providing, we are hoping that we can, not only halt the decline of Swift numbers in our village, but we can also help them increase their numbers over the coming years.

Our Totley Swifts Facebook account continues to attract more followers. This inevitably brings in more enquiries from in and outside the village, so we have found that we are providing advice to people not only in Totley but in Dore, Bradway, Millhouses and Ecclesall as well. We are also in close contact with other Swift Groups in Sheffield and as such, are able to pass people on, where appropriate, to a group covering the area in which they live; groups such as S6, S7 and S11.

Some residents are very keen to have a nest box so that it provides an education tool for their children, which is great. Other residents have specifically asked us to fit their nest box on the back of their house so they can watch the Swifts coming and going on a warm summer evening whilst they sit outside with a glass of wine. Now, if that is not an incentive to have a box fitted.....

We look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Measures

What is Forest Bathing?

Forest bathing involves slowing down, immersing your senses in nature and reconnecting to yourself and the world around you. It is stopping to feel the texture of the soft green moss, feeling the cool breeze on your cheek, taking in the damp sweet smell of the earth and listening to the gentle flowing stream.

Forest bathing originated in Japan in the 1980s due to a national health crisis and stress-related illnesses. Scientific research found that forest bathing reduced stress and anxiety, boosted immunity and improved mood. This was due to various factors present in the forest which reduce stress.

If you close your eyes and imagine walking in a pine forest, the delicious pine scent released by the trees is actually from natural oils called phytoncides which have been found to reduce stress. As you notice the silhouettes of the trees in winter, the branching repetitive patterns of the trees are known as fractal patterns which have been found to improve our wellbeing. Whenever I am feeling stressed or in need of a bit of time to myself I always find a beautiful spot in nature near water, whether in Graves Park or driving out to Padley



Gorge or one of the reservoirs. Just sitting by the water and noticing reflections or listening to the trickling stream is so

soothing and calming. This is because negative ions are present in the air near moving water and have a positive effect on reducing stress. Having a pond in your garden or a simple water feature can have a similar effect.

What does a Forest Bathing Session involve?

We start with a nature poem and some guided mindfulness as we start to connect with nature followed by some slow mindful walking. We then deepen our connection with nature through various invitations focusing on different senses... maybe noticing movement in the trees, or listening to the sound of the stream, or creating a piece of nature art with twigs and moss and leaves. We will have a chance to share our experiences, ending with a simple tea ceremony in the woods where we will share some foraged herbal tea and healthy snacks together.

Where can I do Forest Bathing?

We can connect to nature anywhere whether that is in a local park, our back garden, a balcony, noticing the trees along our street. If we are not able to get outside we can notice the changing seasons through our window, notice the patterns of the clouds as they gently move across the sky, enjoy noticing the details on our houseplant.

We don't need to have a forest; it is all about slowing down, immersing our senses in nature that is around us, noticing the details and finding peace and joy in the moment.

Caroline Cook, Integrative Forest Therapy Practitioner



On the Beat

As I scraped the ice off my car again this morning I thought how nice it was that apparently Spring is here! Loath as I am to comment on current events as by the time you read this everything could have changed again but as I write we are about to see the end of all legal COVID rules and we're waiting to see if any guidelines might still be applied following the next review date. I feel the world is in a very different place now to

where we were in early 2020. Working practices may have changed and I can see face masks playing a larger part in our country as they have done previously in other countries. As a lot of people begin to return to offices and book long awaited holidays in the sun it's worth remembering that nearly all of our recent burglaries have occurred whilst the occupants of the address have been away from home, either at work or on a break. In the last issue I went over the crime prevention advice again for keeping your house secure whilst unoccupied, so I'll not bore you by rehashing the same information again! Suffice to say, if you have missed previous articles and need any advice please contact me by the means shown below and I'll be happy to help. If you are signed up to SYP alerts you will have seen the times and methods used by offenders recently, if you have not yet signed up either go to www.sypalerts.co.uk or send me your name, house number, postcode and email address and I'll get you registered.

As well as burglaries we continue to suffer from the theft of keyless entry vehicles, particularly in the Land Rover/Range Rover range. Again, advice was given in the last issue - please be aware of where you are leaving your keys when they are in the house. We're also still in the midst of a spate of thefts from sheds/garages with bikes being a prime target, so keep cycle locks on even when locked into a shed, and if you have something fixed within the shed you can secure them to, even better. Make sure padlocks are robust enough to stand up to a hacksaw. If your shed has exposed door hinges ensure screws are tamper proof. You can also security mark bikes and gardening equipment using SmartWater - have a look at www.smartwater.com for more details on how to obtain this.

Hopefully as the year goes on we will be returning to the regular local events that have been missed over the last couple of years. If you have anything coming up where you would appreciate our involvement please let us know with

plenty of notice so we can try and make arrangements to attend. Please note that at present PCSOs do not work on a Sunday so we will be unable to help out with Sunday events. I was very pleased recently to meet the Topley Beavers at the Scout Hut on Aldam Road; we had a lively hour discussing the work of the Police and learning about Stranger Danger. I'm more than happy to meet with all groups of all ages if you feel it would benefit your membership to hear from me. Again please contact me on the details shown below if you think I can be of any help.

In news from our partners: you may be aware that Sheffield City Council have recently introduced Local Area Committees which should give you the chance to raise your views, share your opinion on what the council does in your area and contribute to making changes in your neighbourhood. As a resident of South West Sheffield, this is your opportunity to say what you would like to see improved. Find out how you can be involved by contacting southwestLAC@sheffield.gov.uk or by calling the LAC office on 0114 474 3651, the website address is <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/south-west-local-area-committee>.

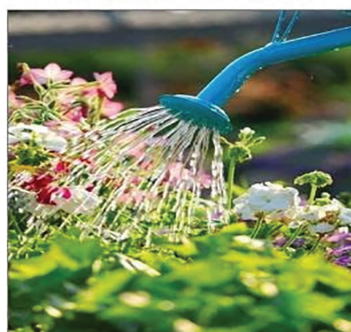
As usual I can be contacted by email on adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or on my work mobile 07787 881945. Please do not use this to report crimes or incidents. These still need to go through 101 or be submitted via the online reporting portal accessible from the SYP website.

Thanks for reading

Adrian Tolson



PLANT SALE



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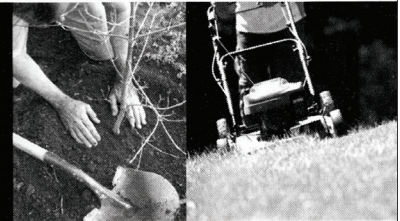
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The Men Who Made Abbeydale Works

Abbeydale Hamlet, previously named either Abbey Dale Works or Forge, is first recorded in the late 17th century, and illustrated in a 1723 map by John Gelliey. This shows a goit (straight run of water) channelled from the River Sheaf to provide power to a grinding wheel, enclosed within a small building. Built by John Bright and later in the ownership of the Fitzwilliam family, it was let to many tenants over its 250 productive years. However, three particular tenancies were paramount in developing the site into the collection of buildings we see now and that made it the largest forge in the area during the early 19th century.

Thomas Goddard acquired the tenancy in 1738. He was a grinder living in the small hamlet of Cliffe Field above Meersbrook and close to Bishop's House. Cliffe Field Rd is the only present-day indication of the hamlet's past existence, having been swallowed up by 19th century urban spread.



Cliffe Fields around 1840

Thomas' 4th child Martin became a driving force at the forge, and together with his father developed the site during their 65 year tenancy.

New machinery was being invented to make use of the recognised power of water, and the creation of a dam around 1780 allowed them to eventually install four wheels to drive tilt hammers, bellows, grinding wheels etc. The buildings to house these would have been owned by the landlord and with that would come an appropriate rise in the tenant's rent, thus both parties benefitting from the expansion. The row of cottages to house essential workers was also built at this time.



Buildings constructed during Goddard's tenancy

By the time the Goddard tenancy ended in 1802 the site had been transformed from a single grinding wheel to an industrial site. Martin died in 1816, and his carefully-written Will (27 pages!) bequeathed £20,000 to family (the closest being a niece), friends, business associates and workers in his household and on his farm. The present day value of his estate would be in the region of £25-30 million.

