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The Sheffield & Ecclesall Cooperative Society had a shop at Totley Rise as far back as 1908. Then in 1931 a new brick building was constructed with Dutch gable and typical Co-op shopfront. Further up were two shops and then the Labour Hall which had been built six years earlier. During World War Two, the Hall was used to make camouflage and later, at various times, as a community centre, pikelet factory and a repair depot for electrical goods. After a period of dereliction it was bought (ironically) by the Hallam & Heeley Conservative Assoc. 'Labour, pikelets and conservatives, they're all the same' was the local jibe. Brian Edwards

Totley Residents Association Update

On Saturday 13th October we spent a busy morning, planting daffodils and crocuses, at the top of Mickley Lane and Baslow Road. The weather was fine and it was an enjoyable community occasion. Dave Bale, Jennie Street, Christine Shimell, Jim Higgins and his two grandsons were joined by Stuart Hastings and three helpers from Cherry Tree. Shoppers stopped to ask what we were doing and were delighted when we explained. Several thanked us for brightening up Totley.

At the same time we were collecting signatures for the TRA Petition.

By now most Totley residents must be aware of the problem with the 97 bus terminus at Cross Scythes.

It would appear Enterprise Inns, owners of Cross Scythes, are seeking to remove or change this facility, which has been in use for over 120 years. Sheffield City Council and the Passenger Transport Executive are reviewing how the situation might be resolved.

A number of options are under investigation, but nothing has yet been identified as a preferred option. Suggested alternatives of Totley Grange Estate and Main Avenue are giving residents cause for concern, hence, the petition. I will be presenting this to the next full Council Meeting on behalf of the community.

None of the options being considered are ideal.

When a feasibility study has been completed, there will be several options, including somehow maintaining the existing arrangements. Nothing is definite and it may be sometime before the Council is able to consult with the public.

No decision will be taken before public consultation has taken place.

At the public meeting on 24th September, the majority vote was to reject the use of the Totley Grange Estate open space as a terminus and insist the 97 should continue to use the Cross Scythes terminus. It is our understanding that First have rejected turning at Dysons or Owl Bar because of the cost.

Suggestions that it may be possible to turn the bus at Broad Car some 400-500metres up Baslow Road, where there is a public footpath leading to Gillfield Wood have been sent to the Council, with plans, by a local resident.

I would like to thank local shops and the many members of our community who have worked very hard collecting signatures for the petition. As I write it is difficult to say how many have been collected as petition sheets are still scattered far and wide, but it must

be well over 600.

The problem of the bus terminus at Cross Scythes has reared its head regularly over many years.

We feel it is time for a long term solution to be found, so that Totley residents can live without the uncertainty of where and when the 97 bus will be available.



Now to other matters.

Paul Harran who was our Police Community Support Officer has been transferred to Sharrow (just when we were getting to know him)!!

In his place we have Mick Mason. He is mountain bike trained, so will be able to move around easily, but he has to cover Totley, Dore, Millhouses and Bents Green so I don't suppose we will see much of him !!

Community Constables Mark Wadsworth and Dave Spencer are still working in tandem in Totley and Dore.

TRA are still asking for money to pay for the bike for PC Wadsworth.

Please leave your donation at the Halifax or drop your spare coins in the collecting box in the newsagents on The Rise.

The work on the new gas mains have been causing problems in the area, but The Rise is particularly difficult. The shops have been suffering because people could not get to them.

Please try and support them, they are still open but need our help.

Finally don't forget you need to call at the Post Office or the library to buy a Totley Revisited Calendar for next year.

Avril Critchley, Chairman TRA

1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for October

1st Prize No 22
Philips Tresseme 2kw
3 heat hairdryer
Mrs Cooke, Green
Oak Road

2nd Prize No 87
£10 voucher
Mrs J Rose, Aldam
Road

Peter Casson

Clothes Sale

Totley All Saints Parent and Toddler Group are holding a toy and clothes sale on Saturday, 10 November 11 am to 1pm. This is to raise funds for the group. If you have any winter clothes and toys in good condition that you would like to sell, the group takes 25% of the sale, then please contact for more details and a seller's number:-

Laura 236 2920

Mel 236 6300

Sally 235 1651

BULB PLANTING

On Saturday 13th October a group of Totley residents spent a happy morning planting bulbs in the grass verges on either side of the top end of Mickley Lane, near the Co-op and in a



section of verge lower down Baslow Road.

2,000 crocuses and 2,000

daffodils,

donated by the Council, will

next Spring

brighten Totley with their

cheerful

flowers. It was especially good

to welcome some young

people from Cherry Tree

who worked really hard

digging the stony ground to

get the daffodil

bulbs deep enough. Thanks to all who took part.

Jennie Street



Journey to Bethlehem

Totley Rise Methodist Church Grove Road

Free 30 minute tours to see the real story of Christmas, tours start frequently between the following times - **7.00pm to 9.00pm Friday, 7th December** and **4.30pm to 7.30pm on Saturday, 8th December** and **Sunday, 9th December**. To book call Gaynor 0114 236 8726 evenings or weekends. It is essential to book in advance as the event is very popular. Over 750 people journeyed last year.

