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Chapel Fields

One of Bob Warburton's slides. Photo taken from Strawberry Lee Lane with The Cricket in the lower right and Baslow Road running left to right, with Chapel Fields in between. The fields are almost clear of bushes and the sledging run that we enjoyed as youngsters shows beautifully in this colour shot. The challenge was to clear the path and get as far as Needham's Dyke at the bottom. Great memories.

The Cricket was sporting it's 'Ward's Brewery' livery in those days – probably about 30 years ago.

Totley Residents Association Update

We had our first meeting of 2013 on Wednesday, January 9th, and were joined by Councillors Colin Ross and Keith Hill. We would like to thank them for their continuing support.

Roger Hart also attended and spoke to us about Traffic and Parking Issues; he informed us of The Streets Ahead Roadshow which was held at Abbeydale Sports Club on 15th January. A TRA Committee Member also attended. Our next Farmers' Market/Spring Fair will take place on Sunday, 17th March 2013 from 11am – 3pm at Totley Rise. We have a very broad Database of Stallholders; however, we are always looking for new ones. If you are interested in being involved, a Booking Form will be available to download from the **Totley Independent** website, or contact Hetty Moran on moranjaygee@tiscali.co.uk. If anyone is able to help deliver flyers for this event around the Community please let us know.

The AGM has been set for Monday, 15th April 2013, 7pm at Totley Library. We will welcome people who would be keen to join the Committee and give a little of their time. Meetings are once a month.

We wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous 2013.

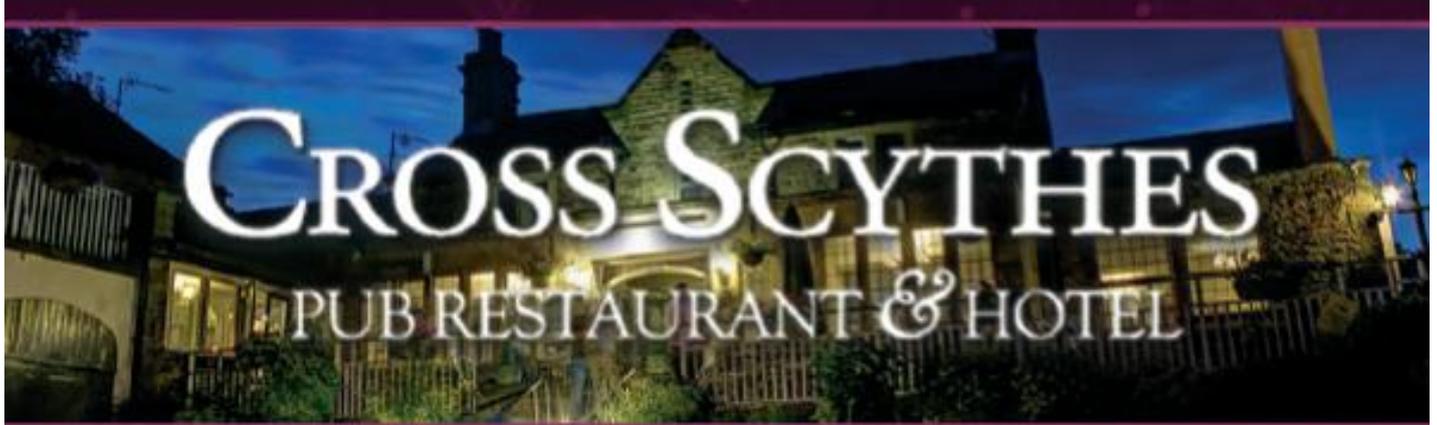
Dave Spivey, Vice Chairman.

Hetty Moran, Secretary. TRA.

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Farmers Market, Totley Rise, Sunday 17th March 11am-3pm

TRA AGM - Totley Library, Monday 15th April 7pm



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HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone. I do hope you enjoyed the festive season and are now merrily making snowmen and women in the garden!!! No, me neither, I am sticking by the fire and keeping warm. We certainly ended 2012 on a high note; you came in your droves to our Christmas Fayre and raised £268. The cake stall was a fantastic success as were the rest of the proceedings. A big thank you to all involved. We were also pleased to receive a generous donation from Totley Independent and also St John's Church - thank you so much for your generosity. The weather has meant that several of our clubs have had to cancel, so we are really hoping that by the time you are reading this article the snow will be long gone. There will be buds on the trees, and the crocus, etc will be pushing through to let us know that Spring is just round the corner.

To brighten us all up we are holding a **COFFEE MORNING on SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY at the CROSS SCYTHES BASLOW ROAD** from 9.30 to 12noon. There will be a raffle and everyone will be welcome. We are all hoping the snow will have gone by then!!

All of you please take care and stay safe. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the coffee morning.

Felicity Revill, Chair

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We hope you like this colour format of 'The Indy'. Last issue we introduced our 'trainee journalist', Ruth Dacey. There are further changes to this issue, and we will also move to issuing every 2 months - 6 issues a year instead of 10.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Once again the allotment people had a get together thanks to Alan and Bridget. However this time we met at the Shepley Spitfire, slightly warmer inside than on the allotment site this time of year. Obviously the topic of conversation was about next year's preparation and planting, but concerns were also raised regarding drainage. With so much rain that has fallen this year, this is a huge problem for some plots and very disheartening.



Some better news is that the Council are undertaking to address the problem and work should hopefully start the middle of January, to install drainage.

HAPPY DIGGING

Marlene Marshall.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS FOR TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH. TOTLEY LIBRARY, 7.30PM

Postponed from January due to snow. John Clarke talking about the History of Penknife and Cutlery Making in Sheffield

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH, TOTLEY LIBRARY, 7.30PM

Family Photographs as a Social History
Talk and slides by Paul Cutts
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Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 p.m., Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore Contact details:

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Hartingtons Celebrates Its School of Food's First Anniversary!

"Hartingtons is all about fun, creativity and the theatre of food"

Originally set up by food lovers Chris and Julie Horne at the back end of 2011 to hold food fairs, the Bakewell business has also transformed into a school of food offering a superb range of Artisan skill based courses. **Hartingtons** celebrates its year anniversary of the unique and diverse range of classes and both Chris and Julie are delighted by the success and high demand they have received, with people travelling from all around the country to visit and try one out for themselves.

The school of food and events business is housed within a converted saw mill close to the centre of the charming Peak District town of Bakewell which is ideally located for day trippers to the town to do a short course or attend one of the food related events as part of their day out. Be prepared to be amazed by the cooking facilities as the workspace is fully kitted out with state of the art equipment and technology. The room also offers a fantastic setting to your cooking experience as it is a beautiful, bright space with light flooding in through the floor to ceiling windows showcasing stunning river side views. The food courses are run by food specialists with the majority also being local experts, this means that the classes are of the highest quality! There is nothing they don't know in their field of cooking expertise and advice can be given about the surrounding area including where the best local food and produce is available.

The T.I. caught up with owner and Totley resident Chris Horne to find out more about the classes on offer and what 2013 has in store.

What classes do you find to be the most popular?

Leading up to Christmas we had high demand for the **Beer Brewing** courses, although we are waiting to see if this continues into the New Year with people on a detox! A class that is popular all year round is **Bread Making**, and a special course that is becoming more in demand is **Cheese Making**. We are one of only four places in the country including the renowned River Cottage that offers this so it's a really unique and unusual one to try.

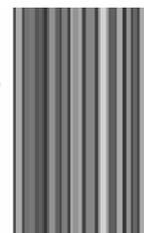
All the classes we run fill up quickly and we do have limited spaces. The majority of the cooking courses have a maximum of 12 places, this may seem small but we want people to get the most out of the teaching when they are here. This group sizing means that people get to know each other better and importantly our food experts can have one on one contact with everyone easily. I'm so delighted with how popular all our courses have been and we have people visiting from places all around the U.K. What's great about Bakewell is that it's a fabulous place to stay so when people travel from afar they can combine a course with a weekend or mid-week break.



Is there a particular class you would recommend?

We are running a fantastic **Fish masterclass** on the 19th of April lead by acclaimed chef **Christian Szurko**, who is the owner of **JH Manns** based in Hillsborough which is one of the largest specialist fishmongers in the North. This is the perfect course for those who love eating fish but are unsure how to prepare fresh raw fish and transform it into great tasting meals. Christian who has worked at the Ivy in London is passionate about showing people how you can cook British fish to create simple but mouth watering dishes and during this full day hands on cookery course you will learn all the knife skills needed to prepare fish prior to cooking. It really is a brilliant course and you will be cooking with the finest ingredients provided by Hartingtons such as a whole

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Cornish Mackerel, Seabass, Plaice from Cornwall and Christian will also demonstrate how to deal with live lobsters. You will be shown how to use the meat from whole fresh lobsters combined with tarragon to produce Lobster Sausages along with a fresh lobster sauce made from the shell and trimmings. I would definitely book on this expert class very soon as virtually all our classes between January-March have already sold out!

One of our most traditional and enjoyable courses is the **Bakewell pudding Experience**, where you learn to make your very own under the expert tuition of **Marion Wright**, master baker and owner of **Bloomers**, makers of the acclaimed original Bakewell Pudding. On this short course, under the expert tutorship of Marion, you will make your own authentic Bakewell Pudding to take home and share with family and friends, so no need to go out and buy one! This course is ideal for both individuals and groups who want to learn something about the unique baking heritage of our great baking nation.

Can you give us some information about your collaboration with Sheffield's celebrated restaurant Nonna's?

We are very excited about this as the chef's from **Nonna's** are so passionate and amazing to work with. A very special course they run for us is **Italian Regional Seasonal - Emilia - Romagna**. The specific home region for **Nonna's** cooking is Emilio Romagna, which is the broad region that borders Liguria, Lombardy and Tuscany in the north-west of Italy and cuts over to the Adriatic coast between the Veneto and Le Marche. It is one of Italy's most prosperous areas and home to some of the country's most appealing cities, including Bologna, Parma, Modena and Ferrara. Even Italians from other regions admit that Emilia-Romagna has the best food, especially its ham and cheese - more lyrically known as prosciutto di Parma and parmigiano reggiano. What **Nonna's** has done for us is to incorporating some of these historic cities which produce such fabulous tasting Italian food into four inspiring seasonal dishes. On the day you will be working alongside **Nonna's** chefs to produce the dishes; Gnocco fritto with Prosciutto de Parma, Squash Ravoli with parmesan and sage butter, Cotechino (local sausage from Modena) with lentils and Baked Lemon and Ricotta torta. It is a lovely menu and beats a bog standard Italian cooking course any day because you

are working directly with ingredients from the specific region and really learning about what you are creating!

What lies ahead for 2013?

There are a few new ideas that we are looking to forge ahead with. For instance we want to start a **Food Blogging Course**; this would be for those people who have a passion for food and writing. The one to two day course will aid those wanting to set up their own blog and looking at the stages they need to go through. We will be asking professional and expert food bloggers to run the course, so it will be packed with all the top tips of the trade concerning food writing. We also hope to include food photography in the day and this can help when featuring your own recipes on a food blog.

Another exciting project we are looking into is helping people **set up their own Artisan Food Business**.

We work on a day to day basis with Artisan food producers so we want to draw on their expertise. So for instance if you have a love for bread making or cake baking and want to take it that step further we will show you how to turn it into a business. We are hoping to run an intensive course for two or three days teaching people. This would include looking at how you comply with all the necessary regulations, how to market and package yourself, and making the best of all the available resources. We also have a comprehensive database of Artisan producers and contacts are crucial for any business. All these vital stages can take an individual an age to work out by themselves and at times it may seem impossible, but at Hartingtons we want to be able to turn life time dreams into a reality and help get businesses off the ground and running!