It is thought that the crucible steel furnaces were built in the very early 19th century, and many names became assoc-

-iated with the continuing production of agricultural edge tools, e.g. scythes, sickles, and hay knives, gaining a reputation for quality throughout the country. Partnerships came and went between familiar names - Vickers, Carr, Dyson, Biggins - until 1830 when John Dyson created Dyson & Co and set off independently to maximise his business. New buildings were erected including a house for the Manager; he began mining gannister on Topley Moor (the fine clay used to make crucible pots); and he bought Topley Rolling Mill to increase his manufacturing capacity. After a successful 12 years in business, the grumbling discontent of some workers, concerned about low wages, was seized upon by the Grinders Union that would stop at nothing to punish any employer refusing to pay the rates demanded by the union. Minor annoyances such as theft or damage to machinery culminated in a full scale explosion in 1842 that wrecked the grinding shop. As a result, all production was halted and eventually led to Dyson being declared bankrupt the following year. In an attempt to pay his creditors a sale took place at Abbeydale Works, Topley Rolling Mill and Topley Moor Brickworks over a three day period. Everything had to go, from the raw goods needed in the manufacturing process, unfinished and finished edge tools, and even the oats and haystack needed to feed his horses. It would appear that his bankruptcy was never discharged and he died in 1858, having spent the last decade of his life selling home-brewed ale from his house in the Fitzwilliam St. area of Sheffield.

William Tyzack & Sons took the tenancy in 1849, adding son-in-law Turner to the company name in 1870. They would be there for 85 years, during which time three generations of the family managed the Works.

As more sophisticated harvesting machinery was developed and the business grew, the company began to develop a huge state-of-the-art foundry at Heeley, namely Little London Works. However the basic edge tools such as scythes and sickles continued to be made at Abbeydale and found international markets in eastern Europe and America.

Not only was the management carried by successive generations, but census returns since 1841 show that the workers skills also passed through many generations. Occupancy of the cottages likewise housed fathers, sons and grandsons over the years.

However by 1933 the manufacturing equipment was clearly becoming very outdated and probably in need of regular repairs, being largely dependent on wood for its construction - dam sluice gates, water wheels, oak shafts of the tilt hammers, the 'horsing' seats of the grinders, etc. The economic reality of updating Abbeydale was impractical and the tenancy relinquished. The site was put up for sale.



A tilt hammer with its rotten oak shaft

Fortunately the J. G. Graves Trust saw the historical value of the site, bought it and gave it to the City of Sheffield on condition it should be kept as a museum. Thus we can visit it today and see the best and most complete example of an early crucible steel forge in the country, which had developed from the single grinding wheel built 250 years previously by John Bright.

Pauline Burnett

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

At last, - Hooray - some good news! The Society has given its first concert. We put on a concert version of *The Pirates of Penzance* on March 5th at Whittington Moor Methodist Church to a good house. I think everyone there was pleased to get back to some sort of normality and even though there were a few masks in evidence it took nothing away from the joy of the performance or the obvious enjoyment of the audience. The quality of the principals was excellent. You could hear every word. Everyone in the society is now looking forward to performing the full show in April when, for the first time I will be pleased to welcome everyone to the theatre. This year is my first non-performing year since 1989. I am afraid age is finally catching up with me and I can no longer move about the stage sprightly enough and sing at the same time. I sang in the Whittington concert (you don't have to move about in a concert) and I shall sing in concerts to come but my stage show days are done.

We are performing the full show version of *The Pirates* at the Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield from Wednesday 6th April to Saturday 9th April 2022. The performances will begin at 7.30pm on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and at 2.30pm on the Saturday. This will be our 50th Anniversary show and will be full of fun.

This tale of a Slave to Duty exploits the peculiarity of being born on 29th February in a leap year when the actual birth date only comes round every 4 years. It includes many sing-a-long tunes like *When the foemen bares his steel*, the Policeman's Song, *When a felon's not engaged in his employment* and the Major General's song, *I am the very model of a modern Major General*.

Sullivan also spoofs operatic conventions, particularly one employed by many serious operas of the time that called for characters to sing onstage yet at the same time remain oblivious to each other's presence. The trick is especially humorous in Act II, when the pirate-hunting policemen fail to notice

those pirates who have just stalked onstage. The show is a romp and great fun from start to finish. It was the first operetta my parents took me to see and it hooked me for good.

It is a great introduction to the world of operetta in general and Gilbert and Sullivan in particular. It provides a guaranteed evening of excellent entertainment. Don't miss it.



The Whittington Moor concert with Alex Hayward-Brown as the Pirate King and Pete Geary as Frederic, the birthday boy. Tickets at £16.00 (U16 £8.00) are available by calling 0114 236 3797 / 07565 805405. Tickets can also be bought online at www.doregass/weebly.com but please note that credit-card charges apply. Tickets are not available from the Montgomery Theatre itself.

We definitely intend to put on a Summer Concert this year. The proposed date is 2nd July but the venue has yet to be confirmed. Watch this space.

Here's hoping for a more normal 2022 and I hope to see you at the show in April.

Derek Habberjam



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Walking the Dog

This time Jack is going to play a little game with Sally and Rony while they all go for a walk. You can walk and play with them, Dear Reader!

1 When did you first come to Totley?

JACK I think I was born here. (But not here.)
RONY 1940 on the night Hitler bombed Sheffield.
SALLY I was brought here by a scruffy man in 2001.

2 What was the most surprising thing about Totley when you did come?

JACK I'm allowed to speak in the *Totley Independent*.
RONY Nanny Jessop of Totley said I had the smallest bottom of any of her babies.
SALLY The celery at the Totley Show.

3 What's your favourite place in all Totley? And what do/did you do there?

JACK Green Oak Park. Not saying.
RONY Green Oak Park. Not saying.
SALLY The big 300 year old oak tree at the entrance to Green Oak Park. I'm known as a tree hugger but I only pat it.

4 What has Totley not got that it would be nice for Totley if it had?

JACK Bones.
RONY The bowling green, the tennis courts and the football pitches that Green Oak Rec used to have when it was a proper rec.
SALLY A baker, a gardening shop and a theatre.

5 Which Totley person would you most like to kiss/ to have kissed?

JACK Steve.
RONY Janet.
SALLY George Hukin the razor grinder, though he's been dead 100 years.

6 Which Totley person or persons sound like a bird, animal or fish?

JACK Mr Barker of Mickley Lane. And also of the Co-op meat shop.
RONY Mrs Peacock. She lived on Main Avenue. She was very strict and very Methodist but she never caned or slapped or poked or ruled anyone. And she taught me more than any teacher ever (e.g. how to spell Mississippi). She was Sally Ann Peacock but we were never allowed to say she was. But she said that tests always have to have 10 questions.
SALLY Robin Johnson in your class at All Saints - and whose name is like your real one, John Robinson, but swizzled round the wrong way.

7 Totley is very musical. Tell us something musical..

JACK I like Bach.
RONY The Dore Male Voice Choir who sing very loudly but not always at the same time, but they are not Totley so they don't count anyway.
SALLY Rony's Bob Dylan night in our attic where at least five people played *Blowing in the Wind* in different keys all at the same time.

8 Who is the best dog to have a walk with in Totley (or anywhere else).

JACK Me.
RONY You.
SALLY Jack.

9 Who is the most unexpected person you have met/ nearly met in Totley? (eg Joe Cocker in the Flu in 1961.)

JACK Maisie.
RONY Joe Cocker in the Flu in 1961.
SALLY Jarvis Cocker in the woods in 2010.

10 Have you ever appeared in the *Totley Independent*? And why? And if not, why not?

JACK I have because I am the most famous dog in Totley except that one on The Grove that used to bite Rony on his way home from school.
RONY I have.
SALLY I have, but not as much as you two.

11 Phil the Head Eater adds

Why are there always ten questions in a test? And haven't you had anything nice to say to Phil the Head Eater who does all the work but never gets any glory, and never even gets bought a pint in the Fleur?