For the 5th year in succession, Roman centurions will be waiting at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Grove Road to lead visitors on a Journey to Bethlehem. In 30 minute tours, groups will be guided through scenes leading up to the very first Christmas 2000 years ago, such as Isaiah's prophecy and the Angel Gabriel's message to Mary. In the market place townsfolk are seen demonstrating the crafts and tastes of the time. The tour ends at the stable where a real baby Jesus is cared for by Mary and Joseph. It is the real Christmas.

The tour is free and refreshments are served. Come warmly dressed as the shepherds keep their sheep outdoors!

Christmas Post

Recommended last posting dates:-

UK last posting dates	
Friday, 14 December	Standard Parcels
Monday, 17 December	Second Class
Thursday, 20 December	First Class
Friday, 21 December	Special Delivery Saturday guarantee
Saturday, 22 December	Special Delivery
International Airmail	
Friday, 7 December	South and Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East (except Japan), New Zealand and Australia
Monday, 10 December	Japan, USA, Canada and Eastern Europe
Thursday, 13 December	Western Europe
International Surface Mail	
Monday, 1 October	All non-European destinations (except USA, Canada, Middle East, Far East and South Africa)
Monday, 15 October	Middle East and Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore)
Monday, 29 October	Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, Canada and the USA
Friday, 16 November	Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland
Friday, 30 November	Western Europe

Gardeners Beware

Harlequin Ladybirds, the most invasive ladybird on Earth, have arrived in Sheffield.

They have been found in the Botanical Gardens and in Meersbrook Park.

There are 46 species of ladybird resident in Britain, but the arrival of the Harlequin is a potential threat to British ladybirds and other insects. It out-competes with native species for food, is a fierce predator of other species and breeds continuously so it can achieve huge population numbers.

It has been observed eating native ladybird and hoverfly pupae. It is most commonly seen on aphid rich trees such as lime, sycamore and near roses. It is larger than our native ladybirds and occurs in a variety of colours, orange with 15-20 black spots, black with 2 or 4 orange or red spots or red spots. The immature stage is a black grub-like larva with orange marks.

For more details visit www.harlequin-survey.org

Please record any sightings; post the live ladybirds in a small container to the UK Ladybird Survey Team at Biological Records Centre CEH Monks Wood, PE28 2LS.

Avril Critchley

Bradway, Totley & Dore Coffee Group

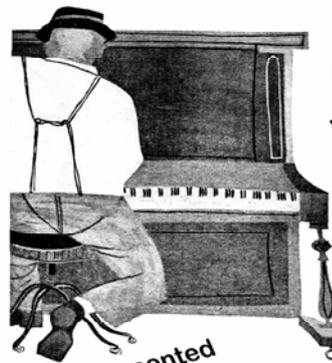
Meet other parents in an informal setting

My name is Sally Spearing and I run the NCT coffee group for our area. These groups are unique because they are small and meet up in members' homes every week, even in school holidays. Anyone is welcome to come along with bumps, babies or pre-school children for a coffee and chat whilst the children play. We also have occasional social events and my group is going out for a curry next week for a chance to talk without any interruptions from the small people.

I have been going to coffee groups on and off for 12 years, and have always found them to be great places to meet people and make friends. Group members can be a mine of useful information on local facilities for families. I recently discovered a babysitting circle in my area through a coffee group friend.

If you think you might be interested in joining, then please give me a ring or drop me an email. I will send you details of where we are meeting for the next few weeks.

Sally Spearing, Tel: 236 2604, Email: sally@spearings.me.uk



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(0114) 2863637



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

**TOTLEY RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

www.totley.org.uk

Farming News

I cannot remember when I last wrote a farming news update. It must have been a long time ago. The intention has been there, but ever increasing pressure on my time, has seen my good intentions fall by the wayside. As the farming economic scene has deteriorated, so we have been unable to afford regular paid help. This combined with an ever increasing paper workload leaves me with little time for leisure activities or hobbies, let alone journalist writing.

A lot has happened in the last 6 months or so in the farming scene. We have had extraordinary weather patterns, with very dry, warm periods in April, August, September and October. In the middle of this "summer" weather, we have had the coolest and wettest May, June and July on record. This has created havoc on most farms as work schedules, particularly crop planting and harvesting has been delayed, distributed or even abandoned. I am sure you have seen the summer floods on your TVs affecting large areas of farmland. From a farming viewpoint, these problems had a silver, if not gold, lining. Due to the resulting shortages, product prices, particularly cereals, oil and protein crops as well as vegetables have all seen significant and rapid increases. The price of wheat doubled in 4 months over the summer period for instance, but even then is only marginally higher than it was 10-15 years ago.