And finally I'll briefly mention our **Gourmet Supper Club**, this will be where an expert chef is in the kitchen for one night only and they cook a six course taster menu, which is unique to that event. It will always be a very special evening to remember and it is a very social night as around 20 people can be booked in so it's great for groups to come along. At the end of January the Gourmet Supper Club introduces; **'Lumière'** which provides an experimental menu prepared by **David Neville**, owner and chef of **El Toro** the leading Sheffield Tapas Bar. The experimental international menu includes classic French, Spanish and English influences with all food and wine included in the price. This particular event has sold out very quickly but we will be holding an equally spectacular night in March and the following months, so please get in touch if you are interested or want any more information.

What do you put your success down to?

Well in all honesty both Julie and I have been amazed by the demand, especially for the courses that Hartingtons runs. We never expected such a huge success in our very first year so we want to thank everybody that has helped us make it this far! It's really humbling to see that people visit us from all over the country and we have received such wonderful feedback. The progress we have made is phenomenal, and I have learnt so much, it has been very hard work but completely worth it. Here's to another fantastic year for Hartingtons of Bakwell!

A full list of Hartingtons of Bakewell cookery courses for 2013 and more information about the organization can be found on their website.

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Totley Scouts

Great news. Our Scout Group is growing. We now have meetings 4 nights a week.

Beaver Scouts (for 6-8 years olds) on Tuesdays from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.

Cubs Scouts (for 8-10½ year olds) on Wednesdays from 6:30 until 8pm; and also now on Thursdays from 6:30 until 8pm. And Scouts and Explorer Scouts (for 10½ - 16 year olds) on Fridays from 7:30pm until 9:15pm.

The Thursday Cub night has only been going for a few weeks and was started because we had to much demand from children for one night.

If any boy or girl is interested in joining any of the groups please come along to find out more and try a session or two to see if you like it. Of course we do need your parents permission, so ask one to come along too to find out more. We are next to the woods off Aldam Road.

Don't forget we also need adult helpers to ensure that we can continue to provide exciting activities for the children. Please let me know if you can help. Our existing leaders find it very rewarding, but need help to be able to do more.

Our Scouts and Explorers sometimes also have 'survival days'. The last one was on a Saturday in January. One of the few when the weather wasn't too bad and we took full advantage of our huts location next to the woods and the Totley Brook. One of our Scouts (George age 11) has written a little about it.

The survival day is great fun where we learned how to use our penknife's properly and make fires to cook. We have only done 2 so far but we have only just started doing it but it is really fun. The first time we did it we cooked fish, we had to gut it but I won't go in to too much information about that, and the second time we cooked kebab, both over a fire we made. Also we have time to go on the rope bridge and the ladder over the river so sometimes you may get wet. For the fires we chop the wood up for them and start them with flint sticks. Best of all at some point we get a hot chocolate.

Plenty of other varied activities are organised for the children. We take advantage of the woods and river as well as our own equipment and facilities. We even have our own climbing wall. Later in the year all the sections will be able to go camping as well.

Please let us know if you would like to help; either every week, occasionally, or even just to try it first to see if you would enjoy helping out.

Richard Frost,

Chairman

1st Totley Scouts

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Thursday 31st January	REVIEW OF THE SPORTING YEAR – ROBERT JACKSON , former BBC Radio Sheffield, chairs a panel of sporting journalists, including KEVIN HOWELLS , ALAN BIGGS & RICHARD FIDLER
Monday 11th February	Two Course PEA & PIE SUPPER EVENING with Yorkshire CCC Senior Coach and former Australian bowler JASON GILLESPIE Tickets £12 each
Monday 25th February	PETER WILLEY , former player and now a first class umpire (NB AGM on this evening at 7.30pm)
Wednesday 13 th March	QUIZ EVENING
Monday 25th March	HARRY PEARSON – award winning cricket author
Thursday 4th April	PAUL SHAW – ECB Women's and Girls' High Performance Manager
Monday 15th April	MATTHEW WOOD – former Yorkshire batsman
Monday 22nd April	53rd ANNUAL DINNER – Baldwins Omega 7 for 7.30pm prompt Chief guest speaker former England Captain ALEC STEWART OBE , comedy from DAVID KENDALL . Tickets £35 each.

For any further information please contact the Secretary Mr David Drabble on 01246 416145

Percy Rickard

Totley Tunnel engineer

Percy Rickard's talent for engineering showed itself early in his life. Born in Derby in 1859, the third child of six to William, a silk manufacturer and Marianne, Percy attended the local grammar school. At 14 his engineering career started with an apprenticeship at the Derby Locomotive Works of the Midland Railway. He worked his way through the workshops and drawing office and in his spare time attended classes in science and art. At 18, he went to work in Nottingham on the construction of the Nottingham and Melton branch of the Midland Railway. A couple of years later, he moved to the Manchester drawing office of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company where he was entrusted with making surveys and contract drawings for major engineer projects. The most important of those being for an iron bridge carrying one of the main roads over the Victoria Station and for plotting the depth and direction of the currents in the Fleetwood Channel as part of it developed as a major port.

On the 13th September 1887, Percy Rickard and Elizabeth Teresa Jones were married in Islington. Elizabeth was born in the Mill End Road in 1866. She was the eldest of the nine children of Fredrick and Sarah Jones. Her father was a stonemason who was born, worked and died in the St. Pancras area of London.

In 1888 Percy was again working for Midland Railways this time as Resident Engineer of the Dore and Chinley line. He and his wife and young son, George, lived in Totley Grove. They had two servants living in the house with them, Emma Wilson, cook and Emma Cooper, nursemaid. In Gardener's Cottage, (now called Juniper Cottage), their gardener, Thomas Bowley lived with his wife, Kate and their young son, Robert.

During the construction of the tunnel, the area around Totley Grove was very different from the semi-rural retreat it is today. The house is just north of the entrance to Totley Tunnel and the spoil heap from the tunnel covers the field at the junction of Penny Lane and Hillfoot Road, putting Totley Grove at the centre of a major construction project. In fact the proximity of the house to the workings of the tunnel was a contributing factor in Percy Rickard's death.

The summer of 1893 was very hot and the living conditions for the navy workforce and their families were primitive. There was no water supply or sewage system to the navvies' huts which drained into Needham's Dyke; described in Percy Rickard's obituary as a running sewer. Typhoid swept through the workforce. There were so many deaths, that mass graves were used to bury the dead in Dore Churchyard. Percy Rickard was one of the victims. He died of typhoid in Totley Grove on 31st October 1893 aged 34 years. It was thought at the time that as Needham's Dyke ran through the grounds of his house, Percy had contracted the disease from its foul water.

At the time of his death, Percy and Elizabeth had three children. George was 4 years old; his sister, Elizabeth 2 years and their baby brother, Hugh, 11 months. In the census of 1901, eight years after Percy's death, Elizabeth was living in Bakewell with

her three children and a general servant. She described herself as a widow living on her own means. After the First War, she appears on a passenger list for Canada. She died in Ontario in 1951 aged 85, leaving her entire estate of £445 to her daughter. Apart from this mention in her mother's will, no other information about Elizabeth Teresa M Rickard has come to light.

George Rickard married and was living in New Jersey in 1930. He died at Niagara Falls, New York State in 1937, aged 48.

His brother, Hugh Percy fought in both World Wars. In the First War as a private in France with the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade; and in the Second War as a General in the Royal Artillery. He was a prisoner of war in Stalag 344 at Lamsdorf, Poland in 1942.

In January 1894, The Institute of Civil Engineers demonstrated its regard for Percy Rickard's engineering talent by organising a reading and discussion of his paper,

"The Tunnels of the Dore and Chinley Railway". You can see a copy of this paper in the Sheffield Local Studies Library.

If you would like to see pictures of old Totley and read more about the history of Totley, the Totley History Group website is the place to go.

www.totleyhistorygroup.org

Christine Shimell

Dore and Totley Golf Club's Centenary Year

"Where Friendliness is Par for the Course"

This year sees Dore and Totley private members Golf Club celebrate its centenary year. A dedicated group of golfers formed the club back in 1913 and despite being located in Bradway the club is named after the local railway station. This was due to the fact that at the time this was the best means of travelling beyond the city limits. The course was originally designed and laid out with advice from Alistair McKenzie (who also designed Augusta National in Georgia) and Mr A.S. Turnell and today the club extends over a gently rolling landscape that stretches from the south-eastern edge of the city into open Derbyshire countryside.

The Golf Club is prestigiously steeped in history and tradition with much celebrated memorabilia on display; the centrepiece being the Ryder Cup jacket, clubs and other mementos from Arthur Lees who represented his country on four occasions. Former professionals at the club, include the internationally acclaimed Pete Cowen, who has coached several top European circuit players, including Thomas Bjorn, Darren Clarke and Lee Westwood.

The Club now boasts 23 holes that combine the 18 original holes and perhaps the most significant development in its history- five completely new ones completed in May 2005. The Club is the perfect place for relaxation for golfers, visitors, societies or corporate clients as it offers stunning panoramic views of Derbyshire and the Clubhouse offers restaurant service, various lounges, a spacious bar and full sized snooker table. For the keen golfers there are excellent changing facilities, practice areas and a well stocked Professional shop which offers custom fitting on the latest equipment from their experts.

The T.I. caught up with some of the Club committee members to find out more about the Centenary Celebrations and what the future holds...

What Centenary events are you looking forward to this year?

Peter Mozley (*Chair of Centenary Committee*): We have had a very exciting start to the year already as we teed off with the official raising of the **Centenary Flag** in early January. The flag was raised by Club Captain- Tony Diskin, assisted by President- Dennis Hodgson, Madam Lady Captain- Rachel Swift and Madam Lady President- Mary Diskin. It was a very proud moment and is wonderful that this club has made it to its centenary year. We will be having all our usual competitions that we run but all of them this year will have a centenary flavour to them which adds something special when competing for the players.

Barry Symonds (*Vice Captain*):

We want to share our celebration with other clubs so something special that we are offering is fellow **Centenary Club Courtesies** subject to a reciprocal arrangement, so members from other Centenary Clubs across the country can come and visit for courtesy rounds. This is great for improving relations between clubs and it is always nice to visit other courses. We have this agreement with a lot of clubs including; *Davenport Golf Club- Cheshire, Garforth Golf Club- Leeds and Lytham Green Drive Golf Club- Lancashire.*

Tony Johnson (*Director*): One of the biggest events we are all looking forward to celebrating this year is the black tie **Centenary Dinner Dance** on Saturday 13th April which is being held at St Paul's Hotel! It's being attended by the President of Sheffield Union Golf and there will be the traditional annual speeches



(Four officers raising the Centenary flag: Madam Lady President Mary Diskin with President Dennis Hodgson on the left and Captain Tony Diskin and Madam Lady Captain Rachel Swift on the right.)

with a centenary twist. It's a really brilliant night for all the members of the club and it's a great opportunity for everyone to get dressed up and have a brilliant time celebrating Dore and Totley Golf Club's special year.

Competition wise the biggest event we are running is the **Centenary Festival of Golf** that will be taking place in early July, this is held every year but this one will be extra special for all the competitors. The festival is run over a week and will feature a Seniors, Mixed and Gents Open and will be fabulous to compete in or watch and we are hoping that there will be an extra special atmosphere.

Looking ahead what aims for the club do you have in the future?

Gregg Roberts (*Professional*): for the club as a whole we are looking to **recruit junior members**, as they will be the future here at the club. We are developing coaching programmes at the moment for specific junior programmes and in early spring we are looking to hold free taster sessions for anybody to come along and give it a go! This free trial session will be great to see if you have an interest in the game and I promise it will be fun.