Rony Robinson, Sally Goldsmith and JACK

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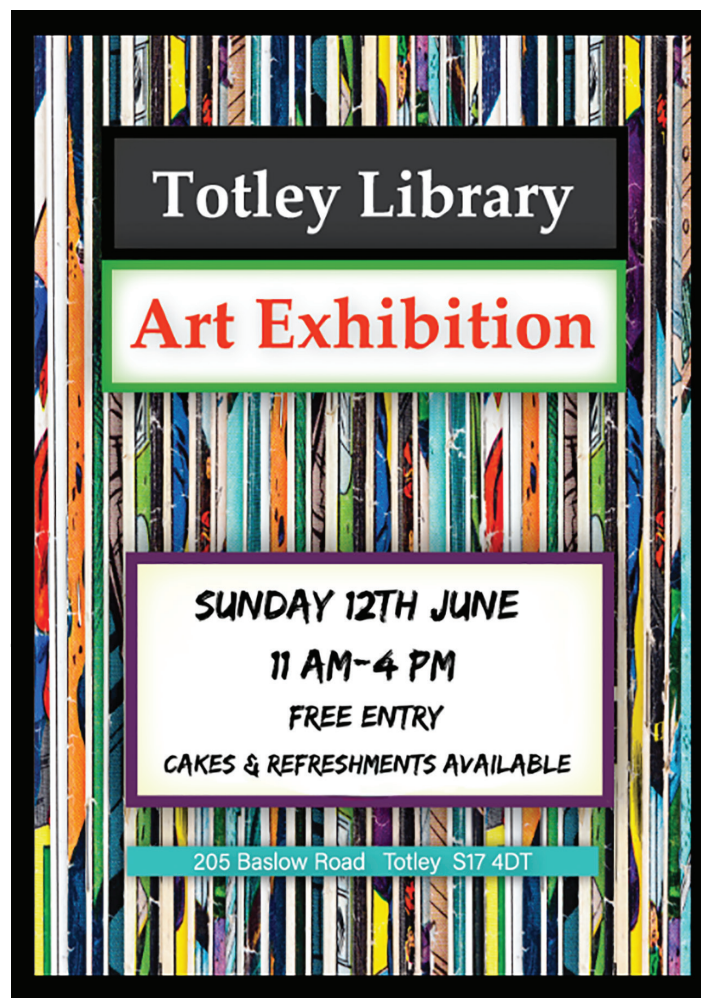
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Members at the URC are thinking ahead to Remembrance Sunday and we are making poppies by knitting or crochet, hoping to make an arch of poppies round our doorway. If you've time to help with this (we need a LOT of poppies) please get in touch with Jeanne Clark at jeanne.clark@btinternet.com or text Elaine Ferguson on 07929720977. We can provide a pattern and wool.

The Carers cafe continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am. We are open for coffee on most other Wednesdays from 10.30 and all are welcome to drop in for a drink and chat.

Once again our church hall will be used as a polling station on May 5th. We will be serving light refreshments during the morning, raising money for Christian Aid.

Elaine Ferguson
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The poster features a background of colorful, abstract patterns resembling a bookshelf or a collage. The text is arranged in several boxes:

- Totley Library** (white text on a black background)
- Art Exhibition** (red text on a white background with a green border)
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- 205 Baslow Road Totley S17 4DT** (white text on a blue background)

Traffic (and other) News

Akley Bank: further to my article last year, the photograph below, taken recently, shows two trees which have slipped down the bank, bringing soil and shale with them, but now being undercut by the river. Other fallen trees can be seen in the background.



An article in the *Sheffield Telegraph*, by a Mr. Atkins, showed his ideas for extending the Sheffield tramway network to include Dore, but also to extend it to Gillfield Wood terminus. The thought of stanchions and wires is bad enough, but to think of the route through Totley, from the library outbound, though the bottleneck and the twisty road, doesn't bear thinking about for road traffic delays and the environment. Parking would, it is assumed, be banned. Can you imagine, bringing back the tram lines instead of the dual carriageway at Millhouses, the Council invoking their use of the land on the frontages of houses on Abbeydale Road South, and the loss of one lane of our dual carriageway?

The *Sheffield Telegraph* on Thursdays carries legal notices regarding road resurfacing, planning applications, removal of more parking spaces in the City, and road closures. Three weeks ago, it included one for the closure of parts of Abbeydale Road South. Cllr. Colin Ross has asked for details from Amey, but has not yet received a response from their liaison officer. The ironworks on the road have sunk, rendering the surface bumpy again, so they might be solving those problems, but that is hopeful speculation. If you see any potholes, please email streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk. A message to them on a Monday recently resulted in repairs being carried out on the Tuesday night!

The Queen's Jubilee is approaching, on Thursday June 2nd. The City Council have funds available to enable street closures to take place. If you wish to hold a street party, I suggest you apply ASAP. For people new to Totley and Bradway, some roads - Marstone Crescent and Stonecroft Road, Longford Estate in Bradway, and there may be others - have trees on their grass verges. These trees were paid for by the residents, and planted in memory of the Queen's Coronation. I recall that they were £12, and my parents couldn't afford that, so shared the cost of one tree planted between their house and the neighbour's house, on the verge. It was disappointing, a few years ago, to see one neighbour cut his tree down to give him access to his drive, which he had widened without authority. The Council planted another one. I hope that we can decorate each one of those trees. If anyone knows of other roads where such trees were planted, please let us know, and especially how many trees there are.

Sheffield Vulcan Rotary, together with Sheffield Sea Cadets, are working with the Council to put on a festival in Norfolk Park, to be held on the 2nd June, culminating in the lighting of the Club's 'Queen's Beacon' and a firework display. Details are not available yet but a fly-past by either the Red Arrows or a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Aircraft has been requested. That will be subject to availability, which includes the volunteer aircrew who are serving air crew and may be needed elsewhere!

Vulcan Rotary, who have been carrying out maintenance of Beauchief Gardens, with the Council Staff, are hoping that major improvements to the gardens, will have started by the time this issue will have arrived with you. It is planned/hoped that the work will be completed before June 2nd.

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Friends of Gillfield Wood

We have tried to return to some form of normality recently with indoor and outdoor events. Our good friend Pauline Burnett gave an excellent talk in the library in February to an audience of 30. Her meticulous research on 'The tenants and workers of Abbey Dale Forge' made it a fascinating presentation. Our next meeting on Monday April 25th will have Ben Keywood of the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust talking about 'Butterflies', an ideal subject to help you identify those beautiful creatures during the spring and summer.



Participants in the Fungi Survey

Our outdoor events have included two Bird Walks and a walk in and around Gillfield Wood looking for Fungi. The latter event was a joint meeting with the Sorby Natural History Society and was led by Chris Kelly. It was a beautiful sunny day and eighteen people turned up. Although it had been fairly dry for several days prior and there was concern that it might be difficult to find sufficient specimens to keep the party interested, we need not have worried. Even before entering Gillfield Wood Chris was identifying Beefsteak fungus that was growing on an old Oak tree and then Jelly Rot and Hairy Curtain Crust on fallen branches that were presented to her.

On entering the wood people were searching the leaf litter and looking at dead logs and tree stumps for any sign of fungi. Chris identified each finding and patiently explained the various characteristics that help with the identification. Clouded Funnel, Smoky and Blushing Bracket and the lovely yellow Sulphur Tuft were amongst the findings. Then Candlesnuff Fungus was pointed out and Chris immediately gave the latin name, as she often did, *Xylaria hypoxylon*. A fantastic start, which continued in that early part of the wood with Inkcaps, Bonnets and a Pinkgill.

Eventually we wound our way through the wood to a field on the south side where a variety of waxcaps can be found when the conditions are right. Sometimes it can be a poor year there, when the grass has grown too long. On this occasion it was not too bad and soon people were finding fungi for Chris to look at. In fact she was being pulled this way and that, as people pointed to the ground saying "What's this one, Chris?"

Friends of Gillfield Wood (continued)

Butter, Golden, Pink, Meadow and Persistent Waxcaps were found, some in clusters. The Parrot Waxcap always proves to be a favourite as it is often uniquely coloured green - a waxcap of many colours and as the name suggests, a slimy cap. The Pink waxcap, by the way, is also known as the Ballerina Waxcap due to the shape of the cap with its frilled edges, like a ballerina's dress.



Pink Waxcap (Photo: Chris Measures)

More fungi were found in the field including Yellow Club and Golden Spindle, so it proved to be an excellent morning for one and all with over 40 species recorded. One fungus that was found has the great name of Cordyceps militaris, otherwise known as the Scarlet Caterpillarclub. This is a small bright orange-red fungus that is parasitic on buried insect larvae. The wonderful world of fungi - fascinating or what?

It was mixed weather for our two Bird Walks. Nevertheless, the small parties that attended were not put off and were keen to have a walk in the fresh air and have a nice chat with good company, and if they saw one or two birds along the way that would be a bonus. All very relaxed!

Well, the Bird Walk on February 19th got off to a good start because as we approached the entrance into Gillfield Wood a Buzzard was spotted drifting low over the tops of the trees. It then obliged by turning gently and circling over the wood giving everyone the opportunity of watching it perform.

Blue Tit and Great Tit were seen and heard as they moved along the hedgerows from Toley Hall Lane and a Robin was singing perfectly for the early morning start. Despite our best efforts searching, a Kingfisher was not seen along the brook as we moved through the east end of the wood; it had however been delighting a number of walkers at various times in the morning in previous weeks as it perched motionless above the brook. Perhaps the depth of the water and the speed at which it was pouring through the wood this morning, had put it off.