The same has happened to ex farm milk prices. Because the cost of production has been above the sale value in recent years, large numbers of smaller producers have given up milk production. This reduction in supplies has now caused a shortfall with the resulting steep rise in values as the processes scramble to fulfil the contracts with the supermarkets. The 15-17 pence per litre of recent times will be replaced by 30 pence per litre by the New Year. Sounds a lot, but it was 26 pence per litre 10 years ago and boy have costs risen since then!! Some by 50% and some by over 100%. The rise in cereal prices has put 50% on the cost of dairy cow foods for instance. Certainly the arable and dairy farmers have a smile on their faces at the moment but other sectors are really struggling to survive and need similar value increases to stay in business. These include the pig, poultry, egg, beef and sheep farmers. The sheep sector is perhaps the worst off having been hit by the "quad whammy" of cheap New Zealand lamb imports, the restrictions caused by the foot and mouth and blue tongue outbreaks, and the subsequent ban of exports to Europe. The unusually low spring lamb prices in April/May have been compounded by these problems where to the point the average sale price today is 70p per kilogramme live or 75 per pound dead weight. Have you seen any lamb in the shops at anywhere near 75p per pound lately?? I very much doubt it; you can see who is making the money out of this crisis!!

Thankfully many farmers are now supported by diversification income but many will either give up the struggle or be forced out over the coming months. All because a government department, a disease control one at that, falls down on its environmental responsibilities. Will it own up and fork out millions in compensation, very unlikely.

This outbreak now seems to be nearly over, but the newly arrived blue tongue disease looks likely to be with us for a very long time. There is no real way of controlling this, short of a series of very

long and cold winters that will kill all the relevant midges. Not much hope here as a mild winter is again forecast, despite the abundance of berries and nuts on the trees and bushes.

While we are on an environmental topic (didn't we used to call this nature and wildlife?) our application to install wildlife habitats, footpaths, bridleways and an open access to the farm, has been turned down. Not because it was a bad scheme or unwanted but as far as we can because there is no money in the "pot" for these schemes. Despite it being a funding priority according to the government.

However, we have some other "irons in the fire". We are currently converting a redundant farmhouse into a toilet block with an internal entrance into our top barn ready for the coming Christmas nativity plans. This will enhance the facilities for these events but also make this area more readily let-able for other events next summer. We will then have from 2,500 to 4,000 square feet of indoor space with all the relevant services for barn dances, table top sales, farmers markets etc etc. More about this in the spring.

Our other project is one that we have resisted having until now. A small DIY livery enterprise is also planned for the spring. We will be converting a pair of buildings into accommodation for 2 to 3 horses. These will be for the use of a family or families living near the farm with grazing available at the bottom. As you can see from the adverts we will be running our nativity events from the end of November again this year. We are looking to encourage a slightly different clientele to attend this year by having a series of "Father Christmas and the animals" early in December. These will be geared really to accommodate children who would like to visit Father Christmas and "do" the animals, but are reluctant to dress up etc for the play. It may also be of benefit to parents as a means of keeping the kids happy for a while of an evening!

Finally, if you have walked past our buildings on the roadside lately you may have thought you could hear new born lambs bleating in them. You wouldn't be hearing things!! Yes, a tup paid our Dorset ewes an unplanned visit, consequently we have had some lambs born in September this year, looks like we will have some spring lambs to sell in January. We could well be having spring like weather then given the current unpredictable seasons.

Edwin Pocock

T.O.A.D.S. AUTUMN PLAY

Well, this is positively your last chance to do something about tickets for our Autumn production of "A Murder is

Announced", a classic murder mystery by Agatha Christie. With a cast of twelve, any one of them 'could have done it', so you will have quite a puzzle on your hands. Of course, Miss Marple is on hand to help you with the choice, but I am not allowed to give you any clues!

A good play for the darker winter nights, with quite a few laughs in there as well.

We will have coffee, orange and red and white wine to revive you in the interval, at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Wednesday to Saturday, November 21st to 24th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £3.50 or £3 concessions from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds, on 236 6891.

"DEBBIE HILL"

Mobile Hairstylist

**Phone 07977 969911
for an appointment**



TOTLEY HALL FARM'S CHRISTMAS 'LIVE NATIVITY PLAYS'



ONCE AGAIN

We have recreated the Bethlehem stable scene in our barn complete with live animals, Sunbeam our cow, Dorset ewes and lambs, and Spirit our donkey, giving it a flavour of real authenticity and atmosphere.

The children who came last year enjoyed dressing up as Mary, Joseph, the angels or wise men and playing out their role as we narrated the wonderful nativity story. The parents filmed or photographed the performance in between joining in the carol singing. The after performance refreshments proved very popular, particularly the mulled wine for the adults! Santa's house was the main attraction for the children as they collected their presents from him, although the free donkey rides were a close second!

Why not give the whole family a Christmas treat this year

by coming to one of our plays? The whole event lasts approximately 1½ - 2 hours, the narrated play taking about 30 minutes at the beginning. Do visit our web site at www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk for pictures of last year's performances and a list of special options for groups and clubs that start at £4 per person.

Below is a schedule of this years performances and we would love you to join us for this unique and special start to Christmas.

