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## The Fleur

The Fleur de Lys in 2005 (top) in happier days. In early July the Pubco (Enterprise Inns) put the site into mothballs and sealed the building with ugly shuttering (lower left). This is treatment reserved for high problem hot spots and not justified in this semi-rural area.

In stark contrast the Cross Scythes has a new beer garden (lower right) that is proving very popular during the heat wave enjoyed in July.

## TRA Latest News

Splendid news, we now have our own website - [www.totleycommunity.org.uk](http://www.totleycommunity.org.uk). Thank you so much Ian Clarke for setting it up for us. Dom Harris is our Webmaster and his contact details are on the site. If you have any queries, suggestions or just something you wish to discuss, you can now email me at [chair@totleycommunity.org.uk](mailto:chair@totleycommunity.org.uk).

The email address for me published in the last **Totley Independent** is no longer in use as I cannot access it, so many apologies if you have been trying to contact me about the Market You will have noticed that the date for the next Farmers Market has been changed to **Sunday 18th August 12-4pm**, due to circumstances beyond our control. We have decided not to have one in September, as originally planned, and will now have a Market on 15th December. If you would like a stall at any of our Markets please contact me at the new email address - we always have last minute cancellations, so if you want to be part of the August event, get in touch.

We are still looking for a Minutes Secretary to attend Committee Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month to take the Minutes, type them up and email them to the Committee, expenses for ink, paper etc are available.

Several Committee Members attended the Dyson Consultation on Thursday 11th July. If you have any comments or concerns get in touch, as we have contact with the Development company.

Hetty Moran. Chairman. TRA.

## TOTLEY SHOW

Saturday 7th September, Totley Primary School



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# TOTLEY SHOW 2013

Saturday September 7th  
Totley Primary School

**8.45am to 10.45am** Entrants registration  
**11am to 12.30pm** Judging & awarding of Certificates.

**1.30pm** Doors open to the public (Entrance 50p, children 20p.).

**1.45pm** Official opening by Rony Robinson.

**3pm** Prize giving and Auction of donated items.

**4pm** Conclusion

Entry forms will be available at Totley Library, Totley Post Office, and the Ironing Parlour, or at the door on the day.

Within the Photographic section we have introduced some different sections to try and create interesting aspects of photography. The new sections are:-

**Monochrome**, that is any photograph in a single colour/hue.

**Creative**, use your imagination skills to present a photograph.

**Wildlife**, new category

**Landscape**, we hope to see some wonderful views.

We have again been fortunate to get the Escafield Brass Band to entertain us in the afternoon, playing for two sessions, the times of which will be announced during the day.

Our next meeting for all helpers will be at 6, Milldale Road on Monday 19th August 7-30pm.

If you have not helped before and would like to be involved please contact us. See below for contact details.

We are again asking for sponsors for the Class Prizes and donations for the Tombola stall which will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone requiring a stall please contact us.

Any donation can be left at either "The Ironing Shop" on Baslow Road or at 6, Milldale Road, Totley.

If you can help with making cakes or scones please contact Dorothy at the address below.

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Les & Dorothy Firth



## Transport 17

Hello everyone, thank you so much for your support at our recent Coffee Morning at the Cross Scythes, in spite of Baslow Road being re surfaced!! We would have liked a few more of you but it wasn't to be. We also wish to thank Cakes and Cuttings for their generous donation. There were numerous bargains to be had and the Irish Coffee proved to be a big hit with most of the attendees!!!

We are now fully mobile after the disastrous few weeks we had recently and we are hoping we will be staying that way for a long while. We are now playing catch up and trying to replenish some of our depleted reserves so we have decided to give you our diary schedule up to the end of the year, as it stands at this moment in time, so that you can put the dates in your diaries!!

We are hoping to participate in the Farmers' Market on Sunday 18th August where our plan is to have a bookstall. We seem to have accumulated quite a few paperbacks so they will be on at good prices.

The Totley Show is on 7th September where there will be fair mixture of goods for you to choose from!

Our final Coffee Morning for 2013 will be at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 12th October. For those of you who haven't been before there is delicious coffee, tea and yummy yummy cakes to choose from.

The staff are absolutely delightful and always a joy to be with.

Our final event will be the Christmas Fayre, at Transport 17 offices, on Saturday 16th November, where you will be able to buy some early Christmas pressies for all the family. We hope to see you all at some if not all our events so until then take care, stay well and enjoy the sunshine.

Felicity Revill

## Yorkshire Voices exhibition

Yorkshire Voices explores what it means to write in the local dialect. Based on archive material generously donated by authors and their families, this exhibition celebrates the work of four very different writers.

Each writes about a different time and a different part of Yorkshire, and their reasons for writing differ. But each captures something about the people of Yorkshire and the way they speak.

Tom Hague - 'Totley Tom - Tales of a Yorkshire Miner', is one of the four poets/writers featured.

The exhibition is open at Western Bank Library (222 7200) every day except Sundays until 17th August.

## 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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## RUTHS FINAL FAREWELLS



Sadly this is my last edition as the 'reporter' for the **Totley Independent** as from September I am making the move to Manchester to work for Sports Beat, News Associates. It will be a very busy academic year, and it is all about learning to become a successful sports reporter by requiring the skills needed in a highly-specialized qualification. It's a great course because it's a multi-faceted Sports Journalism module and will be supplemented by Shorthand, Reporting, Video Journalism, Media Law and Public Affairs and I will be producing two portfolios of work throughout the year- one sport- based and one a general portfolio.

There will be plenty of work experience opportunities throughout the course such as covering matches and events, press conferences and news opportunities, with Sportsbeat and external publications. They have specifically said that the 'course is

not for the faint-hearted, with the emphasis on working hard,' so I'm expecting a challenge but I can't wait and I'm really excited to be studying back in Manchester where I was at University!

In an age where many publications are now only

*(Deputy Prime Minister & Liberal Democrats Sheffield Hallam MP Nick Clegg, with reporter Ruth Dacey and a copy of the Totley Independent)*

available online, I was pleased to see that the **Totley Independent** was still going strong when I returned from University last summer. I would like to thank the editor Ian Clarke for giving me the opportunity to contribute to the magazine and I have really enjoyed the time I have spent writing back in Totley. I would also like to thank Rosie Electro who has regularly contributed with her innovative seasonal fashion articles and Sophie Wood who has



whipped up a storm in the kitchen providing the delicious 'Soph's Loaf' column. Most importantly though thank you to the local residents of Totley who have provided material for many of the articles I have written, and for those who regularly pick up a copy!

The **Totley Independent** has given me the opportunity to interview lots of local people and find out more about what's going on in the area. I particularly enjoyed interviewing local resident Paul Savage, and Stephen John, a Regional Campaigns Officer for Mencap who received the invitation to Westminster and took the opportunity to raise concerns about issues affecting people with learning difficulties including employment, hate crime and social care. This inspiring story really epitomises what the **Totley Independent** is all about- getting local voices heard!

Another highlight was interviewing the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and raising awareness with him about certain issues that were perhaps going unnoticed in the Totley Ward and hearing his argument behind the HS2 project. Nick Clegg was also very vocal on how he saw the future and commented that Sheffield as a whole is "having to re-invent because of what the banks got up to and the mess that Labour left behind in terms of the huge black hole of public finances. We have to strive for the best and I think we do this by making sure that we have the best transport links, the best schools, that we have safe and attractive places to live." I

hope that this is the case for Sheffield and in particular Totley.

All my writing experiences for the magazine have demonstrated the importance for local people to have their voice heard, whether that be championing an independent business or event, celebrating success or having issues raised in the local community. So remember if there are any aspiring journalists out there or if you are interested in contributing to the magazine do get in touch- contact details on back page!

Thank you

**Reporter Ruth Dacey**

## Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials

We are please to announce that the Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place this year on 5th, 6th and 7th September, on Longshaw



Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindleford, starting this year at 7.30am each morning. We are very honoured this year to have as our President Mr Eric Rigby from Holmesfield.

On 5th and 6th there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part. We are pleased to have Mr Gordon Watt, who is himself a keen and experienced competitor and the winner of the championship in 2003, to judge the open classes and championship, whilst the local class will be judged by Mr Jan Pieters, from Holland, who will be competing in the open class.

At approximately 3.30pm on 5th there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Foxhounds, Pennine Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers and Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 7th the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at approx. 10.30am, this is open to all comers and is enter on the field. Following the fell race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

Starting at approximately 12.30 on Saturday 7th the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot. Entrance charges are just £5.00 per adult each day, no charge for children, free parking, and this year we start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs Sheila Humphreys, MBE on 01433 651852, or e-mail [lsdta@talktalk.net](mailto:lsdta@talktalk.net)

This will be the 115th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest sheep dog trials in England. There will be a licensed bar, hot and cold food and drinks, and ice cream available. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please come and join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world. We look forward to meeting you.

# TOTLEY SHOW ENTRY FORM 2013

THE TOTLEY SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT **TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUNNYVALE ROAD** ON SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER. ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BETWEEN 8.45AM AND 10.45AM.

