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Photo of part of Totley Bents in the 1950's. The old rifle range buildings are centre left on Moss Road with one of the tunnel air shafts slightly higher up. Monnybrook buildings are to the bottom left. Photo kindly donated by Harold and Bet Warwick.

Totley Residents Association Update

On 3rd September, Richard Webb, Executive Director for Communities was "on the road" in the South West with a group of Expert Elders. Two members from Totley were selected to accompany him. We met at the Town Hall and were driven on a selected route through Newfield Green, Gleadless, Lowedges, Totley, Beauchief, Bannercross, Crosspool and Crookes. Richard is responsible for community cohesion. He has a wide remit which includes working with Social Services, Sheffield Homes, the Police, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Community Assemblies and the homeless to name a few. From 1st October responsibility for libraries will be added to his list.

Richard is determined to learn all he can from us, hence the minibus tour; the purpose of which was to visit an area, look at the problems, ask questions and hear about them from the expert elders.

We parked on Baslow Road near the library and made a quick visit. I explained we have no community centre in Totley, so the library is used by many groups. This is difficult especially for the Chairrobics class as the furniture has to be moved and then replaced ready for children the following day. We next visited Green Oak Park. Here we looked at the buildings the work the Friends have done to improve the park and the disputed road into our park to the house.

I asked in view of cuts and lack of available funding, if more could be done to allow the Friends of the park to do more than a bit of weeding, otherwise further development in the park would be very difficult.

The concerns about the proposed allotment site on Mickley Lane and the proximity to a dangerous road were noted. There were comments about the new development near the library from all the group who felt it was a very poor visual design.

From Totley we went to Beauchief and were fortunate enough to be able to go inside the Abbey and talk to a member of the clergy and a volunteer. Time spent there meant we were late for lunch!

PTO

The tour was an excellent idea, but lack of time meant everything was rushed. It was a pleasure to meet Richard, who made detailed notes of our concerns. The issues I have highlighted will be followed up with Council colleagues and Richard will respond in due course.

As I write work is being carried out in the park to put in the promised new play equipment in the children's playground. The week before, the Friends and park rangers had repainted the swings and we had met Parks Officers to jointly decide the best place for the new picnic tables and seats. A group of young people chatted to us and gave us their ideas of what they would like in the park. Orders for the climbing boulder and zip line have been placed for the young people's area. Installation of the boulder will not take place until the end of the year, but hopefully the zip line will be installed in October. We are still looking into the issues with drainage which are necessary before the circuit path and fitness equipment can be put in place.

Unfortunately applications to the Climate Change Fund were over-subscribed and our bid was not successful. An application was immediately sent in to the "You Choose Pot" for the trees. A small grants bid will be submitted towards the cost of the wild flowers.

The 4th Ward Forum meeting was held on the 8th of September. Discussions ranged from traffic, to motorbike nuisance and recycling. Details will be available at a later date. The next meeting will be held at Bradway Primary School, provisional date 30th November.

PACT meetings for the next 3 months will be held in Ecclesall library 6.45pm on 20th October, 17th November and 22nd December.

If you walk past the Pinfold do look out for the plaque we have put in place to remember Jerry Roberts who took on the job of looking after the garden until his death because he didn't like it to look neglected.

The weather for Totley Show on the 18th September could have been better, but at least we did not get the heavy rain which fell in Hillsborough. There were fewer entries and a slow start but eventually the dining room was full and people were going round the stalls. We were pleased to welcome members of The Community Assembly and Parks and Countryside again and new this year, the Police. Their presence gives us all the opportunity to put forward, ideas or complaints to them, face to face.

Once again a big thank you to Jennie Street for leading the show team and to all the volunteers who turn up on Friday night and all day Saturday to make the show a very successful community event.

Avril Critchley, Chair

OLD TOTLEY

May I say how much I have enjoyed reading Jo Rundle's pieces on her youth in Totley? She writes with such clarity and a feel for how to make the past live. I am astounded how she remembers with such specific attention to detail. I particularly remember and treasure her description of the "stargazy pie" of fish - and the visits as a child to her farming friends at Strawberry Lea. As a fairly new resident, she has made that time in Totley really vivid for me and I am sad that we won't hear any more from her. We should really get round to publishing some of her writing in a book - I wish I had the time to do so! But it is a consolation to know that we can all still read her pieces in the Independent on the Totley History Group website. Thankyou Jo. Sally Goldsmith

Be sad if you missed The Show!

This year's Totley Show has been another resounding success - not just because we turned a profit, but because there were 313 entries into the Show, over 300 people came through the doors, and it was a wonderful community event. Some fantastic talent was on display for all to enjoy.



The overall Best in Show winner was Hannah Corbey. She made a beautiful quilt featuring all sorts of animals and the many hours of work that went into it were recognised by all the Show judges as absolutely deserving of the top accolade of the Show.

Thanks go to our local shops and businesses who supported the

Overall Best in Show Winning Entry

Totley Show with donations for the raffle. It was a bumper raffle this year and attracted a lot of interest. A huge thanks to the 51 volunteers who helped - some on Friday night helping set the tables up and prepare the café, and on Saturday working long hours to make this such a great event. You know who you are and you make Totley a great place to live in.

Thanks also go to all those who contributed tombola prizes and cakes. We also raised £306 through people kindly sponsoring Show classes at £6 per class.

Escafeld Brass Band played for us again, as they have done for some years, and created a great atmosphere.

There were 25 stalls and attractions, ranging from jewellery to archery. One stallholder brought a range of animals for children to enjoy - a pig, owls etc, and Millhouses Animal Sanctuary brought a Shetland pony which was a great hit with the kids.

If you missed Totley Show this year, put next year's date in your diary - Saturday 17th September - avoid taking your holiday on that weekend, and come along and either enter some classes, or enjoy all the talent of other people. Events like this are what create a sense of community.

If you would like to help plan next year's Show, please contact me on 236-2302 or jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk Jennie Street

Totley Show Planning Group

HOLMESFIELD FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 20 October

Holmesfield Flower Club invites you to a demonstration of Flower Arranging by Georgina Burrell (NAFAS Area Demonstrator) entitled "**The Burrell Collection**" on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall (off Woodside Avenue) Holmesfield. Ample parking. Tickets available at the door: £7 (members £3.50) includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the show.

EVERYONE WELCOME.



Transport 17

There will be a General Meeting for shareholders

on Monday 25th October, in our office at 172 Baslow Road at 7pm. It costs only £1 to be a shareholder. This entitles you to attend the AGM and a General Meeting every year. If anything special turns up, you may want to come and give your opinion or vote on something out of the ordinary run of things. Ring 236 2962 for information.

We had a Coffee Morning for Sheffield Health Walkers, in our garden in August. This was part of Danny's 70th Birthday celebrations. After a heavy downpour, we managed to get all the chairs, tables and parasols back out and an enjoyable morning was had by all. The walkers were from the Totley and Ecclesall Woods groups. They kindly had a collection for T17 which raised £125. Brilliant, many thanks to all concerned and especially to the Walkers "staff" and Felicity our Secretary who helped with the serving of food and drinks.

We have just heard the sad news that Ken Parkin has died. Ken worked as an escort for Transport 17 for a number of years. Our passengers thought the world of him. They used to enjoy his help, his kindness and his jokes. The T17 staff often left the office to go on duty, laughing at his latest jokes. We send our love and prayers to Sheila and all the family.

Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan have kindly said that we can take part in their Christmas Draw again this year. They provide and deliver the prizes. Tickets are 50p each in books of 4. We get 80p from every £1 of tickets sold. Be prepared to be accosted by one of us at some time.

