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This month's photo, of Bowshead Farm was taken by Mr Frank Baker, a well-known local farmer, who has lived in the area since he first bought Bowshead back in 1984. He and his wife Mary have four grown-up children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He says the farm keeps him fit, and when he's not too busy he likes to take photographs for 'posterity'!



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Green Light For New High Street Business

The new owners of what used to be Tapers, the old convenience store at the north end of the High Street, have been given the go-ahead to start the Torley Artisans Collective. Planning consent has been given for the building, which has been empty for over a year, to be set up as a place where local artists can show their wares. The new owners, Paul and Ellen Barker, are excited to offer the town's creative people a place to show and sell their products.

Ellen, an artist herself, says; "We know there are people in Torley who have enormous talent, and we also know that some of them are frustrated with the lack of opportunity to exhibit or showcase their wonderful work. This new Collective, in a prime position in the town, will offer a great range of locally created items for sale and commissions. We are really excited about it."

The system will operate on a commission basis. Part of the space will be devoted to an art gallery, where both general and exclusive exhibits of pottery, sculptures, photography and paintings will be held, and there will also be jewellery, pottery and a few other sections dedicated to different forms of artistry. Artisans are invited to contact Ellen on 765598, to enquire about showcasing and terms and conditions.

Torley Residents Say A Big "NO" to Proposed New Parking Charges In Town

A meeting was held in the local community centre last month, where Torley residents were invited to ask questions about new proposals to increase the cost of parking in the town. Currently, the town council provides two hours' free parking anywhere in the town, but as new revenue streams are being explored, the proposal has been to reduce this to one hour.

Business owners are particularly opposed to the move, and they all made their feelings very clear at the meeting.

Local dress shop owner Trudie Sangster said; "The town is vibrant and busy and its because people can spend enough time fully enjoying all it has to offer, in the two-hour window they have. Take that down to one hour, and they will only come in for the essentials. We can't afford to keep paying the rents on business premises if they don't spend enough money in the town."

Mrs Sangster owns the local clothes boutique GladRagz. Greg Sim, Manager of the local supermarket, agreed.

"People need to have enough time to do their shopping, and deal with other things like using the post office, attending the medical centre, and even meeting a friend for coffee. What people may need to do in town can't always be achieved in one hour. Why should they now have to start paying, to do the same things they've always been able to do?"

The general feeling, among both business operators and town residents alike, was that the town's social structure works well as it is, for everyone.

All at the meeting appreciated the local council's burgeoning need to generate more income, they felt that other ways of doing this should be explored, discussed and considered. Parking Warden Jen Thomas said that on

busy days there was an ongoing problem with people parking for longer than two hours and not paying the parking charge after that. Ms Thomas said that her part time role didn't allow for policing overstaying as effectively as possible.

"Some people do take a lot of advantage," she said. "It's a significant problem in the town."

Ms Thomas observed that better enforcement meant that more income could be generated through fines issued to people who failed to comply with the policy.

Her remarks proved controversial, and so did the observation made by Patsy Swift, the local librarian, when she said that the library staff had been very lenient with fines for overdue books, and they could tighten up on that, to increase revenue in a small way. Council representatives agreed to look at alternative ways to generate revenue, but refused to say whether they still intended to increase the parking charges to require payment after only one hour, instead of the current two.

'Open Garden Week' Raises £676 for RSPCA

The Organiser of the annual 'Open Garden Week,' Mrs Hazel Walton, has announced that this year's OPW, which opened on the weekend of the recent August Bank Holiday, and ran for a full week was well attended by locals and plenty of visitors too.

"I think the weather helped a lot," said Mrs Walton, when we interviewed her on the Sunday evening after the event closed its gates. "But we did try hard this year to raise the profile, and a media release aimed attracting visitors from further afield seems to have worked well. I'm very pleased with the total raised."

Please Contact Hazel directly through the local community centre, for more information or to enter your garden into the event next summer. All proceeds will go to the local RSPCA.

