

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

PUBLISHED BY THE TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION SINCE 1977

MAY 2008

No. 313

15p.



Photo: Stuart Greenhoff

On the 1st of June 1957 the Dore and Totley Union Church (as it was called at that time) held a Summer Fete on what was the cricket field at the end of Totley Brook Road. Were you there – are you in this photo, or know anyone in it, please do let us know.

Totley Residents Association AGM 2008

The AGM was held in the library on the 7th of April. It was pleasing to see over 40 people in attendance, including Cllr Anne Smith, Rebecca Maddox, South West Area Panel Co-ordinator, and Community PC's Mark Wadsworth and David Spencer. There were apologies from Betty Higgins, Dorothy and Les Firth, Russell Hague, Judith and Rupert Norris, Margaret and Danny Barlow, George Critchley and Cllr Keith Hill. The 2007 Minutes were circulated. There were no questions or comments. The Minutes were accepted unanimously. TRA Chairman's Report - Avril Critchley, Treasurer's Report – Richard Wigglesworth, Thanks to Richard Frost for auditing the accounts.

Election of Officers

Thanks were expressed to Amanda Hardwick and Richard Wigglesworth for their work over many years.

Chairman -Avril Critchley, Deputy Chairman -To be elected by the Committee, Treasurer – Norman Rolfe, Secretary - Betty Higgins

Election of Committee

Thanks to Mike Williamson and Les Firth for their work over many years.

The following members were elected:-

Marlene Marshall, Jennie Street, Ann Lee, Sylvia Ruddle, Dorothy Firth, Jennifer Burns, Pat Parkin, Diane Scott, John Perkinson, Russell Hague, Paul Savage and Richard Wigglesworth, Ian Clarke (Editor of the Independent) and John Beazer(Website).

John Martin, Allotments Officer from Parks and Countryside gave us details of areas of land in Totley which could become allotments in the near future. Maps of sites were given to interested residents. John asked for ideas, several areas were suggested.

Chris Heeley and Karen Wood, from Parks and Countryside also attended the meeting. Chris Heeley, Community Service Team Manager gave a presentation stating the Council agreement in principle to the wider Community use of the buildings in Green Oak Park. Master Plans of suggested improvements to other city parks were passed round to give residents ideas of what could be possible in Green Oak Park.

Several people pointed out it was vital local residents are an integral part of discussions from the beginning of the project. As this was our idea, we use the park, we know what we would like and therefore we would wish to be present at all meetings so our ideas and suggestions could be discussed. It was hoped a Master Plan would be ready by late June.

Continued page 2

***** Totley Show Date Change – Now 20th September *****

AOB

Ken Filleul had written to the Traffic Commissioners in Leeds on behalf of the Community about frequently missing 97 buses.

A response to his letter came from the Northern Investigation Team, in Edinburgh! "Appropriate action would be taken in due course"

The Yard Sale (6th April) had raised £298 for The Totley Festival on June 22nd.

Duncan Froggatt asked for help in tracing anyone who had used the footpath from Baslow Road between the Totley Grange Estate and the new houses next to the Cross Scythes. It used to run back to the Butts Hill area, but is now blocked.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for giving their support.

Avril Critchley, Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT April 2008

Another very busy, but successful year for Totley.

The Committee, assisted by members of the community have had success in many areas.

As you are all aware, we have been disrupted by the replacement of the old gas mains throughout Totley. This essential work has meant problems for many of us, but worst of all has been the disruption to the shops on the Rise, where trade has been cut to the bone. It is up to us as a Community to help them get back to normal by using them, if we don't use them we could lose them.

Work is drawing to a close and very soon we can hopefully all return to normal.

The gas works have had an impact on the bus shelters.

As part of the upgrading of the A621, the Abbeydale Road Corridor, the bus shelters have been replaced.

A rash of complaints from bus users, to South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, backed up by letters in The Star and frequent phone calls to Andy Godson, Transport Planner, Transport and Highways by TRA Chairman have resulted in some success

I attended a site meeting on 2nd April with Andy Godson, Streetforce and SYPTE, when it was confirmed the shelter at Marstone Crescent near the traffic lights will be turned round and the boarding plates, required by new regulations will be correctly placed. Part side panels will also be put in place.

The long awaited shelter at the Baslow Road / Glover Road junction will also be erected. This was promised 3 years ago. Patience is a virtue! I won't quote what Andy said to me.

The shelter opposite Laverdene Road is still under discussion, no definite decision has been made, as there is a problem with safety. There will be a 3 bay shelter with full sides at Grove Road and a 3 bay shelter with quarter sides at Abbeydale Park Rise. The bus stop at Milldale Road will be re-instated when road marking is completed.

Our main success this year was without doubt the petition organised by TRA.

1303 signatures collected by the Community, were presented to the Full Council meeting in November with a request that a permanent decision about the 97 bus terminus must be made. Copies of the petition were also sent to Enterprise Inns, owners of the Cross Scythes. TRA were in contact with Ian Blackburn from First Buses and Pam Horner from SYPTE. As a result, the 97 bus will continue to turn at Cross Scythes until at least the end of this year.

THE TOTLEY COMMUNITY HAVE SAVED THE 97 BUS TERMINUS

Members of the Community have also sent in suggestions to the Council that Broad Car, at the end of Gillfield Woods

could be used as an alternative to the present terminus at Cross Scythes.

Andy Godson confirmed to me on 2nd April that this is now the preferred site, but more negotiations are necessary before any changes take place.

The Council have been busy reducing the width of the carriageway on Baslow Road and putting in a crossing for pedestrians, but this does nothing to address the major problem of speeding traffic on the whole length of this road. We are also still waiting for alterations to improve the Baslow Road / Mickley Lane Junction.

The Community are disappointed to be losing the Police Box on Totley Brook Road and are wondering where our Police bike will be based and how the community will be able to link up with our Community Police Officers. Another disappointment is the loss of our PCSO's. We just get to know them and they are moved elsewhere.

Nothing has altered in Green Oak Park since this time last year, but hopefully things are about to change.

Residents living alongside the Hazel Homes development are frustrated as progress is very slow; work seems to be at a standstill more often than not. It is very disheartening to be living alongside piles of rubbish and discarded building materials all day long.

The Chairrobics Group continues to meet every week in the library, with regular members, many of whom have been coming since the sessions began over two years ago.

Another first for T.R.A. this year has been the formation of the Totley Local History Group. This meets in the Library once a month. We are at a very early stage, still deciding how to proceed, but more than 20 people have come to our meetings all keen to delve into our history.

Our other great success this year was the Totley Festival, set up to celebrate the thirtieth year of TRA.

In spite of inclement weather and many sleepless nights for the organising Committee, the day was a success, enjoyed by all who came. The Calendar, "Totley Revisited" was launched at the Festival, thanks to Duncan Froggatt for the idea and Brian Edwards for pictures and the script.

We must also thank the Escafeld Brass Band and the Norfolk Park majorettes for free entertainment and Burngreave New Deal for the loan of the Music Truck.

The Climbing Wall and the races organised by Activity Sheffield were very popular.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Arthur Dunworth who opened the Festival for us joined in the fun, winning the egg and spoon race.

The barbecue run by All Saints, the cake stall run by Totley Methodists and the drinks stall run by Cherry Tree all did a roaring trade.

Thanks to the South West Area Panel and the Council Events Team for help with funding.

The Totley Yard Sale organised by Jennie Street also helped.

All in all July 1st was a wonderful Community Day.

Totley Open Gardens, held in July was a victim of the weather. Saturday was fine, but Sunday was a wash out. This was unfortunate as there were nine new gardens to visit.

The money raised, again went to T17.

Thank you to all who helped plant the bulbs again this year. We were pleased to welcome help from Cherry Tree.

Totley Show took place as usual in September, organised for the last time by Les Firth.

Les has also retired from the TRA Committee.

Thanks to Les for his sterling work in a variety of jobs over the last 30 years. He deserves a well earned rest.

The same must be said about Mike Williamson, a founder member of TRA who has also retired from the Committee.