2007 Ticket Prices (NO PRICE INCREASE)

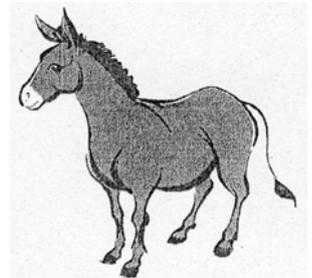
Adults @ £8.75 - includes tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies.

Children 3 - 16 @ £8.75, Children 2 and under @ £4.50 - includes a present, drinks and Christmas biscuit.



Sat 8th Dec		1:30	4:30	
Fri 14th Dec			4:30	6:30
Sat 15th Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30
Mon 17th Dec			4:30	6:30

Tue 18th Dec			4:30	6:30
Wed 19th Dec			4:30	6:30
Thu 20th Dec			4:30	6:30
Fri 21st Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30
Sat 22nd Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30
Mon 24rd Dec	10:30	1:30	4:30	6:30



For further information, or to book your places using our credit card hotline, please call Jenny on 236 4761



Transport 17

Once again, Sheffield Rotary Club Vulcan have included us in their Christmas Draw. For every pound's worth of tickets that we sell we get to keep 80p. Our Transport 17 staff will be coming to a place near you to sell these tickets. They are 50p each in books of four. The Rotary Club will deliver any prizes. Please support us and them in this. We are very grateful for the support.

On Saturday, 10th November, there will be a Coffee Morning at our office - 172 Baslow Road, Totley. This will be from 10 am till noon. Bulbs, books, gifts and Christmas cards and wrapping paper will be on sale. If you have any unused gifts that you could donate, please ring 236 2962 or bring them to our office. No bric-a-brac, please.

We had a General Meeting on 22nd October. We were sad to accept the resignation from the T17 Management Committee, of Ethel Beckwith. Ethel has been our passenger representative for many years and fought our corner, especially if anyone was rude to, or about, us. She is now 97 and has had to go into a

residential home. She worked hard for the various clubs she attended and was very helpful with refreshments and helping on stalls. No-one got to have coffee and biscuits at our Coffee Mornings if they didn't give Ethel their 50p. We wish her well.

We were absolutely delighted to receive two cheques for £800. One was from "Open Gardens", topped up by Totley Residents Association. The other was from the Dorcas Luncheon Club. Sadly, Dorcas closed this year after 20 years. Their Committee decided to give their funds to us. We were glad to have helped them over the years. They all showed such love and caring for their members.

My first escorting on the buses was done to Dorcas in 1989. The first drivers I worked with were Ken Gray and Edwin Speight.

We really do thank everyone for the money raised and given to us. I hope I don't get too boring when I ask for funds. It takes a lot to finance our services. All of us involved in physically working to keep the buses on the road and running T17, really do appreciate the backing of those who raise funds for us. We care about our passengers and want to keep the service as long as possible. Take care. Margaret Barlow

The Talk of Totley

A Community Policeman's view

As winter draws in, the days shorten and it will soon be Christmas I begin to wonder - just where did the year go. I hope it's a sign of being busy and not just getting old that it just doesn't seem like two minutes since last year's Remembrance Day parade and yet here we are again. A lot has happened both in Totley and within The Sharrow and South West Sheffield Policing Team so I suppose at this time of autumnal change it would be appropriate to reflect on these changes. These changes arise as Community Policing needs change.

The Policing requirements, approaches and priorities within our policing area are many and varied and require in my opinion quite a specialist approach. The last few weeks have seen such varied, diverse events as the Dore Show and the end of Ramadan celebration at the new Medina Mosque on Wolseley Road (which attracted over 3000 worshippers). I have known for years that Community Policing is not just a job for those close to retirement, but a job for officers who appreciate what it means to serve a community. The first priority has to be "GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY" As most of you will be aware the Sharrow team covers an area which stretches from Bramall Lane to The Surprise View. As such our "community" is a complicated hybrid. Finding out what the needs are can only be achieved by many ways. I much prefer the old fashioned "pop in for a coffee" approach but in the 21st century we have to make use of other methods i.e. email (mark.wadsworth@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) or telephone 0114 296 3681. Other useful methods are attending meetings, giving talks etc. I would encourage any member of our community who has any concerns, fears etc to just get in touch. As a rule our policing team is very successful at not only recognising the needs of our community but tackling those needs. This has been recently recognised by The Sharrow and South West Sheffield Safer Neighbourhood team being nominated for the 2007 Diversity in Action Award as part of Jane's Police Review Gala awards. These awards are held in London in Mid November. The nomination is recognition enough but it would be nice to win.

The changes have also affected our policing staffing with a loss of PCSO Harran, who moves from the Dore/Totley area to cover Highfields. We are joined by PCSO Mason who covers a much bigger area. P.C. Spencer and I will ensure that this does not adversely impact on policing cover.

By the time this article is printed the period of bonfire night will have past. I hope that the annual events pass without incident and I hope to see many friends etc at the various bonfires held in Totley. This year the policing team will target nuisance youth behaviour as well as targeting local shops that sell fireworks. A new strategy this year will be to visit shops, which sell eggs, flour etc to make sure that they are aware of their responsibility in helping curb "mischievous" behaviour.