The ever-present Wood Pigeons and Magpies were keeping us company as we headed in the direction of the Scout Hut whilst Carrion Crows and Black-headed Gulls were being seen flying overhead. Then two Nuthatches were heard calling. It proved a little difficult to locate them but one was eventually found calling from the top of a nearby Hawthorn. It remained on the same perch for enough time to allow everyone to get reasonably good views; blue-grey above, the red-brown undersides, and that distinctive black eye-stripe. A cracking little bird.

But not to be outdone, our next find was a Treecreeper. Picked up by an eagle-eyed member of our party, this tiny bird was seen moving upwards, creeping silently as they do, on a tree trunk right in front of us. Perfectly camouflaged against the bark, it busily went about searching for food in the crevasses. It was only when you could see it sideways on that the down-curved beak and the clean white undersides were visible. These birds can so often be overlooked, so it was a real highlight for everyone to get such good close-up views.

Our walk took us up White Lane to Woodthorpe Hall where Blackbird and Hedge Sparrow were heard singing and a



Treecreeper (Photo: Andy Brewster)

cock Pheasant was seen feeding at the edge of a field. It was noticeably colder here as we scanned a flock of corvids feeding in a field. It would have been easy to assume they were Rooks together but these proved to be a small gathering of Carrion Crows. A little further along Fanshawe Gate Lane we could hear the plaintive calls of Bullfinch and it was lovely to find a small group of these colourful birds feeding in a bush by the side of the lane. They were so engrossed in their efforts to find food we had the opportunity to study them in detail and admire the black crown and face with the short thick bill; the contrasting bright red chest and belly of the males and the greyish buff of the females. Always nice to see a pair in perfect condition but a few pairs together is rather special.

With drizzle falling we made our way home across the fields. Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the morning and to send us on our way, we had a lovely Song Thrush sheltering in a Holly bush, singing its heart out. A clear sign that spring is on its way.

Our next Bird Walk is scheduled for Saturday April 23rd. See the diary in this publication for details.

Chris Measures


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'Eton Mess'

We hear a lot in the news these days about Eton College's old boys. Twenty British Prime Ministers, including the present one, went there. But what an antediluvian and 'anti' place it was! The Great Western Railway's original application to build their line from London to Reading with a branch from Slough to Windsor was vigorously opposed by Eton College as early as 1833. The Provost of Eton College wrote that year that "no public good whatever could possibly come from such an undertaking". In 1834, Eton College took legal action against the railway to try to prevent the new line from London to Reading with a branch to Windsor coming anywhere near their College and its boys. The railway offered to withdraw the idea of a branch to Windsor provided that Eton College didn't object to the route of their main line to Bristol through Slough.

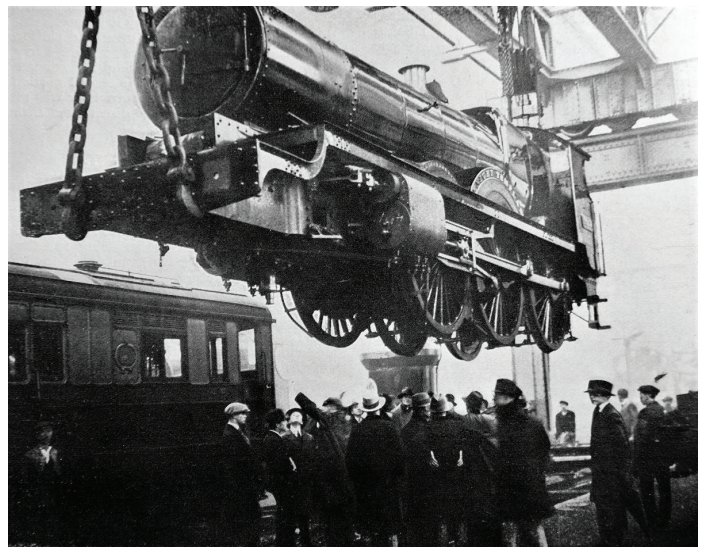
In 1835 the Provost of Eton again opposed the building of the railway and insisted on amendments to the Act of Parliament. These included asking that no diversion, branch or station should be built within three miles of the College and that the railway should employ staff to prevent Eton boys from gaining access to the railway. The Provost feared that Eton College would be ruined. "London would pour forth the most abandoned of its inhabitants to come down by the railway and pollute the minds of the scholars, whilst the boys themselves would take advantage of the short interval of their play hours to run up to town, mix in all the dissipation of London life, and return before their absence could be discovered." However, the Act received the Royal Assent on 31st August 1835. Conditions were set in the Act so that the railway was not to be used by boys from Eton College and that it should have a wall or fence on both sides of the line for nearly five miles to keep them out.

It was pressure from the Royal household that finally brought the railway to Windsor. When the three-mile line from Slough to Windsor was approved to be built, Eton College insisted that two constables, paid for by the railway, should be provided to keep Eton boys away from the construction works. Thus, two Constables who had to be approved by the College, started work in 1848. The station opened in 1849, proof that like the second platform at Dore and Totley station, if you nag hard for long enough, you'll get what you want. Eton College finally gave up on the services of the last constable in 1886 so long as more constables could be re-appointed if necessary. Additionally, they demanded the right to be able to search Windsor station for "fugitive boys" and to receive the full co-operation of railway employees in doing so. Screens or planting was also demanded to ensure privacy of those skinny-dippers using the College's bathing place by the River Thames at Cuckoo Weir. There were more complaints from the College about railway work taking place on Sundays, that it strayed into their property and fears that it could cause the River Thames to flood.

The first special trains ran in 1838 between Paddington and Maidenhead for the Eton Montem ceremony held at the Montem Mound at Slough. This was an initiation rite for Eton College boys. Helped by the railway, it is said that "large, rowdy crowds from London" came down to disrupt the proceedings, and this finally persuaded the Eton College authorities to put a stop to the ceremony a few years later.

Despite years of vigorously opposing the railway, Eton College relented somewhat and hypocritically ordered special trains to take Eton boys from the temporary station at Slough to London for the coronation of Queen Victoria in June 1838. The temporary station, which didn't have a platform, was a way round the College's objections. By 1840, the College had given in and had finally allowed the construction of a permanent station three miles away at Slough, and this opened in 1841.

Had Eton College finally given in? Not quite. Despite a party of a hundred pupils from the College visiting the railway works in 1927 to learn more about railway engineering, there was another protest. A new commuter halt very close to Eton College was proposed on the branch line from Slough to Windsor. Eton College wrote a strong letter saying they didn't want their pupils to be distracted or given an escape route from the College to the fleshpots of London! However, the new halt opened in 1929 but it wasn't much used and closed after a year.



The party of Eton College boys standing under 74 tons of railway engine at the Great Western Railway's Swindon Works in 1927.

As a footnote, 70 years ago in February 1952, the nation was in mourning following the death of King George VI, and Elizabeth II became Queen. It was arranged that the King's final journey was to be by funeral train from Paddington to Windsor on 15th February. I saw that train (pictured below) as a seven year-old, and the sheer 'spit and polish' of it all helped to inspire me much later to work for the railway. During my time with British Railways, I worked at Slough



and Windsor, and I could see Eton College from my bedsit. Windsor station also received the funeral trains of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and King George V. Ironically, the station which is still used for trains is now mainly a shopping centre which is very popular with the numerous visitors to the Royal town. Thanks to the tentacles of commerce, it's probably not suitable for ceremonial occasions anymore. Meanwhile, Eton College remains open after 582 years...

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Totley weather report 2021

Long term records broken (taken from Weston Park Weather Station summary):

- Most February 'snow days' since 2009
- Highest March maximum temperature since 1965
- Highest March daily mean temperature on record (11.2, average 9.7)
- Driest April since 2007, 4th driest on record
- Lowest May mean temperature since 1996
- Wettest May since 1967
- Dullest August since 1968
- Highest September maximum temperature since 1911
- Highest mean Autumn temperature since 2011, 3rd warmest on record

My impression of the weather in 2021 was (apart from a lovely spell in June) of being under a constant grey blanket of cloud which surprisingly became very dark and threatening yet yielded no rain over Totley (T). Having bypassed us it must have rained further down the valley as Weston Park (WP) recorded 209 days of rain and Totley (T) only 190 days. Despite this WP recorded 907.5mm and T 1090.2mm in total.