I must also thank Amanda Hardwick, who has also retired from the Committee after 20 years as Secretary.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee members and residents who work all year behind the scenes, to Marlene Marshall for acting as my deputy, Richard Wigglesworth for looking after our finances, Jennie Street for organising the Open Gardens and the Yard Sale, Russell Hague for taking care of planning matters in our area, Ian Clarke and John Perkinson for the Independent and John Beazer for the website.

We were pleased to welcome Paul Savage on to the committee.

I would also like to thank the SWAP Co-ordinator, the Police, our Councillors and Council Officers for their help.

Together, we can look to the future and hopefully make positive improvements in our community.

Avril Critchley,
Chairman



Transport 17

The Annual General Meeting was held at the end of March. Shareholders were told that it is getting harder to keep up with the running costs. The increase in diesel prices being one major factor. We have put up our charges to 40p per mile. This is in line with Sheffield Community Transport.

We have £21000 towards the cost of a new bus. Many Trusts and Charities will not give money until a certain amount has already been raised. Passenger numbers have evened out after the loss of a few clubs which have been replaced by others.

The Management Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	Irene Wells
Treasurer	John Savourin
Secretary	Danny Barlow
Members	Jim and Wendy Trotter, Margaret Barlow and new member Felicity Revill

Irene Wells will continue as Chairman until she and her husband move to North Yorkshire. Irene and all her family have been a big help to Transport 17 over the years. The whole family has helped on stalls etc., including her older grandchildren and her mum, Win. We wish her and Colin every happiness in their new home.

Michael Finn, our Manager, thanked all the drivers, escorts and Committee for their work. We are also grateful for all the support from the clubs and various community groups.

Many thanks to Dore Townswomen's Guild for adopting us as their chosen charity for this year. We are also grateful to the families and friends who have given money to us on the passing of their dear ones.

If you would like details of how to support us through "Gift Aid", please ring the office on 236 2962.

Here's to some good weather and enjoyable fund raising.
Margaret Barlow

1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for April 2008

1st Prize No 34 10" Crystal Flower Vase Mrs Tompkins Laverdene Avenue

2nd Prize No 66 £10 Voucher Mrs Attrill King Egbert Road

Peter Casson

Bus Shelter Misery

Does the SYPTE really look at the grotty pavement outside the bus shelter on the junction of Marstone Crescent. Disabled and elderly people could easily fall on little stones. According to the "valuing people now" government white paper clearly states that public services should be upgraded and comply to the Disability Discrimination Act.
Paul Savage

Totley History Group

The group met on April 16th and continues to attract a large number of members. This month we shared information that had been found and personal memories about Totley. Extensive notes were taken and will be written up to share in the Independent.

We continue to explore the feasibility of undertaking an Oral History project, though of course the main challenge is finding funding for the work. We are investigating a couple of possible funding sources and hope to submit a proposal to support this work. Four local people have expressed an interest in being interviewed to share the memories about what it was like living and working in Totley. If you know anyone who would be willing to speak to us about his or her memories then please let us know.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 May at 7.30pm – if you are interested in joining us then please just turn up. There is a charge of £1 per person per meeting, which pays for the use of the Library and the work of the group.

The minutes of the meeting are on the website www.totley.org.uk

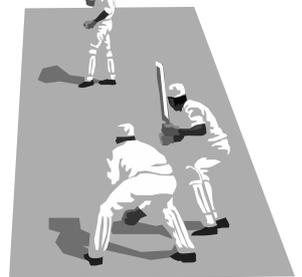
Sheffield Cricket Lovers' Society

**Charity Cricket Day –
Monday 23rd June 2008 at
Abbeydale Sports Ground.**

The Professional Cricketers Association hold coaching sessions for local schools in the morning, there is a lunch, and then at 2.00pm a match between a team from the P.C.A (which usually includes some former test and county players) and one provided by Yorkshire C.C.C. A dinner in the evening rounds off the day.

All monies raised will benefit the PCA Benevolent Fund and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service Charity.

For any further details please contact:- David Drabble 01246-416145 or Bryan Turner – 0114-236-7085



Councillor Surgeries

Conservatives:

4th Saturday of each month 10.00 to 11.00 am Dore Village Society room, Dore Old School, corner of Vicarage Lane and Savage Lane, Dore,. Contact details: telephone 273 4108 Email: anne.smith@sheffield.gov.uk

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 or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TRA Website:- www.totley.org.uk

Douglas Turner

Doug was born on 12th December 1926 in Totley Bents, in a cottage just off Strawberry Lea, the youngest of 7 children. The family moved from there, to Lemont Road, when he was nine and he lived there until his marriage, in 1948.

As a boy he was a member of the 1st (All Saints) Totley Cub pack and also sang in the choir in that church, as did most of his brothers. He attended Totley, C of E Primary School and, having passed the 11+, went on to Nether Edge Grammar (the forerunner of Abbeydale Boys Grammar).

He left school on the eve of the Sheffield Blitz and, the following morning, set off to Sheffield to an interview for a job. He never got there as, although he got a lift for some of the way (there being no buses due to the previous nights bombing) he realized that there probably would not be anyone there to, interview him. He related to his son, Stephen, in the 1960's that, when he got to the bottom of Gatefield Road in Abbeydale, there was a water-filled crater so big that it had a whole tramcar floating in it! Giving up the quest for work for the day, Doug decided to try to see how his married sister, Ethel, had fared, since she lived in the Abbeydale area. He was about to walk up Ethel's street when a Policeman yelled at him, "Don't go up there, lad. There's an unexploded bomb!" Fortunately he did later find Ethel and her family in the place to which they had been evacuated but, if that Policeman hadn't been there, Doug may not have needed to look for a job!

Soon afterwards, Doug did get a job and, through his work, learned to drive, something which stood him in good stead in later jobs, which were mainly as a driver.

National Service came along and Doug was duly called-up (in 1944) By the time he had finished his basic training, World War 2 was over but, instead of war service, he was sent, as a Paratrooper, to what was then Palestine, but is now Israel. He spoke very little about his experiences in the Peace-Keeping force there, but history shows how violent those times were in that place. Nothing changes.

Doug was offered a job in the peace-time Army, but had had enough of it and wanted nothing more than to finish his National Service, get de-mobbed and go back home and get married.

In September 1948, he married Jean Cullingworth, who he had met in his teens and they settled-down in Totley. Their son, Stephen was born in October 1949 and their daughter Angela in November 1953. They lived in Totley for 23 years before moving to Dronfield-Woodhouse in May 1971 and Doug has lived there until his death in 2001.

In late 1977, Doug was made redundant from Unilever, for whom he had worked for nearly 20 years. He found another job and thought that things were on an even keel again but it was not to be.

Because in July 1978, about a year after the birth of their first grandchild, Jonathan, Jean died, after a comparatively short illness. Doug was devastated to lose her after nearly 30 years of marriage and immersed himself in another new job, which he started soon after Jean's death. That job was for Vidor batteries and he worked for them for the next 13 years until he retired.

In 1986, much to everyone's delight, he married Pat, the wedding being blessed in All Saints, Totley., and they settled-down, in Dronfield-Woodhouse, to a peaceful, happy life together.

Doug retired in 1991 and, in order to keep active, soon found another "driving job", this time as a voluntary driver for Transport 17. He nearly didn't take it as he was told that he would have to have a driving test – something he had never done. (He first learnt to drive during WW2 when the test was suspended and you got a full licence after having 2 provisionals - I think. He got his HGV Class 3, when the HGV licence first came out (as did many others) on an Employer's Certificate of Competency, having driven vehicles of that nature for over 20 years without accident. He had also driven double-decker buses for Sheffield Transport for about 2 years in the early 1950's. Sheffield Transport did their own training and test, so he never took a formal MOT driving test! Stephen still has Doug's first provisional licence and HGV licence as well as his PSV Driver's Badge.

Pat, however, persuaded him to give it a try and he was accepted as competent to drive the minibuses that comprised T17's fleet at that time. It was a good move on his part as he had regular contact with many of the Totley residents who had been the parents of his

contemporaries – giving many chances for reminiscence. He also got involved in other aspects T17's work and found it quite fulfilling.

Then, one morning when he had gone out to start the car before going shopping, he came back in the house complaining of feeling ill – a rare event in itself. He was having his first stroke. He never drove again and, although he managed to regain his speech and the use of his legs, he never quite got back the full use of his left arm. Pat cared for him at home as long as she could, but further small strokes followed and he eventually went into a Nursing Home in 1999. He died in Sheffield's Northern General Hospital on 28th January 2001.