We will be having a Coffee Morning in our office on Saturday, 27th November from 10am till noon. Mince pies, or alternatives, will be served. We try to have a good supply of cards, paper and gifts for Christmas as well as our usual books and bric-a-brac.

Thank you for your support. Just off now to set up our stall at Totley Show

Best wishes, Margaret Barlow

Beatrice Collison 1913-2010

Beatrice Collison passed away suddenly on Sunday August 22nd at her home in Glover Road. Although she had reached the grand old age of 97 her passing was a shock to those who knew her. Indeed on the day before she died she was making arrangements to be picked up and taken to church on the following morning.

As "comparative" newcomers to Totley we had only known Beatrice for just over twenty years but, in common with all who knew her, we had come to love and respect her. She never had a bad word for anyone. She never grumbled. She was always thinking of what she could do for others and her handcraft work would have done justice to a much younger person.

To say that we shall miss her is too mild an expression of our loss.

She will stand out in our memory for a very long time as someone who tried to live the Christian faith in all that she did. In that way she has set an example for us all to acknowledge. We give sincere thanks for her life and pray that she will rest in peace.

Marjorie and Maurice Snowdon

Meet your Local PCSO

Hi everyone I am Katie Gavin PCSO for the Dore and Totley area. I can be contacted at Crewe Police Station on 0114 296 4803 or on our email addresses as below.



A PCSO is a uniformed officer whose primary role is to police the neighbourhood through community engagement, providing a visible presence within the community, helping the Police to tackle anti-social behaviour and offering reassurance to the public.

Our PCSOs have and continue to establish strong links within the community, via the many gateways of education, business and cultural & neighbourhood organisations. Our staff are well known on their beats, and members of the community are welcoming back the old fashioned 'officer on the beat' approach.

Whilst PCSO powers differ from that of a regular Police Officer, contrary to common belief, PCSOs are far from powerless and when tasked correctly are shown to directly reduce crime figures.

High visibility foot and cycle patrols have helped to deter those wishing to commit crime, and have made the Police more approachable for those who seek a better standard of living.

These are just some of the many issues a PCSO may deal with in their daily duties:

- Support for the police in increasing public safety
- Contributing to the regeneration of local communities
- Dealing with truants, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, litter, missing persons enquiries
- Helping to support victims
- Assisting with house to house enquiries.
- Involvement in patrolling major public events and ceremonies
- Helping to control crowds
- protecting the public from security threats.

Additional responsibility - PCSOs also have additional powers which include:

- The power to seize vehicles under the Police Reform Act
- The power to direct traffic
- The power to issue fixed penalty notices in relation to a range of anti-social behaviour.

In addition, PCSOs at South West SNT have forged a good relationship with the Police Officers in the team, working together effectively in public order situations, warrant executions, Public Reassurance vans and more.

PCSO Katie Gavin

katie.gavin@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 p.m., Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore Contact details: telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk, colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TRA Website:- www.totley.org.uk

Totley Primary Update

Another summer has been and gone. It's always sad to say goodbye to the Y6's as they go on to King Egberts.

Over the holidays we had the hall painted and I painted the Reception class room. You will also have seen Wizz Kids' new building go up and the land being shaped so that our Reception children have a play area all their own which should keep Ofsted happy.

The Children's Centre had it's open day on the 21st September. The new Y6 had 3 nights and 2 days at Thornbridge Adventure Park and yet again I cooked the BBQ, the local hospital put on a few extra staff just in case I gave them food poisoning. No takers yet though. Y5 camped out on the school grounds on September 24th, is this the start of diversifying? Will the Caravan Club sign be on our gates? We are attempting to make a bog garden near the wall to Baslow Road.

As always to encourage wild life our nature trail is looking a bit over grown this year because my petrol strimmer has given up the ghost. Just goes to show don't buy Spear and Jackson from Argos without paying extra cover. It looks like they only last a year before going wrong.

The yoga class held on Tuesday nights from 6.15pm until 8pm is very popular. I'm told there are 2 or 3 places left, anyone who'd like to go please phone Rachel Quinn on 0114 236 9943. The school's 50/50 draw could still do with more members at only £12 for the year and half goes to PTA funds to help buy play equipment and half in prize money, anyone interested please phone Alison Taylor at the school or send a cheque for £12 paid to Totley Primary School PTA with your name and address. Come on parents and residents let's build a school to lead in Sheffield.

Totley show was held on the 18th September and as usual it was a roaring success. Congratulations to all the helpers who gave up their time for the event and quietly got in with it. The down side to living in Totley is no one wants to give us funding apart from street lights we did not ask for. If that money had been made available Totley could have had a fair sized community hall for the benefit of the people of Totley and not a few cars each night just passing through.

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE

LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY

MICKLEY HALL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH 2-4PM



JAMS, CHUTNEYS, CAKES, CARDS,

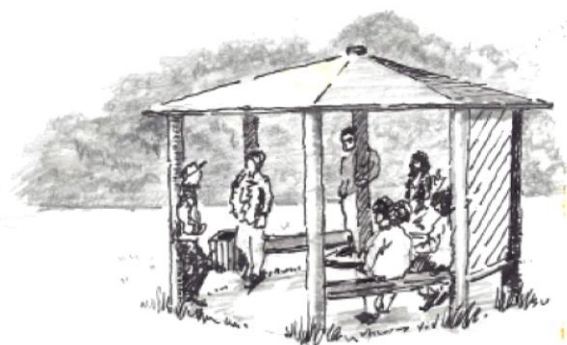
JEWELLERY, GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

RAFFLES, REFRESHMENTS.

Youth Shelter

Totley Residents Association Committee, at it's meeting 20 September, agreed support for the 6 month trial of a youth shelter in Green Oak Park subject to the results of a survey of residents who overlook the park. The Police favour the use of the shelter as do some of the youth & have carried out one brief survey. On 6 September Cllr. Keith Hill, two members of the committee & two PCSO's, carried out a consultation with over 30 residents, all of whom were in favour of the shelter's trial, after seeing a photograph of the shelter & a map showing it's proposed location. PCSO's are continuing the survey. It is intended that the shelter will be located adjacent to the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), below the bowling green, & will not be seen by many residents. The 6 months trial is free, apart from transportation costs, funding for some of which has already been agreed.

Roger Hart



Scout Lottery

Winners of the 1st Totley Scout Lottery August Draw.

1st Prize No 56
Swan Essentials
Toaster
Mr and Mrs Critchley
Baslow Road

2nd Prize No 05
£10 Voucher
Mrs Ruthven
Meadow Grove

Peter Casson

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS SCHOOL REUNION

At The Fleur de Lys Totley on Monday October 18th from 7-30pm onwards, we look forward to seeing you. For pupils who left around the late 1940s early 1950s. We look forward to seeing as many old pupils as possible.

PACT MEETINGS

PACT meeting: 20th October at Ecclesall library. 6.45 to 8pm. Come & meet the police & other partners, for this Police Area. (Other dates are 17 Nov & 22 Dec, Ecclesall library, 19 Jan, 16 Feb, 23 March Totley Library).

Roger Hart

Found at Totley Show

A green plastic container, which had been filled with small buns for the cafe, was left after the Show. I have it at home to collect if it's yours. Jennie Street. Tel. 236-2302

Puzzle Corner

A Tour of Scotland

Solve each cryptic clue to give the name of a town in Scotland.