I would offer my customary reminder regarding crime prevention. Darker nights can lead to an increase in crime. Towards the inner city area of our "patch" we have seen an increase in "sneak in burglaries" where access is gained through an insecure window/door etc. As our policing team focuses resources to tackle this it is likely that the thieves will move out of city. Can I ask that ALL of us make extra efforts to make our homes as secure as possible. Unlocked or open windows doors are an invitation to thieves. Of course I can be called upon to offer crime prevention advice. Also as the nights draw in vehicle crime starts to rise. Please remove all valuables from cars, even if it's just whilst nipping into the local shops. A brief mention of local shops obliges me to mention the situation on Totley Rise. I'm told the work will be carrying on for some time and the disruption to both traffic flow and local business is immense. Can I ask two things, that we keep on patronising the shops so that we do not lose any shops, and that when visiting the shops we are all considerate with regard to parking etc. Please help the area by being patient and considerate.

I will close by wishing all the residents of Totley a safe and happy next few months. I shall do my best to keep you all safe and if you need your Community Constables just get in touch.

PC Mark Wadsworth

Community Constable for Totley.

Service details for All Saints Church, Totley

November

4th Theme: "Nurse, pass the scalpel"

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

11th Theme: 'Remember to forget'

10.00 a.m. Remembrance Sunday

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

18th Theme: 'The Kingdom of God for the under-25s'

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

25th Theme: 'The best loved shepherd'

10.00 a.m. Baptism/All Ages All Together

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

LOOKING AHEAD.

Saturday 1st December 10am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning All Saints Church Hall Refreshments and stalls. All welcome.

Tuesday 4th December 7.30 pm.

A special evening for Christian Aid Week collectors and supporters at Sheffield Cathedral

Saturday, 8th December

Carol Singing in Fargate for Christian Aid. All day event - All Saints "slot" is 11.30 am-12.30pm. Please come and join in this happy Christmas celebration.

For further details ask Dorothy Firth or ring 236 4190.

Remembrance Sunday

This time of year often underlines the significance of memory, and recalling things. Remembrance Sunday follows hard on the heels of Bonfire night. In early October most churches celebrate Harvest, as a time to remember how much we have to be grateful for in a material sense, and who is the author of it all. Hopefully we will have remembered to change the clocks on the last Saturday of October and perhaps we have suddenly recalled how soon Christmas will arrive - so lots of things are apt to spring to our memories. Some of us are better at retaining things than others. I am the sort that needs something written down, or I have no chance of remembering it - and that is as long as I can remember where I put the piece of paper!

However, the rhythm of the year is helpful - it helps us get our bearings, and creates an opportunity and space for focusing on important things.

At All Saints, we will hold our regular special service on Remembrance Sunday (Which this year actually falls on 11th Nov.) at 10.00 a.m., followed by a ceremony around the War Memorial on Baslow Road. Not only is it a chance to recall men and women of the past, whose loss of life did so much to forge our present, but also it is an opportunity to recall more personal and recent losses. Above all, it is also a time to remember the death of Jesus, brutally put to death by the military forces of the day, and His incredible resurrection - and what that too can do to forge our todays.

All are welcome on Nov 11th. Also at All Saints, we will be holding a more personal memorial service on 30th Dec., at 4.00 p.m. - to recall in a personal way loved ones who are no longer here. Again, a warm welcome to all.

David Rhodes, Vicar of All Saints Church

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS REUNION

At the Fleur De Lys, Totley on Monday 12th November from 7.30 pm onwards.

For pupils who left around the late 1940s, early 1950s. We look forward to seeing as many old friends as possible.

NEW ATTRACTION

*An evening with Santa
and the animals
at Totley Hall Farm*



Bring your children to visit Father Christmas and receive a present
Enjoy riding the donkey and holding the lambs



Meet Sunbeam and Judy

**Only £5 per child
Adults Free**



When: Saturday 8th December, and
Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December
6pm to 7.30pm

Book : Ring to book an appointment with Father Christmas
0114 2364761. You can pay on the door

Refreshments will be available to purchase:

Mulled Wine. Tea. Coffee. Juice. Mince Pies. Biscuits.

Gardening Tips for November

We have had a good couple of days in the garden, taking out old plants and splitting up overgrown perennials. The pruning is not finished yet, we shall have to get cracking before the weather turns too bad, protecting young and recently planted specimens and take in the less hardy types, cover-up the ones that cannot be brought in.

We have had a good crop of apples, only one rested this year out of eleven, so we are storing, eating, crumbling pieing and freezing like mad.

I will be disinfecting them when the leaves have fallen, the tomatoes have not quite finished yet, mid October. When they have I will be giving the greenhouse a thorough disinfecting as I have had the dreaded whitefly making a mess of things even though I have had yellow sticky card etc. We have had lovely flowers on the ginger lily and bird of paradise plants, the ginger lily gives a wonderful scent and the flowers are quite spectacular, like an upright candelabra with many rows of small yellow orchid like flowers.