This brief biography of Douglas Turner was written by his son, Stephen. Doug committed some of his memories of Totley to paper- which will be published in future editions of the Totley Independent. More from Jo Rundle next month.

Earthworks by Christine

Walking up the hill through the church grounds on my way to my allotment, I can gauge my level of fitness by the amount of puffing I do. Towards the end of the summer, I feel like a well oiled gardening machine – ready for anything – skipping amongst the vegetables and flowers like a youngster. But as autumn creeps on and gardening days grow fewer, I slow down to match the season. Across the winter, my regular tramps through the woods and over the moors don't quite do it for me in the same way gardening does.

So, here I am at the start of another gardening year, puffing but raring to go.

I took over my allotment plot 6 years ago when I was still working full time. I'd already got dreams of giving up paid work to spend more time doing what I love, when the letter arrived offering me an allotment. Full of enthusiasm and visions of an expanse of dark earth and a ramshackle shed, I went to investigate. To my horror, what I was being offered was a waterlogged field, cut across at mad, random angles by drainage ditches, well hidden by thigh high grass and mare's tail.

It seems that the plot had been well tended 2 or 3 years previously, but then a succession of tenants had been beaten back by the mare's tail and water. Was I woman enough for this challenge? Would I also be a victim of the tenacity of mare's tail? It probably says more about my attitude to full time work than it does about my keenness to garden that I took the plot on.

My plan was to cover as much of the soil as I could with cardboard and manure. I knew that I could grow potatoes, beans, squashes and courgettes through this mulch and at the same time smother the weeds and improve the soil without unnecessary effort. I raided cardboard bins at Tesco and anywhere else I could get it. I lost all inhibitions about diving into skips. I spent hard earned cash on cow muck and then spread it very liberally over the cardboard. Tons of it! I was teased by friends and ridiculed by strangers, but I was invincible in my quest to tame and harvest from this piece of land I'd been given to care for.

And now, five summers down the line, and this year for the first time, I am able to cultivate almost the whole of the plot. The earthworms (the real workers here) have used the barrel loads of compost I've made from the weeds and the all the manure and cardboard to created a dark, friable soil that is a dream to dig. I have learnt to live with the mare's tail and have discovered that it makes a very effective spray against aphids (it's high in silica and blocks the pores and feeding parts of the little blighters). The water coursing through the plot has been tamed by the raised beds my friends helped me dig one very hot weekend 3 years ago. As well as all the vegetables, flowers and herbs I've planted a quince and a damson; raspberries, gooseberries, blackcurrants and artichokes and am planning an asparagus bed. Now all I need is plenty of sun and gentle rain – preferably during the night!

THIS TOTLEY

Totley has many amenities as estate agents frequently tell us in the property for sale columns. I thought I might list some more which seem to have escaped their attention.

A Mobile Phone Chat Centre and Friends Meeting Place

This building was thoughtfully provided so that calls on mobile phones can be made or received in a warm, dry environment. Unfortunately, reception is not good, so you must shout quite loudly. Do not worry about the folk who appear to be looking at books, you will brighten their day, this building can be identified by the sign outside which says "Library".



Footpaths

Totley is unique in having a network of paths ideal for dog walking. Do remember to take a plastic bag and scoop. The custom, once your bag is full, is to tie a knot and festoon fences and hedges with your bag. The sight of all these gaily coloured plastic bags cheers

residents up no end.

Note – If a fence or hedge is not at hand, the fields down Chapel Lane are an ideal place for disposal.

Refuse Sites

Two sites have been provided by the Council for those unwanted items. Like plastic bottles, food cartons, packaging etc. One is just along the hedge outside the mobile phone chat centre (see above) and the other is the car park for Blacka Moor. Feel free to throw your rubbish in these areas. As it is never collected, you can go back months later to retrieve something you might have thrown away by mistake.

A Race Track

The stretch of road from the Derbyshire boundary down to the lights at Totley Rise is in fact a race track. Try beating the record of 45 seconds at an average speed of 150 mph. You record your speed by speaking into a mobile phone to a friend whilst completing the course. Anyone crossing the road in front of you is clearly breaking the law. They should walk up to The Cross Scythes, use the pedestrian crossing, then walk back down the other side of the road and you should enlighten pedestrians of that fact by shouting at them through your car window. They will appreciate your advice.

Places of Worship

Several wayside plastic shrines have recently been erected on Baslow Road, identified by the quaint sign "bus stop". Those people on a pilgrimage to the City huddle together in these shrines and offer up a prayer hoping for the arrival of a bus. Others simply pray that it does not rain. Prayers last for about 2 hours, after which the pilgrims return home and lie down.



I hope my list has been helpful, particularly to newcomers. Totley is a marvellous place in which to live. Penny Lane

Seed Swap

Totley Festival. Greenoak Park. Sunday 22nd June

Seed swaps are for gardeners what sweet shops are for children! Once we've got over our disbelief that we can really choose ANY packet of seeds in exchange for our own unwanted seeds, we feast our eyes, stunned for a few seconds by the amount of choices, and then we leap in, soon lost in the agony of deciding between the treasures on display.

For this happy outcome to become a reality for the gardeners of Totley at the Totley Festival, we all need to follow a few simple rules.

Put your unwanted seeds into their own sealed packets.

We don't want any escapees! If you have got lots of a particular sort of seed you could make up a few smaller packets rather one big one.

Label the packets so that the type of seed and the variety are clear.

If you have any other information about the seeds – maybe where and when they should be sown – what sort of conditions they need in order to flourish, then add this as well. Sharing our favourite plants through their seeds is a way of telling our own gardening stories, so if you are swapping seeds of a plant that means something to you, let their new owner know by putting it on the packet.

And finally.... bring your seeds with you to the **Seed Swap stand at the Totley Festival** and choose another packet of seed for every packet you bring.

If you have any queries or suggestions to make, please get in touch with Christine Shimell on 2361631 or via email at c.shimell@virgin.net

Mystery Object

Two or three years ago, I accidentally found a metal box fastened to a tree in Gillyfield Woods.

It is in a place that you would only find it by accident as it is well hidden and well away from the central foot path. I have made

several enquiries; no one can explain why it is there or what it was used for. I am enclosing some recent photos, which you will see has a wheel on the top of the box and has broken wire mesh at the bottom. The metal box which has been painted is fastened to the tree with a stainless steel strap and the tree has grown into the steel strap. I think the container has been there for a long time and used to keep something well hidden, secure and well ventilated. This item may not be news worthy, but do you know anyone who may have some ideas about its origin.

Martin Campion



T.O.A.D.S. SPRING PRODUCTION

Just to let you know that this is your last chance to order tickets for the next play - a very funny comedy by Ian Hornby. "An Eye for an Eye Darling" has a cast of eleven characters, a modern set, and lots of laughs. No murders this time! It can be seen at the usual place, St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 14th to 17th May, at 7.30pm. Tickets are still £3.50 each, or £3 concessions, from any TOADS member, or from me, Kate Reynolds on 236 6891. If you can't reach me, try Jeff Bagnall on 235 1206.



RECORD SALES FOR BUXTON FESTIVAL DURING PRIORITY BOOKING

Ticket sales for Buxton Festival 2008 look set to smash last year's record thanks to a 20 per cent rise during the priority booking period. The Festival's chief executive Glyn Foley said: "We've been thrilled to see how many tickets have been sold so far – they are well above the record sales of 2007.

"We have extended the Festival by two days to keep up with demand, so it looks like we're in for a bumper year."

Booking opened to all, by telephone and internet, on April 18.

Andrew Bingham, Executive Councillor for Social and Community Development for High Peak Borough Council said: "It is great news and a tremendous achievement that the Festival has increased their sales by this amount. The Buxton Festival is now well known across the country and its success brings benefits to the economy for the whole of the High Peak as visitors flock to the area when this popular event takes place.

As attendances continue to rise, so do the benefits, and as a Council we aim to support the Festival in any way we can. My congratulations go out to the Festival for this year's programme and these fantastic sales figures."