1. Cornish river, Scottish church.
2. Beam of light by the sound of it.
3. See through dress losing south and north.
4. Mine lake railway.
5. Zero prevent. 6. Candle centre.
7. Murder not out.
8. Pictures and dates by the sound of it.
9. Unisex garment on way to cross river.
10. Put black stuff on Albert.
11. Material or weight and shelter.
12. Old German coin with measure of 2.54 cm.
13. Her majesty's river crossing.
14. Mix the fish or heather with a spoon.
15. Flat cake may contain currants.
16. Sounds like a northern river and percussion instrument.
17. Not a warm burn.
18. Spoil the hill slope.
19. Combine two facial features.
20. Very loud in castle water.

A PET SHOP FOR TOTLEY.... AT LAST

After a long search we finally found what we hope is the perfect location for our new business. Sandwiched nicely between the Post office and Newsagents on Totley Rise

For too long now according to many locals, the Totley area has been deprived of a shop devoted to its four legged (and finned and feathered) residents. My name is Mike and having been in the pet trade for over 10 years with a short break to run a Fish & Chip shop (currently still being run by my good lady) I felt it was time to re-enter the pet trade and after searching many areas I found an ideal premises in an area of Sheffield that seemed to be lacking a shop devoted to its pets and wildlife.

On the 13th September this year 'Totley Tails & Whiskers' opened its door to the residents of Totley and its surrounding areas. Much thought went into just what we were going supply and we finally managed to narrow down our range to an amount that we could physically fit within the four walls.

After our first week we feel we have discovered a very nice part of the city with very friendly people who have made me feel very welcome and reassured me that I have made a good choice of location and business. I must admit to breathing a huge sigh of relief each time I receive such comments especially in such difficult times as we are in at the moment.

So what now? Well we aim to build the business to a point where it is at first sustainable and then hopefully to a point where myself and my family can make a living from it and supply the people of the area with quality goods at sensible prices in a convenient manner. Our aim is to say 'Yes we can' to each and every customer, whether it be immediately or within a few days.

All that remains to be said is please call in, even if only to say hello and have a look around and if there's anything you would like me to stock that you can't see, please ask and I will do my best. Alternatively feel free to phone (0114) 236 8007 or e-mail totleytails@live.co.uk

Sheffield Rotary Club

One of Totley's residents, Bob Jackson, received a Sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship, from the Rotary Club of Sheffield, on Monday 13 September. Bob has been a member for 31 years & has a 100% attendance record. His attendances have not all been in Sheffield, as we can attend any Club anywhere in the world & cruise ships often have meetings aboard. Bob's award was in addition to his original Paul Harris Fellowship, due to his continuing excellent service to Rotary & all that it stands for.

Sheffield Rotary Club hosted the presentation evening for all the recipients of the proceeds from the Music in the Garden event, at the Botanical Gardens, at their meeting, on the 13th. A total of £41,000 was given to a variety of charities & organisations from the four night music extravaganza. Next year's event will be from Wednesday 29 June to Saturday 2 July 2011.

Rotary is open to men & women. Sheffield Club meets on Monday evenings, Vulcan meets on Tuesday evenings, at Abbeydale Sports Club, Abbeydale Club meets on Wednesday lunch time, at Abbeydale Club, & Hallam Club meets on Tuesday evenings at Kenwood.

Vulcan's club meetings:- **5th.** District Judge Foster will speak. **19th.** Keith Meikle Janney will speak on British submarines. **26th.** Speaker on a World Challenge Trip to Namibia. If anyone is interested, to call me 236 7034. Cost is £11 including a two course meal.

Roger Hart

New Sheffield Project Creating a Hive of Activity

Sheffield is all abuzz with the news that 15 new honeybee bee hives have been installed at unusual sites across the city.

Groundwork Sheffield's Bee Buddies project is stationing a total of 35 new hives in innovative urban spaces like green roofs and community gardens. These sites demonstrate that bees can thrive in cities, and that beekeeping is a hobby suitable for those with little access to green space.

The introduced hives across the city will be managed by a Head Beekeeper, with residents and visitors of designated sites being given the opportunity to attend free training to learn how to look after the hives themselves.

Anna Cooper, Development Officer for Groundwork Sheffield who is managing the project, said "By placing sites in unusual city centre locations, we hope to catch the attention of people who wouldn't normally take an interest in beekeeping. Underused spaces like rooftops can make ideal sites for apiaries, and help to reverse the dramatic fall in honeybee numbers."

Groundwork is offering free two-hour beekeeping taster sessions to give people a chance to try beekeeping for the first time. A more advanced two-day beekeeping course will also be on offer for people already familiar with the hobby. The first taster course is running on **Thursday 7th October**, and the first two-day course runs on **Wednesday 13th - Thursday 14th October** at Wood Lane Countryside Centre in Stannington. More dates are running through 2010-2011 - see the website www.greenboxgroup.org.uk for all dates or to reserve a place.

For more information on the project, or to book a place on a training course, please contact Anna Cooper at Groundwork Sheffield on 0114 263 6420

Abbeydale Miniature Railway



Sunday 5th December & 12th December

Gate opens at 11am
Last Entrance 3.30pm

Admission at the gate is £7 each

Admission covers 'unlimited' train rides, seasonal refreshments, a visit to Santa in his grotto and a present for each child.

Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LA (Next to The Glen Nursing Home)

Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge

www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

History of Cherry Tree Orphanage

In the last month's Totley Independent there were 2 photographs under the heading "History of Cherry Tree Orphanage".

The old gentleman is Mr Pearson senior, he was a friend of my great grandpa James Gledhill. He is in the greenhouse at St George's Farm with a robin in his hand. The robin unfortunately met its end in a mousetrap! We have the same photograph in our collection. Mr and Mrs Pearson, their sons and daughter Lucy, had the nursery at St George's on Mickley lane. Many years ago Lucy gave me an old flat iron from the farm, I still treasure it but do not use it!!

St George's Farm was across the lane from the Orphanage. My mother recalls a lovely old house with large lawn and pathways. We never heard the term "Grandpa Cooke" but there was a Mrs Cook, a gardener who worked for many years on the Victoria Gardens nursery land for Una Gledhill. As the 2 nurseries were near to each other perhaps the old gentlemen were mistaken by the Cherry Tree children, we may never know!

Sheila Hobson

Green Oak Junior Bowling Club

The junior bowling team would like to thank Sylvia Ruddle for the tireless dedication she has shown them week after week.

Sylvia has met with the team 2 nights a week and given up her Saturday mornings for the past few years.

This is the last year she will be managing the team and the games will be missed by many in the park. Unfortunately numbers dwindled this year and the season ended prematurely.

I would personally like to add my gratitude to Sylvia for encouraging my son to take up bowling. This year was his last year as a junior, he has represented both Sheffield and South Yorkshire in team matches and this season he has also won all 3 Sheffield Parks competitions for his age group.

Kathryn Higgins

T.O.A.D.S. AUTUMN PRODUCTION

"Improbable Fiction", written by Alan Ayckbourn in 2005, is the title of the next play to be performed by TOADS. The dates are from Wednesday 24th November to Saturday 27th November and the venue is as usual, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, at 7.30pm.

The play centres around a group of amateur writers - the clue is in the title - and is one of Ayckbourn's cleverest plays with a twist in the tale. This should be an evening not to be missed. Just the ticket for a cold winter's evening which will unfortunately come around sooner than we think!

Call 235 1206 to reserve your ticket - £4 or £3.50 for concessions - or contact any TOADS member.

Totley All Saints School Update

We've had another very successful sporting year taking part in a huge range of competitions. Our girl's football team won the South Yorkshire County Girl's Football competition - not bad for a small school!

The long awaited new extension of Little Saints Nursery is now finished and will be open ready for the beginning of this term.