## HANDICRAFT SECTION

- 1 Hand knitted or crochet garment
- 2 Decorative cushion
- 3 Soft toy
- 4 Tapestry
- 5 Cross stitch
- 6 Collage, any medium
- 7 Greetings card
- 8 Any medium

## DOMESTIC SECTION

- 9 Victoria sandwich - as recipe below
  - 10 Dundee cake - as recipe below
  - 11 Carrot cake
  - 12 5 Biscuits
  - 13 3 Fruit Scones
  - 14 Apple pie
  - 15 Jam
  - 16 Lemon curd
  - 17 Marmalade
  - 18 Chutney
- 
- 51 Vegetable/fruit animal - up to 7
  - 52 Miniature Garden - 8-14
  - 53 3 decorative Buns - under 7
  - 54 3 decorative Buns - 8-14
  - 55 Wobbly Wobbly Jelly - up to 14
  - 56 Flower arrangement in an eggcup - Up to 14

## FLORAL SECTION

- 19 Floral arrangement - 18" high 10" x 10"
- 20 3 Cut Flowers of any variety in season - home grown
- 21 Foliage plant in pot
- 22 Flowering plant in pot

## FRESH PRODUCE SECTION

- 23 1 plate 4 Eating apples
- 24 1 plate 4 Cooking apples
- 25 1 plate 8 Blackberries
- 26 4 matching Potatoes
- 27 3 matching Leeks
- 28 3 matching Onions
- 29 5 matching Runner beans
- 30 1 plate 5 Tomatoes
- 31 1 Cucumber
- 32 3 Courgettes
- 33 Largest onion
- 34 Heaviest marrow
- 35 Longest runner bean - 1 per person

## CHILDREN'S SECTION

- 57 Painting - under 5
- 58 Painting - 6-7
- 59 Painting - 8-11
- 60 Painting - 12-14

## DUNDEE CAKE

- 175gms/6oz Plain flour  
125gms/4oz Margarine/Butter  
125gms/4oz Soft brown sugar  
2¼ tsp Baking powder  
1 rounded tsp Mixed ground spice

- 3 eggs  
125gms/4oz Raisins  
125gms/4oz Sultanas  
125gms/4oz Currants

**METHOD:** Line 7" deep cake tin. Sift flour, baking powder and spice together. Cream margarine/butter and sugar. Beat in eggs 1 at a time adding a tbsp of flour with last 2. Fold in remaining flour and fruit till thoroughly mixed. Put in tin and decorate with nuts.

Bake in a preheated oven 140°C/290°F/gas 2 for 1 hour then lower to 130°C/270°F/gas 1 for ½ to 1 hour approx.

## VICTORIA SANDWICH

- 125gms/4oz Margarine/Butter  
125gms/4oz Self raising flour

- 125gms/4oz Caster sugar  
2 eggs

**METHOD:** Cream margarine/butter and sugar. Beat in eggs 1 at a time with a little flour. Fold in remaining flour. Divide between two 7" sandwich tins greased or lined with greaseproof paper.

Bake in a preheated oven 180°C/350°F/gas 4 for 20-25 minutes. Sandwich with jam and sprinkle top with caster sugar - please note, recipe quantities only.

- 1 No entry in any class should have been in previous Totley shows.
- 2 Entries may be donated to be auctioned at the end of the Show but this is not compulsory nor a condition upon which entries will be accepted
- 3 Prize money may be collected from 1.45pm

- 4 If fewer than three entries in a class only a First Prize will be awarded except in Children's Section
- 5 Any prize monies not collected by 4pm will be put towards next year's Show
- 6 You may enter as many classes as you wish (The more the merrier!)

- 7 if an entry does not fit a class, it can be left for viewing but no prize will be given and there will be no entry charge.
- 8 You may only collect your entries after the public viewing ends at 3.00pm
- 9 Goods left after 3.30pm will be auctioned.

## SHOW PROGRAMME

- 8.45am to 10.45am Entrants' registration  
11am to 12.30pm Judging and awarding of certificates  
1.30pm Doors open to the public. Entry 50p, children 20p

- 1.45pm Official Opening and collection of prize money  
3pm Prize giving and auction of donated items

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## The Waterfall Brothers

I first came across John Gray Waterfall and his younger brother Henry when I was researching the history of Totley Grove. We can be almost certain that John Waterfall built the house, but there is no conclusive evidence of a date for the building. The first mention I have found of the house (it has been called Totley Vale, Totley Dale and Totley Grove), is in August 1851 in the Sheffield Independent newspaper advertising Totley Vale Cottage for rent. We can, however, trace the ownership of the land to John and Henry Waterfall as early as 1838 when the Tithe Assessment for Totley (this document is in the Derbyshire Archives at Matlock library) names the Waterfall brothers as owners of a corn mill on the site and Joshua Hodgkinson as the tenant and millwright.

Together with other local landowners, the Waterfall brothers were involved in the negotiations and enforcement of the Totley Enclosure.

The Enclosure Act allowed the transfer of ownership of Common Land from the community to a single owner who then had the right to enclose it for his own use.

In 1839, the brothers were present at the first Totley Enclosure meeting held in the school house. The minutes of this meeting (safe in the Archives in Rotherham Central Library) give us the details of the brothers' property in Totley. They declared their interests as a right to use common land for their tenant William Dalton of Hall Field Farm and a corn mill and its homestead, which although it is not named in the document, we can reasonably assume is Totley Grove.

Both brothers were born in Sheffield; John in 1802 and Henry in 1804. Henry went into the law via an apprenticeship sponsored by his father and John was a confectioner in his early working life. For many years they shared a business premises at 1, Fargate; Henry running his legal practice and John his confectionary business from the same property.

The business interests of the brothers have been relatively straightforward to uncover. What has been more problematic is their family lives. The earliest census in Totley was taken in 1841 and every 10 years thereafter. This means of tracking family relationships, occupations and locations is invaluable but limited to a ten year snap shot. It often takes a lot of luck and detective work as well as information from the census to piece family lives together and so it has proved in the case of the Waterfall brothers.

The census records indicate that John Waterfall was a widower with no children. Between 1841 and 1861 he lived with Henry and his wife Anne in Whirlow Cottage, Dore. Without the inscription on John Waterfall's grave in Dore churchyard we would not know that he had two sons who predeceased him and that his wife was called Ann. His eldest son, John Henry, served on HMS Arrogant and died in service in 1863, aged 31. His youngest, Charles Edward, was in the 5th Royal Irish Lancers when he died in 1852, aged 19. We know nothing more about his wife Ann or about John Henry and Charles Edward other than this inscription.

But with this information the children could be found on the census and a third son, George Howard, came to light. In 1841 (when their father was living in Whirlow Cottage with Henry and his wife, Anne) we find his children aged 7, 8 and 10 years at school in Handsworth. Piecing together lives lived beyond the reach of paper documentation is a tantalising and sometimes frustrating business. Imagination fills in the gaps in the records and in this case maybe we can speculate that Ann died between the birth of Charles in 1833 and the first census in 1841. This would explain the lack of records for her marriage and death and why the children were sent off to school and did not live with their father.

Their surviving child, George Howard, became a clergyman, married Harriet Knapp and had three children, Laura, George and Adeline who all survived into adulthood. He spent nearly 30 years as rector of St. Peter ad Vincula, Tollard Royal and died and was buried there in 1889.

In 1871, John Waterfall was living in Totley Grove with his sister-in-law, Anne. Henry Waterfall had died in 1868. Anne and John had shared Whirlow Cottage for many years and here they are again sharing a house. John died in the house on 12th September 1879, aged 76.

After John's death Anne moved to Woodlands at the bottom of Dore Road. She lived there with a niece and servants. In the same building, but in a separate household, lived another family of Waterfalls. Six siblings: all single and in their 20's and 30's. I have no idea yet what relation they might be to Anne Waterfall, but the search goes on.

I expect that much of the Waterfall brothers' early years and family lives will remain undiscovered and that these shadowy individuals will always be of another time and out of our reach. But what we do know gives us a glimpse into the local politics and social life of Totley in the 19th century.

If you have an interest in Totley history, come along to one of the Totley History Group meetings held in Totley library at 7.30pm on the fourth Wednesday in the month and visit our website at [www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk](http://www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk)

Christine Shimell

## LET THERE BE HOPE

Let there be hope  
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So the night is lifted  
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Let riotous flames extinguish to leave phoenix  
feathers  
And scatter over the broken land.  
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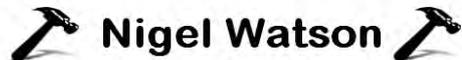
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## THE CHOIR THAT'S ROCKING SHEFFIELD!

Sheffield Rock Choir members have flash mobbed for Comic Relief, broken a Guinness World Record, performed at lots of amazing local events and venues including Sheffield City Hall and last year they helped raise over £1million for charity! Now, following



popular demand, singing sensation Rock Choir is offering more Sheffield folk the chance to 'step out of the ordinary' and sing.

Rock Choir is the UK's largest and most popular contemporary choir, with more than 16,000 members in over 250 local communities, including Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. In September 2013, local Rock Choir Leader Kate Threlfall will be starting new Thursday morning Rock Choir sessions in Sheffield. To give people a taste of what's in store, she's running a FREE 90-minute taster session on Thursday 11th July, from 11.30am - 1pm, at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, Sheffield S17 3QS.

"I'm inviting adults and teenagers in the local community to come along and sing their hearts out," says Kate. "It's going to be a fun, lively session in which I'll introduce Rock Choir and begin teaching the harmonies to one of our songs. You don't need to read music and there are no auditions. Just turn up and join in!"

To book your place and find out more about Rock Choir just visit [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com) or telephone 01252 714 276.

A promotional poster for Rock Choir. It features a large yellow star with the words 'ROCK CHOIR' in blue, bold, capital letters. Below the star, the text reads: 'If you like to sing you'll LOVE Rock Choir!'. Underneath that, it says 'Pop, gospel and Motown singing for adults with no auditions, and no need to read music.' A white rounded rectangle contains the following text: 'NEW SHEFFIELD DAYTIME SESSION', 'THURSDAYS FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013', 'AT DORE & TOTLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH', 'TOTLEY BROOK ROAD', and '11.30AM - 1PM'. At the bottom, it says 'Rock Choir also rehearses in many other locations across the UK.', 'BOOK YOUR FREE TASTER SESSION TODAY', and 'Visit [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com) or call 01252 714 276'. The poster has a blue background with white stars and a dotted yellow border.

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## Farming Scene by Edwin Pocock Great Yorkshire Show Edition!

### Weather, Shows, £4,700, new grass, THIEVES! & DOGS!!

It is so long since I last wrote an article for the *Totley Independent* that I have forgotten what I said last time. As with most livestock farmers, it has been a very difficult time for us over the last 12 months. The washout summer last year created major problems for many stock farmers over this winter as stocks of fodder have been of poor quality, and in some cases, not big enough to see the farmers through the winter period. This has been compounded by the late fall of snow in March and the very cold weather in April. These latter events delayed the arrival of spring and consequently the start of the grass-growing season. Good for gardeners as they did not have to get their lawnmowers wound up, but no good for stockmen. The poor harvest last year has resulted in much increased prices for cereal based supplementary feeds, which have had to be used by many to keep their animals in good condition. The combination of these factors has led to a very stressful and expensive winter/spring. Specialist farmer stress counsellors have seen a big rise in referrals, and bank managers have seen increases in overdraft requirements. The good news is that a vaccine has now been released that should prevent a repeat of the dramatic impact that Schmallenberg had on lamb production last year. The effect of this disease, plus the spring time losses due to the late spring, have been reflected in higher lamb market values, as supply struggles to meet demand for the home and export markets.