RSPCA

Torley Town
We currently have a litter of nine Welsh Collie puppies (6 boys and 3 girls) that we are seeking to rehome. They are 12 weeks old, microchipped and vaccinated, thanks to the wonderful team at Valley Veterinary Practice who donated their time and resources to ensure that all the puppies have the best chance at finding loving homes. Enquiries welcome on 763097.

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Fi's Column



By Fiona Frost – your local 'Flower Girl'
At Heavenly Blooms

Hello, lovelies! Summer is officially over, and its time to think about having some nice flowers in your homes to brighten things up a bit, as the weather starts taking its usual seasonal nosedive.

Autumn can be unpredictable, weatherwise, so you might still have some late-summer flowers in your gardens, but the frost isn't far away (if you'll pardon the pun!) and sadly that will probably be the kiss of death for most of them. Asters will continue to flourish for a bit though, and their pink, purple and white are very cheery. Snapdragons will lift the heart a little too, for a good while yet, and don't forget the good old marigold, which is always bright and cheerful.

Every year, while I'm busy thinking about what kind of flowers to put in my vases, now that the days are drawing in. I often realise I've neglected my houseplants a bit. Its busy all spring and summer, in the shop, so home isn't a place where I tend to spend a lot of my waking time, and by the time I do get to sit around the house for more than a minute, I realised the poor old spider and cheese plants have got a bit neglected. When well taken care of, they and other houseplants provide a lot of calm and serenity to your indoor space, not to mention helping to purify the air!

Every autumn I tell myself the same thing; 'next year I'll take better care of them through the spring and summer.' Luckily, my cleaner gives them water, once a week, so they are not quite at death's door!

Autumn flowers are just as colourful and pretty as the spring and summer ones, and violas, pansies, chrysanthemums and winter daffodils are popular right now, to give posies and bouquets a burst of pretty colour.

So, as you know, I do a draw once a month, and pull out the name of a local customer who placed an order in the previous month, and this month's winner of the September Bouquet is:

***** TONY VALLEY *****

Congratulations Tony! Whenever it suits, just give me a call to let me know what colours you'd like in your bouquet, and I'll make it up and have it delivered to you, or the recipient of your choice.

Next month, I and my assistant are going to a huge Christmas Garden Fair in Manchester. I know it's pretty early, and nobody really wants to be thinking about Christmas in September (unless they are very early Christmas shoppers, which is something else I tell myself I should be, but never get around to doing!), but it's a really important event for us, in learning about current colour and design trends for flower-loving customers. And there are Christmas weddings, and many bouquets wanted as gifts, or as greetings for visiting friends and family. We want to offer the best of what the industry knows people want.

Do pop into the shop and say hello, and remember, 'saying it with flowers' can make someone's day.

Lorry Sheds Its Load Of Toilet Rolls on Outskirts of Town

Lorry owner/driver Warren Wilson was caught short last Wednesday when the lorry he was driving shed its load onto the side of the road. 'I was coming in to the supermarket to make my drop,' he explained, 'and I had to swerve quite suddenly to avoid a sheep in the road.' The fasteners on the nearside edge of Mr Wilson's curtain-sided trailer snapped, and his load ended up in a ditch just outside Ravensdown Farm. There were a number of cars behind him, and people were quick to take advantage of the load, which turned out to be bumper packs of toilet rolls. 'I'd never seen anything like it,' he said. 'People were in a frenzy, grabbing the packs and loading them into the boots of their cars. One guy had a van, and I think he must have made off with about six packs of 18. That should keep him going for a while.' When asked why he hadn't called the police, over what seemed to be a common theft happening before his very eyes, Mr Wilson just shrugged. 'The packaging was badly damaged, and a lot of the rolls were pretty squashed. It's my company, so I figured since I couldn't sell them anyway, I could at least help what looked like a few 'needy' locals.' He added that the loss should be covered by insurance.