It is time to think about general repairs, fences and sheds need to be inspected and repaired if necessary and any cracked glass in greenhouses and cold frames need to be replaced quickly before the wind comes along with old Jack Frost, paths and patios need a clean and fix any wobberly pavers etc. Tackle the moss an algae on paths and especially if you have decking. There is still a bit of colour in the garden, the kafier lilies are at their best and the fuchsias and dahlias have not succumbed to the frost yet. Some of the summers hanging baskets need to be taken down and replace them with the winter pansies in baskets and troughs.

Time to clean up your bird feeders and get in a stock of food so that they have a good source of sustenance over the winter. Do not forget to clean up the heaters and replace wicks if necessary, check any electricity points, make sure its safe, call in an electrician if in doubt.

I have been under the weather for a day or 2, aah, worse than that, aah, aah. So I have had to be content with looking out of the windows and I notice the acer autumn blaze is living up to its name, it catches the sun nicely where it is and looks like its caught fire, very spectacular. Keep up the good work.

Flowers – Tidying up is the main job this month, move leaves and debris from all the beds, rake up any vulnerable plants before the frost starts and store them carefully, dust dahlias with flowers of sulphur.

Plant out hardy lilies in mild weather, cover with mulch, also anemones, hyacinth and tulips. Plant herbaceous and moisture loving plants. You can increase your stock of perennials by digging up, dividing and replanting plants such as Michaelmas Daisy, Golden Rod, etc, the young outer portions usually make the best plants. Cover over with straw, leaves or bark chips those plants which may be damaged by frost and cannot be taken indoors.

Vegetables – Remove yellowing and rotting leaves from around all crops, give brassicas a dressing of Nitro Chalk, dig over any vacant plots, leaving large clumps of soil so that the frost can give it a good nip to break down any clay which may be present and it will also kill off any eggs of some soil pests.

Try some lettuce in the vacant greenhouse (if you have room, I haven't). Choose a rather hardy variety (May Queen or similar).

You should be picking sprouts, spinach, cabbage, savoy and carrots etc if you have looked after your vegetable plot. If you haven't you do not know what you are missing, there is nothing to beat the flavour of home-grown produce, especially if it is as organic as possible. Try a small plot next year, watch this space.

Fruit – Prepare the ground if you are planning to plant trees or bushes, plenty of organic matter dug in, adding some bone meal. Cover a crown or two of rhubarb with a straw filled bucket to bring it on early. Give tree, bush and cane fruits a tar oil winter wash to help control pests and diseases. If you have not given your apples and pears a dressing of super phosphate for a year or two, then give them a treat this year at the manufacturer's recommended dosage. Prune newly planted apples and pears and bush and cane fruit. Look up the correct procedure in a good gardening book (the library has one or two). Winter prune apples and pears (it will be in the same book). Do not leave the planting of summer fruiting strawberries any later than November.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants – Water sparingly any plants that are resting or going into that stage. Dry off summer flowering bulb corms and tubers, put into containers (with holes in) in an airy frost-free place.

Move seedlings to obtain as much light as possible, support indoor daffodils, narcissi and freesias. Cut down late chrysanthemums after flowering. Pot on cuttings taken earlier. If you keep a warm greenhouse take more cuttings from fuchsias and geraniums etc. (If you have too many later, they will sell well at the cakes and cutting morning at the R.C. Church, just up from the shop). Prune and tidy up fuchsia, oleander, plumbago etc. Watch the ventilation in the greenhouse and conservatory and open up on fine days to prevent moulds and mildew building up. You should have checked your heater wicks by now and get your store of paraffin in ready (if you use it, that is). Most good DIY stores have wicks and paraffin.

Shrub Trees – Move container-grown trees and shrubs to a sheltered position out of the wind. Protect semi-tender plants with netting or fleece.

When planting shrubs and trees please bear in mind our hardworking partners (the birds). They keep down garden pests especially if you do not use insecticides. Trees and herbaceous shrubs provide them with food and shelter. You could also provide a feeding station to augment the natural food you will also have the benefit of watching the different species which visit your garden. If you have not done it before you will be surprised how many fascinating birds we do have in and around Totley.

Time now to plant out conifers and evergreen shrubs, also roses of all kinds. Hardwood cuttings can be taken now from shrubs; some of them will take a year or more to root. So be patient.

Lawns – Keep them clean, spike and top dress with a good autumn fertiliser mixed with peat or coir fibre. Set the mower high if the lawn needs cutting and trim all edges to keep them looking smart. Repair any damaged patches with spare turf. Do not seed at this time.

Cheerio for now, Tom

60 The Grove

I have recently moved into 60 The Grove, Totley. It's a lovely little bungalow and I'm keen to restore it to how it might have looked in years gone by. If anyone has any information or photographs about the house or its area I would love to hear from them. Please forward all answers to the editor who will forward onto me.