Last year the Festival contributed in excess of three million pounds to the local economy – with an extra two days in 2008 this figure promises to rise. Buxton has built its reputation to become the UK's foremost festival for rarely performed opera. It now draws audiences from all over the country and overseas for works they cannot see elsewhere.

In 2007 the Festival won the Manchester Evening News Theatre Award for Best Opera after staging a highly-acclaimed production of Donizetti's Roberto Devereux.

Competitors included Opera North's hotly-tipped Peter Grimes and the Classical Opera Company's Marriage of Figaro.

To mark its 30th anniversary the Festival is producing three of its own opera for the first time. And not a moment too soon – two nights of opera sold out before telephone and internet booking opened.

The morning literary series introduced by Roy Hattersley during his chairmanship has added another popular string to the Festival's bow. This year 19 of the greatest minds in politics, journalism and literature will present their work to festival audiences – Menzies Campbell, Joanne Harris, Lynne Truss, Douglas Hurd and General Sir Mike Jackson, to name but a few.

The Festival's eclectic range of concerts and recitals has also been expanded for 2008, with a new world music series to be enjoyed in an informal atmosphere later in the evening. Sitar players from India, drummers from Japan and a lively Cuban band complete with dancers feature in this exciting new line-up.

Box Office: 0845 1272190

Online sales: www.buxtonfestival.co.uk

Don't forget to try the Totley Features Quiz

Available from Totley Library or from
jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

The winner will receive free entry to Totley Open Gardens 12-13th July.
Deadline for quiz: 30th June.

Totley Open Gardens



Dates for your diary:

This year the Totley Open Gardens event will be

Sat. 12th and Sun. 13th July
1-6pm

We have some great new gardens and allotments with unusual features taking part. Cream teas in some, plants for sale in others, come along and get some gardening inspiration.

Programmes available from Totley Library by end of June and from outside 170 Baslow Road, Totley on the days.

Jennie Street

Tel. 236-2302

jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

SHEFFIELD BOTANICAL GARDENS EVENTS

Sunday 8th June 2008

FOBS Plant Hunters' Fair - Choice and Unusual plants, Information stand, cards crafts, pictures, also the Northern Society of Botanical Art Exhibition.

10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Broadwalk, Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Admission £1.50

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11th, 12th & 13th June 2008

Heartbreak Theatre Productions "Peter Pan"

6.30pm Thompson Road Entrance

Ticket prices from £5.50 to £17

Contact Sheffield Theatres Box Office

01142 496000

or www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk

Saturday 14th June 2008

Broomhill Festival Childrens' Fun Day

2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

contact www.broomhillfestival.org.uk

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd June 2008

Heartbreak Theatre Productions "Charley's Aunt"

Thursday & Friday 7.30 pm

Saturday 3 pm & 7.30 pm

Sunday 6.30 pm

Thompson Road entrance

Ticket prices from £5.50 to £17

Contact Sheffield Theatres Box Office 01142 496000

or www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk

TOTLEY FESTIVAL

is coming soon!

Sunday 22nd June, 11-5pm

Greenoak Park

TOTLEY FESTIVAL is going to be a fun-filled event on an environmental theme with activities for all ages.

For the environmental theme there will be displays and stalls on solar panels, willow weaving, plastic bag making, water conservation, composting, biofuels, green roofs, woodturning and car-sharing. The Park Rangers, Wildlife Watch, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Ecclesall Saw Mills, Recycling Revolution, and Friends of the Earth will all also be present. And you can also calculate your own carbon footprint. There will also be a plant stall and seed swap.



The Climbing Wall at Totley Festival 2007



Escafeld Brass Band play in the marquee Totley Festival 2007

In addition, there will be sports races, rounders matches, the Climbing Wall, the Scout Trolley, toddlers corner, painting competition, archery, basketball and bowling coaching, the Music Truck for teenagers to showcase their rock bands, Norfolk Park majorettes, Escafeld brass band, ice cream van, face painting, henna painting, Shetland ponies from Millhouse Animal Sanctuary, lambs and piglets from Whirlow Farm, and Sheffield Fire Service fire tender.

There will also be lots of stalls selling arts and crafts, including handmade cards, paper, jewellery and organic clothing. There will be a Fair Trade products stall and Whirlow Farm will be selling fresh farm produce.

A barbecue, a cake stall as well as tea, coffee, juices and Victorian lemonade will all add to the enjoyment. And Jill Turner of Sheffield Community Radio will be the MC for the day.



Watching a band playing from the Music Truck

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR EVERYONE!!

For more information contact:

Avril Critchley Tel. 236-1568. Email: Avril.Critchley@btinternet.com

Jennie Street Tel. 236-2302. Email: jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

Gardening Tips for May

April lived up to my previous year's writing, snow, wind, rain, cold. My tomato seedlings are wondering what is happening, they have slowed down a bit, let's hope the weather picks up a bit, though May can still be a bit unpredictable. So do not put your fleece away yet. I think everything in the garden is playing a waiting game, the daffodils were a bit late and we have not got any signs of apples blossom (mid April). Perhaps as well because frost is forecast this week, I don't want my apples falling off before we have had a sample or two. We are a bit behind this year, Christine is waiting for her hip replacement, I hope it is soon so that I can get her cracking cleaning up the paths, planting hanging baskets etc. We have lost a couple of our best fish to the sexy frogs and the frog spawn is filling the wildlife pond the most I have ever seen. My hut base is nearly finished; it has taken a bit longer than I thought. I can only do a little bit at a time. My friend's mole has gone, he put a sonic scarer on the lawn and it disappeared, I suppose its heading towards my garden, it is about the only pest I have not got, I was surprised it worked so quickly.

The greenhouse is looking busy, it is a bit crowded at the moment because seedlings are coming on and the tender plants are still keeping warm and they take up quite a bit of room. When I get my new shed up I will be able to use the old one to store these tender plants as it has a nice long window and it is well insulated. My onions are looking good; they should be great for The Totley Show in September. I would like to have got them out a bit sooner but the plot was not ready earlier. I have not had time to put my magic compost and the rest of my encouragement compound on the soil. I have got a nice stereo radio to play them some lovely tunes, later on it might beat the beer that Aaron puts on his. You never know!!

I went to a new garden centre the other day, it is near Barlborough. I was amazed at the range of gardening needs, it was a lovely atmosphere and the plants were very well tended, there were quite a lot of unusual shrubs and trees. It was not a cheap place but it looked good value for the quality (no I haven't got shares in it!). It also has a super restaurant; it is a bit far out but well worth a visit. May is a busy month for gardeners, more so if you are planning to win a few prizes at The Totley Show in September. I hope you will be entering, it is quite a lot of fun and does encourage the volunteers to continue their hard work and keep up the village traditions so "have a go".

I note with interest in the April issue of the Totley Independent that Alan at Totley Primary School thinks I may be a thing of the past, I hope he can back that up with a well laden show bench at The Totley Show, I am already streets ahead with my onions and my marrow seeds are quivering in their packets. Good luck you lot I rise to the challenge.

Flowers

Prepare beds ready for summer bedding plants, dig in plenty of well rotted manure or compost, and remove any weeds. Thin and stake herbaceous perennials, watch out for greenfly and treat it before it gets too bad, encourage blue tits, hover flies, lace wings and ladybirds, they love greenfly. Slugs will be on the rampage; beer traps work but are a bit smelly if you forget to empty them regularly. Tie up sweet peas and give them a mulch to keep them moist. Dead head bulbs which have finished flowering, do not cut the leaves or tie them in knots, let them die back naturally or move them to another plot, place them in a trench and cover the bulbs until the leaves have died back, then dry them in the sun or greenhouse. Thin out chrysanthemum growth, plant out dahlia tubers, and cover with 8cm (3ins) of soil. Spray roses with fungicide if you have had trouble with black spot last season. Plant up window boxes and hanging baskets, keep them in the greenhouse or in a sheltered spot until the frosts have finished. Plant out seedlings of hardy perennials; place them in a nursery bed where they can grow undisturbed during the summer. Trim aubrietia to prolong the flowering period and top dress with compost or well rotted manure. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants such as phlox, Michaelmas daisy and golden rod. Sow hardy annuals such as clarkia, cornflower, calendula, candytuft, godetias etc. Liquid feed container grown plants, seaweed fertilizer is ideal and it is organic!!