Mel Fox (*Marketing Director*): We really value every member that is already a part of this club but like any other golf club we are always on the lookout for **new members**. The future does lie with youth coming through, and we have two excellent teachers here that can coach players through. Players will benefit from all our excellent facilities and we have a bespoke practice area set away from the course which really helps players technique and skill develop.

However at our club anyone is welcome and as it's the centenary celebration there has never been a better year to join. The club boasts 23 holes on a beautiful



course and we have the luxury of a winter and summer course for everyone to enjoy all year round which isn't offered everywhere. We welcome all new members, whether you are a novice or a seasoned player and a big advantage here is that there is no joining fee which you get at a lot of clubs. Also we really want to encourage ladies to come along and play, we do have around 50 already and this keeps growing year on year so

do come along for a round of golf.

Peter Mozley (*Chair of Centenary Committee*): This club is a really big part of the community and we want it to stay that way. Anybody that comes along will see what a friendly atmosphere the place has and any new members joining will be introduced properly into the club. There is always a welcome evening for everyone so you get to meet all the committee at the club and fellow members and you get the chance to 'buddy up,' with a current member at the club so it really is a social network.

Tony Johnson (*Director*): The future of the club looks really bright and we are always actively looking to improve the club and relations with other venues. We will continue to keep our busy competition and social calendar and this year will be extra special. *Happy Centenary year to everyone at Dore and Totley Golf Club and remember "Friendliness is Par for the Course"*

For a full list of their Centenary Events/ Competitions please visit their website

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TOTLEY TO HAVE ELECTRICAL AND HARDWARE SHOP AGAIN

Totley and Dore residents have bemoaned the loss of Peter Casson's electrical shop on Totley Rise and the DIY hub of Busy Bee since they closed several years ago; and with the recession bringing devastation to the high street, it wasn't likely that they would be replaced any time soon.

But now an entrepreneurial local couple have set up shop close to the busy Co-Op on Baslow Road and are aiming to provide all your hardware needs, be that a single nail or a posh chandelier.

Situated in a first floor room above the Heatherfield Club (formerly the Conservative Club) Mand Made Electrical and Hardware Supplies is run by Paul Reynolds, occasionally assisted by wife Mandy when she's not out and about doing her electrical work.

Paul is the youngest son of Danny, who was born in Shrewsbury Terrace in Totley in 1910, and Isabel; much loved and missed Totley veteran residents. Mandy is the lady electrician who has been a longstanding Totley Independent advertiser and works extensively in the S17 area.

Paul comments: "the shop is only about as big as our front room, so we cannot compete with B&Q on depth and breadth of range; but then, we're not a DIY chain. What we can offer is a friendly service and the willingness to get you what you need, without you having to drive 5 miles and spend an hour wandering around a huge DIY warehouse. We might not always be able to compete on price, but you can buy the number of screws you want rather than a sealed pack of 100 - so actually costing you less in real terms".

The shop will also be a base for Mandy's electrician business, Mand Made. In case you're wondering, Mandy explains "the name is a combination of my own name (friends call me Mand for short) and 'Hand Made' which usually denotes goods that are one of a kind and made with care and attention to detail; I always strive to give that kind of a service."

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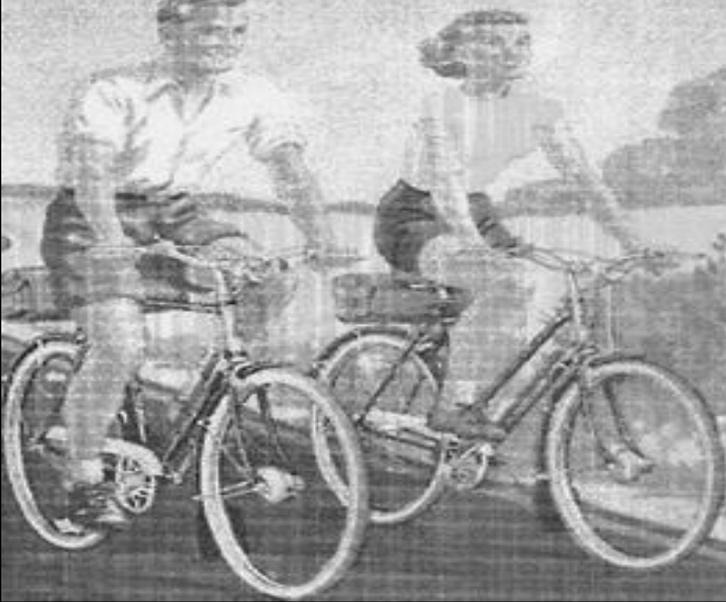
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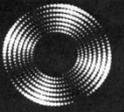
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Having finished my first term as the new Head teacher at Totley All Saints, I can safely say that I have found the whole community to

be the warmest & most welcoming that I have ever known. I have worked in several schools in Sheffield - but none better than here in Totley!

My first job at TASS, was to work with the staff on the whole school vision in order to decide where we were heading as well as what values would underpin our journey together. Part of our first steps was to introduce a whole school system of positive rewards with all children being divided up into four Merit Teams: Diamond, Sapphire, Ruby & Emerald. This has served to really enthuse our children & created a real buzz as they now can't wait to do the right thing, show good manners, care for each other as well as achieve their very best. Up to Christmas, we are already two 'Merit Treats' in, with Sapphire & Emerald being the half term champions winning the most merit points. It is amazing the excitement that small merit cards can create alongside the weekly celebration assembly where coloured ping pong balls are given to mark the positions of the different teams on our gigantic Merit Board!

Another big change has been to build a Learning Culture amongst the children, whereby pupils have been asked what they like to learn, how they like to do it, where & when, etc. Children have then been asked to think about a whole host of past things that they have learned to do & to think about these as a 'Learning Journey'. From that, we are beginning to look at learning styles & how, whilst there are many different types to be aware of, if we know how we as an individual learn best, then we can learn even better. This personalised approach is something that we hope to make a lot of in order to really make the most of our children's time at school as well as enthuse them on their individual learning journeys - beginning with us, but then continuing through to their life-long learning journey!

In order to optimise the time spent learning, we have also made some changes to our timetable & now have an early morning 'Book Club' session in each class, whereby children spend the first half hour at school on various reading activities throughout the week as well as having a guided reading session with their teacher. This is an exciting opportunity for our children with vast new collections of fiction & non-fiction books being funded by our amazing PTA (Parent Teacher Association). This, along with moving our assembly time to the afternoon, has meant that we make the most of our best learning time as well as celebrate together at the end of the day.

Overall then, I think it has been a fantastic start to my time at Totley All Saints & I can't wait to see how everything else that we have planned begins to develop in 2013!! If you want to find out more of the exciting things that are happening at our school, then please look at our newsletters (posted on our 'soon to be modernised' website) or email us at enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk. We'll be so happy to let you know!

Karole Sargent

A YEAR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHEFFIELD VULCAN

The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan is part of the global family of Rotary International and works under the motto of, "Service above Self" - and does this with fun, fellowship and common aims.

In 2012 we have raised over £4000 by organising a sponsored Wye Walk in the Peak District and a Golf day. We have collected for a variety of charities at local supermarkets and have given time to help steward at the Sheffield half-marathon and Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre.

Since 2000, over 10,000 bulbs have been planted by the club in more than a dozen locations, mainly in the West and South-West of Sheffield and around 1000 more were added last year. As part of the national "Big Tree Plant" initiative, we planted over 300 trees of varying sizes and types in 5 public spaces. The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, John Campbell, joined us at the Parkwood Springs planting session. We have carried out maintenance work on the Round Walk, cutting back overgrown bushes and branches, digging out steps, and generally tidying up.

Every year Vulcan Rotary Club members give around 60 man days of effort to Samaritans Purse, a charity that sends 'shoeboxes' of useful items and toys to very disadvantaged children mainly in Europe and Africa. 2012 was no exception, and we transported the boxes into the Sheffield HQ from outlying areas.

Recognising the potential value of our future generations, we work with local schools giving "mock interviews" to help students prepare for the world outside. We also stage an annual debating contest... and help fund an annual school trip to the panto.

Last year we completed a major international project for an Institute for deaf children in Indonesia. Our financial contribution was doubled via Rotary International, and the local Rotary Club managed the installation of culinary equipment and the building of a catering block and equipment. Those children now have the opportunity to learn catering and related skills.

We also helped steward at the Rotary "Music In The (Botanical) Gardens" event, and again organised a Christmas raffle for a number of charities. We print the tickets, fund and deliver prizes, and the charities sell tickets and retain most of the income.

This year, we look forward to seeing our bulbs flower, our trees grow healthily, and executing new projects, whether for young people at home or abroad, existing charities and worthy local organisations, or other causes where we can make a difference via "Service above Self".

All the above and more is carried out in a spirit of camaraderie, and we have a number of social events for members, partners and friends. Our meetings are held most, but not all, Tuesday evenings at Abbeydale Sports Club (6.30 - 8.30). This normally includes a meal and speaker, but we know that the pressures of life mean that members cannot make all meetings. We are not concerned with politics, gender, religion, or race - we simply want more like-minded members who feel that they can "put something back" into society and enjoy themselves as they do it.

If you are interested and want to come along as a guest to one of our meetings, then look at our website (www.vulcanrotary.org.uk) or ring our secretary Ruth Thruston on 0114 296 0208 or Alan Brown on: 0114 236 7212.

Alan Brown

Sports Profile- Joe Root

Full name: Joseph Edward Root

Born: December 30, 1990, Sheffield, Yorkshire

Current age: 22 years

Major teams: England, England Lions, England Under-19s, Yorkshire, Yorkshire 2nd XI, Yorkshire Academy, Yorkshire Under-17s

Batting style: Right-hand bat

Bowling style: Off-spin

History

Joe Root has his history firmly planted here in the surrounding local community, as he played for the school team at King Ecgbert School, and was also coached through the system at Sheffield Collegiate at Abbeydale Sports Club. This is the same nursery that produced Michael Vaughan. He is a classically elegant, right-handed opening batsman and occasional off-spinner, much in the mould of former England captain Michael Vaughan, who also trained down at Abbeydale. Root has made extraordinary strides in his game and plays his club cricket for Yorkshire.

On the international stage Root has been part of the England Under-19 squad in Bangladesh, shortly before the youth World Cup in New Zealand in 2010 and has toured with England Lions. Notably, 2012 saw him named Cricket Writer's Club Young Player of the Year and his performances over the season helped earn him a call up to the England senior squad on the tour of India.

England Vs India Test Series 2012 Review

England script famous series win on Indian soil

The former England captain Michael Vaughan said that the series victory was bigger than the 2010-11 Ashes series victory in Australia. He said of Alastair Cook that "he has led England to probably their biggest achievement in many, many years."

England began their winter campaign chasing a first Test series victory in India since 1984-85.

Root was selected for the English Squad and opened the batting with Nick Compton in the warm up game against Mumbai XI making 28 runs in the 1st innings and getting 24 in the 2nd innings. He also took the wicket of Shikhar Dhawan. However, it was Compton who was chosen to open in 1st Test, taking the place of the retired Andrew Strauss.

Whilst on the tour, Root scored 166 for the England Performance Programme and following this he was chosen to make his Test debut in the 4th Test in Nagpur, where at this point England were leading 2-1 in the series.

Root became the 655th player to represent England at Test cricket, receiving his cap from former England all-rounder Paul Collingwood. Coming in as the number 6 batsmen rather than his usual position as an opener, he scored 73 from 229 balls, top-scoring with Kevin Pietersen and also helping England to



reach their total of 330, before being caught and bowled by Piyush Chawla.

He made an unbeaten 20 in the second innings to help England secure the draw they needed to record their first Test series victory in India since 1984-85.