We hope that some of you will have noticed that our ugly mini "Big Incinerator" chimney has gone! Our 50 year old school boiler had to be replaced and the new one has a balanced flue. It cost £3000 to demolish the chimney but it was a dreadful blot on the landscape whether you were looking at the front of school towards the moors or up on the moors looking down on school. We hope that local residents appreciate the improved view!

Scouts antiques and collectors' fayre

30 October 2010

The Totley Scout Group is putting the finishing touches to its plans for its Autumn Antique and Collectors' Fayre.

Bargain hunters and those with an eye for a collectable are invited to come along to St John's church hall on Abbeydale Road South from 10am - 4.30pm on Saturday October 30. The popular event attracts visitors from across the city who want to support the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups.

There is ample parking and the 97/98 bus stops nearby, or why not come by train to Dore & Totley Station. Admission is 50p (30p for over 60s) and refreshments are available throughout the day.

For further information contact Mike Hollindale - 01246 418963

Puzzle Corner

Solution to A Tour of Scotland

1. Falkirk; 2. Reay; 3. Glasgow; 4. Pitlochry; 5. Oban; 6. Wick; 7. Killin; 8. Callander; 9. Coatbridge; 10. Tarbert; 11. Stonehaven; 12. Markinch; 13. Queensferry; 14. Stirling; 15. Scone; 16. Tyndrton; 17. Coldstream; 18. Braemar; 19. Eyemouth; 20. Moffat
Don Ashford

Update from SPACE

SPACE



1. Baslow Road lighting

The lights are still on at the moment but the council say they are planning to turn them off in the next few weeks. The delay has been caused by the need to change the speed limit and to ensure that other road safety measures are in place before the lights are switched off.

SPACE felt that the reduction from 60mph to 30mph from the Derbyshire boundary (therefore requiring street lights), until it joined the existing 30mph limit through Totley was too drastic a cut for this stretch of road. We felt that a reduction from 60mph to 40mph was more achievable (and indeed safer as it reduces the tailgating that was happening as faster drivers were attempting to overtake cars that were adhering to the 30mph limit). SPACE did a community consultation exercise on road safety though Totley itself and many members of the public responded, suggesting issues and solutions. The results of this were presented to the Council.

2. Bonnybrook Stables

Another success story. We helped residents of Holmesfield in the Cordwell valley to prevent a planning application for the conversion of stables to a residence in the green belt. The building of the artificial stone-built stables had been given permission in the green belt with the condition that they should never be converted for residential use. However several years later this is exactly what was proposed. The Derbyshire Council planning officers recommended the application to be passed! But Holmesfield Parish Council, local residents and SPACE won the battle and the councillors on the planning board refused the application. The developers then took it to an appeal but the appeal was also rejected. Thankfully this naturally dark and rural place will remain so.

3. Not such a success story- Fairthorn

Fairthorn is the large city-sized block of flats that was allowed to be built on the edge of Dore near Blacka Moor. The block still stands out in the views from Blacka Moor whatever the weather. What concerns us is the lack of consultation that Sheffield had with the Peak Park regarding the impact of this block, the fact that planning officers recommended it for approval claiming that it was in character with surrounding buildings and used similar materials. We have challenged them to come out and show us exactly which buildings near Fairthorn are similar in design, size and materials, but the request has been ignored. The roofs of buildings near Fairthorn are terracotta tiles that

camouflage better into the background, not bright blue slate!

Since the block was granted retrospective planning consent (after the developer had built it even bigger than planned), the only condition of consent was that the developer had to submit a planting scheme to help tone down the visual impact of the block. This has

been done, but the trees are planted to the side of the block or too far down the slope to have much impact. Also they are very young trees and the developer is only obliged to maintain them for 5 years.

4. Hallfield Farm. Strawberry Lee Lane.

We are awaiting a decision from the Peak Park as to the application for lighting up the farm drive. We are happy with the materials used and the traditional design of the farm buildings but feel that the security lighting is not appropriate for this naturally dark area so close to the open moors.

5. Dore and Totley Rail Station.

We welcome improvements in services but are concerned that the Victorian and rural character of this station will be preserved throughout the proposed development- to provide a park and ride and to add another rail platform. We have asked an MSc student of Technical Architecture at Hallam University to come up with a design plan that we can propose to Network Rail/SYPTE.

If you have any ideas to help with the ongoing campaigns or other issues you would like us to take up, please let us know.

Dawn Biram (for SPACE)

space.sheffield@talktalk.net

St John's Church Abbeydale



Special Services coming up in
the next few months

14th November

10am Service of Remembrance

28th November

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

24th December

6.30pm Carol Service-Nine lessons and carols

24th December

5pm Christingle

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

25th December

9.30am Family Communion Christmas Day

Normal weekly services are:-

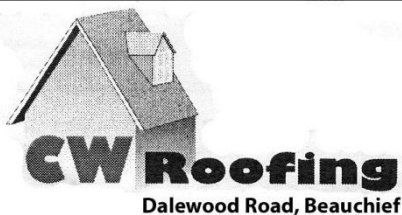
8am Either Morning Prayer or Holy

Communion

10am

Parish Communion. Provision for children is made on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month either by way of Family Communion or Fish Club

The first Wednesday of every month Holy Communion
10.15am



- QUALIFIED TRADESMEN
- 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
- NEW ROOFS
- REPAIRS
- GENERAL MAINTENANCE
- INSURANCE WORK CARRIED OUT
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Services for October

3 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Holy Communion
10 th	10.00am	HARVEST
	6.30pm	Open to God at Totley Rise Methodist Church
17 th	10.30am	Joint Service at KING ECGBERT'S SCHOOL
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
24 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Holy Communion
31 st	10.00am	All Ages All Together
	6.30pm	Holy Communion

Harvest gifts of non-perishable goods e.g. Breakfast cereals, tinned foods, tea, sugar, rice, toiletries will be donated to the Cathedral Archer Project for the homeless..

Lord, graciously hear us.
Breathe in the lives of all who celebrate the harvest
across the world
that the gifts of the earth may be for all the people
of the earth,
especially those who experience extreme poverty
landlessness or exploitation,
and those who fear the uncertain impact of climate
change. Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.
Breathe in our own lives and communities that we
may be transformed by your power of hope and
healing,
to live in justice and generosity, inspired by
possibility
So we may truly celebrate your Harvest.
Amen.

RECIPE

PINEAPPLE AND BANANA BREAD.

Ingredients:

8oz (250g) Self Raising flour
4oz (125g) Wholemeal Self Raising flour
2oz (60g) Dark Brown sugar.
7oz can Crushed Pineapple.
2 Ripe Bananas mashed.
2 tbsps Vegetable Oil
1 Egg.

Method:-

Mix flour and sugar together. Mix all the other ingredients together. Make a well in the centre of the flour and sugar. Pour in all the other mixed ingredients and stir until well mixed. Bake in a 2lb loaf tin at 180deg or mark 4 for 50mins.



LOOK AT THE BIRDS IN THE SKY.

With geese their relationship is "till death do us part". They take it seriously. They're fully committed. When the ravages of time or circumstances make it impossible for a bird to continue the trip and it begins to lose altitude or fails to keep abreast of the formation, the gaggle provides it with comfort, nurture and protection. Two strong geese leave the formation, flying with the "patient" safely between them, find a sheltered location with food and water and make a home for the needy bird. They'll stay with their ward until it either recovers or dies, before joining another formation. Lost and stray geese are always welcomed into the formation. It's not an exclusive club for the elite. Birds separated from other formations, isolated by weather, accident or infirmity, are given full family status. The formation will alter its plans, reschedule its arrival time and inconvenience itself to accommodate any strangers seeking its acceptance. Many newcomers arrive dirty, bedraggled and ill-fed. They're never turned away.