Vegetables

Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans, thin out carrot, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings. Keep all crops well watered especially cauliflower. Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops, clear the remains of spring greens and prepare beds for leeks, digging in plenty of well rotted manure and compost, add a bit of hoof and horn. Prepare mound for planting out courgettes, marrows, pumpkins etc. To have a constant supply of veg through the season sow small amounts of seeds every 3 or 4 weeks to obtain a succession of crops and avoid a glut.

Plant out winter greens, particularly brussel sprouts, cauliflower and purple sprouting broccoli, runner beans can be planted out now, put in 2 seeds together with about 9ins

apart. If they both germinate cultivate the weakest looking one, you need about 3ft between rows. At the end of the month sow vegetable marrow and ridge cucumbers outdoors on the mounds previously mentioned. I think I have told you before I use 2 bales of straw with well rotted compost and manure mixed in between them with a topping of soil. This keeps them off the ground. I soak the bales thoroughly; this keeps the moisture topped up. Watch out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen before they get established and beyond control. Onions require a lot of feeding, especially those which are going in The Totley Show in September, a high nitrogen fertiliser (seaweed again) or sheep droppings tied in a bag and left in a tub of water lovely! Give them this until the end of July, and then change to a high potash feed like tomato fertilizer. By the way keep the tub of sheep dropping juice at the far end of your garden as it can hub a bit especially during the summer. Keep your vegetable patches clear of weeds; vegetables do not like the competition of nourishment.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

Mulch around fruit trees and bushes with well rotted manure or compost, this helps retain moisture and keeps down weeds and gives them nourishment. Give apples and pears a spray of fungicide if you were troubled with canker or scab last season, replace grease bands to counter caterpillar infestation. Start to pick gooseberries as they form thinning them out so that the remainder can develop evenly along the branches (cook the thinnings you will need plenty of sugar, see naked chef). Keep all fruit well watered, prune overcrowded raspberry canes. Keep newly planted evergreens mulched and spray with water especially on hot days. Remove any suckers from trees and roses. Trim over and top dress heathers after flowering, bonemeal is ideal. Give your ericaceous subjects a special treat with iron sequestrine plant tonic. Plant out tender shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, willows and dogwood. Trim back dead shoots on rose of Sharon.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

As the sun becomes stronger and more prolonged (we hope) it is very important that the ventilation and shading is controlled carefully. Begonia and Gloxinias in particular

enjoy being shaded. Seedlings must never be in full sun although they must have plenty of light to aid their development and stop them going leggy. Watering is also important, check the plants regularly. Pot on pelargonium and other greenhouse cuttings which were struck earlier, allow nerine, arums, freesias etc to go to rest by gradually reducing water. Place them in a sunny spot; this will ripen the bulbs ready for a good show next season. Remove side shoots from tomato plants and pollinate regularly by tapping the supports or brushing the flowers. Trim and feed melons and cucumbers, bear in mind they soon rot if over watered. Best water from the bottom if possible (put a small plant pot in the side of the large pot or growbag and water into this and not directly onto the plants).

Sow cinerarias and schizanthus for plants later in the year. Keep insulation in place until all chance of frost is past.

Cuttings can be taken now of most common houseplants, sow flowering pot plants such as browallia, indoor primula, calceolaria, cineraria, ornamental peppers and cacti. Pot on seedlings and cuttings and once again watch out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen. Do not forget watch the weather it can still turn cold at night, so keep your heaters at the ready. I would hate to think that all your hard work nurturing those seedlings is knobbled by old Jack Frost.

Lawns

Give weedy lawns a top dressing of lawn sand. Keep new lawns well watered; regularly cutting at a medium height is much better than cutting it too short. If you use a liquid weedkiller make sure you do it on a still day, if it is windy the killer may drift onto your borders with devastating results. Spike and top dress lawns which have not been done earlier, spread it evenly and brush it in. I do not think I have mentioned The Totley Show yet this month, it is on 20 September. It promises to be an even better show this year. Preparations are well in hand, it only needs you to make a special effort and bring along those prize winning plants, photographs, tapestry, cakes, jams, artwork, and crafts, go on have a go! In the meantime enjoy your garden.

Cheerio for now and happy gardening.

Tom

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STRAY DOGS CHANGES

The arrangements for dealing with stray dogs outside office hours in Sheffield changed from Sunday 6 April.

Under Section 68 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Sheffield City Council will take on full responsibility for dealing with stray dogs. The police will retain duties for dealing with dangerous dogs and dogs found worrying livestock.

Anyone who finds a stray dog must inform the local authority and individuals have a legal obligation to either hand the dog back to its owner or over to the local authority. If anyone wishes to report a stray dog or hand in a dog that has been found they can contact the Council on: 0114 203 7410

Ian Ashmore, Head of Environmental Regulation Sheffield Council said: "We would advise owners to keep a close eye on their pets, but we understand how distressing it can be for owners and their pets when they get separated. We have put measures in place to ensure they are cared for under the new arrangements."

Further advice about stray dogs may be found by visiting: www.sheffield.gov.uk/env/environmental-health/animals/dogs/stray-dogs

Cheshire Chat

Mickley Hall recently hosted a talk by James Nicolson on the Battle of Britain. James is the cousin of James Nicholson VC of Bomber Command who was also a friend of Leonard Cheshire VC.

James was welcomed and introduced by Rosemary Rennick (nee Shepley). He spoke about the heroic actions of the Second World War pilots and their colleagues and gave an astonishing account of the horrific burns and injuries they endured and the way the members of their families were affected also. There was a slide show and an exhibition of memorabilia relating to the war. Some of the pictures were kindly loaned by the Shepley Spitfire pub.

After the talk James was available to answer questions and chat further about his cousins recollections. There was cheese and wine to round off the evening which was very well attended.

We have just planted a perfumed garden in the car park with scented roses and lilies. People were asked if they would like to donate the roses and the response was excellent. They have a tag on their rose naming the sponsors. As we are entering Mickley Hall into the Totley Open Gardens this year we are hoping they will be in full bloom.

Forthcoming events at Mickley include a jazz and barbeque night on Friday, 16 May at 7.15pm, this will feature the popular Gentlemen of Jazz, tickets £3.

We are having a stall at the Totley Festival on 22nd June. Come and say hello and meet some of the service users. Then on 28th June is the day of our Summer Fete which is special as it is the 60th anniversary of the Leonard Cheshire organisation.

Watch this space for further details.

Ann Lee, Volunteer Support Group

CREATING A WORLD WITHIN A FENCE – THE ROWAN SCHOOL

The world we speak of is the stage the child is at and the opportunities within it for a child to grow and learn. Our pupils, however, do have special needs including Autism, challenging behaviours and learning difficulties.

To enable our pupils to grow and learn outdoors in safety we need a fence. The allotments, the orchard and the woodland provide opportunities for acquiring life skills in a secure environment. The proposed sensory garden, polytunnel outdoor classroom and cycle track will extend their ability to interact with the wider world. In time we hope the community will come to share these facilities.

The school is well regarded both by parents and educational experts, thanks largely to the committed, enthusiastic and highly trained staff. Parents play an active part and the wider community is also engaged in support activities and fund raising. Currently our school, funded by the Local Authority, has 63 children from across the city. The Friends of The Rowan School Trust supports the work of the school by providing additional financial resources.

We are always looking for new sources of support and funding. If you wish to help or know more please contact Mr Chris Moore, Chairman, 79 Whirlowdale Crescent, Sheffield, S7 2ND, tel 0114 262 0068, email chris.moore@blueyonder.co.uk.

COFFEE, CAKES and CUTTINGS

As reported in the April Independent this annual event is to be held as usual at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road on Saturday May 17th 10am to 12 noon. The main beneficiary will be TRANSPORT 17. We hope you will come along and enjoy a coffee or two with your friends. We shall be grateful for any donations of plants, books or bric-a-brac. Arrangements to have these collected can be made by phoning 236 7176 or 236 5313. Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

A Night at the Music Hall

Hello again! Well, the big day is very nearly here (Friday 9th May to be precise), and we are in that happy position of being very nearly ready. I say "very nearly", because they are being "tweaked" every week to give a lustrous shine to the performances. (that's not bad is it? ... wait 'til the Chairman gets going!). The big chorus numbers are well drilled and tuneful, and have a theme running through them, and of course you will be encouraged to participate. There is also a plethora (I'm off again look!) of hugely talented artistes, whose rendition of their specific solo items will, I feel certain, bring a tear to many an eye. I should add at this point, that the costumes for this show have been made by the ladies of the Company, and they are stunning! The only one made especially for me was pre-empted by "For your coat Tony, we only had enough material in this colour, so will it do?" " I am sure it will be fine " says I, not really paying attention at the time. And in truth, it fitted very well,... but in Lavender?? That will teach me to pay attention at the back, I reckon!