Joe Root's Test debut for England in Nagpur in 2012 exemplified the qualities which had attracted coaches from an early age. He began with England's sixth longest debut innings in terms of balls faced, 73 from 229 balls as he displayed the patience and discrimination demanded by a desperately slow surface.

Root commented about his experience-"Playing in atmospheres like they are here, in front of massive crowds, you can't hear a thing out there," he says, "So it's easy to get lost in the game, which is fantastic. You can really concentrate on what you're doing out there, which is quite relaxing." (Telegraph)

Results

Thurs 15th Nov: India V England (Sardar Patel Stadium- Ahmedabad) - India win by 9 wickets

Fri 23rd Nov: India V England (Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai- Bombay) - England win by 10 wickets

Wed 5th Dec: India V England (Eden Gardens, Calcutta) - England win by 7 wickets

Thurs 13th Dec: India V England (Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium, Nagpur) - Match Drawn



Looking Ahead

The future looks extremely bright for the young and talented Joe Root. Michael Vaughan, the former England captain, has called for Joe Root to open the batting on England's tour to New Zealand in March. Root made his England debut in the fourth Test against India in Nagpur and Vaughan saw enough evidence to suggest he will be opening the batting with Alastair Cook sooner rather than later. "He looked an England player from the minute he went out to bat in the Test match... He looks like he'll have a tremendous future with the team." (Vaughan ESPN)

Career Stats

Batting and fielding averages

	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	4s	6s	Ct	St
Tests	1	2	1	93	73	93.00	285	32.63	0	1	5	1	0	0
ODIs	3	2	0	75	39	37.50	107	70.09	0	0	7	0	3	0
T20Is	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
First-class	37	63	9	2108	222*	39.03	4225	49.89	4	9	261	5	19	0
List A	30	28	3	833	110*	33.32	1075	77.48	1	4	82	2	12	0
Twenty20	28	23	4	410	65	21.57	360	113.88	0	1	52	3	11	0

Bowling averages

	Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	4w	5w	10
Tests	1	1	6	5	0	-	-	-	5.00	-	0	0	0
ODIs	3	2	66	56	0	-	-	-	5.09	-	0	0	0
T20Is	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First-class	37	30	903	515	8	3/33	3/33	64.37	3.42	112.8	0	0	0
List A	30	21	509	417	12	2/10	2/10	34.75	4.91	42.4	0	0	0
Twenty20	28	18	144	218	4	1/12	1/12	54.50	9.08	36.0	0	0	0

Reporter: Ruth Dacey

Space Talk

Rare Opportunity

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(last surviving crew member). Will be giving two talks, on March 15th & 16th. Friday at Wentworth Bridge Hotel & Saturday at Carleton High School, Pontefract.

Details from www.space-lectures.com. The costs are, Friday, with dinner £60, Saturday £30. Walt will be 81 on Saturday 16th March.

Roger Hart

PUZZLE CORNER

All the K's

One day when consulting my dictionary I was surprised to see the "K" section occupied only 18 pages of the 1790 total. Nevertheless many names of people, places, plants and animals begin with the letter K. Can you identify the K words in the following?

1. Author of "Three Men in a Boat" - Jerome K. Jerome.
2. Famous Victorian Engineer - Isambard K. Brunel.
3. Irish illustrated book of the Gospels - Book of -
4. Australian arboreal animal -
5. New Zealand bird -
6. A loose robe with wide sleeves -
7. Highest mountain in Africa -
8. Largest living lizard -
9. Plant known as Jew's mallow -
10. Capital of Nepal -

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Farming Scene

Slugs, nats, midges and foxes

It is official, this year has been the 2nd wettest on record! To many people this will simply be a passing statistic that has little bearing on their lives or finances.

Most people work indoors these days, so the only time that the weather affects them is during the journey to work or what activities they do at weekends. For those of us who are constantly battling the weather, whether farmers, builders, civil engineers or landscape gardeners, it has been one long struggle to get our work done, often in appalling conditions

Work schedules have slipped and costs have risen. These businesses will be hit financially as will consumers when the effects feed through into product and service prices.

As an example, UK potato production is 25% down this year, leading to a doubling of price to £300 to £400 plus pounds per tonne. Imports from European countries are being brought in to meet demand and to supplement the shortfall in production here. Meat, milk and egg prices will have to rise substantially if producers are to survive financially.

The red deer off the moors are moving back onto their winter feeding grounds in the fields around Totley. Up to 20 animals have been seen on our or John Bramall's land recently. Although nice to look at, they do knock down stone walls and fences, as well as damaging trees, particularly young saplings. It would be helpful if Peak Park either force them in or compensated local farmers for their losses.

Our nativity plays ran for 5 weeks again this year and once again proved a hit with schools and families alike. In one sense the weather was kind to us for if the amount of rain that fell had been snow many performances would have had to have been cancelled. We seem to have reached a plateau now in numbers attending. Some new schools and families came for the first time, replacing those that give it a break for a year or so.

I probably should have mentioned earlier, that the wet and mild weather has been ideal breeding conditions for molluscs. Slugs and snails to call them by their common names. The slugs have never had it so good and have, and are multiplying at a phenomenal rate. On heavier soils, they are grazing off the autumn sown crops of cereals and oil seed rape. So much so, that they are putting next year's crop yields in serious jeopardy. Some crops have had 6 or 7 applications of slug killing pellets and yet new generations appear to replace those billed. A good, "hard winter", is required now to decimate their numbers.

Similarly, this is what is needed to stop the advance of schmallenberg virus bearing midges across and up the country. Some farmers in the south of England have lost up to 50% of their November and December born lambs due to this virus. Depending on what reproductive stage the animals are bitten by the infected midge, they can go off their food for 3 or 4 days, become barren, abort or reabsorb the foetuses or give birth to badly or partially deformed offspring. Some lambs or calves are born dead, some die soon after birth, some die up to 3 weeks later. Some are born with no balance or coordination. This is soul destroying for their mothers and the shepherd or

herdsmen who have to deal with this situation. They have done all they can to maximise the number and health of these offspring, only to find at the last critical moment that their efforts have been sabotaged by a midge bite! We ourselves have been hit by this virus and have lost approximately 15% of our Dorset progeny. It remains to be seen how many spring lambing flocks or spring calving herds are affected by this disease. It is known to have spread up to the Scottish borders and could substantially affect the number of lambs on the market this year and beef cattle in 2014. There is no vaccine available at the moment and there is some doubt as to whether affected animals become immune to further infection. It has to be stressed that this virus CANNOT infect humans, either by contact with animals, by eating lamb or beef or by being bitten by midges. It is species specific and does not affect people. Shepherds would be most at risk otherwise and I have yet to go off my food for 3 to 4 days, although this might be good for my waistline!!

We have known for some years now that foxes travel through the farmstead overnight. They often make a point of sitting on the boundary wall of Totley Hall just out of reach of our dog. This gets her very excited and she barks at a lot of them. This wakes me up and I then get excited as well! One got a bit too close the other morning and in its hurry to get away from the dog slipped off the house roof into the deep gulley between it and our bottom yard. This very pretty, mature fox was stuck there for a couple of hours until it thought the coast was clear, when it climbed out and sauntered off up the Hall's drive. I suspect it will keep its distance in future.

Edwin Pocock

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We are holding a course of 6 workshops, running weekly and open to new or less experienced male singers aged 16 or over. The first workshop is on Wednesday 6 March at 7:15pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Dore, S17 3GU, by the junction with Savage Lane. Our Music Director, Elizabeth Hampshire, is a vocal coach and will assist you even if you have no previous singing experience.

It's not necessary to be able to read music - if you decide to join in, support will be provided to help you learn. The workshops are free, just turn up.

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If you want more details about the workshops, please email us at enquiries@doremalevoicechoir.com, or telephone 0114 2299403 (Elizabeth Hampshire) or 0114 2747238 (Brian Cousins).

For more information about the Choir, please visit our website:-

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GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

As the *Totley Independent* is now issued bi-monthly I will be giving you my tips for two months in one issue. Please take note and remember not to do things too soon. I wouldn't want you to get things done before me.

Gardeners hate February, as it's the worst month of the winter. It's wet, cold and windy, and the ground may be so hard that it is pointless even considering digging or seed sowing. Also, it is so damp that you can't walk on it for fear of half the veg plot sticking to your wellies. And what makes February even more depressing is that every so often a weak sun will appear and you are deceived into thinking spring has sprung. Don't let it kid you, because the rain and frost comes, so be warned. If we do get a mild spell however, there are lots you can do. If you didn't finish digging your veg plot you could do this and at the same time dig in some organic material.

The recent wet weather will have leached out a lot of the nutrients from your soil, so it will need to be tested and the necessary balance made right.

During March, the veg patch will at last start to come to life. The atrocious weather of February should be behind us, (I hope), and the sun should be shining for longer periods.

March really means that now is the time for sowing in earnest, except for the tender crops such as marrows, cucumbers, sweet corn and runner beans. Except for the aforementioned crops, most vegetables can be sown outside now, so get weaving, unless old Jack Frost rears his ugly head

The greenhouse should be bursting at the seams with seedlings and plants coming along waiting for the better weather and maturing ready for planting out in the next month or so. I am cutting back a bit on the veg patch, so that I can take it a bit easier, (poor old soul). I will still be putting a few things into the Totley Show, and I expect to have a lot of competition this year due to all the keen allotmenters taking part. I look forward to seeing lots of entries on the show bench, particularly from the younger members. Don't forget to make a date to be there in September.

Remember also that these notes are for two months so

FEBRUARY

Flowers

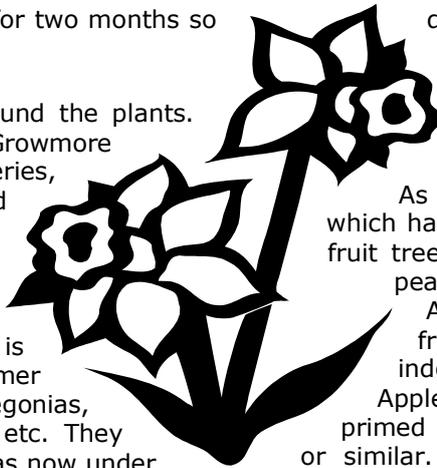
Cut down old perennials and fork round the plants.

Work in a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore or well-rotted compost. Clean up rockeries, top dress with compost and horticultural grit. Plant out herbaceous perennials, but don't forget to protect them from slugs, as they love Delphiniums. Start Dahlia Tubers in warmth, (60 degrees is plenty). Later in the month, sow summer bedding plants like Snapdragons, Begonias, Busy Lizzy, Marigolds and Petunias, etc. They need to be kept warm. Sow Sweet Peas now under glass and plant them individually in small pots or tubes, (toilet roll centres are ideal). This will avoid root disturbance when planting outside. Take Chrysanthemum cuttings using the vigorous new shoots being produced from the base of the stools, (Parent Plant). Root them in pots under glass. Lift and divide Snowdrops if they are a bit overcrowded as soon as they have finished flowering.

Some alpines such as Primula Denticulata, Pulsatilla and Hardy Geraniums can be propagated from root cuttings. Insert an 1-2 inch portion of roots in boxes of sandy compost and place in a cold frame.