The Pedigree show and sale season is now well underway, with the Premier Dorset sale at Exeter in May kicking off the programme. We did not take any tups down there this year, as the cold spring prevented us from getting them into show condition. We did however, bring one animal back with us, the champion in the performance recorded class. It has sire and maternal indexes in the top 1% of the breed, and sold for the second highest price on the day - 4,500 guineas in old money, or £4,700 in today's currency. Needless to say, he is now well insured!! All well as his top class performance he has very good length and shape. Hopefully, he will combine with Nijinsky to further increase the quality and performance of the flock. They are now in with their 'wives' and seem to be getting on well with the job according to the number of bums that have turned red recently.

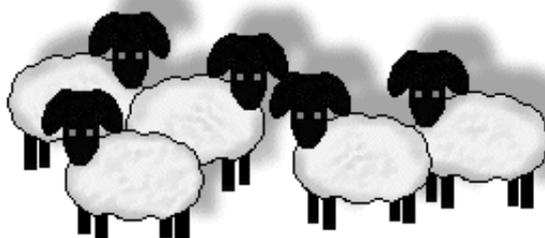
The 'summer' weather has been better this year in short spells, which has enabled us to get our winter feed, haylage, in good condition. We have also made some very good hay and the sheep shearing will be finished as soon as we get back from the Yorkshire Show. There are more and more Dorset breeders attending the show now, which means that the competition is hotting up. We have had a couple of second placings, plus the champion male in the Northern Dorset Breed Club class with a ram lamb born last December. The Great Yorkshire Show has now become the premier livestock show in England as others have fallen by the wayside.

The recent dry weather has enabled us to replant the grass fields that we sprayed off and rotovated earlier in the year. The new leys we have planted will produce a much higher yield of better quality grass than the old ones we have destroyed. They will contain high levels of white clover which improves the protein level in the stocks diet. The other advantage of renewing grassland is that it gives time for residual sheep diseases and parasites to die off so that the sheep are kept healthier and will need less treatment than they would on grassland that has been in place for a number of years. It will take some time for these fields to become covered in matted grass once again, but it will happen over the next 6 months or so. We would ask walkers to keep to the proper footpath lines while this is happening rather than making a wide area of field damaged by their footfall. Any footpaths that have been cultivated have more than been returned to the condition that is required by law. Please help us to help you by respecting our property and keeping a single width path across our

fields on the signposted routes. Remember, these paths cross what is our 'garden area' where we are trying to make a living whilst providing you with access to the countryside.

Talking of making a living, a gang of metal thieves have done really well out of us! 2 sets of tractor weights made of cast iron have been nicked recently. They weighed over 1 tonne and are likely to cost over £3,000 to replace. This is another case where thieves have cashed in on farm vehicles, trailers and diesel in our area. These events are becoming more common as rural theft crime has increased dramatically in the last 2 or 3 years. Most of the vehicles etc that are stolen will be shipped to the continent in a matter of days, Eastern Europe being a favourite destination for tractors in particular. The local scrap thieves have now been replaced by the more professional and well organised, internationally operating gangs, using sophisticated planning to achieve their aims.

The other 'crime' that is prevalent in the countryside is the perennial problem of dogs attacking sheep. This has always been a problem, but has increased in recent years, as dog ownership has increased and the need to licence them has been abolished. The concept that dogs should have free reign to roam wherever they like in the countryside has become more prevalent. Unfortunately, sheep cannot defend themselves against a dog attack. Consequently, many thousands are killed and injured every year. Apart from the suffering caused to the sheep, this represents a loss of income to the shepherd. We had one of these attacks recently: fortunately the ewe in question suffered only a 12" tear in her shoulder skin, but could easily have been killed. It will cost me £70 - £80 in vets bills, and probably a lot more if she has lost the lambs she was carrying. The thing that really bugs me is that the dog owners in question rarely, if ever, report the fact that an animal has been injured and own up to the responsibility. They would rather the animal suffered, than take any responsibility for their and their dogs actions. Is this another sign of the selfish attitude many people adopt these days?



## Double success a shock for electrician Mandy

Electrician Mandy Reynolds is a bit of a bright spark – she’s just won a top business award for the second time in three years.

The 55-year-old, from Heeley, has been named the region’s best local trader by website Which? Local – based on feedback from her customers.

She won the same accolade in 2011 and then went on to win the national title of Business of the Year.

Mandy said: “I was gobsmacked to win two years ago and I am utterly thrilled to have won again. I have some wonderful customers, who have taken their time to review my business on the website, so it is they I have to thank.”

Mandy is one of a select few – it’s estimated that less than one per cent of electricians in the UK are women.

“Women are smart – they’ll choose a career at which they can really succeed,” she said.

“And this is a very physical job, you have to lift floorboards and shift stones, so that is an issue – you do need to keep fit. But I don’t think there’s discrimination at work here.

“After all if a client doesn’t want to employ a woman then they don’t ring you in the first place – so there’s no way of knowing if I’d be more successful if I was a man.

“I think I do bring female attributes to the job. We tend to be painstaking, tidier and we show empathy with the customer. And I do get a lot of repeat business.”

Mandy set up her company Mand Made in 2006 after quitting a career in the financial services industry. She found a base at an electrical and hardware shop in Totley, which is run by her husband Paul.

“I had no experience, not even remotely, but I wanted to find a service that would always be in demand, perhaps something to do with homes. Passing the exams only takes a couple of months – it’s then about getting known through word of mouth.”

Mandy’s business was still in its infancy when the recession struck in 2008.

“In a way I’ve never known anything but tough times and I’ve still managed to make a go of it. I do enjoy being my own boss and building the company, and I now have a young woman who is doing her training with me,” Mandy said.

“There’s a different sort of stress to that which I experienced before, but now I’m doing it for me, not for someone else where the best I could hope for was a bonus. Now it’s all about seeing the business flourish.”



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## Young Children and Music

We all know children love music. In fact, we all know how much we love music! I bet everyone has a special song from their childhood, one they can remember singing with Mum, Dad, or a favourite Auntie or Uncle. One of my earliest memories is singing Viva Espana on the counter of my local supermarket! However, in those days we didn't quite realise how much music can affect a child's development, right from the very start.

Did you know that music is one of the only activities to stimulate both sides of the brain? The three prime areas that music affects are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

Plus, playing instruments develops small and large motor skills, and sharing instruments with other children enables the ability to share...and we all know how difficult it is to get a young child to share.

Many young children have difficulties with self confidence. For those little ones who are just learning to speak, why not buy a simple, cheap microphone? You don't even need to plug it in! Just sing a nursery rhyme into the microphone and leave out the last word of each line. Your child will be desperate to finish it, and pretty soon they'll be singing the whole song into the microphone themselves!

Another fantastic benefit of singing with young children is the idea of repetition. Babies love repetition of tunes and rhymes, and you'll see recognition very quickly of a favourite little ditty. And it could even help them to go to sleep!

Very young babies spend most of their time making connections in their brains. Many of the connections need to be made before the baby is eight months old. So it's never too early to start using music to help with those connections. Rocking to a lullaby is a brilliant way to enable these connections to be built, as are simple exercises to music. And don't forget, your baby listened to your voices for 9 months before he or she was born (that's Mum and Dad's voices, although Mum's was probably louder!) so even if you think you can't sing, baby will be stimulated just by hearing that voice as much as possible.

At first, babies don't know words and are only aware of the sounds expressed to them. As they learn to pick up words, they learn the emotion attached to them. This is how babies learn the meaning of words. Song is the most emotionally expressive form of language, it accelerates the process of recognising voice pitch and associating that pitch with the correct emotion. Plus, singing and playing music are great fun!

Sarah Scott holds Rhythm Time Music Sessions for babies and toddlers in Greenhill and Dronfield during term time. Call 0114 383 0111 or e-mail her on sarahs@rtfg.co.uk for more details, or to book a free trial.

## Totley All Saints School Re-Union

**At The Cross Scythes Hotel**

Monday 30th September from 7-30pm

For pupils who left around the 1940s to 1950s

We look forward to meeting you

## Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Welcome to the latest tit-bits from The Society.

The summer concert was an excellent evening, with the talented bunch playing to a full hall.

There were some unusual items in the extremely varied program with the two instrumental numbers being warmly received, even cheered! As I said last time, our next production will not be a G&S operetta but "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehar. Much of the music will be recognised by those who enjoy light music and I'm sure that those of you who have not been to see light opera should try it at least once. It is always a fun evening's entertainment.

We will be performing it from Wednesday April 9th to Saturday April 12th 2014 at The Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield and tickets will be available from November onwards. Contact me (on 0114 2362 299) or go to our website (doregass.co.uk) for further details.

If you are interested in joining the society, we rehearse at Millhouses Methodist church hall on Wednesdays and we will be starting rehearsing for the show on Wednesday 11th September. We can always use more members - especially men! Meanwhile, enjoy the summer or what's left of it and we look forward to seeing you at the December concert in the village (details later).

Derek Habberjam

## Garden Group

Join Holmesfield Gardening Association meeting on the first Wednesday of the month and enjoy illustrated talks, demonstrations, and an annual show. The meetings are held at Holmesfield Village Hall from 7.30pm from 4 September. Summer months are spent visiting gardens. We have a trip to Barnsdale on Friday, 19 July picking up at The Horns Inn at 8.45 am

For more information contact

Pat Morton 289 0089 or Jean Woodhead 236 2786 (regarding the trip)

## PAULETTE EDWARDS TO SUPPORT SHOW'S CHARITY EFFORT

**DORE SHOW 2013 - SATURDAY  
14TH SEPTEMBER 2pm-4.30pm**

This year's Dore Show returns to its traditional scene in the heart of the village - Dore Methodist Church Hall and Dore Old School - and will be opened officially by Radio Sheffield's popular presenter, Paulette Edwards, with all proceeds going to St Luke's Hospice, of which she is an active supporter.