For those of you who have never seen Old Time Music Hall, I can only suggest that you start with visiting The Lantern Theatre. This is a Theatre in miniature, built in the Victorian style and decor, and is about the nearest that you can get to the "real thing". That doesn't take anything away from the other venues though; because we decorate/transform these to create a sympathetic atmosphere in which you can lose yourselves back into "The Good Old Days". So, treat yourself to a smashing night out, by visiting one of the venues, then write to this column and tell me if I lied!!

Once again the dates so far are:

- Coal Aston Village Hall on Friday 9th May.
- The Lantern Theatre on Saturday 10th May. The Gatty Theatre Ecclesfield 7th June.
- Coal Aston Village Hall on Saturday 18th October.

Tony Reynolds. Ph 236 6891

Paint a Pot

You can paint a pot on my premises
I do mobile parties.
Ideal for birthdays, hen parties or just an evening with friends.
Brownies, art clubs etc

To make an appointment or for more information ring Linda 236 5774 or 07792 014691, 40 The Quadrant

MINT BARBERS

tel:
0114
2353535

American Crew
Official Suppliers

tel:
0114
2353535

WALK IN SERVICE

Open 6 days a week - Mon: 12pm til 6pm, Tues: 10am til 6pm
Wed & Thurs: 10am til 8pm, Fri: 10am til 6pm, Sat: 9am til 3pm
TRADITIONAL & MODERN BARBERS
CHILDREN & OAP'S WELCOME

FORMALLY TWINKLE TOES SHOE SHOP - 1 Totley Brook Grove, S17 3PY

Totley Show Sat 20th Sept in Totley Primary School

- ✓ Do you bake cakes, buns or bread?
- ✓ Do you make jam, marmalade or chutney?
- ✓ Do your children enjoy making models?
- ✓ Do you like taking photographs?
- ✓ Do you paint?
- ✓ Do you embroider or sew?
- ✓ Do you knit?
- ✓ Do you grow vegetables?
- ✓ Do you grow fruit?
- ✓ Do you like flower arranging?
- ✓ Do you do woodwork or metalwork?
- ✓ Do you sculpt or do junk art?
- ✓ Do you do computer art?
- ✓ Do you work with paper and card?

Totley Show is the chance for Totley residents to showcase their talents in a variety of ways – culinary, crafts, art, photography, and gardening.

We are not just a produce show, but a gallery for all the wonderful, imaginative, simple, abstract, surprising, huge or delicious things that Totley people create in the year.

Why not join in this year? You don't have to be an expert, just enjoy taking part and making something.

There will be good prizes for all areas, with cups for overall winners. The list of classes will be published in the July/August issue of Totley Independent. Look out for the exciting new classes.

When you come to the Show you can also meet friends and neighbours, have some delicious food, listen to the band, buy from the stalls on display and finally, get a chance to buy some of the produce that was in the Show at our bargain auction with Rony Robinson.

This is YOUR Show – come and take part, even if only in the auction!

Summer Fair

St. John's Church, Abbeydale Rd. South is holding a Summer Fair in the Church Hall car park (or in the Hall if wet) on Saturday June 7th 2008 in the afternoon.

Admission is free and there will be many stalls including cakes, bric-a-brac, games, plants, books, etc. and we are hoping that it will be an enjoyable afternoon for all the family. Refreshments, including Cream Teas, tea, Coffee etc. will be available in the church hall.

The money raised is for St. John's Church funds (to help with major internal building improvements planned for this year); to enable our continuing support for the S17 Youth Project; and the Luncheon Club for the elderly in the Parish.

Please try to come if you are able and enjoy a pleasant afternoon out.



"I'M SENDING THIS DRAWING OF MY FORT TO 'THE INDY' I CAN'T WAIT FOR THEM TO GUESS WHEREABOUTS IN TOTLEY IT IS!"



Seed swap

If you come along to Totley Festival in Greenoak Park on Sunday 22nd June, you might like to bring along some packets or bags of seeds that you have a surplus of.

In exchange you can take away some different seeds that you fancy growing.

The Seed Swap will be beside the Plant Stall, so come and get some new inspiration for your garden!

We would also be grateful if to receive donations of good quality plants, garden equipment, hardware or tools.

For more information

Christine Shimell

236-1631

c.shimell@virgin.net



Mark and Sally Fletcher invite you to

The Grouse Inn

Longshaw

Sheffield S11 7TZ

Meal times:-

Mondays 12.00 to 2.30pm

Tuesdays to Friday's 12.00 to

2.30pm and

6-30pm to 9-30 pm

Saturdays 12.00 to 3.00pm

and

6.30pm. to 9.00pm (drinks - open all day)

Sundays 12.00 to 9.00pm

Phone 01433 630 423

One man went to mow...
...but his mower wouldn't go!

Now is the time to call

MOWER MENDER

and be ready for the forthcoming growing season.

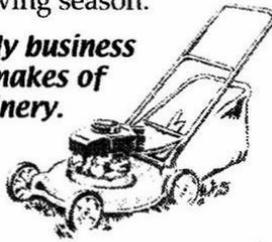
A local friendly business servicing all makes of garden machinery.

Phone:

0114 236 6958

Mobile:

0781 2211149



Blade Sharpening and Collections & Delivery Service Available

R Rose & Co

Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors

Specialists at looking after the affairs of small businesses.

For a FREE initial consultation please contact Roger Rose FCA on
0114 281 2331

From business start-ups and general accounting, to support and advice in business development and strategy, we pride ourselves in our personal one-to-one service. To find out more please call 0114 281 2331.

213 Derbyshire Lane, Norton Lees, Sheffield S8 8SA
Email: info@r-rose.co.uk

EVENT VENUE FOR HIRE

Our nativity barn has 2,500 square feet of concrete floor area and is available for hire from May till November

On site car parking for 30 plus cars

Mains services, new toilets, disabled access and facilities

Tables, chairs, audio equipment, tiered seating, staging etc can be provided

Suitable for table top sales, gigs, barn dances, farmers markets, antique fairs, dog training events & public meetings.

You name it, we can probably host it

Reasonable rates.

For more information give Edwin a call on 2364761

Or view www.totleyhalfarmenterprises.co.uk

Creating opportunities with disabled people.

Registered Charity No. 218186

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Leonard Cheshire Services in Offers choice & opportunity to people with disabilities.
A Specialist Unit for the Younger Disabled.
Residential & Respite Care - Single Rooms
Day resources - Aromatherapy -
Reflexology - Physiotherapy - Toning
Tables.

Activities include: - Arts & Crafts -
Computers - Cookery - Shopping
Expeditions - Theatre Outings - Church.
Further details can be obtained from -
The Service Manager, Mickley Hall,
Mickley Lane, Totley, Sheffield S17 4HE.
Tel. 0114 236 9952
Fax. 0114 262 0234

The Care at Home Service supports disabled people who wish to remain in their own homes.

We provide flexible care packages from 1 hour to 24 hours meeting individual needs. The service operates throughout Sheffield.

Our service includes: - help with getting up and going to bed, dressing, washing, bathing, shopping, cooking, light household duties.

Further details from: -
The Care at Home Manager
Tel. 0114235 1400
Fax 0114 235 1499

Actv
Physiotherapy
and sports injury clinic



@ Synergy,
162 Baslow Road,
Totley,
Sheffield, S17 4DR.

**The Official Physiotherapy clinic for
the Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Team.**

Treatments available for sports injuries, back & neck pain, joint problems, muscle & ligament strains, repetitive strain injuries, post operative rehabilitation, headaches & acupuncture.

Clinic registered with major insurance companies, can claim through the Westfield scheme.