Thanks, David Spencer

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TOTLEY HISTORY UPDATE

Once again local historian Brian Edwards will explore the past in Totley. Do you know what was on your house and garden site in 1549? What was the Earl of Shrewsbury, the husband of that notorious Bess of Hardwick, doing in Totley – that is when he could drag himself from being the jailer of Mary Queen of Scots. If you live on Marstone Crescent you may be treading on what was Bare Lambs Close and if you had dwelt on Laverdene in Victorian times you might have been asked to throw cold water over an alligator. Come to think of it you might have seen elephants on Back Lane. There again you might have run a successful 15th century corn milling enterprise near the Crown Inn, trod on fabric at the Walk Mill or even peed on cow hides! If you had enough cash you might have bought a grandfather clock made in Totley in the 1700s; you might have made that money by working one of the earliest paper mills in England over three hundred years ago. And just why did novelist Angela Thirkell, a relative of Rudyard Kipling, spend her honeymoon here? What fun was it for a famous scientist to make some 10,000 blots and what fun was it to share two small bedrooms with 39 filthy and sweaty men. What is a threshold and who would drop eaves?

Yes it all happened in Totley, and Brian will bare all (not the full monty!) during an illustrated lecture on Tuesday 20th November at All Saint's School in Hillfoot Road. The event will be one of several organised to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the school. The talk will be followed by any questions you may have on Totley's past. You might have noticed something strange in your deeds or found a roman coin (one chap did) or you could have an unidentified photograph, or even a Hill tall case clock.

If you have a particularly difficult query, it would be helpful to ring Brian beforehand on 01629 640752 so that he can do a little research and answer it on the evening.

The lecture will start at 7pm and should finish around 9pm. and there will be coffee or tea and biscuits – all for £3 for adults and £1 for children. Tickets from All Saint's School, telephone 236 1934.

Totley Primary School Update

The end of another summer (such as it was!) and the start of a new school year at Totley Primary School.

I'd like to welcome our new Deputy Head teacher Mr. Chris Stewart who will teach Y5. As he is a keen cricketer no doubt we'll have to fit a cricket pitch into the school grounds. Also, Mrs Bates and Mrs Russell are now permanent members of our team and we are pleased to have them on board.

During the summer break Crown Building Services fitted new infant toilets plus Y1 classroom had a complete revamp and the Technology Room has been divided. The extra room being an extra teaching area or meeting room that can be hired out in the evenings and the Technology Room being fitted with new units.

I now know how the queen feels in that my world consistently smells of new paint. I, with the help of Malcolm Rodgers (his wife Linda is one of the schools teaching assistants), painted Y1, Y2 and Y3 classrooms. On the instructions of the Head teacher, Mrs. Lant, we painted them in bright, vibrant colours for the children.

Everyone that has seen Y1 and the Technology Room have said what a wonderful job Property Care & Design has done. Once again a local firm have come up trumps!

The school and I would like to thank Edwin Pocock for preparing our vegetable plot. The plan is that next year each class can grow their own produce, so if anyone has any vegetable seeds or plants, or even tools for the children to get started, we would be very grateful.

My dog Lloyd and Claire Palmer, our Y3 teacher, raised £158 for Sarah's Fund and the RSPCA by walking the 14 mile Challenge Walk that the PTA organises every year. Lloyd seemed to do the walk without any problem and will probably start training to do the 26 mile walk next year. What a show off!!

On 15th September saw the Totley Show which is held at our school. A great day was had by all and the atmosphere was made special by the band that played. The fact that I got 1 second and 3 third prizes for my vegetables finished off the day nicely for me.

On Saturday 13th October our PTA held a Jumble Sale and on 8th December will hold a Christmas Fair so please come along, the more the merrier!

Finally, I would like to congratulate my son Ben who passed his LAMDA exam with distinction. My wife and I are so proud of him. He loves acting and who knows, there could be an Oscar or two in the future!

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor, Totley Primary School

St. John's Luncheon Club

Once again I am appealing for some help at our weekly luncheon club that caters for the old or lonely from around Dore, Totley, Bradway and as far as Millhouses.

We have recently lost 4 of our cooks and a number of general helpers because of age or illness. We could do with, at the least, 1 more main course cook and 1 pudding cook and 2 or 3 more general helpers.

We meet in St. John's Church Hall each Thursday morning with cooks having to be prepared to give the morning about once a month or - if we get extra help - five weeks! Helpers can commit to a minimum of 2 and a half hours every 4 weeks. Main courses have to be cooked on the premises but we have pretty good facilities, but sometimes puddings are cooked or prepared at home and brought to the hall in time for lunch at 12.15 pm.

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Hereabouts the views are first class. Big Moor, Totley Moss and the Sheffield scene in all its glory. A final stone stile leads into the lane down to the charm of Fanshaw Gate Hall, home of Mr and Mrs Ramsden, the lovely garden areas are a treat to behold. This is the oldest manor house in the district. Join the path that denotes one mile to Totley to enter the stack yard and pond area and to the quaint dove cote barn buildings. Then descend two field lengths down to the bridge that once again crosses the Totley Brook. All paths from the spot soon lead us back to Totley Hall Lane and homeward bound to maybe sample further short walks around the Totley scene.