There will be a record 82 categories for exhibits, a charity auction and a raffle and visitors to the legendary community event could meet Paulette, be entertained by Oughtibridge Brass Band and Chesterfield Garland Dancers and even treat themselves to a cream tea!

Full details, including how to submit entries, are available on [www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow).



**St Luke's**  
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## Our Early Days in Topley

A recent note in the Topley Independent that the History Group members were seeking evidence from the 1940's prompted me to think about our early experiences here. We moved into our newly built house here in December 1957. I had worked in Sheffield from January of that year and my first local experience dates from that summer. A works colleague who lived in Twentywell Avenue offered to take me one lunchtime to see how our house was progressing. He parked on the Rise, then the main road, and purchased two large pork chops from Tym's the butchers. My recollection of my first view of the shop was meat displayed on sloping wooden boards in the window. When we moved in here we thought we were in paradise as far as shopping was concerned. We had moved from the Bessacar area of Doncaster with only two "corner" shops, newsagent and greengrocer. During the next nine years my wife was engaged in the "school run" - rather different from what the term means presently. Her vehicles were not a variety of cars but first a large Silver Cross pram, then a push chair, and, on more than one occasion a large toboggan type sledge when schools did not close when snow fell. Consequently she did a lot of almost daily shopping on her journeys to and from school. My excursions there were mostly at weekends and so I also got to know many of the shops.

The first group we passed on the way from home were on the corner of Abbeydale Road South and Bushey Wood Road. On the corner was Orme's who also had a store in Bakewell. Next door was the greengrocer Bradshaw's and then Martin's the last survivor of that group. The other end of this group was the branch library before the present one on Baslow Road. The lowest shop on the Rise, now demolished and rebuilt was Bonner's the newsagents. Our eldest daughter had a "Star" delivery round there for pocket money. She tells me they had a list of houses they covered, corrected by Mrs. Bonner for holidays and cancellations. Their first job was to count the number of copies they needed for that delivery and woe betide anyone short or in excess! I cannot remember any shop between Bonner's and Chambers' the fishmongers. The fish and chip shop in those days was fairly low down, though I'm not sure exactly where. A story about that stems from those days. Our little group of sixteen new houses meant all our three girls had plenty of playmates of similar ages. One of our girls and a group of four or five friends went to the chip shop to buy 6d. worth of chips each. On arrival one of the boys had lost Id. and was allowed a small piece of fish instead. Then the lady serving also gave him a few chips as well! Does this story show how cheap fish was in those days?

Higher up, possibly where the Indian Restaurant now trades, were the Baby Bar and Whitehead's, treasure houses for children's clothes, footwear and wool, materials and sundries for homemade children's wear. Higher still were the pharmacy, Robinson's grocery, Tym's the butchers and Spring's sweet shop. Although at this time giants such as Boots the Chemist had taken over many privately-run pharmacies, ours was still a survivor. Many still dispensed their own remedies, not just selling pre-packaged medicines off the shelf. One in particular I remember Burton's Bronchial Balsam. This almost burned the back of your throat off but it quickly cleared away any coughs sneezes and wheezes.

Horace an ex-army man managed the butchers, always helpful and deft with meat choppers and lethally sharpened knives.

In those days the elderly Mrs. Spring was usually in charge of the sweet shop. My visits there were usually on a Sunday afternoon family visit after a local walk. When asked she would reluctantly produce from under the counter the "penny tray". This contained a variety of sweets, some small enough to be bought four for a penny. No matter how long the little customers pondered over what to buy she stood guard with eagle eye. Some Sundays the shop was operated by Mrs Spring's daughter-in-law and granddaughter who were less obvious guardians of the penny tray. I

believe Mrs Spring told me her father was the pioneer Sheffield photographer (Frank?) Mottershaw.

Continuing up were Eric's small delicatessen, Damms' the cobblers with hairdressing above or behind.

Mr & Mrs Damms were keen walkers on continental holidays. I remember one day he told me he paid £40.00 for his boots - that seemed a fortune to me in those days.

Davy's the Sheffield provision merchants had a branch below the Post Office, where Mrs Jackson provided the service. The counter was then on the left as you entered, not the right as it is now. Beyond the Post Office were Thompsons the butchers and Grattons general store. My wife has a memory about the Post Office which nicely illustrates how most of the shops helped in a personal way. When we first moved in a Mr & Mrs Midgley lived in a detached corner house at the bottom of the road. The house had the date carved into the stonework. For many years Mr Midgley looked after his invalid wife until her death. After her death he decided to go on holiday to the islands off the north of Scotland. One day when my wife passed his house on the way to collect the children from school he asked her to call in the Post Office for him. "Ask her to send this telegram and I'll pay her the next time I'm in." It was to confirm booking of some holiday accommodation he had arranged. He was then probably in his nineties.

No doubt readers with better memories than mine will be able to find mistakes in what I think I remember but this cannot detract from our nostalgic thoughts of those happy days.

Don Ashford

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## THE MEMOIRS OF DAN REYNOLDS *By Himself*

I must tell you what I mean by Dr Thorne being down-to-earth. My parents had to call him out one Sunday and it was around 1.00 pm when he arrived. The dinner was on the hob (the shelf over the fire) waiting to be served. He stood with his back to the fire and inquired of the patient, then went upstairs and examined. On coming back down he once again stood as before but this time he turned around and casually helped himself to a portion of Yorkshire pudding and then another, then said "By Gum lass, tha' knows way to a man's `eart", and looking at my dad said "And don't forget to show thi' respect". I can only imagine that payment for his services was on a weekly basis.

The nurses' main role was childbirth though at times the arrival had taken place before they came. Neighbours were always at hand at these times, and also in sickness. It was a case of do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and one has no regrets. Frank Taylor made a tape for Brian Edwards and mentioned how his mother acted as midwife on many occasions, such was the caring way of life.

The first infringement onto agricultural land was by Mr Sheard who planned the area and commenced building houses. Next was Mr Tom Newbould who planned and developed the lower part of Heatherfield. Stone for the roads was provided from a quarry on site (hence Quarry Road). My dad (bomber) was ganger in charge, though he only built a few houses. One he did build was raffled off - the name of the said property is Blighty. Both men could have made it publicly and gained the confidence of the people and local council but neither he nor Mr Sheard finished what they originally planned. In later years Eddie Sheard commenced building in Main Avenue but being a raw recruit in the building business he eventually decided to pack it in.

Eventually Cannon Hall Farm and acreage was on the market and was bought by H Kelling - a builder. This would be around 1924 and that was when building started in earnest. The buildings were used as joiners shop and stores and the farm yard was used for making building blocks (coke breeze). Very few bricks were used and all outside walls were stuccoed and I have to say that those properties were as good and as solid as any brick structure, so one has to give credit for his formula to block making. He was also a show man with poultry and kept quite a big flock which were fed and cared for by Mr Fred Fox, a staunch Labourite who built the hall at Greenoak Shopping Centre. Originally it was called Labour Hall and though it functioned as such for a few years it was taken over by the Army, later for varying business ventures, now the tables are completely turned and it now belongs to the Conservatives.

One often hears about certain people who have healing powers, which are scorned by a few, but a Mr Duncan Coates was able to rub away warts. A Mr Dick Fisher will testify to this who, when taken to Duncan a few times was rid of his warts. Apparently (or so one is led to believe) he is a seventh son of a seventh son, and they have these gifts.

I always had great admiration for Frank Taylor, whose chief hobby in life was pigeons and racing, and, I might add, was well known in the Homing Pigeon Society, and a winner of many trophies. He was able to get a few of the teenagers interested in acquiring pigeons and racing, and the farthest they flew was Tamworth, which if my memory serves me right, was the final stage before going overseas. Edward Lewis is the only survivor of these, and would be delighted to recall those times.

A few years later Frank was able to get a few interested in steeplechasing and they joined the Sheffield United Harriers. I have my brother's fixture list at hand for 1923-24, and the headquarters for

Totley was the room at the Crown Inn (now car park), and among the names is coach Frank Taylor.

Training runs were first Tuesday each month at the Crown Inn, Totley, the next training at Cricket Pavilion, Dore, on third Tuesday in each month. The subscription was four shillings adult, two shillings juvenile. Needless to say my brother never made the grade, but three that did were Herbert Green, Summer Lane, Ronnie Hoole, Totley Bents and Archie Thomas, Baslow Road. The latter became a great runner, winning many prizes.

When Totley Social Club was formed Frank was once again to the fore by way of being trainer for the football team, and guided them from strength to strength, being top of Hope Valley League. The social club was a thriving club at the time, but as we grew older, transport to Sheffield was better and more frequent, and we tended to drift away. Eventually the room was used for Whist and Solo drives. The billiard tables were sold and eventually that was the end. One has to accept change in life style, but they were happy days.

Around the 20's there was quite a lot of poaching, mainly rabbits, and a few men from the district of Heeley used to come. The police were alerted, and eventually caught them, and they would face charges at the Court House, Dronfield. The Magistrate was a Mr Wilson from Horsleygate, who never showed any mercy so one can imagine they were sent to prison.

This Mr Wilson was Master of the foxhounds and on their visits to Totley would meet at the Crown Inn. I admit it was a lovely sight but the sport was cruel. All the landowners allowed the hounds and horses to roam the land as was necessary. Not long after we were taken over by Sheffield they banned all hunting in South Yorkshire, which was a setback for the hunters as they lost out to quite a few hundred acres of hunting country.

The End - Dan Reynolds, Totleyite 1910 - 2009

### **Ecclesall Woods Craft Courses**

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Website for further course details (e.g. wood carving, iron smelting, cider making, lathe turning, basket making) : [www.ecclesallwoodscraftcourses.co.uk](http://www.ecclesallwoodscraftcourses.co.uk)

# GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

The garden is getting ready to burst into flower! The recent sunshine got things going and now the signs are good. The tadpoles in the pond are growing well. They will soon be moving out into the garden - I hope they will be gobbling up all those slugs which will have developed over the last few weeks. I will have to be careful when mowing the lawn as I don't want minced frog all over the place. I'd rather have less slugs. They (the frogs not the slugs) usually jump about if they hear the mower approaching so I can avoid them.