Ring Andy for more information:

0114 235 7845 or 07901 968549

Domestic electrical work carried out by City & Guilds and 'Part P' qualified

LADY ELECTRICIAN

- * House rewires * Replacement fuse boards
- * Outside lighting * Porches * Deck lights * Sheds
- * New sockets * Lights * Switches * Telephone points

Brighten up your house
for Spring!

ring Mandy on 07788-544225

All domestic electrical work undertaken – no job too small.
Quotes are free of charge and carry no obligation.



AA
driving school

pass

with your local AA driving school instructor

- Fully qualified driving instructor
- Fast track or easy pace tuition
- Block booking discount

Ian Radford 0114 235 1153

AA driving instructors are self-employed franchisees and all contracts for the provision of driving tuition are between the pupil and instructor. Full terms and conditions at www.AAdrivingschool.co.uk

DO YOU NEED HELP? LET US DO YOUR:

WAGES/SALARIES, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RETURN

**VAT Returns, Annual Accounts/Tax Returns
Business Plans/Start ups**

**FULLMARK ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISORS**

**TELEPHONE 0114 262 0399
EMAIL: alan@fullmarkaccs.co.uk**

TOTLEY BASED



Your local Rose's Bread stockist

Coffee Shop now open

Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm, Saturday 8am to 1pm

51/53 Baslow Road
Tel: 236 4238

MALLORN

ROOFING CONTRACTORS

**REROOFS • ROOF REPAIRS
FLAT ROOF • GUTTERING**

**0114 235 6002
078533 350085**

7 DALEVIEW ROAD, BEAUCHIEF

**RICHARDS
TELEVISION, SATELLITE, VCR, DVD
REPAIR OR INSTALLATIONS**

- City & Guilds London Inst. Fully Qualified.
- Over 25 Years Professional Experience.
- Most Makes & Models Repaired. No VAT.
- For Prompt, Friendly Service Ring

0114 2876806

Ask for Richard. Ex Bunker & Pratley.

Catherine Clarke

Qualified Chiropodist

Westfield Accepted

192 Baslow Road
Totley
Sheffield
S17 4DS

M.S.S.Ch.
M.B.Ch.A.
S.R.N.

Telephone
Sheffield
2364101

SLIMMING WORLD

10 WAYS TO MAKE SURE IT WILL BE THE LAST TIME LOSING WEIGHT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION. THIS TIME MAKE IT LAST FOREVER

1. Focus on your weight loss goal and prioritise it.
2. Be sure you really want to lose weight for yourself. Doing it to please someone else may only lead to short term weight loss.
3. Take advantage of all the group support at your local Slimming World class. Even if you are not a 'joining in' person, you'll be surprised how motivating it is.
4. Accept that you will have ups and downs in your weight loss journey, and be forgiving of yourself if you hit a difficult patch.
5. Listen to your 'inner script' and make a conscious effort to talk to yourself in a positive, encouraging way.
6. Keep up your interest in your healthy eating plan by trying new foods, new recipes, and new ways of using your Sins. This will help you avoid getting in to a dieting rut which can be boring and demotivating.
7. Be honest with yourself about what you are expecting from your weight loss and-how you are getting on with Food Optimising week by week. People who set unrealistic targets for weight loss or body shape are more likely to give up than those who set achievable targets and share their ups and downs.
8. Go back to your class even after (especially after) you've had a weight gain. You will not be judged, just helped and supported.
9. Keep setting new goals and rewarding yourself for milestones until you reach your target weight, and afterwards!
10. Don't put your life on hold until you've lost weight. You can still enjoy life and lose weight. Think of your dreams and ambitions and bring them to the fore. The positive feelings you get from starting to 'live a little' can only help your motivation and your weight loss.

Group details:

Bradway Annexe, Sheffield 17 - Thurs. 5pm and 7pm (6 times award winning group)

Dore Old School, Sheffield 17 - Tues. 5.30pm

The Michael Church, Lowedges Rd, Sheffield 8 - Wed. 10am

Telephone consultant Alison Murphy (01246) 410145 for further information.

PhysioFOCUS

at Totley Rise Dental Practice
85 Baslow Road,
Sheffield, S17 4DP



Physiotherapy treatment available for:

- Back and neck pain
- Sports injuries
- Sprains and strains
- Joint and muscle pain
- Arthritic pain
- Whiplash
- Repetitive strain injury
- Headaches

Appointments: 0114 2360333

Also available:

- Pilates classes
- Pilates 1-2-1
- Golf Fitness Screening
(as used by consultants to UK, European and Australian PGAs)

For more information please call:

Emer on: 07792 422909

Rachel on: 07956 908454

We have a few vacancies at the moment in our
Gentleman's Snooker Club
in Millhouses

Comfortable environment with 4 snooker tables
Low Annual Subscription and no extra playing charges



Contact: Sheffield 236 1601 or 236 9008
for further information.

Would you like someone to

Type letters? Pay bills? Help record family memories?
Sort and file papers? Prepare an inventory?
Anything else ???

Then you should call

Secretarial and Administrative Services

Swift, efficient, confidential service at your home.

Pay-as-you-go.

Ring us on 0114 235 0071



Tel/Fax: (0114) 255 4689

Mobile: 07831 802539

TRISTAN SWAIN

LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

72 Nettleham Road
Sheffield S8 8SX



LADIES FASHIONS

SKIRTS, JUMPERS
T-SHIRTS,
TROUSERS
HABERDASHERY
& ALTERATIONS

DRY CLEANING
SERVICE
LAUNDRY SERVICE



ROSIES

164 BASLOW ROAD, TOTLEY.
TEL: 2621060

M. Scriven
(FRUITERAMA)

MARTIN SCRIVEN

HIGH CLASS FRUIT
& VEGETABLES

37, Baslow road

Tel. 236 7116

Orders Delivered



Allweld Forge Ltd

Bespoke hand made wrought iron
BAY WINDOW CURTAIN POLES

Large choice of finials and brackets

Also gates, railings, furniture etc.

Unit 3, 300, Archer Road, Millhouses S8 0LA

Next door to Thomas Fencing

Phone/fax 0114 2368239

email: sales@allweldforge.co.uk

Website: allweldforge.co.uk

R.S. HEATING & BUILDING CO
EST. 1971

HEATING DIVISION:
Experienced Installers of condensing, combination and regular boilers. Systems fully guaranteed. Complete after sales service. Also Bathrooms, showers and small plumbing works.

BUILDING DIVISION:
Loft conversions, House renovations including general building, joinery, plastering, electrical decorating etc.

62 Machon Bank, Sheffield, S7 1GP
Tel : 0114 255 9425
Fax 0114 255 9431
Email: enquiries@rsheatingandbuilding.co.uk
Web: <http://www.rsheatingandbuilding.co.uk>


LIBERTY FOODS
Caterers
Quality Meat Shop
& Fresh Farm Produce

Fresh and Frozen Prepared Meals
Fresh Meat and Poultry
Outside Catering
Home Delivery

253 Baslow Road, Sheffield, S17 4DU
Tel: 0114 2360 583 Mobile: 07801 346 455

Dronfield Landscapes 

Gardens cleared and maintained, Lawns mowed, Turfing, Tree felling & pruning, Hedges trimmed & reduced, Pond maintenance, Fencing etc.

for free quotation call
Chris on: (0114) 2746158 Mobiles: 07976072785 or
Richard on: 07789497104

8am-6pm mon-fri HazelBarrow Farm, Norton S8 8BA

R.M.M BUILDING SERVICES
25 YEARS EXPERIENCE
All types of building work carried out including- Drop kerbs, block paving (drives, paths, etc), extensions, general building repairs and maintenance.
Phone Rob on- Mob- 07906108567
Home-2352190

Nigel Watson
Carpenter & Joiner
Doors, locks, floors, architraves, skirting boards, stairs, stud walling, boxing off etc
No job too small

For a reliable, quality service
Tel: 0114 236 4778
Mobile: 07971 528149

L D.T. TAYLOR
DRIVING INSTRUCTION

Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructor (Car)
South Sheffield & North Derbyshire
Discounts for Students and Block Bookings

Phone: 0114 236 8094
www.dttaylor.net

 **Got a computer?**

Having Problems?
Is it running slow? Stops responding?
Having problems running the latest games or applications? Broadband installation?