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Dec 2nd 6.30p.m. Our popular Advent Carol Service :- A very moving service of Advent Carols & Readings led by the Choir.

Dec 16th 10a.m. Parish Communion : Theme -" Preparing- for Christmas"

Dec 23rd 6.30pm Our popular Traditional service of Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight :- with readings, carols sung by the choir and well loved carols for all to sing. Come early to make sure of a seat!

Dec 24th Christmas Eve :- 5.30p.m. The Christingle Service.:- A family service for everyone (including Grandma & Grandpa) with the lighting of the Christmas Tree & the Christingles.

Dec 24th 11.30pm. Midnight communion :- By candlelight with carols. All are welcome to come and greet Christmas Day with the first communion of Christmas or for a blessing This is a sung Eucharist led by the Choir.

Christmas Day at 9.30a.m :- A Family Service with communion for everyone. Everyone is welcome to join us at St. John's for any or all of these services.

A very happy & blessed Christmas from all at St. John's to you all.

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club.

Held their annual dinner and presentation night on Friday 26th October at the Abbeydale sports club, Guest speaker was Mr S.Garside

Trophies were presented for the following competitions.

Curvacious Cup

Winner Mr M.Stobbs
R/Up Mrs B.Ainsworth

Hallett Trophy

Winner Mr K.Oldcorn
R/Up Mr J.Perkinton

Val Clarke Shield (Mixed Doubles)

Winners Mrs M.Parkin/Mr T.Davies
R/Up Mrs A.Eyre/Mr M.Hastings

The Greenwood Plate (Ladies Doubles)

Winners Mrs A.Bird/Mrs .L Carney
R/Up Mrs S.Hughes/Mrs J.Hempson

Roebuck Cup (Mens Doubles)

Winners Mr M.Hastings/Mr.M.Stobbs
R/Up Mr J.Perkinton/Mr V.Crann

Leslie Hulse Trophy

Winner Mr G.Torry
R/Up Mr B.Altly

Dr Who Shield

Winner Mrs M.Parkin
R/Up Mrs J.Hempson

Hargreaves Cup (Mens Open Singles)

Winner Mr J.Perkinton
R/Up Mr M.Hastings

Mid Season Comp

Winners Mrs V.Smith/Mr P.Green
R/Up Mrs A.Bird/Mr M.Stobbs

Captains Day

Winners Mr V.Crann/Mr H.Blomfield
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Autumn Shield

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TOTLEY RISE METHODIST PLAYGROUPE. 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
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MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall 8pm. to 10pm.
- THURSDAYS** **TOTLEY RISE METHODIST PLAYGROUPE.** 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, 6.30-7.30, Phone Emer Coffee 07792 422909
- SATURDAYS.** **MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING.** All Saints Church Hall 2nd. And 4th. Saturdays 7.30pm. to 10pm.

NOVEMBER 2007

- FRI 2nd – SAT 3rd ART EXHIBITION,** Totley Rise Methodist Church, by Totley Artist Len Capper, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, free admission, refreshments available
- SAT 3rd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, Tony Brooklyn, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non members welcome, small charge on door.
- SAT 10th DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR,** Sheffield Cheshire Home, 7.45PM, tickets £tba, further information Cheshire Home 236 9952
- SAT 17th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, Steve A, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non members welcome, small charge on door.
- SUN 18th SHEFFIELD'S FESTIVE LIGHTS SWITCH ON PARTY,** Barkers Pool, 1.30pm-5.30pm, Free, 273 6895
- TUES 20th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD,** "Portrait of a Lady", Mrs. Jean Loebel, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am
- SAT 24th BOOK FAIR,** Old School Hall, Dore village 10.15am - 12.30pm
- SUN 25th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET,** 10.00am-3.00pm, Barkers Pool

DECEMBER 2007

- SAT 1st – MON 24th SHEFFIELD'S CHRISTMAS GROTTTO,** Tudor Square, Meet Santa in his magical city centre world, 221 1900 or www.sheffieldgrotto.co.uk
- SAT 1st COFFEE MORNING,** All Saints Church Hall 10am - 12 noon. Refreshments and stalls. All welcome.
- SAT 1st SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE,** Heatherfield Club, Billy Tudor, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non members welcome, small charge on door.
- TUE 4th SPECIAL EVENING FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTORS,** Sheffield Cathedral 7.30 pm.
- WED 5th VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE,** Sheffield Cheshire Home, 10.00am – 12.00pm, further information Cheshire Home 236 9952
- WED 5th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "Carols by Candlelight", Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church, 8.00p.m.
- SAT 8th CAROL SINGING,** Fargate - for Christian Aid. All day event - All Saints slot 11.30 am-12.30pm.. Please come and join in this happy Christmas celebration.
- SUN 9th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES. SANTA SPECIALS,** Abbeydale Road South, 11.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. Admission £5.00 www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk
- TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, CHRISTMAS MEETING,** Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am

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