The raised beds are a great success with broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, peas, leeks, radish and onions coming along nicely. The leeks are looking really good and should be OK for the show on September 7th.

The lawn is a lovely green sward at the moment. The bit of TLC earlier paid dividends. The brown dry patches have gone, I am pleased to say, though I must keep a wary eye open for signs of it reoccurring

My runner beans are not looking very good. I have given them a dose of phostrogen to boost their growth, so I hope that will encourage them to develop better.

The greenhouses are looking very busy. Most of the pot plants are in flower - the lilies fill the place with scent; and the cucumbers are nearly ready for picking (we should have had quite a few by the time you read this). I have tried three varieties this year. They are all short ones. One is called "Mini Munch" so I presume this will be a bit smaller than usual and will suit us better.

The tomatoes are setting well. I look forward to picking the first ones on my birthday on 13th July. I missed out last year - they were a week or so late. I grow mainly a variety called Sungold - a lovely sweet orange tomato, quite small but very prolific. I also grow a couple of red plum type for cooking. They usually ripen later as they are a much bigger size.

The Totley Show committee is working hard now, getting things organised for the show on September 7th. The judges are looking forward to viewing your exhibits, so I hope lots of you will be taking part to make the show a success. Please encourage your children/ grandchildren to have a go - it's really good to see a full show bench with all the wobbly jellies, decorated buns and super Lego creations! Please make a real effort to take part, because without your entries we have no show! The apple pie section last year was a bit sparse, as were the flower arrangements, so try fill some of the gaps in these and the other sections. You never know - you may win a cup or certificate (I've been certified in the past) or a medal and it's great to see your skills on show. I look forward to seeing you there.

## AUGUST

**FLOWERS** Continue dead-heading to give a continuation of blooms; lightly prune bush and standard roses - cut back to about 2 leaves all stems which have flowered, give the beds a dusting of Tonks or other rose fertiliser and work it into the top layer of soil.

Tie up the taller perennials - if we get a bit of wind in summer, they are soon broken down.

August is the time for cutting dried flowers for winter decoration. Tie the stems up in bunches and hang them upside down in a cool airy place. Give flower beds a regular feed of compound fertiliser as this will keep them growing and flowering. Sweet peas need a layer of mulch and a good liquid feed.

**VEGETABLES** Sow a bit more parsley, earth up brussels sprouts. Do not feed onions after July as ripening may be hindered. Marrows should be cut whilst they are still young and before the skin hardens - and save a nice big one for the show in September!

Cucumbers grown in frames outdoors will need regular watering and feeding- and keep stopping the runners (side shoots).

Remove any caterpillars as soon as they appear on cabbages and other brassicas; keep runner beans mulched and well-watered, especially during hot dry periods (we hope).

Outdoor tomatoes need a good feed once a week with a good tomato fertiliser and each plant should be stopped one leaf above the 2nd or 3rd truss depending on the variety.

**TREES SHRUBS AND FRUIT** When propagating strawberry plants, always choose a perfect parent plant, with no yellow or curling leaves, peg the baby plants into pots of new compost set into the ground and allow them to root before cutting them from the parent plant. Do not take more than five plants from each parent and keep them well watered.

Prune raspberries as soon as they have finished fruiting, cutting them down to ground level. Retain six

of the strongest new canes from each plant for fruiting next year and tie them onto supports.

**GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS** As usual keep the greenhouse well ventilated and any seedlings which are coming along should be shaded, especially if the sun is very strong. Cuttings from most greenhouse plants can be taken now: geraniums, fuchsias, busy Lizzies etc and keep them shaded. Geraniums do not need a lot of water to start with.

Late August begonias and gloxinias will have finished flowering. Their water supply should be gradually reduced so that they ripen the corms and go to rest.

Restart old cyclamen around the second week of August. Clear off the old foliage and soil and re pot in the smallest pot which can accommodate the roots comfortably. Keep them in a shady spot, water moderately at first, but spray the corms daily with tepid water to encourage them to make new growth.

If you want to have narcissus by, or even before, Christmas, pot up bulbs now

**LAWNS** At the end of August lawn seed can be sown on a prepared bed - and keep well watered.

If we have very dry conditions set the mower high to retain moisture at the roots.

## SEPTEMBER

**FLOWERS.** Keep up with the dead-heading of plants. Remove summer bedding plants which are finished, and prepare any spare beds for spring planting. The earlier you can get wallflowers, primulas etc. in, the stronger the plants will be to survive the winter. Lift and pot up geraniums, fuchsias and other tender plants you want to keep over the winter. They need to be kept dry-ish and in a frost-free place.

Tuberous begonias need to be lifted and dried off to keep indoors. Make sure you remember to water regularly any newly planted plants. Plant out spring flowering bulbs, narcissi, lilies, daffodils etc. These can be planted at any time during autumn, but early planting gives better results (hold tulip and hyacinth for a bit longer - end of October). Pot up bulbs for early flowering - hyacinths, tulips, narcissi ixias,

should be potted up now in bulb-fibre and bulbs should be almost touching one another and barely covered with the fibre. Stand the containers in the coolest place available and keep as dark as possible for 8-12 weeks. Keep checking that they are kept moist (not wet) and dust with flowers of sulphur if slight mould is showing. Rambler roses can be pruned now - cut the growths of those which have carried flowers to ground level and remove from trellis; tie back the new growth made this year. Cuttings of lavender can be put in now. They are easy to root in a sheltered place outdoors in a shallow trench in soil and plenty of sharp sand.

Check the supports of taller plants, to reduce the growth of those which have finished flowering (not too much). Take cuttings of penstemons now, use non-flowering shoots, put them in a sandy soil round the edge of a pot and place them in a cold frame or COLD greenhouse. If you have planted winter flowering pansies, pick off any flowers to encourage the plant to grow stronger.

**VEGETABLES.** This is a busy month for harvesting. Make sure you pick all runner beans before the first frosts. This also applies to marrows, courgettes and all squashes. Stake up brussels sprouts, and plant out spring cabbages. Cover the curds (white part) of cauliflower with a turned over leaf to protect from frost and keep them white. Onions which have finished ripening can be tied up (like the French do) and hung in a cool frost-free place. Peppers and tomatoes sown outdoors should be picked or given protection. You must have heard that to encourage ripening of peppers and tomatoes, place them in a tray, put them in a drawer with a couple of ripe apples, and don't forget which drawer you have put them in! If your onions are a bit late ripening (brown skins) turn the tops over to expose them to as much light as possible.

Leeks can be fed with a quick-acting nitrogenous fertilizer such as nitrate of soda or with a liquid fertilizer. Herbs should be gathered now for drying. Marrows can be hung in a dry, frost-proof place if you have too many for immediate use. Lift and store carrots and beetroot.

Continue earthing up celery. Test main crop potatoes before lifting - the skin should NOT rub off when thumb pressure is applied, and if they are 'set' they are ready for lifting.

**TREES, FRUIT AND SHRUBS** Pick all fruit as it ripens, order new bushes, trees or canes as required, choose late flowering varieties if you live in a frost pocket. Prune the shoots on all espalier and cordon trained trees, apply or renew grease bands on trunks to catch winter moths as they climb up the trunk (the caterpillars from their eggs feed on the blossoms in spring). Cut out fruited canes of summer raspberries and tie in the new growth. Autumn varieties are pruned next spring. Finish planting summer fruiting strawberries by the middle of the month. Watch out for slugs and snails and keep any newly planted stock well watered. Dead-head and shorten the flowering shoots of floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Prepare ground for planting heathers and evergreens. Take hardwood and semi-ripe cuttings of berberis, forsythia, juniper, privet, honeysuckle etc, put in a cold frame or guard indoors. Cutting back wisteria and clematis which has become rampant is best done at this time.

**GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS.** Disbud late chrysanthemums regularly. Most plants except annuals will propagate readily at this time. Place

cuttings in a mix of compost and perlite or vermiculite and place in a propagator or warm greenhouse. The end of the month should see the end of the tomatoes. Clear away the finished plants ready to accommodate the plants coming in to over-winter. The nights will begin to get much colder, so watch carefully the ventilation: side vents should be closed for the winter, and shading washed off the glass to give maximum light at this time. Spraying and damping down should be discontinued gradually. Pot on primulas and calceolarias. Cyclamen seedlings planted earlier should be ready for pricking out. The ideal time for potting is when they have 2 or 3 leaves each.

**LAWNS.** Rake, scarify and spike ready for a top dressing of autumn winter fertilizer towards the end of the month. This will help develop a healthy root system for next year's lovely green sward.

See you at the Totley Show on 7th September.

Cheerio for now, Tom.



## Soulroots and youth work in S17

Young people in our community are generally very well cared for and have access to an excellent education. This is after all one of the more affluent parts of Sheffield. But is there another story underlying this?

Two years ago Soulroots was formed by the amalgamation of two youth work charities based in the area that were struggling financially. There was clearly a need for this work as so many young people were involved. Soulroots is now growing even more and is on a better financial footing. There are two full time youth workers employed and we have a student youth worker with us.

Young people from Y6 to Y13 regularly meet in our area and have protected, organised time when they can explore some of the difficult questions they are facing and will face through their lives. We see them building friendships built on trust and these friendships often endure through the separation of university. These meetings are unashamedly based on Christian teaching but some of the meetings are less overtly Christian and no one would feel out of place.

**Fresh:** This is for younger members Y6 to Y9 and is a combination of games and discussion on Sunday evenings in Dore Parish Church Hall.

**Fishdotcom:** Y9-Y13 a youth group held in the Soulroots Youth Centre in Dore, where the young people play games and enjoy a lively discussion.

**Roots:** a midweek small bible study and discussion group.

**Rock Solid:** Tuesday evenings in St John's Abbeydale church hall. This is games based.

Watch out for the September launch of a new group based at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

There are weekends away and other activities planned. There are opportunities for involvement helping other charities. The website [www.soulroots.org.uk](http://www.soulroots.org.uk) and Facebook (if you are over 13) are the places to look for information on what is happening.

This work is funded by donations from members of six churches in the area. We thank our donors for their vision and generosity. Soulroots helps some young people, but not all in S17, and there are some who still do not know about what we offer. We want all to at least know who we are.