Above average rainfall was recorded for eight months of the year, in 3 cases more than double and in 3 other cases less than average, notably with less than a quarter in April and less than a third in June. Three weeks average rainfall were recorded on three consecutive days in January (18th - 20th) and again in March (9th - 12th).

Thunderstorms were recorded on three occasions. June had 17 consecutive days dry and April 15 days.

The hottest day recorded was 17th July 29.4C WP and 30.1C T and the coldest night 11th February -5.2C WP and 10th February -7.7C T. April, May October and November were all below the average maximum and minimum despite November having a warm spell mid-month. December also ended with a mild spell and so increased its average. July was the month that recorded most above average, with every day except the 30th recording 20C or over. September was also well above average.

Weston Park recorded 1460 hours of sunshine for the year compared with the annual average of 1380 hours in the period 1971-2000 and 1442 hours between 1981-2010. April, June and November showed the biggest increase.

Rain for the year:

	Totley	Weston Park
2021	1090.2mm	907.5mm
2020	1131.5mm	997.0mm
2019	1333.5mm	1176.2mm

Wettest Day

	Totley	Weston Park
2021	28.5mm	29.1mm
2020	36.5mm	38.3mm
2019	67.3mm	74.1mm

Coldest Night

	Totley	Weston Park
2021	-7.7C	-5.2C
2020	-2.9C	-2.0C
2019	-2.9C	-2.9C

Hottest Day

	Totley	Weston Park
2021	30.1C	29.4C
2020	31.1C	33.8C
2019	32.2C	35.2C

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Dore & Totley Station 150 - 1872-2022

We placed maroon and yellow bunting (Midland Railway colours) and two banners on the platform to mark our 150th anniversary. In days one of the banners was stolen! Good to know it was liked. The replacement's been much more firmly fixed. Subsequently we had a rethink and the bunting is now yellow and blue.



Last time I told how the railway was built down the Sheaf Valley, opening on 1st February 1870 with a station at Beauchief, but no station at Dore & Totley. Beauchief was at a junction of the turnpikes (toll roads) now known as Abbeydale Road South and Abbey Lane. There were few houses nearby but there was Beauchief Hall.

There was a goods yard where 4-wheel railway coal wagons were dropped off and the coal bagged into 1 hundredweight (1 cwt = 50.80 kg) sacks, 20 to a ton. That was then delivered by horse and cart to local homes and businesses. Coalmen would shovel coal from the railway truck into sacks, and hoist the bags on their backs onto the cart. Then the sacks had to be dropped off to the houses of the householders. It was hard, dusty work.

In 1870 Dore, Totley and Bradway were small, but construction work brought more people and attention to the area at the bottom of Twentywell Lane. New cottages were built in Bradway for construction workers. Although further away Totley was directly connected to Beauchief by the turnpike down from Owl Bar, Dore's main connection to Sheffield was Limb Lane and Whirlow. New and wide Whirlowdale Road was developed about then to connect with Beauchief station.

In 1870 Dore was isolated from Abbeydale Road by fields, many owned by the Duke of Devonshire. He, his agents and other landowners saw opportunities. Victorian lobbying persuaded the Midland Railway that a station was needed, near where the Limb Brook joins the River Sheaf, and north of Twentywell Lane. The new station was clinched when the Duke agreed to build a wide new Dore Road in conjunction with the Midland Railway's station.

Our little corner of rural Derbyshire was about to develop as a garden suburb of Sheffield. In those days walking from Totley to the station was no big thing. Walking was what everyone without access to a horse or carriage did all the time. However, by 1885 a horse bus service was started from the Cross Scythes to the station by Michael Cottam, a carter from Grimesthorpe.

But that's enough history for now. Suffice to say that the earliest large new houses up Dore Road and Twentywell Lane were before the Hope Valley line was built.

Services today

One dark cloud has passed. EMR have resumed their Sunday services now their strike is over. Our 8.28 into Sheffield and on to Norwich is still suspended but we are reassured it will be reinstated in April, probably.

Sadly, TPE now have an industrial relations issue with guards after they withdrew from a rest day working agreement. Currently that means a major reduction in services, most particularly at weekends. Northern may have similar issues

with drivers so check planned journeys carefully both when booking and again just before departure.

A recent mid-week head-count of commuters leaving before 8.45 suggests numbers are creeping back up, but still only about 45% of pre-Covid. That tallies very closely with the number of parked cars by that time compared with pre-Covid. Tuesday-Thursday are busiest days for commuters. Friday- Sunday are busiest for leisure. Leisure use is almost back to normal, some trains at weekends with very little room. We think the currently suspended 14.14 train out of Sheffield will be restored in May.

Bus substitution

Sometimes trains are replaced by buses. It can be for a variety of reasons, both planned and in emergencies. Pre-planned buses run to a timetable that's usually online in advance. They may go to Chinley, Stockport or Piccadilly. Edale users should get a mini-bus from there to/from Hope. In emergencies they try to do the same but getting coaches at short notice is difficult.

When bus substitute services run they should stop at the bus stops immediately outside Dore station by the Alms Houses.

Looking forward to a new Platform 2

By the time you read this you may see part of the hedge beside the car park has been removed and possibly replanted elsewhere. The intention is to restore or replace it once work is complete.

The main contract begins in April. We'll be seeing more and more activity as the days progress. The new second track, bridge and new platform should be connected by May/June 2023 and might be operational before the end of the contract in September 2023. Tidying up should then take place.

During this period the line will have to be closed on a number of occasions, including several weekends, a few evenings and probably a period of about 7-8 days. See above about buses.

Meetings and contacts

FoDaTS committee members speak and write to people from Northern, TPE, East Midlands Railway, Network Rail, the contractors, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority (SYMCA), Community Rail partners in frustrating efforts to get better services and facilities for station users. Covid has cast a big shadow. Money is now tighter than ever. We'd hoped to get better than a draughty bus shelter on Platform 2. As I write this is all we've been told we'll get.

Recently we met Olivia Blake MP by Zoom and brought her up to date with all our concerns. Who knows - one day all the contacts we've made may translate into positive and visible improvement.



In the meantime our gardeners' efforts on the platform tubs and daffodils around the car park are looking good. Spring is in the air.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group and is updated frequently with topical information and comments. Alternatively look for our website at www.fodats.net

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New Blood Pressure Check Service

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is one of the leading causes of premature death in England and accounts for 1.6 million disability adjusted life years. Hypertension is the biggest risk factor for CVD and is one of the top five risk factors for all premature death and disability in England. An estimated 5.5 million people have undiagnosed hypertension across the country. Early detection of hypertension is vital to ensuring better long-term outcomes. This problem has of course been exaggerated by many healthcare sites being closed during the pandemic, and the need for these sites to now catch up. CVD places a financial burden on the NHS of approximately £9 billion per year.

NHS Long Term Plan commits the NHS to reducing mortality and morbidity due to CVD and shifting towards prevention strategies. It specifically states that community pharmacy will provide opportunities for the public to check on their health through tests for high blood pressure and other high-risk conditions.

To help the NHS achieve these aims, we are now offering a FREE blood pressure check service. This service is available to anyone, not just our patients. This service is aimed at people who are aged over 40 years without a diagnosis of high blood pressure. You can also have a test if you are aged below 40 but think you have a family history of blood pressure.

If you are eligible, we will take your blood pressure using our British Heart Foundation validated monitor. The result of this test will determine what steps we take next.

Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) is the clinically preferred method for diagnosing hypertension. If your BP is high (over 140/90mmHg but lower than 180/120mmHg), we will provide you with our validated ABP monitor for 24 hours. This gives a more accurate understanding of blood pressure than a single reading. You can continue with your daily activities while wearing this. We will then provide you with a copy of your results and pass a copy to your doctor. If your initial result is very high (over 180/120mmHg), we will notify your doctor immediately. We are working in tandem with doctors, so if you have developed high blood pressure, we will notify your doctor of the outcome, and a plan will be formulated for your care. If the ABPM shows that your BP is well controlled, we will discuss maintaining your lifestyle choices, and will provide advice as you want.

Another major drive from the NHS is to reduce obesity. Both cardiovascular problems and obesity cost the NHS and wider society enormous sums of money. Of course, both things are intrinsically linked. If you want to improve your heart and overall health, losing weight and exercising more are hugely effective. We are happy to advise on both of these if you choose to improve your health in these ways.

Should you wish to measure your BP at home, below are some tips on how to achieve accurate results.