Vegetables

Digging over the plots earmarked for vegetables is a must if the ground is not frozen. Start preparing seedbeds as soon as weather permits and cover the soil with cloches to warm it up. Add lime to the soil at least 2 weeks before sowing or planting and also work in a dressing of balanced fertiliser. If you have not done so already, put seed potatoes in a light airy frost-free place, to sprout, (chitting). Broad beans can be sown on well-drained soil, but cover with a cloche. Mice like these so be prepared. Sow onions under wider glass if you forgot to plant them on Boxing Day. Sow in individual pots or seed trays and prick out into pots or cells before the thin loop straightens. If you grow a lot of vegetables, it would pay to check your soil condition, particularly after all the wet weather we had earlier. The water will have certainly reduced the nutrients in the soil and this need to be brought up to scratch before planting



don't get in front of yourself.

outside. You can do it yourself with a small kit, or send some soil to a horticultural laboratory. Addresses are in most gardening magazines.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

As usual, firm in any newly planted stock, which has been moved by wind or frost. Give your fruit trees a feed of high potash fertiliser. Apple, pear and plums will really appreciate this.

Apply mulch around young trees and cane fruit. Prick out strawberries seedlings indoors and grow for planting outside later. Apple, pear, gooseberry and currants can be primed now, so paint any large cuts with Arbrex or similar. Established autumn fruiting raspberries should be primed now, so reduce them to about 6 inches, (150 cm). Remove the tips from summer fruiting raspberries. Prepare the ground for the spring planting of Evergreens, including Azaleas and Rhododendrons etc., and plant out Deciduous Shrubs and Heathers later in the month. Prune late summer flowering Clematis. Check the tree ties are secure and not chafing or cutting into the bark. Tackle any overgrown hedges at the end of the month before new growth starts. Cut them back so that the top is a foot lower than the required height.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

Feed plants only if they are flowering and only use a fertiliser specially formulated for pot plants. Keep Cyclamen cool and well watered, and remove all flowers as soon as they go over. This will encourage new buds to form. Increase humidity around houseplants in centrally heated rooms. Spray them regularly except hairy leafed plants and stand on moist gravel. Forced bulbs need to be kept cool if a long display is required. Plant indoor Gladioli Corms and keep them in the dark until the shoots are about an inch above the compost. Ventilation in the greenhouse is important at this time, so open the top vent on fine mild days. Remember to close them an hour or so before dusk. Prune climbing plants in the greenhouse or conservatory. Cut out weak and unwanted growth and trim the side shoots to within one or two buds from the main stem. Remove faded leaves and flowers from plants and keep benches and floors clean and tidy.

Lawns

Rake and spike the lawn and apply a top dressing of sand and compost. Do not walk on the grass if it is frosted. Order turf for putting down during the next month.

Prepare the ground for new seeded lawns, which should be sown in March or April depending on the weather.

General

Last chance to get your mower serviced cheaply, the winter discounts usually stop at the end of February.

MARCH

Flowers

If you have not sown your Annuals already then do so now. Otherwise, you will be running a bit late. Early March is a good time for potting, particularly summer and autumn flowering ones and also those, which are grown for their foliage. Winter flowering plants are a different matter and are best re-potted as soon as they have finished flowering. Sow herbaceous perennials and rock plants. These are quite easy to grow and include Delphiniums, Lupins, Gypsophilas and many more. Towards the end of the month plant Gladioli and Monbretias. You should make successional sowings over a month to 6-week period. This will lengthen the flowering time. Work in a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore around herbaceous plants. Weed other beds and start hoeing if weather permits. Dead head daffodils. Lift, split up and replant overcrowded clumps of snowdrops. At the end of the month, sow Hardy Annuals where they are to flower in borders. Lift and divide Herbaceous Perennials such as Golden Rod, Michaelmas Daisy and Yarrow when clumps become overcrowded.

Vegetables

Prepare early seed potatoes by exposing them to light in a cool frost-free place, (chitting). This will have them ready for planting out later in the month. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other Brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered place; make a small sowing now and some more at a later date. Sow lettuce outdoors unless the weather is very bad, and choose a cabbage or another type of Cos. Sow the seeds thinly. Sow broad beans and peas outdoors, choosing an open cultivated plot.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

Feed cane and tree fruits with balanced fertilizer, and give blackcurrants a feed of Nitro Chalk. Make sure newly planted fruits are firm in the ground and apply the mulch well. Towards end of month, prune Roses down to 6 inches or so off the ground. Prune Floribundas 12 inches minimum, depending on the type. Plant new raspberry canes and strawberries, then complete the planting of tree and bush fruit early in the month.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

If your greenhouse is empty, (what a waste!), give it a good clean inside and wash down with disinfectant. If there are plants inside the greenhouse, then wait for a fine day to do this. Clear all of the plants out. Most of them will not tolerate even the smallest amount of disinfectant. The greenhouse should be filling up with seedlings and rooted cuttings. These must have plenty of light and air and temperature should be maintained to around 13 to 16 degrees Celsius, (55 to 60F), for the majority of popular plants. Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants such as Heliotrope, Fuchsias, Pelargoniums, (Geraniums), as soon as they are long enough. This is around 3 inches for Geranium and 3 inches for

Fuchsia and Heliotrope. Cucumber and melon could be sown now in a warm greenhouse. I generally wait until the end of the warm month. Gradually increase the watering of indoor plants, and feed actively growing plants with Potash. Liquid feed tomato fertilizer is ideal. Put a bit of potting compost on plants such as Ferns and Aspidistras. Re-pot Cacti towards the end of the month. Sow Summer Annuals for planting into pots for a late show in the greenhouse, such as Cigar Plant, Busy Lizzie, Stocks, Schianthus etc. Houseplants such as Maidenhair Fern, Button Fern, and Spider Plant can be divided and re-potted.

Lawns

Deal with bare patches by re-applying turf or re-seeding. Aerate and spike compacted areas. Prepare areas for seeding or apply turf next month.

Do not forget the Totley Show in September. Now is the time to make plans.

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Local slimming expert guarantees a slimmer new you for 2013!

People in Dore & Totley can look forward to a healthier, happier New Year with the help of a local slimming expert. This January Jo Elsey, who runs a *Slimming World* group in Totley, is delighted to reveal a brand new package for slimmers, the Ultimate Slimming Guide for 2013. The package was created to get slimmers off to a flying start after research by *Slimming World*, the UK's largest weight-loss organisation, revealed that a good first week weight loss as well as regular attendance at group were the factors most likely to lead to long-term weight loss success.

She says: "*Slimming World* has been helping people to lose weight for more than 43 years so we've learned a thing or two about supporting slimmers to achieve their dreams, including a deep understanding of the emotional as well as the practical aspects of losing weight. If anyone in Dore & Totley is pledging to slim down and become more active in 2013, *Slimming World* is the place to be to make sure their dreams turn into a reality".

"This year we've created a brand new pack for members that includes all of our very best advice – all based on the latest research as well as our decades of experience. It combines top tips for a fabulous first week weight loss, simple shopping advice, and small swaps that will make a big difference to your waistline and help you to form healthy habits that will last a lifetime, all as well as introducing members to *Slimming World's* healthy eating plan, Food Optimising."

Jo adds: "Most people who embark on New Year diets fail within days or weeks because they follow plans that are too restrictive and leave them feeling hungry or deprived so they're impossible to keep up. But *Slimming World's* Food Optimising plan isn't a diet and you don't have to count and measure everything you eat. Instead, by satisfying your appetite on everyday foods like fruit and veg, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat and fish, which are filling yet naturally low in calories, it's possible to lose weight without ever having to go hungry or feel deprived."

This January, every new member will receive a copy of the Ultimate Slimming Guide for free when they join their local group. Combined with the support of the group, this slimming 'bible' will give everyone who walks through the doors the very best possible change of a great first week weight loss meaning they're more likely to achieve their weight-loss target, according to *Slimming World's* research.

And the new guide isn't the only reason Jo believes January 2013 is a great time to start slimming. This January *Slimming World* is also launching its new members' mobile website, Lifeline-on-the-go, which is free of charge to members. The new site enables slimmers to access information and inspirational features from their smartphones 24/7.

As well as this package, new members will get the support of highly-trained Consultant Jo: "I've lost weight with *Slimming World* myself so I know exactly what it feels like, from feeling nervous about walking into the group on that first day through to the joy of reaching your weight-loss target. Everyone in the group is there for the same reason – to lose weight and become happier and healthier – and each week we help and support each other by sharing advice, ideas, tips, recipes and more. I'm so sure that slimmers in Dore & Totley will be successful that anyone who doesn't lose weight in the first four weeks, can have their money back!"

Anyone who'd like to join the *Totley Slimming World* group can pop along every Monday at 7pm at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road or for more information call Jo on 0114 262 0523 or 07590 545253 or visit www.slimmingworld.com

Totley Primary School Update

The children at Totley Primary have been excited about the start of a new year and a new term as they have begun to new topics during class time.

FS2 – Space
Year 1 – Toys
Year 2 – Islands
Year 3 – Printing
Year 4 – Weather
Year 5 – Victorians
Year 6 – China

The Totley Primary choir have taken part in the Young Voices Concert at the Motor Point Arena. This was a huge event as hundreds of other school choirs were also singing and they had the chance to perform with professional musicians. The choir were amazing and did a fantastic job, all of their hard work paid off as they made the school very proud. It was a magical moment for the children as they sang on such a big stage with thousands in the audience. It will be a memory for them to treasure. A big thanks to Mr Paxman and Mrs Wileman for their dedication and time with the choir. Without them this would not have been possible.

Following the golden summer of the Olympics and Paralympics and the fantastic performance of Sheffield's own Jessica Ennis, Totley Primary have been keen to promote sport and in particular athletics at school. The perfect opportunity came about as Y6 took part in the Sheffield School Indoor Athletics Competition. The lucky children were able to use the state of the art facilities at the English Institute of Sport arena and they were able to experience what it would be like to be a professional athlete for the day. They all did an amazing job. Who knows maybe the next Jessica Ennis will be from Totley Primary! On the sporting front, our internal football competition, The Lant Trophy continues and we have 6 teams eagerly competing to be the 2013 Champions.

Each year group has also had the chance to visit King Egbert School to take part in different sporting and PE festivals. A great time was had by all as they had the opportunity to mix with children from the other local primary schools from Dore, All Saints and Lowfield. Children took part in different games and had a cricket competition.

We have welcomed two new members of staff, Mr Baalbergan who will teach Year 4 and Miss Dewsbury who will support in Year 6 and are sure they will soon feel part of the staff team.

Finally we are gearing up for a big fundraising effort for the Sheffield Children's Hospital. One of our Year 3 pupils has unfortunately been diagnosed with Leukaemia and has a long road of treatment in store. The care he has received from the Children's hospital has been amazing and we are so very lucky to have such a great hospital on our doorstep. To start the fundraising year off, Mr Stewart our Headteacher is planning a skydive in the summer term. If you would like to make a donation please contact the school or log on to:

<http://www.justgiving.com/CHRIS-STEWART6>

Spring Into Action



As Nina Simone sang, "It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me", the transition from dark wintry days into a lighter, brighter Spring can evoke feelings of new beginnings and new found optimism in many of us. With Christmas out of the way and a New Year begun, it's time to look forward to a new season, a new dawn, and revitalise your wardrobe or reinvent your look. As we head into Spring, you can expect plenty of monochrome, dainty lace and prim pastels.

It has long been believed that black is the most flattering colour, but let's face it, it's also the colour of all things macabre and is an all-to-easy escape from colour and prints. In these austere times when life can feel a little sluggish, making a few small changes to your life can have a big impact on your outlook. Adopting a fresh, bold wardrobe can give you confidence and a, "bring it on!" attitude that could boost self-esteem, brighten your day and encourage a little more positive thinking.