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## CHEF'S CORNER "The Chequers Inn Pimms"



This month's recipe is a twist on the old summer classic of 'Pimms and Lemonade'. It's perfect on a hot sunny afternoon. In the recipe I have used freshly picked elderflowers which can be found up and down roads or on country lanes everywhere this time of year. They have such a beautiful flavour and they are free!!

### **Ingredients:-**

8 heads fresh elderflowers      4 leaves gelatine      1 tub good quality strawberry ice cream      40ml lemon juice  
1 cucumber      lemon      300g sugar      2 shots pimms      2 oranges / 4 strawberries      1 pint water  
1 sprig mint

### **Instructions:**

- First, wash the elderflowers and place in a bowl, cover with sugar and lemon juice and pour over the boiling water. Leave to steep for 24 hours. Make a double batch and you have a wonderful summer drink as well!!
- Take the rind of the lemon, slice thinly and boil hard in water for 5 minutes. Remove from the pan and pat dry. Roll in a little caster sugar and leave uncovered on the side to dry out. Add a little more sugar later if necessary so that the sugar looks lightly crystallised over the lemon rind.
- Next day, soak the gelatine leaves in cold water for 5 minutes.
- Pass the elderflower cordial through a fine sieve into a bowl. Separate off ¼ pint of the cordial and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, add the gelatine and stir to dissolve. Add back to the rest of the cordial, leave to cool slightly and pour into martini glasses about half way up.
- Dice a quarter of the cucumber into 1 cm cubes and drop a few pieces into the jelly. Leave to set in the fridge for a couple of hours.
- Take the rest of the cucumber and slice lengthways four long strips, as thinly as possible. Segment the orange and wrap the segments in the cucumber slices. Sprinkle with a little mint chopped with a sprinkle of sugar to release the oils.
- To finish the dish, place the cucumber and orange roll on top of the jelly with the halved strawberries, ball some of the ice cream next to that and sprinkle with the candied lemon.
- Finally drizzle liberally with Pimms.
- Enjoy ice cold!!



## **Totley Scouts**

Thank you to everyone who answered my plea for Sainsbury's Active Kid vouchers and passed them on to the Scout group. We use them to swap for valuable equipment for Scouts. This year we are spending our vouchers on some orienteering equipment, a couple of Bear Grylls survival kits and a Target throw set, which includes bean bags and balls.

Last time I also told you about Tesco donating 100 tubes of Smarties. This was a fund raising exercise so that we could buy new tents. We just didn't have enough tents to accommodate all the children (and adult helpers) at camps. We have handed a tube of Smarties to each child. Great to eat but in return we have asked that the children try to fill the empty tubes with 20pence coins. We (well the Treasurer) are still counting 20pences but so far we have raised nearly £500. A great effort by the children.

Camping and out door activities are a big part of scouting. At the time of writing this the cubs have just come back from camping at Walesby Forest for the weekend. Some lucky cubs got to test out the new tents. I understand that a great time was had by all, and in glorious summer sunshine for a change. The outdoor swimming pool was packed!

Next weekend the Beavers go to Walesby, but as they are younger, only staying over one night. They have a

superman theme and the weather forecast is good again.

And the following week the scouts go away for 5 days to Spitewinter, near Chesterfield. The weather, we hope, will still be good.

And then, a welcome rest for the summer before we return in September for another term of fun filled activities.

We 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.

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 need your parents permission, so ask one to come along too to find out more. We are next to the woods off Aldam Road.

Please also take a look at the job advert in this issue of the Totley Independent. I hope some of you are interested.

Richard Frost

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## **It's a Mad World Season**

Mental health problems are common - but nearly nine out of ten people who experience them say they face stigma and discrimination as a result. This can be even worse than the symptoms themselves. **Time to Change** is England's biggest programme to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination. In **It's a Mad World Season** BBC 3 embraces this campaign to end discrimination in Mental Health through a number of films looking at a range of mental health issues affecting young people in Britain today. This campaign will change lives, as well as attitudes.

- **1 in 4 people** will experience some kind of mental health problem in the course of a year
- Mixed anxiety and depression is the **most common mental disorder** in Britain
- **Women are more likely to have been treated for a mental health problem** than men
- About **10% of children have a mental health problem** at any one time
- **Depression affects 1 in 5 older people**
- **Suicide rates** show that British men are three times as likely to die by suicide than British women
- **Self-harm statistics** for the UK show one of the highest rates in Europe: 400 per 100,000 population

Think you know mental health? Think again. BBC Three brings you a season of films looking at a range of mental health issues affecting young people in Britain today.

One of the most interesting, which has already been aired as part of the series, is **Don't Call Me Crazy** where we hear from the patients at one of the largest teenage mental health units in Britain, the McGuinness Unit in Manchester. Here it is the last resort for young people with psychosis or eating disorders as they try and turn their lives around, and we also hear from the staff who help them.

While some of the young patients agree to stay voluntarily to undergo treatment here, others have been detained against their wishes, sectioned under the Mental Health Act. Filmed over the course of a year and with unparalleled access, this series follows teenage girls and boys at the unit as they battle to turn their lives around.

More than half a million young people across the UK are being treated for some kind of mental illness, and over 3,500 teenagers passed through inpatient units like this last year. This series offers a chance for young patients to tell us what it's really like to live with mental health issues - through the good times and the bad - and dispel the myths, preconceptions and taboos of mental illness.

Don't Call Me Crazy launches **It's A Mad World** - a season of films on BBC Three looking at a range of mental health issues affecting young people in Britain today, from schizophrenia, OCD, eating disorders and self-harming to dealing with family members affected by mental illness.

Among those featured in the first episode of **Don't Call Me Crazy** is Beth, 17, who has recently arrived at the McGuinness Unit. Beth loves dancing and gymnastics, and often seems happy and extrovert. But appearances can be deceptive, as Beth has depression, self-harms and has an eating disorder. As her difficult relationship with food worsens, the staff are forced to take drastic action.

The film follows Beth and other teenage patients over the weeks and months of inpatient treatment. But their recovery is not just about therapy and medication. It's also about the relationships the teenagers forge with one another during their time on the ward at a time when a problem shared can be a problem halved.

**Other programmes being shown on BBC Three as part of the season...**

### **- Football's Suicide Secret - Tue 9th July, 9pm**

Clarke Carlisle investigates the dark side of professional sport: depression, addiction and suicide. In April 2012 a promising young football player jumped to his death from a 120ft high viaduct after racking up gambling debts. Are professional footballers more likely to suffer from mental health

issues than other industries? And how does football compare to other sports?

### **- Diaries of a Broken Mind - Wed 17th July, 9pm**

Using handheld cameras, 20 extraordinary young people with a range of health disorders from OCD to schizophrenia show us what life is really like as they navigate the rocky road into adulthood.

### **- Rachel Bruno: My Dad and Me - TBA**

26-year-old Rachel is the daughter of Frank Bruno, the ex-heavyweight boxing champion who is one of Britain's most famous sufferers of bipolar affective disorder. In this personal documentary, Rachel sets out to discover the truth about her dad's illness, and ultimately whether she is at risk of developing it too.

### **- Desperately Seeking Mental Health - TBA**

26-year-old Jonny Benjamin, who has schizophrenia and depression, investigates why many young people with mental illness are failing to get the right treatment from the NHS.

### **- Teen OCD Camp - TBA**

750,000 people in Britain suffer with OCD - an anxiety disorder that is often misunderstood, but one so severe it can leave sufferers housebound, depressed and even suicidal. In this documentary, six British teens and young adults living with OCD embark on a unique, life changing week-long treatment course in the US, where course leaders use exposure therapy to enable their participants to confront their fears.

### **- Football, Madness and Me - TBA**

This is the story of an extraordinary football league in which every player suffers from a mental health problem. We follow a number of key characters over one season, and shows how taking part in this unique league changes the lives of players for good.

### **- Free Speech - TBA**

Rick Edwards hosts a live edition of BBC Three's debate show which focuses on how mental health issues affect young people in the UK.

### **- Inside My Mind - TBA**

Mental illness affects us all and often strikes in the late teens and early 20s. In this programme CGI and personal stories are used to explain the science behind the most common mental illnesses that affect young people - why they develop, what's going on inside our bodies and what we can do to treat them.

*If you miss any episodes you can view them again on BBC IPLAYER*

**Reporter: Ruth Dacey**

## Ian is Totley's Greatest Loser!

A super slimmer is proving to be a winner at the losing game after shedding almost 6st and being named Totley's Slimming World 'Greatest Loser', with the emphasis well and truly on Greatest!

In April 2012, the 56-year-old weighed 18st 5lb and his size was affecting every aspect of his daily life. Since joining his local Slimming World group in Totley, he is 6st 1/2lb lighter. Not only has he won the best prize of all – a fitter, healthier, happier future altogether – he's also won the group's Greatest Loser 2013 prize for the member who's lost the most weight – and all in just 11 months.

Ian says: "I feel like a new man since losing weight – in fact, I look so different that people I haven't seen for a while say they don't recognise me! I feel happier and healthier, I've got more energy and I'm much more confident now too.

"Before, I lost the weight I'd pretend I didn't care that I was bigger than other people, but that just wasn't true. I hated clothes shopping and even the simplest of activities would leave me out of breath. I felt awful. Now I just want to make up for lost time and experience all of the things that my weight held me back from doing."

Ian's weight was also putting a huge strain on his health as he suffered from high blood pressure and was on medication for it. People who are severely overweight, with a BMI\* above 30, are more likely to suffer from health problems like coronary heart disease, arthritis, diabetes and cancer, and obesity is linked to a reduction in life expectancy of between seven and nine years. In Sheffield 26.8 per cent of people are in this category.

So, after reading about Slimming World in the Totley Independent, Ian joined his local Slimming World group at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church. He says: "Walking through those doors was one of the hardest things I've ever done, I was embarrassed and terrified that I was going to be not only the biggest person there but possibly the only man as well! But I needn't have worried because everyone there was so very friendly and welcoming and I wasn't the only man. I've made so many friends there and their support and encouragement has been the best. When you have a lot of weight to lose there are many hurdles to overcome to change old ways and adopt new healthy habits that you can sustain for the rest of your life. I couldn't have done it without the support of my Consultant Jo Elsey and the rest of the group. Every week they were there with a new recipe or shopping tip and if I was struggling someone always seemed to have the perfect piece of advice."