- Avoid things that can raise your blood pressure in the short term. Don't measure your blood pressure within half an hour of eating, smoking, drinking caffeinated drinks such as coffee, or exercising.
- Rest for five minutes before you take your reading.#
- Wear loose-fitting clothes
- Make sure your arm is supported and at the same level as your heart.
- Always use the same arm and try to measure at the same time each day.

If you want advice on buying a BP monitor, pop in to see us. We will show you the options we stock. We are now stocking a monitor which additionally shows an irregular heart beat which can be very useful. To promote uptake of BP monitoring, we are promoting this new monitor at HALF PRICE.

Tajinder Singh, Totley Pharmacy



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Diary for April/May

Sunday 10 April, 10am Practical Conservation Morning - meeting place to be decided.

Saturday 23 April, 8.30am Our second bird walk of the year with Chris Measures and team. Leaving from Totley Hall Lane, we'll be looking for our Spring visitors and might even catch an early Swift! Wear suitable clothing and footwear as it could be muddy.

Monday 25 April, 7.30pm in Totley Library A short Annual General Meeting, followed by an illustrated talk by Ben Keywood, an Entomologist working with Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, called 'The Fall and Rise of Sheffield's Butterflies'. This covers the changing populations and distribution of butterflies in our area, covering what we know from Edwardian and Victorian collectors and the impact from environmental change such as loss of habitat and air quality. We will also look at the state of butterflies in the present day and what to expect for the future.

Please note: this talk is planned to go ahead in Totley Library, but please check the website or email fogwsecretary@gmail.com to confirm. Please book a place by email to the address above. FOGW members will have priority.

Sunday 8 May, 10am Practical Conservation Morning - meeting place to be decided.

Extra Practical Conservation Sessions - weekends and midweek, mornings and afternoons. FOGW works very closely with Sheffield Council Woodlands department. Our conservation sessions are usually once a month and are open to anyone who would like to join in. The work is, of course, physical but we have a range of tasks such that most people can find a job to do at their own pace. Covid restrictions mean that everyone needs to provide their own gloves along with suitable clothes and footwear as well as refreshments. All tools are supplied and we hope, eventually, to get back to the good old days where tea and biscuits were provided by the ranger.

Everything we do supplements the work carried out by the Council's woodlands team but our contribution means much more can be done to improve the wood for its flora, fauna and visitors alike. Typical activities are coppicing, fencing and walling, tree and undergrowth management, path repair and drain clearance and all sorts of miscellaneous jobs. Over the years we have dug out ponds, rebuilt dry stone walls, created the wildflower meadow at the picnic site, planted trees and hedges and had a hand in improving access for all.

Dates are advertised in the *Totley Independent*, or people can join the mailing list by contacting me at: fogwsecretary@gmail.com All are welcome and we hope to see a few new faces joining in with these variations in days and times.

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Images of Sheffield

7. Golden Glow

My Grandad used to smoke a pipe, as prescribed by his doctor... In many ways I'd quite like there to be a pipe in this picture, or maybe a dog-end of a woodbine. It's not that I want smoking back in pubs, it's just that it kinda fits the image. I took the picture sat in a Sheffield bar with a pint of local ale in a proper pint jug with a bottle of Sheffield's finest on the table and one of Sheffield's finest as a drinking companion. But the thing of it was that it didn't feel like Sheffield should. It wanted to, and I think I wanted it to too, but maybe it never will, and maybe I wouldn't even like it if it did now. Perhaps it's a generation link thing, of dads taking their sons to t'local for their first proper pint or a game of darts. Now it's probably sons taking their dad down Eccy road for a couple of lagers and a discussion about the unnecessary volume of modern music.

I went to another pub some time after, and the stool had a wobble, several of the lights didn't work and the wallpaper had seen better days. It was only half full and the fruit machine accounted for over half of the movement in there. Out the back there was an area for crown green bowling. I imagine it would make for a fabulous beer garden, you know, like that one down in Nottingham, or was it Manchester, or Birmingham...

Photo and text: Simon Deeks

Please do not disturb!

We all know that wildlife is in trouble, but you may not know that simply by keeping our dogs on a lead at this critical time of year we can help protect endangered species.

Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust are thrilled that so many people are re-connecting with nature across the region, including at nature reserves such as Blacka Moor, Wyming Brook and Kilnhurst Ings.

Whilst the Trust welcomes responsible visitors, we are also raising awareness that the pressure of increasing numbers can be devastating for some of our most iconic and critically endangered birds.

Ground-nesting birds like curlew, wood warbler, skylarks and lapwings are very vulnerable to disturbance. Their nests are so well camouflaged they can easily be accidentally destroyed, while the added stress of a dog running across the landscape can seriously disrupt adults trying to feed their chicks.

In 2020 the increase in disturbance caused by visitors and their dogs meant that no lapwing, oystercatcher, ringed plover, little ringed plover or sandpiper successfully raised any chicks at Redmires, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and part of the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership. These birds are all in decline, and some are critically endangered, so this disastrous blow can't be allowed to occur again.

We want people to enjoy all our nature reserves and local green spaces, but in order to protect the wildlife which calls it home we need everyone to behave responsibly and lawfully. Keeping your dog on a short lead and staying on the paths helps deliver the best of both worlds – access to nature while protecting vulnerable wildlife. In fact, it's a legal requirement to keep a dog on a lead of no more than two metres on open access land between 1 March and 31 July.

Keeping dogs on a lead also helps protect grazing livestock on the Trust's nature reserves. We ask people and their pets to stay as far away from livestock as possible while walking at this time of year to avoid disturbing them – but if cattle do get startled and run towards you, let your dog off the lead for your own safety.

"Accessing nature is important and we love to see people and their pets enjoying nature reserves and green spaces," says Marta Alfaro Tirado, Nature Recovery Manager (South) at Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust, "we are just asking people to do so in a responsible way which protects vulnerable

wildlife now and for future generations. It is tempting to let dogs off their leads in open spaces, but the cost to endangered species can be huge. Please always follow the Countryside Code whilst enjoying your visits."

You can find more guidance at wildsheffield.com/countrysidecode

For more information on Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust's nature reserves, please visit wildsheffield.com/nature-reserves.

Totley Rise Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you

Sunday worship every week at 10.30am which is also live streamed. Log onto our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TotleyRise/> to join us live or catch up later via our youtube recording which can be found on www.totleyrise.co.uk

We have activities for children each week in the church, however specifically for families on the 1st and 3rd Sunday is **Outdoor Church** – an opportunity for all ages to learn about God's world through an informal nature-focused time of play and worship. The 4th Sunday is an interactive All Age service.

Pushchair Club runs on Thursday mornings at 10.30am. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to socialise together and provides a safe space for babies and children to play.

Knit and natter meets on Tuesdays at 1pm and provides a place for friendships to grow while knitting or sewing.

Our **walking group** meets on the 2nd Friday of the month.

Outside is our **quiet garden** – a place of tranquillity in a setting of carefully managed flowerbeds. It is always open for you to enjoy.

For further details of our activities please see our webpage www.totleyrise.co.uk

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Walking together **through** Holy Week:

A joint service at Dore Methodist Church:
Monday April 11th 4.30pm - **Through** the eyes of the disciples

Tuesday April 12th 4.30pm - **Through** the words of Jesus

Wednesday April 13th 4.30pm - **Through** music and readings

Thursday April 14th 4.30pm - **Through** bread and wine

At Totley Rise Methodist Church:
Good Friday April 15th 2.30pm - **Through** the cross.
(Service in the garden – or if wet, in church)

Easter Sunday – We celebrate the risen Christ

7am – Holy Communion – In the garden
10.30 – Morning worship with Easter activities for children.

Easter Eggstra Event

Easter Eggstra event of Easter crafts and activities for school children aged between 5 -10 years accompanied by a responsible adult on 14th April 10 - 12pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Due to covid, numbers are limited so please book on Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-eggstra-event-tickets-296325155517>.

Easter Garden Trail 11th to 15th April.

Come and follow our Easter Garden Trail around the quiet garden at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Listen to the birds and flowing water as you make your way round.



**DORE
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CLUB**

Meet people, enjoy great times, and make new friends in S17!

The new Dore Neighbourhood Club has now launched for people aged 60+ in S17! The exciting and exclusive concept is all about bringing older adults in the S17 area together for friendship, social events, catch-up's, talks, chat, and lots more!

A monthly membership fee includes themed events, such as Spanish Tapas Fiesta or a Queens Platinum Jubilee Party, with food, drinks and entertainment covered. And regular coffee and catch-ups, in person and online meet ups and weekly events with guest speakers on topics such as Summer Horticulture and Style to feel Great. There will also be seasonal treats and surprises to make members feel spoilt! Dore Neighbourhood Club will make members feel special, part of an amazing, friendly, and helpful community and most of all, to feel good about themselves.