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This month's Aga recipe is from Mrs Sheila Shalloe Pineapple Upside Down Cake

- 50g butter, melted
- 75g light brown sugar
- 8 pineapple slices patted dry with kitchen paper
- 9½ glacé cherries
- 175g butter, softened
- 175g caster sugar
- 3 free-range eggs
- 175g self-raising flour
- 25g desiccated coconut
- Zest of a lime

Melt the butter in a small pan and stir in the brown sugar. Pour onto the base of a lined dish. Place eight pineapple slices on bottom. Place a halved cherry into each slice and the remainder in the gaps between the slices. Put into the fridge while you make the sponge topping.

Beat the butter and sugar together until light and creamy, gradually add the eggs with a couple of tablespoons of flour with the last egg, to avoid curdling. Fold in the remaining flour, coconut and lime zest. Place over the pineapple rings and lightly level the top.

Slide the dish into the Baking Oven or oven on B4, direct on the lowest set of runners. Bake for about 45-50 minutes, until the cake is cooked – a skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean, to indicate it is done.

Loosen the edges of the cake. When cool, invert the cake onto a baking tray. Serve as cake or with whipped cream for a pudding.

"This is a great go-to cake for me," says Mrs Shalloe. "When visitors are coming, I always like to bake a cake, and this one seems to be a firm favourite."

CRAFT FAIR



Sunday 6th October
Torley Church Hall
10.00am – 3.30pm
Entry is gold coin donation

To book a trade stand or to volunteer to assist on the day, please contact Adie Raven at AdRa292188@gmail.com

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Willowtarn Hospice

Autumn Mop Fairs Cancelled Across Lancashire & Cumbria

The annual Mop Fair, which usually sets up in the last weekend in September in the field alongside The Beeches Hotel on the main road between Torley and Carlisle has cancelled its entire 2024 Autumn Lancashire and Cumbria tour. The fair will not be touring at all, this far north, because of an outbreak of COVID among staff. Proprietor Normal Fuller said; "It's regrettable. Almost our entire staff has gone down like a ton of bricks with the virus. We were due to start touring the week after next, in Preston, before moving on to Lancaster, but there is a lot to prepare beforehand and staff are simply too sick to do the job. It's too much to expect, to get everyone fully better, and on the road in a week. We know how disappointed everyone will be, and we are, ourselves. We're very sorry."

The Beeches Hotel is offering a special event for locals in place of the Mop Fair, on the Saturday, from 10.00am until 10.00pm with a marquee set up in the field, and live music and dancing, barbecue, beer garden, clowns, face-painting and bouncy castle, and evening bonfire will all be provided. Tickets are priced solely to cover costs, at £5 for adults and £3 for kids. Gayle Ormond, General Manager at the Beeches, said that children in particular would be disappointed about the fair and the hotel wanted to "do its bit" to support local families.

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<p>The Torley Medical Centre is still running a series of free Health Awareness Seminars, on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. Various topics will be covered, including Sexual and Reproductive Health, Cancer Awareness, Healthy Heart, and Foot & Leg Care. Booking is essential, as places are always limited. Brochures with details of the seminars and their dates are available at the surgery, or call 76894. There is limited parking available on site.</p>	<p>The Torley Amateur Dramatics Society's auditions for the Christmas panto, 'Aladdin,' are now open. TADS warmly welcomes all newcomers, and is keen to recruit volunteers for various backstage as well as acting roles. No experience is necessary, as we will train all newcomers in all aspects of theatre management. Acting classes have now resumed and the list of the coming season's plays is now available on the website. Join us. It's lots of fun. Details at www.TADSAMDrama.co.uk</p>	<p>After a series of complaints about the overhanging trees alongside the stream at the back of town, the council has decided to trim these, in the interests of public safety. The work will be carried out within the next two weeks, and this means that part of the walkway will be blocked off while this is carried out by staff from the Parks and Gardens department. Dog-walkers are asked to be extra diligent when cleaning up after their dogs between now and when the work is carried out. The poo bins will be temporarily located to the gate at the south end and put back on completion of the work.</p>
<p>The Bull and Royal pub is pleased to announce the return of 'Steak Night' on Thursdays, for the month of October. Patrons can leave their dogs with Cassie in the puppy creche, if required, for a nominal charge while they have their meals. Please note that this will NOT include 31st, as a Halloween Party is taking place at the pub.</p>	<p>Congratulations to Benny Malik and his team at the Kashmir Garden, in being awarded the prestigious award of 'Best Indian Takeaway in Cumbria.' The Kashmir Garden has provided our town with wonderful Indian food for over a decade, and the award is well deserved.</p>	<p>On 28th November roadworks start on the road to Carlisle, which will reduce traffic to one lane, governed by temporary traffic lights. The stretch of road affected runs from the town boundary line to the Beeches Hotel. Works are expected to take ten days, and road users are asked to be patient. The council apologises in advance for any inconvenience caused by the delays.</p>