The club's now-famous Food Optimising plan was a surprise too: "People think slimming means going hungry, eating nothing but salad, obsessively counting every calorie you eat and weighing or measuring everything on your plate, but it's not like that at all at Slimming World. I love food and it's never once felt like I was on 'a diet'. I still enjoy all my favourite meals like burgers and chips and roast dinners but I've learned how to make small changes like using lean meat or low calorie cooking spray instead of oil or butter. It fits in really well with the rest of my family as well. We all enjoy the same meals and we all feel tons better for it."

Now Ian's lost a total of 6st 1/2lb and gone from a waist of 48" to 36" and recently bought 32" trousers. He's also more active nowadays and regularly walks 10 miles a day and swims 3 times a week.

Jo Elsey, who runs the Totley Slimming World group, says: "The change we've seen in Ian is amazing. He's a huge inspiration to the other members and I hope his success will inspire other people in Totley who'd like to lose weight and become happier and healthier to take action. There's a warm welcome waiting at Slimming World."

The Totley group meets every Monday at 7pm at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. For more information contact Jo Elsey on 0114 262 0523 or jo.elsey@talktalk.net.

\*Body Mass Index (BMI) assesses weight in relation to height and is a method used by the government and health professionals to estimate whether a person's weight could be affecting their health. The sum to work out a person's BMI is:  
Weight (kg) / height<sup>2</sup> (metres). A person who has a BMI of 25-29.9kg/m<sup>2</sup> is classed as overweight and an 'obese' BMI is anything above 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>.



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[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

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2. Herb shown on clock
3. Get wages for ashes
4. Vegetable failing to hold water
5. Rent car level raised
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# Totley Primary School Blog July 13



It's been quite a couple of months here at Totley Primary School with many exciting activities taking place. We have had a huge fundraising push for the Children's Hospital Charity and have raised nearly £5000. Events have included Chris Stewart, the



Headteacher completing a 14,000 feet skydive, Mrs Booth, our General Assistant shaving her hair in assembly, a group of parents completed the 10K Chatsworth Race and many other activities that the children and parents have completed independently.

We also held our annual summer fair and what a brilliant afternoon it was. We had an incredible amount of families attending and they were treated to a host of activities, performances and of course, the bouncy castle! We are very grateful to our PTA who have given up hours preparing and organising for the fun day as well as spending nearly 8 hours on the day itself!

Another great event was the FS2 and Key Stage 1 visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park back in June. The weather was glorious and the children had an amazing time looking through the park. We've certainly seen a good few sculptures around school which have been inspired by the visit. Another brilliant visit was to Cadbury World in Birmingham as part of the Year 4 topic on Chocolate. The children were taught about the history of chocolate, how chocolate is made and of course, they got to taste lots of it too. It will not be a surprise that this is one of the most popular topics that we teach in school!

Our gardening club has really taken off over the past few years and Mr Miller along with his trusty team of helpers work incredibly hard to maintain all the wonderful areas that we are lucky to have. The weekly club has around 15 children who plant, water, dig and tend to the flowerbeds and keep school looking great. A big thank you has to go to Mr Measures, Mr Steele and Mr Stead as well as Mr Miller and the all the children for their hard work

Finally we say a goodbye and thank you to two members of staff. Mr Baalbergen has taught our Year 4 class since Christmas and he leaves to take up a post at The Oakes Holiday Centre while Mr Finney who has taught at the school for over 7 years takes up the role of Assistant Headteacher at Meynell Primary school. We wish them every success for the future.

Ben Paxman – Assistant Headteacher

## MINISTER CALLS 'ALL ABOARD' FOR SHEFFIELD RAIL INVESTMENT

Transport Minister, Norman Baker MP, backed improvements to Sheffield to Manchester train journeys as he visited Sheffield in June.

Norman Baker boarded the train from Dore & Totley to Sheffield to highlight the planned investment.

Under the proposals, Dore & Totley Station on the Hope Valley Line is to be doubled in size with an extra track, a second platform and a new footbridge.

Rail passengers across Sheffield will also benefit from extra train services and faster journey times on the line linking Sheffield and Manchester. Services will be increased from two to four an hour.

Norman Baker was in Sheffield to officially open the Dore & Totley station Park and Ride.

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## BACK LANE - TOTLEY RISE

Totley independent readers may well remember an article published in the May/June edition of the magazine (No. 361) which highlighted serious irregularities relating to two sets of properties on Back Lane, Totley Rise, namely a garage/storeroom located on Back Lane, behind 69, Baslow Road and four rebuilt cottages located at the bottom of the shopping precinct, Nos 15-21, Baslow Road.

On the 8th April 2013, Sheffield Planning officials arranged a Planning Committee meeting to consider approval to an application from Mrs Wendy Flowers (a director of Metropolitan Homes Ltd) who is attempting to 'regularise' the use of garage/storeroom by obtaining a 'Lawful Development Certificate' which would allow the building to legally become a fully operational Builders Yard. This application can be viewed on the Sheffield Planning website by entering the following - **PLANNING REF: 13/01263/LD2**.

Interestingly, the above application is now being made only after numerous attempts to 'change the use' of the building into a dwelling house, have been turned down - the reasons being: sub-standard means of vehicular access, the presence of severe blind bends, over-intensification of a narrow footpath/highway and vehicle manoeuvres likely to be prejudicial to highway safety.

A petition signed by approximately 109 individuals resulted in the meeting being cancelled until further evidence was obtained from the applicant (Mrs Flowers) in order to verify that the garage/storeroom had been continuously used for ten years as an office, builder's yard & store. At this moment in time, the applicant has not provided sufficiently precise and unambiguous evidence to justify the grant of a certificate.

A further 112 letters from local residents in close vicinity to Back Lane, also signed letters of objection to any approval being granted, on the basis that the building had not been used **continuously** for ten years.

It is therefore inconceivable to think that planning officials might ignore the overwhelming evidence provided by more than 200 local residents and permit any 'change of use'

However, at a meeting with Mr Chris Heeley (Team Manager, South Area Development Services) on Tuesday, 9th July 2013 we were informed that any decision as to whether or not approval is given may finally be judged on **PROBABILITY** only. In other words, the failure to provide sufficient documentary evidence that the building has been used continuously for ten years means nothing and this is despite the fact that records clearly show that no Business Rates/Council Tax have ever been paid, for the years 2001 to 2010.

Moving on to the issue of the narrowing of Back Lane, following the (unnecessary?) demolition and rebuild of cottages in 2002, namely 15-21 Baslow Road: local residents and shopkeepers on the precinct of Totley Rise (15-71 Baslow Road) have regularly complained about the permanent curtailment of long standing access for refuse vehicles and emergency services at the lower end of Back Lane.

Recent requests made under the Freedom of Information Act has now established that following the demolition of 15-21 Baslow Road in 2001, the developer (Metropolitan Homes Ltd) encroached into the lane by approximately 1.15 meters. The foundations associated with the rebuild commenced in September 2001 but drawings showing the first signs of encroachment were not received by Sheffield planning until February 2002 - five months after building started.

No action appears to have been taken against the developer by Planning officials or Highway so even though the matter was brought to their attention by ONYX refuse collection services in March 2002 when they indicated that they were no longer able to provide a service to residents/shopkeepers whose bins needed emptying on Back Lane.

Further investigations reveal that a Planning official did eventually visit the site to measure the frontage of the new building and width of the lane. After the visit, no further documentary evidence seems to exist.

During the meeting with Mr Heeley on Tuesday 9th July 2013 the unauthorised and unlawful narrowing of Back Lane, was brought to his attention. Regrettably, Mr Heeley was not able to provide any answers as to why no action was taken against the developer, but promised to investigate further.

Since the above meeting, a request has now been made to Sheffield Highway's to arrange a further meeting which will discuss Highways involvement, in what now appears to be a 'cover up' and ask why no enforcement action against Metropolitan Homes Ltd, ever took place.

In conclusion many thanks to all Totley residents who have given their support and also to Cllr Joe Otten for joining in at the meeting with Mr Heeley. A copy of this article is also being sent to Nick Clegg (Deputy Prime Minister) Colin Ross, Keith Hill, Joe Otten (local Councillor's) and Richard Marsden (Political Editor - Sheffield Telegraph).

Cllr Joe Otten adds "I am dismayed at the way that some developers seem able to run rings around the planning department, breaking rules and avoiding enforcement."

Jim Webb

## TOADS 'Cat's Cradle' by Leslie Sands

Watch out for TOADS next production which will be from Wednesday 20th November to Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd November at 2.30pm. A murder mystery, 'Cat's Cradle' (presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd), written by the well-known actor and playwright Leslie Sands. The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 235 1206 to reserve your ticket or contact any TOADS member.

If you are interested in treading the boards, or helping out back-stage, why not pop down to the Guild Room, St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30, or contact Sarah by email - sarah@toads-drama.co.uk.

## PUZZLE CORNER

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Martyn, chair of South Yorkshire's largest independent firm of opticians with 10 practices, invited more than 50 staff and special guests to the party, when he and his family laid on a wonderful spread to mark the impressive landmark in MKO's history.

At the party, Martyn said: "I am extremely proud that MKO has reached such an important milestone in its history. I would like to thank sincerely staff, past and present, for their dedication, hard work and loyalty and also my family for their strong support in establishing and expanding the firm which is now practically a household name across South Yorkshire – without them all this would not have been possible." MKO's first practice was on Herries Road - now the firm's head office - the other well-established practices are in Totley, Abbeydale, Rawmarsh, Stocksbridge, Manor Top, Firth Park, Woodhouse, Walkley and Rotherham town centre.

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Peter Casson

## HOLMESFIELD CHURCH WALKING GROUP

### DOVEDALE WALK

On Wednesday 7th August at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk from Bank Top Farm near Hartington. We will first go to Pilsbury Casle then to Harris Close, returning via the village of Hartington. Lunch (optional) will be at the farmhouse. The cost of the lunch will be £16.50 (children half price) and will be roast lamb + choice of sweet + tea or coffee. The cost of the walk is £3 with proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church Refurbishment Fund. If you would like to come just turn up **but if you are staying for lunch please phone Robin on 01246 412767**. The walk is approximately 5 miles long with short cuts available.