This unique club will work with established and popular local event venues and use local suppliers for food, venue décor, florals, gifts and more for members... it is all about our neighbourhood and keeping it local.

Caroline Davis, founder of Dore Neighbourhood Club who lives in Dore said, "This special Club is based on feedback from local people, about feelings of disconnection, loneliness and sometimes boredom. People want to experience good food, good wine, good fun and most of all good company.

They want to feel an ongoing connection and support from new friends.

"After the couple of years that we have had, with limited social interaction and missing holidays, local people are looking for something uplifting, vibrant and want to treat themselves! It is only natural that it might feel daunting for people to do something new at first. However, with the lovely new friends to be made, it will soon "feel like home" and it will feel so good to be a member."

For information and membership enquiries email caroline-dorenc@gmail.com or find Dore Neighbourhood Club on Facebook. Also, if you are a local business that would like to work in collaboration with Dore Neighbourhood Club to make it truly amazing for our members, please do get in touch.



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Totley Show 2022

Totley Show 2022 is planned for Saturday 10 September 2022. The committee will be meeting shortly and will finalise the classes for this year's Show.

A full list of the classes and the entry form will appear in the next 2 issues of *Totley Independent*.



Best in Show 2021

'Getting back to normal' is our hope for this year with the reintroduction of entertainment, in the form of a band and a choir. Full details of these will appear in the next issue of this magazine. We also plan to have refreshments back this year after choosing not to risk them last year, and we hope to have the charitable stalls back as well, in the dining hall.

Although we have a good number of volunteers, we can always do with one or two more. Therefore if you can spare an hour or two on the day please do not hesitate to email me at the address below.

Let us hope that by September 2022, the pandemic that has affected us all over the last two years, will have become a distant memory. Save the date in your diary!

Mick Warwick, Totley Show Chair
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Transport 17

Building Links with the Community

As activities open up again and aspects of life gain some sense of normality, we are fortunate in having an office location central to S17. As such we are positioned to be able to interact with the local community and relevant organisations, and develop partnerships with local statutory and non-statutory groups, thereby identifying gaps in local service provision with which we may be able to assist. Great things can be achieved when individuals come together with a shared purpose and one of the aspects of the Operations Manager's role that I really enjoy is getting out and meeting others, and making links that will hopefully be of benefit to T17 and the local community. Here are three examples of the links T17 has been developing within the local community over the past couple of months.

Age UK Sheffield People Keeping Well (PKW) Partnership

Transport 17 is part of the South West Sheffield PKW Partnership. The partnership is a network of local organisations which can help individuals to keep healthy and well by finding new hobbies, staying active and/or accessing other support. The network enables people to connect with others in their local area which can reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness.

It is also a great way for organisations to share resources such as venues, volunteers and transport, which is where T17 comes in. T17 has seen the benefits of belonging to the partnership over the last few months with regards to sharing ideas and plans for keeping people covid-safe in a post-lockdown world, particularly the older, more vulnerable members of the community, being introduced to, and meeting with, co-ordinators of local activities, and being able to advertise more widely for volunteers and raise awareness of T17 and its core purpose. More information about the local partnership can be found by contacting Joanna.woodward@ageuksheffield.co.uk.

Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road

T17 were invited to give a presentation at a Saturday evening dinner in February at the Heatherfield Club. A very warm welcome and a delicious dinner awaited Fiona Smith (T17 Operations Manager). It was a real pleasure to meet some of the members of, and to find out about, another local organisation whose premises are in such close proximity to our offices. This felt particularly significant given they have been hosting the Lowedges (as was) Lunch Club on a Thursday since September – the lunch club had been unable to return to their pre-covid venue on re-opening. The majority of the members of this lunch club are transported to and from the venue by T17 minibuses.

Despite being a local venue, many members at the Heatherfield Club that evening were not familiar with T17, or that we are a community transport organisation providing transport for those older people who would otherwise be unable to get out. The benefits of linking with local organisations were very evident that evening. I was able to introduce T17 to a new group of people and raise awareness of our core purpose. There was a lot of interest in what we did and enthusiasm for spreading the word amongst absent friends and other groups they belonged to. At the end of the evening, a cheque donation was presented to T17 for which we are very grateful.

Abbeydale Rotary

A great example of building community links was provided by a contact made at the Heatherfield Club evening who suggested attending a meeting of the Abbeydale Rotary Club. Again, a very warm welcome was given to Fiona and it was again a pleasure to meet members of, and find out about, another local group. It was a different experience to the previous meeting in that many of the Rotary members

knew of T17 and several had older relatives and friends who have used, or still do use, our services. It made for a lively question and answer session following my presentation, with some interesting feedback and suggestions for future developments.



The presentation of the donation to Transport 17's Fiona Smith at the Heatherfield

As ever, we are grateful for the continued support of the local community. Don't forget you can raise money for T17 each time you shop at your local Co-op by selecting us as your 'local cause.' Please pop into the office as you're passing if you have any questions, would like to discuss volunteering at T17, or would just like to say hello! It would be lovely to meet you.

Fiona Smith

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Visual Impairment training for Twelve Trees staff

At Twelve Trees Care in Nether Edge, we're always looking for ways to enhance the service we provide to our residents and clients. We work with a variety of people, both in our care home and in the community, and it's important to us that we're connecting with those people to provide the best possible care and companionship. When we came across the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, we jumped at the opportunity to invite them in to deliver their Visual Impairment Awareness Training, including Sighted Guiding.

The training was incredibly informative, whether or not you have met people with a visual impairment. Gaining a deeper understanding of the different conditions which have an impact on eyesight, and the different ways sight can be impacted was especially informative. The training enabled us to experience for a moment the effects some conditions can have on a person, and their ability to carry out what we would see as the simplest of tasks.

It was also great to learn about the different equipment and resources available to people with sight loss, and how easy it is to obtain items to make everyday living easier. There are also things we can all do to help, including being more mindful of obstacles we unintentionally create that could cause a problem for someone with sight loss. We have been able to share and implement a variety of things for some of our residents and clients, and it's great to see the impact they are having so early on.



Our training was delivered by Liz Bowman and Sarah Bennett, a volunteer for SRIB, who were extremely knowledgeable and gave us much more information than we'd expected. For example, only 2% of blind people have no sight at all, many people having functional peripheral vision or central vision.

Our training included Sighted Guiding, which puts you in the place of someone with complete sight loss. For this, you have a blindfold, through which you can see nothing, and you take a short walk outside to give you an appreciation of how difficult this can be. Although the route we took is one we do several times a day, it was still a daunting experience not to be underestimated.

Whilst the trainers were great, the star of our session was Hannah, Sarah's guide dog, who is extremely clever and has a love of carrots. It can take up to two years to train a guide dog, but Hannah did her training in 18 months, and she clearly knows what she's doing. Sarah and Liz explained that one of the challenges blind people have faced during the pandemic was going into shops. Guide dogs are trained to navigate obstacles and go straight into shops - they don't understand or recognise queues, which many of us were forced to deal with. Thankfully, the queues seem to be a thing of the past, but this reminds us all to be more considerate of those who clearly have a disability we may not fully understand.

This training is something we would highly recommend, not just for those who work with or know people with sight loss, but for the wider community. It has given us all a greater appreciation and understanding, which will no doubt help our staff both in and outside of work. This can only be of benefit to our residents and clients, and we are looking forward to exploring other ways we can help them improve their quality of life.

Lisa Abbott, General Manager, Twelve Trees Care



People Keeping Well

We run a wide variety of activities, courses and groups across the South West of Sheffield enabling people to get out and about, find new hobbies, stay active and have fun. This is part of the Sheffield People Keeping Well programme.