In the same way, God's Church isn't a museum for master pieces, it's a hospital for those who have been hurt by life, even self-inflicted hurt. Christ has no higher agenda than to recruit, save and adopt the stranger into His flock.

Taken from:- "The Word for Today" August 2010.

TOTLEY SHOW RESULTS

September 2010



Overall Best in Show:- Hannah Corbey .

Hannah has been entering her wonderful artwork, tapestry and craftwork since she was small girl. For the past few years she has been coming first or second in classes in the Handicrafts section, and this year not only did she win Best in Class for the Handicrafts, but Best in Show with her magnificent animal patchwork quilt. Well done Hannah you stole the Show!

In the picture, Tom Steel, Totley Show President, presents the Trophy to Hannah with Mike Williamson, MC, looking on.

HANDICRAFTS.

Best of Class: Hannah Corbey

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1. Hand Knitted Article	Jill Hastings		Bet Warwick
2. Decorative Cushion	Catherine Wrigglesworth		
3. Soft Toy	John Elliott		
4. Tapestry	Doreen Baker	Doreen Baker	John Elliott
5. Cross Stitch	Anne Rose	Jean Vawser	Claire Rose
6. Collage			
7. Greetings card	Jamie George	Catherine Wrigglesworth	John Elliott
8. Open handicraft	Hannah Corbey	Claire and Anne Rose	B Hutchinson

DOMESTIC SECTION.

Best of Class: Pauline Perkinson

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
9. Victoria Sandwich	Kim Campbell	Liz Hayden	Dorothy Firth
10. Dundee Cake	Stella Jockel	Tom Steel	Jean Byron
11. Carrot Cake	Liz Hayden	V Loft	Chris Scott
12. 3 savoury scones	V Loft	Lynda Liddle	Liz Wright
13. 5 biscuits	Chris Scott	Christine Steel	Alex & James Buxton & Matilda Alleway
14. Apple Pie	Doreen Scotton		
15. Loaf of White Bread			
16. Jam	Pauline Perkinson	Pauline Perkinson	Mary Hodges
17. Lemon Curd	Christine Steel	Liz Hayden	Lynda Liddle
18. Marmalade	Mary Hodges	Mary Hodges	Alex Mayland
19. Chutney	Alex Mayland	Katrin Watson	Liz Hayden

FLORAL SECTION.

Best of Class: Desiree Helme

Maggie White Cup: Lynda Liddle

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
20. Table Dec. Fresh to 6"	Mary Helme		
21. Table Dec. Fresh 6"+	Desiree Helme	Mary Helme	
22. Posy of flowers	Lynda Liddle		
23. 3 Cut Flowers	Pauline Perkinson	Pauline Perkinson	Pauline Perkinson
24. Foliage Plant in pot	Avril Critchley	Katrina Watson	
25. Flowering plant in pot	Gillian Woolley	Catherine Wrigglesworth	

FRESH PRODUCE.

Best of Class: Tom Steel

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
26. 4 Eating Apples	Tom Steel	Tom Steel	Jennie Street
27. 4 Cooking Apples	Pete Munday	Chris Caroe	Tom Steel

28. 8 Blackberries	Harry Liddle	Andrew Rose	Chris Caroe
29. 4 Matching Potatoes	Jennie Street	Jennie Street	Jennie Street
30. 3 Matching Leeks	Tom Steel		
31. 3 Matching Onions	Tom Steel		
32. 6 Mixed Veg.	Tom Steel	Jennie Street	Jennie Street
33.5 Matching Runner Beans	Tom Ogley	Chris Caroe	Tom Steel
34. 5 Tomatoes	Tom Steel	Tom Steel	Richard Farnsworth
35. 1 Cucumber	Jennie Street	Tom Steel	
36. 3 Courgettes			
37. Largest Onion	Tom Steel		
38. Heaviest Marrow/squash	Alex Howe	Lindsey Howe	Ben Sockett
39. Longest Runner Bean	Allen Miller	Chris Caroe	Tom Steel
40. Miscellaneous Veg.	Jennie Street	Jennie Street	Lindsey Howe
41.3 matching eggs	Lindsey Howe	Allen Miller	Jennie Street

ART AND SCULPTURE Best of Class: Ray Sables

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
43. Oil or Acrylic Painting	Ian Hastings	Jean Byron	L E Boniface
44. Water Colour	Ian Hastings	Roy Hutchinson	Ian Hastings
45. Pen & Ink Sketch	Barry Mettam		
46. Pencil Sketch	Doreen Scotton	L E Boniface	Samantha Giles
47. Open Multi Media		Doreen Scotton	N. Lawrie
48. Reclaimed art/sculpture	Ann Hart		
49. Sculpture any medium	Ray Sables	Jim Morgan	

PHOTOGRAPHY. Best of Class: Angela Harpham

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
50. Colour	Angela Harpham	Tom Steel	Steve Giles
51. Black and White	Angela Harpham	Liz Wright	Liz Wright
52. Computer Art	Justin Buxton		
53. Totally Totley	Chris Caroe	John Elliott	John Elliott

WOODWORK. Best of Class: John Perrett

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
54. Wood Turning	Martin Harpham	Mr Young	Martin Harpham
55. Small Furniture	Jim Morgan		
56. Wood sculpture	John Perrett	M Loft	

CHILDREN'S SECTION. Best in Class: Up to 8 yrs: Elizabeth Mill. Over 8 years: Peter Rose

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
57. Animal Veg. Up to 7yrs	Poppy Taylor	Alex & James Buxton & Matilda Alleway	Elizabeth Mill
58. Miniature Garden 8-12	Izzy Urbanski	Alex Scott	
59. Computer Art up to 8rs			
60. Computer Art 9-14yrs	Harriet Freeman	Hamish Mill	S Jockel
61. 3 Decorative Buns	Hamish Mill	Elizabeth Mill	Harriet Freeman
62. A wibbly wobbly jelly	Hamish Mill	Elizabeth Mill	
63. Flower arrngmt in eggcup	Elizabeth Mill	Elizabeth Mill	Kieran Scott
64. Painting under 5yrs	Rose Lehane	David Caroe	Peter Caroe
65. Painting 6-11yrs	May & Toby Moorwood	Harriet Birch	Emily Jex
66. Painting 12-14yrs	Peter Rose	Ben Sockett	Peter Rose
67. Lego model 5-8yrs	Emma Caroe	Oliver Walker	James & Alex Buxton
68. Lego model 9-14yrs	George Frost & Alfie Langley	Daniel Evans	Charlie Scott
69. Colour photo	Daniel Evans	Oliver Walker	Charlie Duncan
70. Children's Open Craft	Matilda Alleway	Matthew Giles	Poppy Taylor

Many Thanks to all who so generously supported the Raffle at the Totley Show. Especially local businesses.

The Ironing Parlour, Totley Pharmacy, Baslow Rd., Rosie, The Co-op, Totley Rise Post Office, Totley Rise Newsagent, Totley Deli Totley Gifts and Flowers, Abbey Friar, Martin Scrivens, The Luxury Gap.

GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

The clouds started together after a brief glimpse of sunshine but the rain kept off I'm glad to say and, after a slow start people began to bring in their entries, much to the relief of the organisers and volunteers. The entries were down on last year the standard of the exhibits was still very high, I am always amazed at the amount of talent that abounds in the Totley area.

The children's entries were excellent and gave the judges a hard time deciding the winners everyone of them deserved a medal. Thanks must go to the parents for encouraging their children to take part, I particularly liked seeing the wibberly wobberly jellies.