## Anyone remember?

Yes, I remember sometime when I was in my teens someone mentioned White Lane to me - Goodness, I thought, I never knew it was called that - we always knew it as Shepley's Drive as it led eventually to Woodthorpe Hall. Stephen says that his Dad called it Salt's Drive, Salt's Farm being a close neighbour to Woodthorpe Hall. (Just in passing Stephen, I remember your dad as I too was born at Totley Bents).

Like the Turner and Roberts families, we often walked. that way but before we reached the stone gate posts to the hall, we would turn left and climb Wing Hill, the drive being a concessionary path as far as the gate posts, from where it was private. If my memory serves me correctly, Mr Wing was the owner of Woodthorpe Hall before the Shepleys.

I remember well (though I was only 8 years old at the time) the soldiers stationed in the paddock. It was definitely a search light battery and I am reliably informed by my friend who lived at Woodthorpe at that time that there was a gun there but only a light one. A heavier, more powerful gun was sited at Dore but I have no knowledge of that myself.

The winter of 1940 is remembered for the deep snow and the soldiers at the search light battery were housed in tents at that time. Later some kind of huts were built and these were demolished at the end of the war by a local builder.

My sister Pat and. I grew up on Main Avenue and I remember the concern of our neighbours In case the beam of the search light reflected on our roof tops making us a. target for the German planes. They need not have worried, though my sister still possesses pieces of shrapnel which she picked up on Main Avenue just after the Sheffield Blitz so we were not entirely out of the firing range. The rest of the shrapnel we found, we took to the rifle range to give to the soldiers, hoping they could use it to fire at the Jerries.

Mrs Shepley of Woodthorpe Hall was an exceptional lady who, when her son was killed in his Spitfire, resolved to buy a new plane and organised many garden parties, concerts, whist drives etc. and she did indeed raise enough money for a new Spitfire, hence The Shepley Spitfire.

Mrs Shepley not only helped the war effort by buying a new plane, she also raised the spirits of everyone in those war years with the events she organised which were always well supported and enjoyed.

J Smithson (nee Creswick)

## HOLMESFIELD FLOWER CLUB

Holmesfield Flower Club invites you to a demonstration on Wednesday 21st August by new NAFAS demonstrator, Glenda Bream, entitled "From Small Beginnings". It will start at 7.30pm in the Holmesfield Village Hall (off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield – ample parking.

The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening.

On September 18th there will be a workshop by Ada Fawthrop entitled "New Designs with Twigs" starting at 7.30 pm in the Holmesfield Village Hall. You are very welcome to both.

For further details please phone Diana, tel. 0114 237 7601

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### SEPTEMBER

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**TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, '40 years in Broadcasting', Gerry Kersey, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am  
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### OCTOBER

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**TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** 'Gardens of Cornwall, Mr & Mrs Thomas, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am  
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## CHEF'S CORNER

### SOPH'S LOAF



This is my third loaf cake recipe to share with you, and I think this could be the tastiest one yet! I introduce to you the magnificent Dark Chocolate Cherry Loaf... Hurrah! Cherries are in season! Use them in this delicious cake to add moisture and a subtle cherry flavour.

#### Ingredients:

##### Cake Layer

- 2 eggs - 240g unsalted butter - 80ml sour cream - 200g fresh cherries (pitted and halved)
- 200g plain flour - 50g cocoa powder - ½ tsp bicarbonate soda - 1tsp vanilla extract
- 220g caster sugar - 100ml boiling water - 175g dark chocolate chunks

##### Syrup

- 150ml water - 50g caster sugar - 25g chocolate chunks

##### Utensils:

- |                 |          |             |                           |                   |               |               |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Wooden spoon    | Two pans | Mixing bowl | Loaf tin                  | Large metal spoon | Measuring jug | Teaspoon      |
| Weighing scales |          | Colander    | Sharp straight edge knife |                   | Small knife   | 900g loaf tin |

##### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 160°C
2. Put the flour, bicarbonate of soda, sugar, cocoa powder, vanilla, eggs and sour cream in to a large bowl and mix with a wooden spoon until fully combined.
3. Boil 150ml of water and put into a pan with the cherry halves. Simmer for 15 minutes or until the water takes on the colour from the cherries and thickens slightly. Drain the liquid off the cherries and reserve it for the syrup.
4. Boil another 100ml of water and fold gradually into the chocolate mixture. Then mix in the cherry halves and the dark chocolate chunks and spoon into the prepared loaf tin.
5. Bake for around one hour. This cake is very moist so don't expect a completely cake-free skewer!
6. Now make the syrup using the reserved cherry mixture. Heat with the sugar and simmer for 5 minutes - taste the syrup before using as you may need to add more or less sugar depending on the sweetness of your cherries.
7. Prick the cake with the skewer all over and spoon over the cherry glaze.
8. Sprinkle the chocolate chunks over the top and enjoy! (This cake is delicious eaten warm from the oven or cold the next day!)



Look out for more tasty recipes in the next issue of the **Totley Independent....** and remember: Keep Calm and Carry on Baking!!

## Totley Rise Methodist Church

### Sunday 22nd September BIG WELCOME 10.30am

Perhaps you have wondered what churches are really like. Who you may meet? Will you feel welcome? If you have questions and keep meaning to pop into a church one day but never quite make it. Why not put the 22nd September at 10.30 in your diary. You and your family and friends are always welcome, but sometimes we need an invite and a date for our diary.

### Sunday 6th October HARVEST FESTIVAL 10.30am.

All are welcome to this family service. Any gifts given will go to international Relief and Development Fund and Sheffield Grace Food Bank (non-perishable food), for those in need in the local community.

#### Sheaf CAB

Sheaf CAB is at Totley Rise Methodist Church Tuesday mornings 10am-noon offering free advice on any legal, financial, employment, benefits or other problems. Advice is confidential and no advance booking is necessary.

#### Alpha

Dinner, followed by discussion about life, the Christian message and its relevance today. Alpha is a 10 week course, every Monday evening starting in September. For more information call 0114 236 6819

#### Quiet Garden

The Quiet garden is situated at the side of Totley Rise Methodist church. A time and place for anyone to visit at any time during daylight hours. Whether it's time to think or the need for a bit of peace, come down and take a seat in the garden.

#### Knit and Natter

A time to knit and a time to natter but you don't have to be an expert at knitting, just keen to make new friends and have a good chat with them. Come along to TRM Centre at Totley Rise Methodist Church on every Tuesday morning between noon and 3pm. Bring your own packed lunch but coffee and tea are provided. Bring your own knitting or join a group knitting for good causes.

#### Messy Church

Come and join our Messy Church held at TRM and see for yourself all the fun and exciting things that happen at this active event on Saturday 14th September 2013 3pm-5pm. A fun filled themed afternoon of Noah and the Ark including crafts, food and a story.

# All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane

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## Services in June and July

### August

4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Praise  
6.30pm Evening Prayer  
11<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Praise  
6.30pm Evening Prayer  
18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Praise  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### September

1<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Morning Praise  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Morning Praise  
6.30pm Evening Prayer  
22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer  
29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

There is a Holy Communion Service at 10.00am every Wednesday.

### Gods Garden

God planted up a garden  
He gently sowed the seed  
So tenderly He cared for it  
Removing every weed

So much was His concern for it  
We watched it day and night  
And watered it with blessings  
'Twas to be a wondrous sight

With such care and attention  
The plants just grew and grew  
As time passed by they blossomed  
Into flowers of glorious hue

The perfume that arose there  
Brought delight into Gods heart  
I pray you know the garden  
God tended from the start

The flowers there are friendship  
That God just knew we'd need  
That is why He raked it well  
Before He sowed the seed

Cherish the flowers God gives you  
That they just bloom and grow

And thank God for these blessings  
That in us He does sow

*Thank you to all the people of Totley who kindly donated to Christian Aid via the red envelopes in May. We raised £1302.42p, which will provide opportunities for people in the Third World to be able to support themselves and their families.*

### Thought for the summer from Grove Baptist Church East Belfast

"Summertime and the living is easy" Or is it?

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, there would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Americas/Western Hemisphere
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be "non-Christian"
- 30 would be "Christian"
- 1 would have a college education
- 6 people would possess almost 60% of the world's wealth and all 6 of them would be from the USA
- 80 would live in sub-standard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition

If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than three quarters of this world.

If you have money in the bank, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.



Enjoying a cuppa at Transport 17 Coffee Morning

# “Protect your income and capital in retirement”



## CHATSWORTH HOUSE

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Chatsworth has a limit of **56 places** for lunch, so please call or e mail promptly to reserve your place.

Contact: Sara Young

Telephone: 0114 303 0655

E Mail: [steve.davis@thetdp.co.uk](mailto:steve.davis@thetdp.co.uk)

We will write to you to confirm your place and provide further details. We very much look forward to welcoming you to Chatsworth House.

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- your beneficiaries getting a bigger Inheritance tax bill, with the £325,000 nil rate band frozen until 2018
- the all-time low interest being paid on your savings – with no sign of improvement

We have some answers to these problems. This is an ideal time to put a little time aside to review your future financial plans. Let us help you make a start.

Join us as our guest at a seminar we are holding at the beautiful Chatsworth House.

## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### THE AGENDA

10:30 to 11:00	Registration, tea/coffee on arrival
11:00 to 11:45	Gordon Earl: Generational Planning – Protect your family's inheritance by making smart decisions now
11:45 to 12:00	Comfort break
12:00 to 12:45	Steve Davis: Protect your income and capital in retirement
13:00 to 14:00	Lunch – be our guests at the rather special Chatsworth 'afternoon tea'
14:00 onwards	Be our guests for a tour of the Chatsworth House



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Fig 14: Visuals location map



View 1: View looking south-west over central green space and pond



View 2: View looking west along main access road

The preferred development by Dyson consultants for the brickworks close to the Peak District border is for around 58 dwellings. Local community groups are in discussion with the consultants and we will report as these progress.

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