Give me a call!
I'm available for home visits at any time including evenings and weekends. I can also suggest upgrades to improve performance, or even build you a system to your specific requirements.

Tim Brown
Building, Installation, Upgrading and Troubleshooting Computer Systems at Reasonable Rates

Phone: 0114 2472619 Fax: 0870 7060080
Mobile: 078 17464703 Email: service@timbrown.plus.com

RUBBISH REMOVED

Environment agency registered.

ID shown at door.

Beds, settees, garden and DIY,
Washers, Baths, carpets, furniture,
Cookers Garages cleared, broken
sheds and fencing removed.

Free quotes! Genuinely no obligation!

Tel: Mick 0114 2681330

Mobile 07710 446438

Established five years.

Courteous reliable service.

http://uk.geocities.com/draggletail_waste_services/



Central Heating

Domestic Plumbing

Glazing, Double Glazing and Glass

House Maintenance

UPVC and Wood Windows & Doors

Mini Digger & Driver, Muck Shifts, Footings Etc.



TOTLEY PRIVATE HIRE

PROFESSIONAL CAR SERVICE
FOR
AIRPORTS & LONG DISTANCE
TRAVEL etc.

Tel: 0114 - 2361547
Mobile: 07974-355528

DON ALLOTT Gents Hairdresser

At PATRICIA BARBER'S
53 Wollaton Rd, Bradway

Tele: 0114 2366247

Working times now are:
Thursday & Friday

9-00am-5-00pm each week

Plus the first Saturday in

Each month. 8-00am-1-00pm



APPLE LANDSCAPES and APPLE FENCING

www.applelandscapes.com

QUALITY SERVICE AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

**Patios • Paths • Walling • Turfing
• Railway Sleeper Beds • Garden tidy ups etc.**

Fencing & Gates Supplied Only
or Supplied & Fitted

Only Quality Materials Used

FULLY INSURED

Call for free quote

01246 237505 • 07782 167540

How many times have you said - I wish I could...

Hypnosis for weight loss, stress, pain,
smoking, sleep, fear/phobia and more...

Call 235 1985 (Totley)



Paul Peace

Sheffield
Hypnosis

www.sheffieldhypnosis.co.uk

GHsc

VALIDATED PRACTITIONER
General Hypnotherapy Standards Council



Karen Bartle

HEARING AIDS

MAURICE NAYLOR MBSHAA RHAD is your local
hearing aid specialist and at your request will test
your hearing in your own home, free of charge,
and if needed you can try a custom made aid for
four weeks without obligation to purchase.

In the ear digital from £495

Tel: 0114 262 0010
4 Twentywell Drive, Bradway

FOR SIX GENERATIONS
THE LEADING FUNERAL DIRECTORS

John Fleath & Sons

PROMPT and COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE
AT ALL TIMES

☎ 2 722222

LIMOUSINES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

www.callhomefix.co.uk

- ✓ Joinery & Painting
- ✓ Plumbing & Electrics
- ✓ Interior & Exterior
- ✓ Unusual fix-it jobs
- ✓ No job too small!
- ✓ From £24!



**The Handyman service...
call Julian 01433 631535**

TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

- MONDAYS** COFFEE MORNING, All Saints' Church Hall, 10am to noon
- TUESDAYS** COFFEE MORNING. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am to noon.
CRAFT GROUP. Totley Library, 2pm.
- WEDNESDAYS.** COFFEE in the LIBRARY. 10am. to 11.30am.
TOTLEY RISE METHODIST PLAYGROU.P. Grove Road 9:30-12.00, Phone: Judith 236 3456 or Gill 236 1373
TODDLER GROUP. 10-00 a.m. to 11-30 a.m., All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Mel 236 6300
HEALTH WALKS. 10-30 a.m., Totley Library foyer. Phone Sue, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 283 9195
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8pm. to 10pm.
- THURSDAYS** **TOTLEY RISE METHODIST PLAYGROU.P.** Grove Road 9:30-12.00, Phone: Judith 236 3456 or Gill 236 1373
NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10.00-12.00, 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.. to 3pm. Tel. 2363157 for further details.
CHAIROBICS. Totley Library, 2pm to 3pm. £1.
PILATES CLASS, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15-7.30, Phone Emer Coffee 07792 422909
- SATURDAYS.** **MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING.** All Saints Church Hall 2nd. And 4th. Saturdays 8pm. to 10pm.

MAY 2008

- THU 1st – MON 5th CONTINENTAL MARKETS,** Sheffield Fargate
- SAT 3rd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, Jeff Michaels, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non-members welcome, small charge on door.
- SUN 4th CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET,** the Village Hall, 10.00 am – 3.00pm
- SUN 4th & MON 5th (BH) MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES.** Abbeydale Road South, First train 1 p.m. – last train 5 p.m.(weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk
- WED 7th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "Work and Play in the Steel City", Martin Olive, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
- WED 14th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP,** Totley Library, 7.30 pm, all welcome.
- WED 14th – SAT 17th T.O.A.D.S. SPRING PRODUCTION,** 'An Eye for an Eye, Darling', St Johns Church Hall, 7.30pm tickets, 236 6891
- FRI 16th & SAT 17th JOHN WADE SINGERS,** 7.30pm, Trial by Jury and Musical Melodies, Millhouses Methodist Church £6.50 from 0114 236 0798, 01426 416364
- SAT 17th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, John Clifford, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non-members welcome, small charge on door.
- SAT 17th COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS,** 10.00-12noon, English Martyrs Church
- WED 21st WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "Prince of Scandal", Kenneth Loxley, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
- SUN 25th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET,** 10.00am-4.00pm, Barkers Pool
- SUN 25th & MON 26th (BH) MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES.** Abbeydale Road South, First train 1 p.m. – last train 5 p.m.(weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk
- SAT 31st SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, Ray David, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non-members welcome, small charge on door.

JUNE 2008

- SUN 1st CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET,** the Village Hall, 10.00 am – 3.00pm
- WED 4th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "From St Petersburg to Moscow by River", Clifford Tompkins, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
- SAT 7th SUMMER FAIR,** St Johns Church car park (hall if wet) in the afternoon
- SUN 8th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES.** Abbeydale Road South, First train 1 p.m. – last train 5 p.m.(weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk
- WED 18th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "The History of Beauchief Abbey", Geoffrey Carson, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
- SAT 14th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, Viki France, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non-members welcome, small charge on door.

THE INDEPENDENT FOR JUNE

The next issue of the Totley Independent will be available from the usual distribution points on

SATURDAY 31st May 2008

COPY CLOSE DATE for this issue will be SATURDAY 17th MAY 2008

Editor Ian Clarke Tel. No. 235 2526. Email iangclarke@hotmail.com
Advertising & Distribution John Perkinson. Tel. No. 236 1601.

Email johnandpaulineperkinson@talktalk.net

Items for publication may be left or sent to 2, Main Avenue, Totley, Sheffield, S17 4FG or Totley Library

PRINTED by STARPRINT

B . K . JEAVONS PAINTER & DECORATOR



**Interior
Exterior
Decorating
No job too
small.**

**86, WOLLATON ROAD
BRADWAY
SHEFFIELD, S17 4LG
Telephone 2350821**

Starprint

601 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield 7. Fax: 0114 258 8599

DESIGN & PRINTING of

- LETTERHEADS • BUSINESS CARDS •
- BOOKLETS & PADS •
- INVOICES • LEAFLETS •
- CARBONLESS SETS • BROCHURES •
- RAFFLE TICKETS •
- WEDDING STATIONERY •
- ENVELOPES & POSTCARDS •

**SPECIALISTS IN THERMOGRAPHY
FOIL BLOCKING AND ENCAPSULATION**

0114 258 0707

For a Quick Quotation

CHARISMA BLINDS



For
Windows
With Style

**Sheffield Factory Showroom
106 PROSPECT ROAD
HEELEY, SHEFFIELD**

**Sheffield (0114) 258 5496
Rotherham (01709) 512113**

We welcome letters about local affairs and will publish as many as possible. However the views expressed are not necessarily those of Editor, editorial staff or the Totley Residents Association and must not be imputed to them. © Totley Residents Association 2008.