Thanks must also go to all the volunteers from the tea ladies who kept everyone happy with tea and cakes etc to the heavy lifting gang who put up and took down show boards, tables, etc on the day before and at the end of the show (it's no mean feat).

Thanks also to everyone - raffle sellers, tombola organisers, cake stall and guess the cake weight persuaders, entry takers, stewards, car park men, and outdoor games etc etc .

The MC Mike Williamson kept things flowing by announcing the opening of the show by Rony Robinson and by telling us all about the items as they progressed, like the Escafeld band, raffle drawing etc and assisting me with the prize presentations.

The auction went well with the Rony and Jimmy duo giving a fine performance at the end of the show.

Many thanks to the organising committee, TRA committee who give up a lot of time on our behalf and, last but not least thanks to the judges who do a very difficult job.

I must mention I got the best in show fresh produce section after over 25 years trying to win this elusive trophy; congratulations to Hanna Corby who won the best in show out of the rest of the entries.

Lastly many thanks to the people and children of Totley without them there would not be a show. The entries and visitors were down on last year, if you missed this years show (and you missed a treat) make an effort next year make a note on your calendar now don't go on holiday around the 17th of September 2011 don't go to grandma's bring her to the Totley Show it is a great community event worth supporting and it may do her the world of good.

Back to earth with your gardening tips...

FLOWERS Clean up borders and beds ready for autumn planting, good time to plant alpine and rockery plants and top dress with fine grit. Lift and dry out gladioli for storing over winter. Lift and store dahlias when the tops have been blackened by the frost. Store them in a frost free place in newspaper, sand or peat. Plant out wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots, sweet williams, foxgloves and other similar plants which are biennials or grown for spring bedding displays. Do not hang on to the summer bedding plants too long, so that the new plants can get established before the winter weather sets in. Make sure the soil is in good fettle by adding humus making compost and bone meal or similar nutrients. Most bulb planting should be completed by the end of the month except tulips they can be left until November. If you have not brought in the tender plants from outside don't delay any longer or the frost will nobble them. Rambler roses should be pruned now, if you have not done so already, train them to the supports.

VEGETABLES Onions which you are keeping in store should be exposed to as much sun as possible and out of the rain they will keep much longer if they are a golden brown colour, strung together in a frost free place. Gather french and runner beans as they develop before the frosts finish them off Earth up celery and leeks, prepare ground for planting spring cabbage. October is about the latest month for gathering herbs for winter drying. Marrows can be stored, if you have too many for immediate use hang them up in old stockings in a frost free dry place. Carrots and beetroot should be lifted now to prevent the roots from splitting they will keep well if packed in dry sand. Lift young parsnips now for immediate use; leave the rest in the ground to pull as required, watch out for slugs. Pick winter and perpetual spinach regularly to encourage new growth. Main crop potatoes should be lifted and stored. It might be a good idea to put stakes in to support Brussels sprouts it can get a bit windy in Totley, pull off any yellowing leaves.

TREES FRUIT & SHRUBS Prepare ground for tree, shrub and hedge planting make sure newly planted evergreens are sheltered from cold winds by placing temporary guards. Hardwood cuttings can be taken now they do take a long time to root. Put grease bands round apple and cherry trees, spray trees with fungicide if canker or scab has been a problem. Prune blackcurrants not pruned earlier. It's a good time to plant new fruit trees between now and the end of November. Clean up strawberry beds; remove dead or dying foliage and weeds, top dress soil around the plants. Make sure the supports for Raspberries and loganberries are adequate, planting new plants of raspberries, loganberries etc. can be undertaken now. The new strains they keep bringing out are well worth a try.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Chrysanthemums should be brought in now before the petals begin to open or if frost threatens, as mentioned before bring in any tender plants to prevent any damage or loss by frost. Regulate greenhouse temperature, close the side vents for the winter. Ventilate on fine days to prevent the build-up of mildew and diseases which are spread by damp atmosphere. Make sure the greenhouse is clean and tidy this will help you to spot anything untoward, before it gets too bad. Feed cyclamen plants with a weak feed about once a fortnight. If you are growing schizanthus and calceolarias for a spring show do not let them become pot bound at this stage. Keep all pot plants tidy especially geraniums, remove decaying leaves as disease can soon spread to the main stems. Do not use too much heat in the greenhouse yet, just enough to keep the air dry and keep out old Jack Frost. Dry off begonias, gloxinias and achimenes growing in pots, turn the pots on their sides and do not water them. Gradually reduce the amount of water given to fuchsias but do not dry them out, pot on any cuttings never let them become pot bound or starved, check bulbs being brought on in darkness, and water, if necessary. Plant cape cowslip, freesia, indoor gladioli, Dutch iris, lilies, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips in pots to flower in spring and summer,

keeping them cool and in the dark until the shoots appear. Some gardeners think that ferns do not need feeding, not true, they should be fed very occasionally this is a good time to do it Very weak liquid manure should be used. Be careful with all watering under glass now keeping all plants a little on the dry side rather than too wet.

LAWNS Rake, scarify and spike top dress add a dressing of autumn winter fertilizer. Turf can be laid if the weather is fine, pick off stones and lightly roll newly seeded lawns.

Cheerio for now, TOM

Allotments.....

An alternative view?

I have yet to meet anyone who is not in favour of allotments.

At a time of impending austerity they can only be a good thing. In terms of healthy eating, family activity, beneficial exercise, community engagement and combating climate change there can be no argument. In legal terms the Council has a statutory obligation to provide them (a fact that the city's Allotments Federation constantly reminds us of!)

Moreover a waiting list of 120 applicants in Dore & Totley ward alone stretching back as far back as 2001 testifies to the need. With a waiting list of 795 the South West Community Assembly area has the highest demand in the city. Previous copies of this journal have promoted the concept (Totley Independent July/August 2007)

So why do some of us have a problem?

The answer is, of course that we don't necessarily want them in our own back yard. Yet, as a City Councillor of 10 year's standing I find it difficult to identify a location which is not problematic to some residents, particularly those close by.

This was particularly true of the two sites under review for Totley, namely the location at the end of Totley Hall Lane and the field opposite the Cheshire Home. Whilst both were more than acceptable in terms of cultivation (the view of the Allotments Federation and Parks & Countryside Directorate), both also generated reservations if not downright opposition from some of us.. Ultimately the Totley Hall lane site could not be released by the farmer since it was a vital part of his farming operation whereas the other one had had allotments previously. Thereby only one site became available. In the light of the figures above the decision was taken to focus on the Mickley Lane site.

It has been the task of the Parks and Countryside Directorate to fulfil its statutory obligations in responding to demand whilst doing all it can to take account of local concerns. Consultation and exchange of views has been extensive and lively but on September 30 the proposal goes before the 12 Councillors of the South West Community Assembly and we shall see the fruit of the Parks and Countryside Directorate's hard work. If approved further, more complicated design work relating to access, highway safety, plot sizes and layout, parking, screening issues etc. etc. will take place.

It is important that we get this right if only for the sake of other locations across the city – there are approximately 3,100 plots city allotments that are active, and a waiting list of around 2380 (921 in the south west alone.) and, contrary to local opinion, very, very few left unattended.

Councillor Keith Hill

Allotments update

"Many thanks to all those who took time out to sign the petition; we received 245 signatures."

It is worth stating for the record that local residents are not against allotments and fully support all reasonable initiatives. We are pleased to see the recent press (The Star 15th Sep) where some exciting initiatives are outlined.

What we are concerned about is the manner and logic behind the almost obsessive proposal for the Mickley Lane site. The site has many disadvantages and we have drawn up suggestions for 15 alternative sites and done evaluations of five of them as direct comparison to Mickley Lane. None of the alternatives have the attendant problems that Mickley Lane presents.