If, like me, you are a life-long believer in wearing black for those days when you need the comfort of a fail-safe outfit, you needn't be drastic in changing your ways. The Spring/Summer catwalks were awash with monochrome, so take baby steps with a versatile and flattering dress like those at Mango (1) and H&M (2). Zara is a key store to visit if you're a fan of this monochrome trend; they've created affordable pieces that can be transformed from office wear to casual wear to party wear. These shirts (5 and 6) are smart enough to wear at work yet unique enough to pair with heels and a slick of lipstick for Friday night drinks. For those of you who are brave enough to jump into this trend headfirst, take a trip to Matalan for their collection of monochrome pencil skirts in an array of prints and patterns, such as these (above, 3 and 4). Pair them with a simple white or black top and a blazer for a bold, confident look.

I've always been a fan of printed trousers, so you can imagine my joy when I discovered Zara's monochrome striped skinny



Above: 1. Dress £19.99, H&M; 2. Dress £22.99, Mango; 3&4. Skirts £12, Matalan; 5&6. Shirt, £40 each, Zara.



Above: 7&8. Trousers £40 each, Zara; 9. Dress £55, Miss Selfridge; 10. Top £16, Topshop; 11. Coat £60, Mango; 12. Blazer £25, Matalan.

jeans and cropped trousers, (7 and 8). There's no need to be afraid of a bold print, just mix and match with plain cotton tops or a contrasting print if you dare. This is a look that will suit anyone, regardless of shape or size; the vertical stripes and colour blocks flatter curvy and slender ladies alike, making them a wardrobe staple for the upcoming season. Add a pointed court shoe to create the illusion of an elongated leg, and a crisp white coat or blazer, (left, 11 and 12) for a luxurious finish.

If you prefer a more prim and girly look, try Miss Selfridge's party dress (9) with an eyelash-lace body and full, black skirt, or Topshop's collared, lace vest, (10). And if all this monochrome is leaving you with a colour craving, why not try another key trend this season? Enter: The Ladylike Pastel. Gone are the days of sickly sweet pastels which always felt wishy-washy and a little childlike. They have grown up and taken on a whole

new personality, with an added kick from lace and floral embellishments thanks to catwalk kings Valentino, Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel and

Oscar De La Renta. To toughen up your lace and pastels, simply add a black biker jacket, dark skinny jeans or anything in leather. Matalan's pastel green top with lace detailing (13) looks great with cropped leather skinny jeans or a sharp, black pencil skirt. For those who dare to bare, try Topshop's yellow lace crop top for a flash of midriff and team with a dark maxi skirt. ASOS's lilac drop-waist dress (18) is bang on trend with a black lace collar, and Matalan's pastel pink and gold skater dress (19) has a punky, gold spike collar to add a hint of attitude. Take a leaf out of Karl Lagerfeld's book and keep warm with this floral-embellished cardigan from M&S (21) and team it with anything in leather, or biker-style jeans with lots of zips or studs to create a contrasting look.

Accessorising your new wardrobe needn't be a challenge.



Above: 13. Mint top, £14, Matalan; 14. Lilac skirt, £16, Topshop; Yellow crop top, £15, Topshop; 16. Cream jacquard trousers, £35, Next; 17. Pink peplum top with bead collar, £17, Internacionale; 18. Lilac dress, £42, ASOS; 19. Pink & gold dress, £16, Matalan; 20. Stone biker trousers, £20, Internacionale; 21. Floral-embellished cardigan, £40, Per Una @ M&S.

Whether you're opting for monochrome or lace pastels, simply follow these rules and you can't go wrong:

1. Keep jewellery chic and understated. A silver ring or cuff, such as these from Monki, (29 and 30) or some diamond or cubic zirconia earrings (31) will add just enough glitz whilst leaving the focus on your outfit.
2. Carry a structured handbag, giving a nod to Grace Kelly and Jackie O. ASOS has a perfectly prim mint handbag to offer (27) which would give your monochrome outfit a pop of colour and a ladylike touch.
3. Wear a bright lipstick or nail, never both with these trends. Essie's collection of nude and pastel shades (24) are perfect if you're going for a pale nail, while Rimmel's sumptuous hot pink shades (28) create a perfect, bold contrast against monochrome and pastels.
4. Shoes should be simple and versatile with an air of effortlessness. These ASOS strappy sandals (22) will work perfectly on with any colour or style, or try a metallic pump (26) for a comfortable yet on-trend option.
5. Be fearless. Experiment with your look and step out of your comfort zone. After all, it's a new season, a new dawn, a new day, try something new!



Above right: 22. Grey & white sandals, £42, ASOS; 23. Silver, white & neon sandals, £7, George @ Asda; 24. Essie nail polish, £8; 25. Floral-embellished clutch, £40 ASOS; 26. Turquoise metallic pumps, £10, F&F @ Tesco; 27. Mint bag, £35, ASOS; 28. Rimmel Moisture Renew lipstick in no.340, £6.20; 29. Ring, £5, Monki; 30. Bangle, £3, Monki; 31. Cubic Zirconia earrings, £90, Beaverbrooks.

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Weather Report 2012

Long Term Records Broken. These are Weston Park records who celebrated their 130th anniversary.

- Warmest March since 1938
- Sunniest March since records began
- Wettest April since records began
- Dullest June since 1964
- Wettest year since records began

I think everyone will agree one word sums up the weather for 2012, **WET**, followed by disappointing. Even so, I'm glad I don't live in the Sahara! The Weston Park, (WP) rainfall average for the year being 825mm. The rainfall for the year in Topley (T) measured 1482.6mm and 1130.9mm for WP, the wettest day being 24th November when 45.7mm T and 35.6mm WP were measured. There were 3 days in April when well over 30mm was measured along, with one day showing 25.6mm. May produced one reading of 29.5mm, June readings of 32mm and 26mm followed by 39mm in July and 39.4mm in September. November had the wettest day as stated above and one day with almost 23mm. December measured 3 days with well over 20mm. (25mm equals 1").

The driest spell was in May, with 11 days continuously dry. March had a spell of 9 dry days, as did July, with the start of August also dry. The hottest day was 24th July with 24.5C T and 28.2C WP, but there were only 25 days in T in the whole year when the temperature reached 20C or more. The warmest spell occurred in May when the temperature was 20C or above for 7 consecutive days, with 3 spells of 3 consecutive days over July and August. The coldest night in (T) was 3rd

February (-6.8C) and WP on 11th February (-5.6C). T had snow falling or lying for 15 days and WP for 6 days, one stretch being in April after an unusually warm March. Two thunderstorms were recorded in T. April, June, July and August were well below the average for hours of bright sunshine - all the other months being slightly above except for March which was distinctly higher according to the WP records. Unfortunately these are not measured in Topley. WP recorded 1404.1 hrs. of sunshine in 2012, 1380hrs being the average.

	Topley	Weston Park
Rain for the Year		
2012	1482.6mm	1130.9mm
2011	765.4mm	560.4mm
2010	866.3mm	633.9mm
2009	1041.0mm	927.0mm
Coldest Night		
2012	-6.8C	-5.6C
2011	-5.0C	-3.5C
2010	-10.0C	-8.7C
2009	-5.5C	-4.7C
Wettest Day		
2012	45.7mm	35.6mm
2011	32.0mm	21.6mm
2010	31.5mm	31.0mm
2009	33.4mm	88.8mm
Hottest Day		
2012	24.5C	28.2C
2011	28.0C	29.1C
2010	24.5C	27.7C
2009	27.5C	28.0C

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Local disability campaigner urges action from Nick Clegg

A local disability campaigner from Totley who is the regional representative for Mencap, met with Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg at the Houses of Parliament to discuss better treatment for people with learning disabilities. Paul Savage, who has learning disabilities himself, and Stephen John, a Regional Campaigns Officer for Mencap received the invitation to Westminster following a constituency meeting with Nick Clegg earlier this year. They took the opportunity to raise concerns about issues affecting people with learning difficulties including employment, hate crime and social care. Paul explained the importance of this- "People with learning disabilities have to have their voice heard, and sometimes they can't always come forward. So I am speaking for everyone in Sheffield." Following a private 25minute meeting, Paul and Stephen were successful in getting Nick Clegg to pledge action on a number of key points.



Paul Savage in centre accompanied by Regional Campaigns officer- Stephen John and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg

Firstly a promise to write to the Minister for Disabled people, asking her to ensure that there is enough support to assist people with a learning disability into employment. At present, just 1 in 10 people known to social services are in paid jobs.

Paul explained- "this is crucial as it gives people a sense of independence, I myself work a few days a week and it gives you a sense of achievement and purpose."

Secondly, a promise to write to the Justice Minister to ensure that disability hate crime is a priority for the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. As many as 9 out of 10 people with a learning disability have been victims of crime and bullying.

Stephen commented- "Paul hasn't been a victim of hate crime and bullying since he was at school, however we both know a lot of people who are affected by this everyday and it isn't right. It can be truly damaging to an individual and that is why the issue is so important to raise and address." Finally Clegg pledged his continued support in pushing for change in the way social care is funded. Changes are needed to ensure that the system is fair, and that disabled people get the care and support that they need in order to live independently. Stephen commented that "those with learning difficulties do not have the broadest shoulders financially in our society. If someone's benefits are cut then they don't have the capability for the most part to go out and change that situation because in the majority of situations they are reliant on others."

Paul added "Clegg at the meeting said he would rather see those that are wealthy get taxed extra rather than those who are dependent on benefits losing their benefits. This is all well and good but we need all the parties to be on board with it."

Paul and Stephen on the day were also given a guided tour of the Commons and Lords, and special gallery tickets to Deputy Prime Minister's Question Time. Both Paul and Stephen are set to meet again with Clegg in the New Year to check on the progress that has been made since the meeting in November. Paul commented that "we are pleased that Mr Clegg listened to our concerns but now it's important he follows through with actions and not just words!"



Paul outside Westminster in London

Reporter: Ruth Dacey

For more information about Paul Savage's campaigns and Mencap visit the website www.mencap.org.uk

THE TIME TRAVELLERS

The Time Travellers Up-date

The Time Travellers are a group of keen amateur Archaeologists based in the local area who are involved in a whole series of walks, talks and practical field Archaeology.

If you are interested in joining us for any of the activities we will be offering in our Spring Programme please get in touch with us. Of particular interest in the up-coming Programme might be the guided tour of the Arbor Low site with Ian Marsh. Ian Marsh was the University of Manchester Archaeologist who led the dig at Arbor Low. Some of The Time Travellers members were involved with this dig, and Ian is going to be giving an insight into what was discovered, along with a tour of the site. The trip is on the 9th March, and is bound to be very popular. If you are interested in coming along please contact Linda Williamson, on 0114 2363569, for further details.

£2 for non-members, and free to members of The Time Travellers.

For more details of what we do our web-site is:
www.thetimetravellers.org.uk

FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD

Activities and Planned Events

Sunday 2nd December 2012. Practical Conservation Workday.

On what was a very cold December morning, lead by Chris Roberts of Active Sheffield, Sheffield City Council, 8 hardy souls from the group met to have a go at drystone walling. However, it was quickly decided that due to the nature of the work, (not much moving around, exercise etc.), and the weather conditions, more energetic tasks should be undertaken, to keep everyone active and warm. So it was decided to clear some more brushwood, as a result of the ongoing tree thinning exercise that is taking place at the top of the wood. This involved sawing and cutting the tree branches to a more manageable size and then creating wood piles, which are the perfect habitat for birds, small mammals and mini beasts that inhabit the wood. Several woodpiles were created and once this task was completed, Chris then brewed up a cup of hot tea, using the trusted SCC brew kit, along with serving up some more of those delicious Council chocolate biscuits! After the tea break, some hazel coppicing was done to make some bean poles, which are to be sold to raise funds for the group. Approximately 6 bundles of poles were made in total, with the aim of making some more on the next workday at the end of January.