The South West Sheffield PKW Partnership area covers the following areas: Dore, Totley, Bradway, Endcliffe, Fulwood, Ranmoor, Greystones, Nether Edge, Bents Green, Brincliffe, Ecclesall, Whirlow, Abbeydale. If you need further help and someone to guide you through it please don't hesitate to contact Joanna Woodward on 0114 250 2850 or via email at joanna.woodward@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Activity timetable

Monday

- 10am Gentle Circuits Online Exercise Class. Provider A
- 10am Sheffield Mencap and Gateway Coffee Morning. Provider C
- 11am Walking Football for Men & Women Wisewood Sports Centre (75 Laird Road, Sheffield S6 4BS) Provider A
- 11-12.30 Connecting with Nature for Wellbeing. Delivered by a horticulturist at Cross Scythes pub Totley. Provider F
- 12- 2pm Memoir Writing delivered by Kathryn Reaney, a professional journalist. Provider H
- 2-3pm Cosy Creatives: Online Creative writing sessions. Provider E
- 2-4pm Writer's Drop in: for writers who want readers and readers who want to hear the new writing of other people. Provider H

Tuesday

- 10am Zumba Gold Online Exercise Class. Provider A
- 10-12 Fulwood Memory Café at Fulwood Scout Hut. Chat, quizzes, live singers & more, for people living with Dementia & their carers. Provider D
- 10am Walking Football Springs Leisure Centre (526, East Bank Road, Norton S2 2AL
- 10.30am Singing Teapot Choir: fortnightly 2nd and last Tuesday of each month. Provider E
- 2pm Walking Football for Men & Women, St George's Park Thorncliffe. Provider A
- 12-2pm Hammer & Pincers Friendship Lunch: Ticket (£10) includes a 2 course lunch & entertainment. Ringinglow Road (S11 7PW), on 26 April & 24 May. Contact Provider I
- 2-4pm: Dore & Totley Rosemary Memory Café at Dore Methodist Church. Chat, quizzes, live singers & more, for people living with Dementia & their carers. Provider D
- 5.45pm HiiT Online Exercise Class. Provider A

Wednesday

- 10am Strength & Balance Online Exercise Class (can be chair based). Provider A
- 10am Carers Café on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Provider G
- 11am Walking Football for Men & Women, St George's Park Graves. Provider A
- 2pm Walking Football for Men & Women, Concord Sports Centre. Provider A
- 6-8pm Community Journalism: No experience necessary- for people who want some pointers at sending out news releases, running social media pages etc. Provider H
- 8pm Women's Walking Football. Goodwin Sports Centre. Provider A

Thursday

- 10am Gentle Circuits Online Exercise Class. Provider A
- 11am S11 Carers Walk, Ecclesall Woods. 1st Thursday monthly
- 1.30pm Zumba Chair Online Exercise Class. Provider A
- 2-4pm Bents Green Memory Cafe. Chat, quizzes, live singers and more, for people living with Dementia & their carers. Provider D
- 2pm Short Stories: On the 2nd Thursday of every month - Listen or bring your own story to share. Provider G
- 3pm Table Tennis Bradway Community Hall. Provider B

Friday

- 10am Mindfulness Online. Provider A
- 10am Carers Café and Quiz on the 2nd Friday of every month. Provider G
- 11am Walking Football for Men & Women, Wisewood Sports Centre, 75 Laird Rd, Sheffield, S6 4BS. Provider A
- 7pm Table Tennis Bradway Community Hall. Provider B

List of Providers:

Provider A: CWS (Community Wellness Service). Classes delivered by specialist instructors. To book your place and receive links and instructions to join please contact CWS on 0114 553 7807

Provider B: Table Tennis organised by Jan Clist. Contact to book your place on 07787 954 842 / 0114 418 6463

Provider C: This takes place on 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Delivered by SMG Contact carers outreach project workers: Katie 07447391437, or Ellie on 07735316347, or email cope@mencap.org.uk
Please note: These sessions are for unpaid carers and the person they care for (created for adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities/autism).

Provider D: Delivered by Eliza, provided by Age UK Sheffield PKW - Contact Eliza.Groark@ageuksheffield.org.uk or 07384 833594 for details to book.

Provider E: Provided by Age UK Sheffield PKW - contact Joanna.woodward@ageuksheffield.org.uk for details

Provider F: Delivered by Caroline Cook Horticulturist. email info@gardeningwithcaroline.co.uk or phone Age UK 0114 250 2850. Visit gardeningwithcaroline.co.uk

Provider G: SCC (Sheffield Carers Centre). Email Jan.jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk

Provider H: Kathryn Reaney Email reaneywrites@gmail.com or call 07854 751932

Provider I: Book via Hammer & Pincers on 0114 2620759. For queries contact Kathy Markwick (Email kathymarkwick@gmail.com or call 0772 952 8844).



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TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

- MONDAYS** **AGE UK FITNESS** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 1.30-2.30 pm. Contact Jo Woodward 250 2850.
GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 6.45pm-9pm.
SLIMMING WORLD, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5pm and 7pm. Call Sarah on 07577 070797.
- TUESDAYS** **PILATES**, The Old School, Dore, 9.30-10.30am. Phone Sally Kilner 07917 762502
TOTLEY OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY (TOADS) meets 7.30pm to 10pm, in the Guild Room, St John's Church, Abbeydale Road South. For more information call 0114 2351206.
BABY TIME, Totley Library, Tuesday 1.30-2.15pm (term-times only). Come along to meet other parents/carers and babies. We sing simple songs, have fun and allow time to chat.
SHEFFIELD MARQUETRY GROUP, 10am-12noon, St Oswald's Church Crypt, Bannerdale Rd. Small friendly group - beginners welcome. For information phone Graeme 07947 127909 or Pat 0114 2819915.
KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon-3.00pm.
JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 1.30-3.30pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES**, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk.
CARERS' CAFE MONTHLY- Dore & Totley United Reformed Church 10-11.30 am. Contact Jan Outram 0114 278 8942
COFFEE IN THE LIBRARY, 10.30am-12.30pm. Come and have a coffee and a chat!
THEMED CRAFT ACTIVITIES for Toddlers and Pre-School Children Totley Library, 10 am - 11.45am. Children can take part in a weekly themed storytime/craft activity. This will be offered on a free flow basis, supported by members of the Storytime team. Come along with your little ones!
TODDLER GROUP, 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Liz Hayden 07969 826464.
HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, meet at Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com
- THURSDAYS** **RHYTHM TIME** Baby, toddler & pre-schooler music sessions 9.00-11.30 Details Email: beth.w@rhythmtime.org Phone/WhatsApp: 07748 589468 To book: <https://rhythmtime.net/find-a-class>.
ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30-1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276
CHAIR AEROBICS Totley Library, 12-1pm with Kay. An Age UK and People Keeping Well weekly exercise class. £3 per week, no need to pre-book, just turn up.
SOCIAL CLUB Dore and Totley URC fortnightly 2.30-4.30 pm Contact Alison Holden for information 236 0441
PUSHCHAIR CLUB, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.30-12noon. Tel. 07912 352543 for details.
PILATES CLASS run by qualified Pilates Instructor/Physiotherapist for all abilities and ages. 1.30-2.30pm, 5.15-6.15pm and 6.15-7.15pm at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. Call Emer on 07792 422909.
- FRIDAYS** **PILATES**. The Old School, Dore, 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am. Phone Sally Kilner 07917 762502

APRIL

- MON 4th and 25th SOUTH SHEFFIELD TUNELESS CHOIR** Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 7.30-9pm. Come and join us for an evening of liberated singing and fun! Contact Karen Cook 07759 375312.
SUN 10th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD 10.00 am Practical Conservation Morning - meeting place to be decided.
SUN 10th and 24th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/
WED 13th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by John Stone "The universe from beginning to end". Visitors welcome. Social distancing measures apply.
WED 13th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP, Annual General Meeting to review the achievements of the group over the last fourteen years and to consider its future. Everyone welcome. 7.30pm, Totley Library.
TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Slide show and Talk on Haddon Hall by Pat McLaughlin.
SAT 23rd TOTLEY LIBRARY BOOK SALE 2-4pm, Totley Library.
SAT 23rd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Bird Walk. Meet at 8.30am at Totley Hall Lane. Everyone welcome!
MON 25th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Annual General Meeting followed by an illustrated talk by Ben Keywood, "The Fall and Rise of Sheffield's butterflies". See FOGW Diary in this issue for more details. 7.30pm, Totley Library.

MAY

- SAT 7th TOTLEY LIBRARY PLANT SALE** 10-12.30pm, Totley Library
SUN 8th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD 10.00 am Practical Conservation Morning - meeting place to be decided.
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TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. "Punch and Judy", show and talk/presentation by Patsy.
WED 25th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Local historian and author Peter Machan "Loxley - Wanderings in a Curious Valley". Discover Loxley's diverse landscapes, historical characters, tragic and dramatic events, unusual occupations, perplexing ruins and unique folk tales and traditions. Totley Library, 7.30pm.
SAT 28th TOTLEY LITTER PICKING MORNING 10-11am. Equipment provided. This activity is done at participants' own risk. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet Baslow Rd, outside Totley Library. All welcome.

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