Communications with local councillors and city council officials have proceeded with the usual difficulties. There are still many questions left unanswered and at the time of writing (16th Sept) concerns are present that the council will be presenting a report to the SW Community Assembly, the decision making body for the project. Simon Green, Executive Director has been written to requesting him to suspend any formal council report until all the facts for the proposed development are available.

Not least of these facts are absences of information on:

1. Road safety issues on Mickley Lane
2. Alternative sites evaluation
3. Blatantly ignoring the council's own Unitary Development plan which protects the area from inappropriate developments

We have also formally written to local MPs Nick Clegg and Natascha Engel and are now awaiting their response to further questions.

Chris Heeley's notes from the site meeting on 8th June listed 66 points raised by residents. We still await his response to requests for answers to all these areas.

Meetings have been arranged on 23rd September with local councillors and the seven adjacent properties and with the SW Community Assembly meeting on 30th September. We will be presenting our case and tabling some short reports on key issues and handing in the petition.

We have asked why the council appears to be able to flaunt its own procedures regarding producing relevant surveys and evaluation of the site and to try to avoid applying for formal planning permission by hiding behind various legal points. Had a private individual tried to do the same we believe the process would not have been straight forward. Double standards we think.

Local opposition to the proposal, we have proved, is stronger and wider than the City Council have appreciated and, compounded by a grave lack of consultation both with local residents and we understand the Totley Residents Association, casts particular questions as to whether the City Council have followed procedures and adhered to their own code of practices. The Council has been asked to provide statements as to policies and procedures in this regard and to provide full and ongoing details of communications with Council's Development Services. Many of these are outstanding still.

Terry Rich

for Local Residents adjoining proposed allotment site

Culpable, Cruel, Callous and Cowardly

No, this description does not apply to some far away dictator, although I am sure we could all name one or two who would justifiably qualify to be described as such. This applies to a so called 'animal lover' living in our area.

I think that most, if not all, dog owners would describe themselves as animal lovers otherwise they would not keep them as pets. To lonely owners they are a source of companionship. To families they may well be a source of fun, amusement and pleasure, although some people may buy expensive pedigree animals purely for use as a status symbol. More down to earth commercially minded owners concentrate on breeding progeny that are trained to be working dogs or have the potential to be show or competition winners.

The common denominator to nearly all these dogs is that they become cherished, even pampered, family members whose health and welfare are of first importance. The twice daily walk is a vital ingredient in this, come rain or shine, most, if not all, owners take their dogs for a walk. Some of the larger breeds actually take their owners for a walk! They are dragged along struggling to contain the strength and energy of their pet. Some may even let their dog off the lead as soon as they come to a field in order to take the strain off themselves. This gives their charges the liberty they crave to have unrestricted exercise and exploration. Unfortunately this can be the forerunner to disaster and death to other animals and cause distress to their owners. Every year thousands of sheep are maimed and killed by out of control dogs. Some deaths will be caused by homeless stray dogs, some by animals that have managed to break free from their handlers. But many will be a direct result of negligent owners letting their out of control dogs roam loose when walking on farm or moorland. The law clearly states that dogs must be closely controlled at ALL TIMES.

In most circumstances this means ON A LEAD, particularly when in areas where farm animals are likely to be grazing. Unfortunately there are some owners in our neighbourhood who either do not know what the law states or, for reasons best known to themselves, choose to ignore it. Maybe it is a 'macho' thing to let your dog run free through a field of sheep. Probably, even more 'macho' to purposely do so in front of another animal lover – the farmer – who understandably will get stressed and annoyed by this inconsiderate and provocative action. Even so called 'professional' dog walkers have been known to do this.

Most people will not know this, but I am told that land owners can legally ban dog walking on footpaths over their land. Footpaths are statutory rights of way for pedestrians but not so for their dogs! This is of course the ultimate sanction, but some landowners are now looking to pursue this option as a result of continual dog related problems.



Here at Totley Hall Farm, an all grassland farm running two flocks of sheep, we have first hand experience of all the above mentioned dog related problems. Even though we try to educate dog owners either by one to one conversations or displaying large warning signs on the entrances to our fields we still have at least one 'dog on sheep' incident every year. Sometimes the sheep are chased through hedges or into ditches and ponds, sometimes they suffer bite wounds, and on occasions they are killed. It has to be said that we find that most of the people who walk dogs on the footpaths that cross our fields are very considerate and responsible owners and we get on well with them. In fact some show their respect for animal welfare by going out of their way to inform us of any problems with our sheep they note as they walk through the fields. This is perhaps the one and only benefit of having footpaths on your land. Once again we would say a loud THANK YOU to them for reporting problems to us. However, not all dog walkers show the same concern for our animals. Hence the following incident that took place on the morning of Sunday 12th September. As it happened, I was a little later than normal starting work that morning. At approximately 9am a lady I meet regularly when I am doing my morning sheep checking round, came to our back door and informed us that there was a nearly dead lamb stuck in a pond in one of our fields. I jumped into our Kawasaki ATV and went to investigate. By the time I had reached the pond, a kind gentleman walker had seen its plight, and pulled it out of the pond and onto the field edge. It was covered in mud from head to tail, and completely exhausted. The rest of the sheep were cowering in one corner of the field, and it was obvious that we and the sheep were victims of a dog attack. Having pulled the lamb a safe distance from the pond into the field, I carried on with my morning rounds leaving it to dry out and

recover. I returned approximately one hour later to see how it was getting on. It had staggered out into the field a little further so I assumed it was on the mend. After lunch I had another look at it, and decided it would benefit from a good wash and clean up. I took it to the farmstead where we hosed it down with warm water until we had got most of the mud and debris out of its wool. On

giving it a blow dry with Jenn's hair dryer we discovered two large bite wounds on its neck, which had previously been filled and hidden by the mud. The neck wounds were typical of a dog attack, it's their favourite attack site. The size and type of wounds were too much for us to deal with ourselves so we immediately called in a local vet. He confirmed that the injuries were dog related, and proceeded to clean out the wounds and apply a dressing. His prognosis? The lamb had a 30% chance of survival. I am surprised to be able to say that 4 days later, after daily anti biotic injections combined with wound washing and dressing and a further vet's visit, it appears to be on the road to recovery. It has a wound on its neck the size of an orange, and down to the bone but it is eating and drinking and appears to be getting livelier. So far so good. To retrace our steps a little as Jenn was getting the hose pipe out of a room on the end of the house, she discovered that a note had been pushed into the door frame. Unfortunately, the person had gone to the wrong door when they tried to notify us of this attack, as the note was to inform us that a dog was chasing our sheep and that one was dead in a ditch. So by having an extra hours lie in I missed the opportunity to catch the dog in the act. There must be a moral here somewhere! To this day the person or persons responsible for this atrocity have not come forward to own up or to apologise to us for the damage caused and losses incurred.

How can a so called 'animal lover', as dog owners profess to be, act in such a way? It beggars belief that they can allow a dog to severely injure a defenceless lamb and then leave it to die in distressing circumstances without making an effort to either rescue it or inform then owners of its plight. The person or persons have by their actions clearly shown themselves to be CULPABLE, CRUEL, CALLOUS AND COWARDLY!

Edwin Pocock

The Countryside Code

The Countryside Code applies to all parts of the countryside. Most of it is just good commonsense, designed to help us all to respect, protect and enjoy our countryside.



The Code, which applies in England and Wales, makes it clear what the responsibilities are for both the public and the people who manage the land.

The Countryside Code started life in the 1950s as the Country Code. This version was launched in July 2004.