Tree Thinning by Sheffield City Council Update

The cutting down of the trees marked for thinning has now finished. There are still quite a few still to be removed, but because of the very wet weather that we've been experiencing lately, this has been put on hold until there is an improvement in conditions. This is because the footpath is very, very muddy and the horses were struggling to keep a foothold on the sloping path. They were also having difficulties keeping their feet on the slope in the top part of the wood. Work has now begun on improving the footpath itself, with the top soil and mud being scoured out before the hard core and new surface is laid down. The slope on the path is also being levelled out which will make it a lot easier for people to walk on. Please do go along and inspect the work being carried out and if you have any issues or concerns then please contact Dave Gash or Sally Goldsmith at the contact details below.

Recent Press Release

The Story of Gillfield Wood

Heritage Lottery Project

The Friends of Gillfield Wood are delighted to be one of the first groups in the UK to receive a Heritage Lottery Fund, (HLF), All Our Stories grant. For the next year, our project has been given £4,000 to explore the archaeology of the wood - to find out just what all those hollows, bumps and strange stones tell us about local people and their busy working lives in the wood in times gone by.

All Our Stories is a new small grant programme in support of BBC Two's The Great British Story, presented by historian Michael Wood. With HLF funding and support, community groups all over the country will carry out activities that help people explore, share and celebrate their local heritage.

Our group knows that in the past their wood employed local people in managing timber and wood for local industries. What makes this and a small number of other local woods nationally unique, is that, 'whitecoal', was made there from the end of the 16th century for about 200 years. Whitecoal was used in lead smelting and Gillfield has over 20 depressions used for making it. Not only do the group want to find out more about these kilns, but also strange stones found in the wood, ancient packhorse routes that cross it and to explore the shape of the pre-medieval wood by looking at clues in the fields.

The group aims to celebrate and share their findings in publications and events. There may even be an attempt to make whitecoal 200 years after it was last attempted!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US TO DISCOVER THE STORY OF GILLFIELD WOOD?

The project welcomes local people to join in the hands-on exploration, learning what to look for from experts like Professor Ian Rotherham and Dr Paul Ardron at Sheffield Hallamshire University. Planning is now underway to hold several archaeological training & survey workshops starting soon to teach us how to look for, record and interpret the archaeological features that are waiting to be found in and around the wood. Further details and updates will be posted on the FoGW website and in the local press. Numbers

will be limited, so please contact Dave Gash or Sally Goldsmith now on the contact details below, to be included in the Survey Team mailing list. We will then provide you with more information on how you can help and participate in this exciting project.

Future events planned for 2013

Tuesday 5th February.

Talk by Stuart Crofts called 'Caddisfly Magic. 7.30pm Totley Library.

Sunday 24th February.

Practical Conservation day with Dave Gash, FoGW. Meet at 10am at the metal gate at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane.

Sunday 24th March.

Practical Conservation day with Dave Gash, FoGW. Meet at 10am at the metal gate at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane.

Sunday 28th April.

Practical Conservation day with Dave Gash, FoGW. Meet at 10am at the metal gate at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane.

Thursday 16th (start 3pm), to Saturday 18th May (finish 3pm). Sorby Sheffield 48 hour Bio-Blitz.

Events planned so far:

Thursday 16th.

Discover Invertebrates in the Totley Brook with Stuart Crofts of the Sorby Natural History Society. Meet at 3pm at the Totley Scout Hut.

Friday 17th.

Mothwatch with Frank Botterill of the Sorby Natural History Society. Meet at the Totley Scout Hut, time to be decided.

Saturday 18th.

Wildflower Survey with Barry Wright of Energyline. Meet at the Totley Scout Hut at 10am.

Bug Hunt with Active Sheffield. Meet at the Totley Scout Hut at 10am. (Possible event - awaiting cost cutting announcement at Sheffield City Council in March 2013).

Tea, Coffee & Cakes, plus information at the Totley Scout Hut. 10am to 3pm.

Sunday 26th May.

Practical Conservation day with Dave Gash, FoGW. Meet at 10am at the metal gate at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane.

Contacts

If you have an interest in the history and/or natural history of the area, or would like to know more about the above planned events, then please contact either Dave Gash (262 0564, daveygash@hotmail.com), or Sally Goldsmith: (07887 383 282, goldsally@googlemail.com). Also, if you would like to become a member of FoGW, they will be very pleased to talk with you and provide more detail.

LADIES CHOIR

****The Shine on ladies choir is on the look out for ladies who really want to sing****

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The 97 & the 98....

In recent weeks, local bus users from or to Totley and Dore have endured delays, long gaps, buses arriving in convoy and even non-arrivals, often in darkness and/or in appalling weather or both!..... However, help is at hand.

Following vigorous action from the newly-formed Totley Brook Tenants, Totley Residents Association and powerful representations from your local councillors FIRST GROUP have scrutinised both services carefully and tried to pinpoint the causes of the problems.

As a result, they have agreed to lay on two extra vehicles for the new schedules from January 28 2013. This is good news and may solve most of the problems. However, Cllr. Keith Hill who has met with local residents cautions patience. "The service runs right across the city and is nearly 12 miles in length. Driving a huge vehicle through today's traffic is not straight-forward and delays can happen, be it due to roadworks, accidents on the route or minor shunts etc. The extra buses should help even this out.

"I greatly appreciated receiving comments from users of the service and would welcome feedback over the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact us. It is essential that we keep FIRST GROUP alert to the issue". **Councillor contact details page 3.**

Parking and Traffic Issues on Glover Road

TRA is very aware of the problems which have arisen on Farmers' Market Days.

We are investigating these and are in Consultation with South Yorkshire Police in order to resolve these matters.

Hetty Moran, Secretary. TRA.

Streets Ahead Works in the Totley Zone

The Totley A zone works extend across 3 wards (**see map on the back page**) - Totley, Ecclesall, Beauchief & Greenhill.

Across the Totley Zone we will be delivering the following improvement works to the Primary & Secondary roads.

Roads which are proposed to get the full works are:

- Abbeydale Road South
- Baslow Road
- Mickley Lane
- Bradway Road
- Greenhill Parkway
- Lowedges Road
- Reney Road

Works include:

- Carriageway surfacing and white-lining
- Footway surfacing and kerbing
- Street lighting
- Drainage improvement sites - Abbeydale Road South x 2 (opposite Millhouses Park and Dore/Totley train station; Mickley Lane
- Traffic Signal - Baslow Road outside Cross Scythes pub
- Structures - bridge maintenance

Roads which are to get selected improvements are:

- Twentywell Lane - Street Lights and footway surfacing and kerbing
- Greenhill Main road - Carriageway surfacing and white-lining; footway surfacing and kerbing

There are also 43 trees that require replacing throughout the zone:

- Abbeydale Road South - 13 trees
- Baslow Road - 6 trees
- Mickley Lane - 12 trees
- Twentywell Lane - 2 trees
- Bradway Road - 2 trees
- Greenhill Parkway - 4 trees
- Reney Road - 2 trees
- Lowedges Road - 2 trees

Timescales

Trees replacement	February/March 2013
Signal replacement	22 February - 28 March 2013
Street Lighting	1 March - 24 April 2013
Kerbs/Footway	22 March - 30 April 2013
Carriageway	22 May - 18 July 2013
Structures	January - April 2013

Please note all timescales are indicative and are subject to change.



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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

There I was in a world of my own, mentally preparing for the session I was about to invigilate at King Egbert School, when, from a gaggle of other invigilators, came this voice..."Hi! Derek" it said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Concert - aren't you a talented lot!" It's always lovely to get such feedback. You know your efforts and hard work have been rewarded and the members really appreciate such comments.

That's all the concerts over now until the summer, and now we concentrate on our annual show which, is Iolanthe, (or The Peer and the Peri). There is much that is still topical in this operetta which pokes more than a little fun at Parliament, the House of Lords and MPs in general.

Once again Graham Weston is our producer and our professional MD is Andrew Griffiths who has already whipped us into musical shape, so we are expecting a show to equal last year's triumph.

This year, through circumstances over which we had no control, we are back at The Montgomery Theatre on Surrey Street. The production will run from Wednesday 10th April to Saturday 13th April. The performances will begin at 7:30pm on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with a matinee at 2:00pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm on the Saturday. Please note that the Saturday show will be a **GALA** evening in aid of **St.Luke's Hospice** and bucket collections are being organized.

Tickets are available now from Judith Bettridge, telephone 250 7155, so don't miss out on an evening of musical comedy entertainment. If you've never seen a Gilbert & Sullivan Operetta then now's the time to try one. We are sure you won't be disappointed.

Derek Habberjam

Financial Cuts

The Council's budgeting committee have decided that Community Assemblies will go & libraries are at risk.

The South West Community Assembly has been very helpful to us in our Ward & we must express our gratitude to The Manager, Tammy Barrass & her officer, Matthew Rush, for what they have done for us. I have not heard anything about their futures.

Park & Ride.

The sign which has been erected on the hoardings, state that the Park & Ride is for Rail Users. We had not been told this before, so a call to the Public Relations Officer revealed that the statement is correct. There will be a "disclaimer" notice, to advise non rail users about their use of the car Park.

I have also confirmed that it will be free of charge.

Road Safety.

There has been concern from residents in Totley and Bradway about the speed of vehicles, the parking of vehicles in inappropriate places - such as at junctions and on grass verges - and HGV's using inappropriate roads, such as Twentywell Lane, Prospect Road/Queen Victoria Road/Mickleby Lane and Green Oak Road.

The Traffic Focus Group of The Dore & Totley Ward Forum have requested a meeting with the Councillors, Road Safety Officer, Police Liaison Officer & Community Assembly Manger to investigate the concerns and seek remedies. A date has not yet been agreed.

Roger Hart



The Porter Valley Round Walk



Sunday 19th May 2013

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1st Totley Scout Group Lottery November Draw

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A You can still join, ring Peter Casson 248 9854 to register

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Peter Casson

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TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

- MONDAYS** **COFFEE MORNING**, All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon
TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm
RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm
SLIMMING WORLD, United Reformed Church Hall, 7pm, Jo Elsey: 262 0523 or 07590 545253
- TUESDAYS** **COFFEE MORNING**. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon
KEEP FIT & COFFEE, For the not-so-young, Bannerdale Centre, Carterknowle Road, 10.15am, Phone: 258 5364
WOODSEATS ADVICE CENTRE. Drop in service, free, impartial, and confidential. TR Methodist Church, 10am-noon
CRAFT GROUP. Totley Library, 2pm
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES**. Dore Old School, 9.00-10.00 and 10.15-11.15. Contact Caroline - Tel: 0781 722 0324, email caroline1north@btinternet.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk
COFFEE in the LIBRARY. 10am-11.30am
TODDLER GROUP. 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088
HEALTH WALKS. 10.30am, Totley Library foyer. Phone Tina, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm
- THURSDAYS** **BELROBICS**, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or telephone: 07816 850132.
NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, For mums & babies/toddlers, meeting in various locations, Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details
CHAIRBICS. Heatherfield Club, 1.15pm
PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 236 3157 for further details
PILATES CLASS, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm **also new class 1.30pm to 2.30pm**, Phone Emer Coffey 07792 422909
- FRIDAYS** **PILATES**, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15 & 10.45-11.45am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372
- SATURDAYS** **MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING**. All Saints Church Hall 2nd and 4th Saturdays 8pm-10pm

FEBRUARY

- SUN 3rd CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET**, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm
TUE 6th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD, 'Caddisfly Magic', talk by Stuart Crofts, 7.30m, Library. All are welcome.
TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, 'Two Queens and a Countess, David Templeman, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am
SAT 23rd COFFEE MORNING, Please come and join us at our coffee morning 9.30 to 12noon at the Cross Scythes and blow away the horrible winter blues.
WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP, Totley Library, 7.30pm, Postponed from January, John Clarke - The History of Penknife and Cutlery making in Sheffield, all welcome
THU 28th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET, 8.30am-5pm, Fargate

MARCH

- SUN 3rd CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET**, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm
SUN 3rd MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, First train 1pm - last train 5pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk
SUN 17th TOTLEY RISE FARMERS MARKET, Totley Rise, 11am-3pm, Wide range of food and craft stalls
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TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, AGM, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am
WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP, Totley Library, 7.30pm, Paul Cutts - Family History as a Social History Talk, all welcome
THU 28th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET, 8.30am-5pm, Fargate
SUN 31st MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES (Easter Sunday & Easter Monday 1st April). Abbeydale Road South, First train 1pm - last train 5pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

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EASTER DATING

Easter Sunday can fall on any date between 22nd March and 25th April. This year it falls on 31st March, whereas in 2003 Easter Sunday was 20th April. How is the date arrived at, not only for Britain, but for all western Christian cultures?

Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon, (PFM), date for the year.

In June 325AD astronomers approximated astronomical full moon dates for the Christian church, calling them Ecclesiastical Full Moon, (EFM), dates. From 326 A.D. the PFM date has always been the EFM date after 20th March, (which was the equinox date in 325AD).

The simplest explanation for calculating Easter Sunday I have seen is:

1. Divide the year by 19.
e.g. 2006 divided by 19 = 105 with remainder of 11.
2. Apply the remainder to the following table:

0 Apr 14	1 Apr 3	2 Mar 23
3 Apr 11	4 Mar 31	5 Apr 18
6 Apr 8	7 Mar 28	8 Apr 16
9 Apr 5	10 Mar 25	11 Apr 13
12 Apr 2	13 Mar 22	14 Apr 10
15 Mar 30	16 Apr 17	17 Apr 7
18 Mar 27		

e.g. 11 applied to the table brings up April 13th.

This date is the arbitrary PFM which, normally, is the same date in Britain as an astronomical full moon. 2006 calendar shows that Thursday April 13th is the date of an astronomical full moon.

3. Easter Sunday is the following Sunday, April 16th.

Footnote: The above table is relevant until, and including, 2199. For the next 100 years the dates in the table are advanced by 1 day, except that 18th Apr is superseded by 21st Mar, and so on.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

**Mon.11th Chinese New Year
lunch**

**Thurs 14th Valentines lunch
12 Noon, £4.00, both lunches**

MARCH

**Fri 1st St. Davids Day lunch
Sun. 10th Mother's Day lunch
Sun.17th St. Patricks Day**

**lunch
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Wednesday March 27th 10am-
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Women's World Day of Prayer

To be held this year at All Saints Church, Totley, at 10.30am on 1 March. Speaker: Hilary Donnelly Service prepared this year by the Women of France "I was a stranger and you took me in", Everyone welcome, Refreshments afterwards.

Any queries please telephone 0114 236 3027

Messy Church

Come and join us at Messy Church, held @ Totley Rise Methodist, and see for yourself all the fun and exciting things that happen at this active event.

With a themed afternoon of crafts, food and a story, there is never a dull moment. You and your family can reap the joys of this exciting event held on 9th of February, 9th of March and every second Saturday of the month following.

Please contact: rscheltrm@yahoo.com or phone 07912 352543 to book your place and to let us know if dietary requirements or special needs are needed. Thank you.

HOLMESFIELD CHURCH WALKING GROUP

CALTON LEES/EDNSOR WALK

On Wednesday 27th February at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the car park at Calton Lees. We will proceed up the track to nearby Russian Cottage, then down to Edensor where we will visit the church and churchyard, then back to the car park along the river bank. Lunch (optional) will be at the garden centre. The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church refurbishment. The cost will be waved if there is a car park fee. If you would like to come just turn up on the day. The walk is approximately 4mls long. Any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767.

LINNACRE RESERVOIR WALK

On Wednesday March 27th Mike Ibbotson will lead a walk around Linnacre reservoirs we will meet at Hackney House Cafe in Barlow at 10am where we will order our lunch, we will then proceed to the main car park at Linnacre and after the walk return to the cafe. The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church Restoration Fund.

The walk is approximately 5mls long.

If you would like to come just turn up on the day.

Any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767.

At The Fleur De Lys....

In November last year, 2 excellent performances of, "Pack up your Troubles", featuring Yorkshire's own Caroline Fields were given and well received.

The setting was, "just right", and there was a great atmosphere at this good wholesome family entertainment. A wide variety of songs with famous choruses delighted the audience, who also enjoyed the refreshments.

Caroline Fields returns here on Saturday, 2 March for another 2 performances. Contact Paul or Alex on: 07944 558403 for tickets.

Try not to miss this splendid presentation.

Jimmy McWilliams

(My wife and I were in the audience and enjoyed it so much, thank you).



CHEF'S CORNER



Sophie Wood: local resident, food technologist and lover of all things foody, introduces her exciting new recipe column to the **Totley Independent...**



SOPH'S LOAF

I am starting this column to share my favourite Loaf Cake recipes with you all. Why Loaf Cakes I hear you ask? Not only does it make a good title as conveniently it rhymes with my name, but Loaf Cakes are moist, versatile and not full of sickly cream, (hmmm unlike the dreaded cupcake!). Finding a dried up morsel of sponge at the bottom of a big whopping pile of cream is really not my cup of tea.

Praline Banana Loaf

The first recipe is a great way to use up any unloved, **old blackened bananas** ... The chocolate and toasted hazelnuts create a praline flavour, which when mixed with the banana creates a delicious contrast and neutralises the banana, as many find bananas a very strong and sometimes unpleasant flavour.

Ingredients:

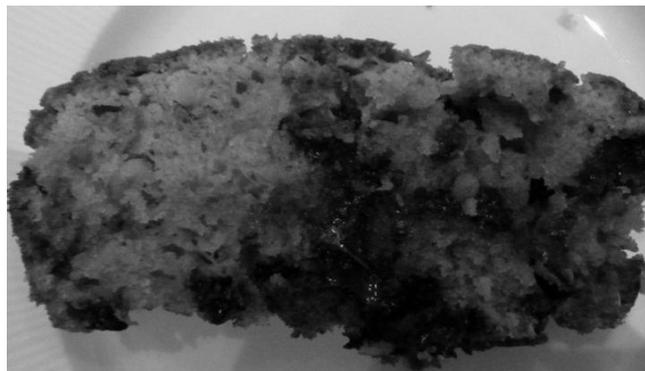
- 175g Butter
- 170g Sugar (Half soft light brown sugar and Half golden caster sugar)
- 2 Free range eggs
- 175g Self-Raising flour
- 75g Whole hazelnuts
- 150g Chocolate chunks (I use a mix of milk and dark but use your favourite or whatever you happened to have in at the time!)
- 1 Teaspoon of vanilla extract, 2 Mature medium sized bananas

Equipment:

- Baking tray, Loaf Tin & Grease proof paper
- Sieve & large mixing bowl
- Large metal spoon, Wooden spoon & Sharp knife
- Oven heated to 170°C
- Tea towel
- Pestle and Mortar. If not a bag and a rolling pin will do

Method:

1. Put the sugars and butter in the bowl and mix with a wooden spoon until well combined and creamy.
 2. Toast the hazelnuts, once lightly golden use a tea towel to rub off the skins, then grind them until they are quite fine, (the odd lump is not an issue).
 3. Beat the eggs and vanilla extract into the sugar mixture and gently use a metal spoon to fold in the flour and hazelnuts.
 4. Chop the banana very finely and add to the mixture along with the chocolate chips and mix briefly using the wooden spoon.
 5. Spoon into a prepared greased and lined loaf tin and bake for 45 mins-1 hour or until cooked through.
- (Tip: Do not make the chocolate chips too chunky, they will sink!)



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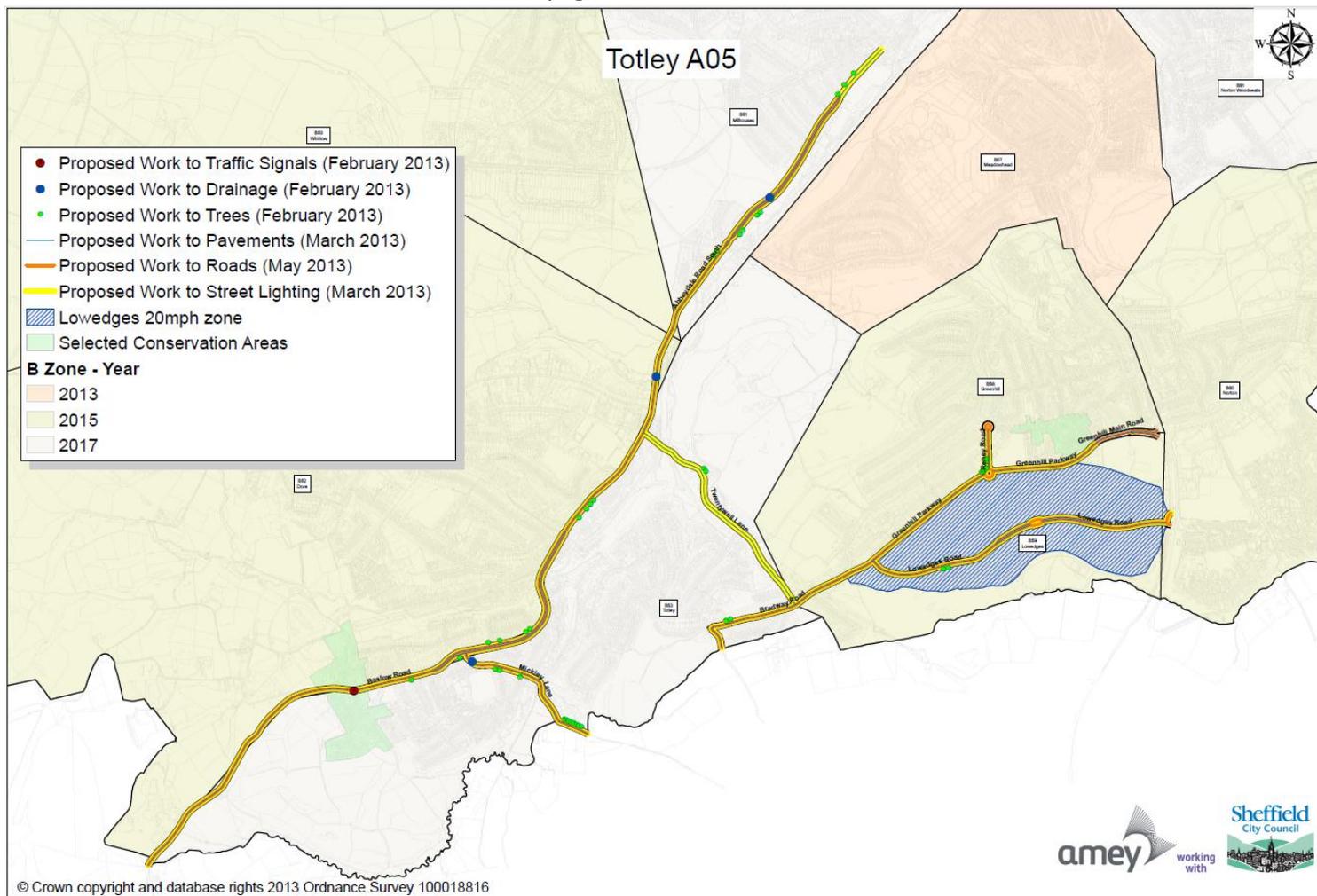
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