'Citizen Spotlight'

This month the spotlight is on our local Vet, David Thornley, from Valley Veterinary Practice.

David moved to Torley from Birmingham in 2002 and started off working as a locum. He was then formally employed in 2003 and worked closely with the Senior Partner Stan Biggar, who was running the practice at the time. It wasn't long before David proved himself, and he was made a partner in the practice in 2006. When Dr Biggar retired, last year, David stepped into the role of Senior Partner.

When asked why he chose this career path, he said; 'I'm passionate about animal care, and after more than 20 years in the practice, I feel I've got to know the local pet owners really well. It's a privilege to be able to support them in the care of their loved pets. I'm very proud of this practice. We have amazing, caring staff at every level.'

David lives in Torley with his husband Peter, their two Great Dane dogs, and two cats. For hobbies, he trains for triathlons, hikes the local fells, and loves cooking and reading.



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FOR SALE	WANTED TO BUY	SWAPS	FREE
<p>Electric bike. It's only a pedal assist, and I fell off it before I realised. Banged my knee, can no longer ride. You can have the helmet too but it does have a really big crack in it. £180 o.v.n.o. Tel: 76912.</p>	<p>WANTED: Very large suitcase with wheels. Must close tight. Ok if it's a bit battered, I just need to transport something heavy from the boot of my car into the woods. Shovel also wanted please. Tel: 76079</p>	<p>WANTED TO SWAP: fully kitted out house bus. Is ready to go. Would like to exchange it for a narrowboat berthed anywhere north of Midlands. Phone Reg Trench on 76134 if interested.</p>	<p>Washing machine, Hoover brand, has a slight screeching noise but still works, probably just needs a belt. A rubber one, not a smack with your hand. I tried that and it didn't work. Ring Jenny on 76065</p>
<p>Bass guitar, it needs new strings and regluing at the back, When its fixed it should Sound amazing But probably only if you already know How to play it. £50 Tel: 76115.</p>	<p>WANED: Sealing fan, must be in good condition and not make too much of a whirring noise that will annoy me while I'm trying to watch Corrie or Emmerdale. Tel: 76828.</p>	<p>FAT CLOTHES SWIPING: Any ladies interested in getting together for a coffee meet and doing a swap of some fat clothes, contact Carmen after 6pm on 76563.</p>	<p>Home grown apples, some perfect, some wind-fall, all ok for cider or jelly. 4 boxes, free at 6 Wingate Walk, after 6pm. Don't leave the bruised ones. If you come, take the lot.</p>
<p>Ford transit can with seized engine. Probably good for parts for anyone with a bit of knollidge to pull it apart. Bodywork is a bit rusty bit some DW40 should sort it out. £770 o.n.o. Call Diane on 76229.</p>	<p>Laying hens WANTED, 6 if possible and no, I will not accept a rooster that 'comes with them' so don't even ask me that. The last one kept us up all night and don't ask what happened to it. Ring Carl on 76641 if you can help.</p>	<p>SWAP: Maternity dresses, all good labels, good condition. Looking to swap for nice winter dresses, tunics etc. that don't make me feel like a sailboat or a walking 10-man tent. Looking for size 12-14 if possible. Call Kate on 76337.</p>	<p>Goat, five years old. Needs loving home but has mean horns & doesn't like children. Pretty bad-tempered but eats anything, including brambles & clean washing. Call Pete on 76102 if you're feeling brave enough to take it on.</p>

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