Code for the public

5 sections of The Countryside Code are dedicated to helping members of the public respect, protect and enjoy the countryside:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Code for land managers

3 sections of the Code are dedicated to land managers:

- Know your rights, responsibilities and liabilities
- Make it easy for visitors to act responsibly
- Identify possible threats to visitor's safety

The section relating to dog control is as follows:-

Keep dogs under close control

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

■ By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife. On most areas of open country and common land, known as 'access land' you must keep your dog on a short lead on most areas of open country and common land between 1 March and 31 July, and all year round near farm animals.

■ You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.

■ If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.

■ Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.

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Tony Reynolds

September Front Cover

The photo of the chap on the horse I have no idea who he might be but judging by the tree it is winter so perhaps he is set up to go hunting with the Barlow Hounds as they used to meet at The Crown.

Mike Roberts

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The John Wade Singers, established in 1984, are a group of people who give 2 concerts a year, the proceeds from which are given in support of local charities.

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They are giving "The Armed Man" which is a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins and the well-known Vivaldi's "Gloria".

Tickets are obtainable from Judith Norris at £9 (concessions £6 and children £3).

Telephone 236 3410 or try 236 0798 or 235 1433.

Hope to see you there!

Family Notices

The Totley Independent has occasionally published family notices, mainly obituaries. If you would like us to publish any other Totley orientated family notices; births, marriages and deaths please send them into us using the contact details on the back cover.

Abbeydale Picture House

A very busy summer is now coming to an end. I've returned from a two week stage management course in London with the National Youth Theatre. Through this I managed to work backstage on Priscilla Queen of the Desert at the Palace Theatre and have a backstage tour of the London Palladium. This trip wouldn't have been possible with the support and experience from my hugely supportive family as well as the Abbeydale Picture House.

I'm sorry that there wasn't an article in the September issue but this was due to me working backstage on Full Monty at the Sheffield City Hall for Croft House Operatic Society during the week the magazine went to print.

The AGM unfortunately received poor attendance and as such another AGM is being scheduled due to the one in July being in quorate. So the AGM has been changed to October.

As I write this, Abbeydale Tour Guides have just finished brushing up on our history in preparation of the annual Heritage Open Weekend which was held on September 11th and 12th. During the weekend we had one of the original usherettes from the 1950's come down and give us an insight into her fascinating memories of the building. We were honoured to have hundreds of people go round the building and show their enthusiasm for the building and see what we've got in store. Every 2nd weekend in September we have our annual open weekend in line with all the English Heritage organisations in the UK including the Sheffield City Hall, the Lantern Theatre and many more. Over the weekend we raised around £500 by selling coffee, cakes, cards and collecting donations and memberships.

Congratulations to Joseph O'Reilly from the Picture House Youth Theatre who performed with Croft House Operatic Society at the Sheffield City Hall in The Full Monty August 17th – 21st. He played the role of Nathan on the Friday evening and Saturday Matinee performances and did a fantastic job. Many of the props and some of the stage crew, were lent to Croft by Abbeydale Picture House.

Rehearsals are now starting for our annual Christmas production. This year, thanks to popular demand, the Picture House Youth Theatre are putting on another quirky pantomime. Last year was of course "Pantomonium" but this year we are embracing the fine architecture of the Abbeydale and producing "The Panto of the Opera" by Stuart Arden. More details on this to follow but it's sure to be packed with traditional pantomime fun.

The University Drama Studio has just donated 150 tilt up theatre seats which we hope to install in the auditorium ready for our Christmas panto. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for this very generous donation.

Sheffield Teacher's Operatic Society are currently rehearsing at the Abbeydale for Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the Sheffield Lyceum Theatre. November 16th – 20th. The Abbeydale's Wednesday Club are building the floor and a few flats for the show. Tickets for Beauty and the Beast are available from www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk or 0114 249 6000

Why not pop down to one of our events? Have a coffee on a Saturday Morning at one of our popular Saturday Coffee Mornings 10:30am – 12:30pm? Listen to the sounds of the big band on September 28th, have a rocking time at our Band Night, interact with our pantomime stars or sign up as a Friend of Abbeydale. You could also become a volunteer as we are always looking for new people to help us whether it's front of house staff, backstage team or to merely come down once a month and do some little bits and bobs. There is so much to get involved in at the Abbeydale.

Don't forget to keep an eye out on our website www.abbeydalepicturehouse.co.uk, become a friend on our facebook sites, upload your pictures of the venue on our flickr.com group or simply view some of our videos on YouTube. More videos coming soon!

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MONDAYS	COFFEE MORNING , All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon TAI-CHI , United Reform Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm ANTE NATAL PILATES , United Reform Church, 6.30-7.30pm, Phone Emer Coffee 07792 422909 RAINBOWS and GUIDES , All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm
TUESDAYS	COFFEE MORNING , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon WOODSEATS ADVICE CENTRE . Drop in service, free, impartial, and confidential. TR Methodist Church, 10am-noon CRAFT GROUP , Totley Library, 2pm
WEDNESDAYS	COFFEE in the LIBRARY , 10am-11.30am TODDLER GROUP , 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088 HEALTH WALKS , 10.30am, Totley Library foyer. Phone Sue, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 283 9195 MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING , All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm
THURSDAYS	CHAIROBICS , Totley Library, 2pm-3pm. £1 NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY , 10am-noon, For mums & babies/toddlers, meeting in various locations, Phone Sally Spearing 236 2604 for further details (email: sally@spearings.me.uk) PUSHCHAIR CLUB , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 236 3157 for further details PILATES CLASS , United Reform Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm, Phone Emer Coffee 07792 422909
FRIDAYS	PILATES , The Old School, Dore, 10.45-11.45am & 12-1pm. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372
SATURDAYS	MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING , All Saints Church Hall 2 nd . And 4 th . Saturdays 8pm-10pm

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SAT 2nd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Ray David, Heatherfield Club. 8.30pm. Come & play Play Your Cards Right. Non-members welcome

SUN 3rd CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm

SAT 9th CONCERT, John Wade Singers, Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses 7.30pm. Tickets 236 0798

SUN 10th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES, Abbeydale Road South, First train 1pm - last train 5pm (weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

TUE 12th FOLK AT THE OAK, Hearts of Oak, Dronfield, 8.30pm, all welcome

SAT 16th TABLE TOP SALE, St John's Church Hall, 10am, details 236 8612

SAT 16th AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE, Cheshire Home, 2-4pm

SAT 16th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Michael J Oliver, Heatherfield Club. 8.30pm. Come & play Play Your Cards Right. Non-members welcome

TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, 'Behind the Headlines (How the media works)', Mr Paul Humphries, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am

WED 20th HOLMESFIELD FLOWER CLUB, Demonstration Of Flower Arranging, Holesfield Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome

WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP, Totley Library, 7.30pm, meeting with Dore Oral History Group, all welcome

THU 28th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET, 9am-4.30pm, Barkers Pool

SAT 30th SCOUTS ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAYRE, St John's Church Hall, 10am - 4.30pm, Further information page 6

SAT 30th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Deano, Heatherfield Club. 8.30pm. Come & play Play Your Cards Right. Non-members welcome

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THU 4th - SUN 7th CONTINENTAL MARKET, Fargate

SUN 7th CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm

TUE 9th FOLK AT THE OAK, Hearts of Oak, Dronfield, 8.30pm, all welcome

SAT 13th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Dee Andrews, Heatherfield Club. 8.30pm. Come & play Play Your Cards Right. Non-members welcome

TUES 16th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, 'Caravanning', Mrs Ann Cresswell, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am

FRI 19th - FRI 24th DEC GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET, Peace Gdns

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