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DORE THE CHURCH LYCHGATE
BRIAN EDWARDS 1990

The Lych Gate at Dore Church is not quite as old as most would think. In an issue of Dore To Dore, Bessie Colley wrote that her grandfather built it in 1884 although a later correspondent recollected the Lych Gate being dedicated in 1920.

A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

GREEN OAK BOWLING CLUB

Green Oak Bowling Club held their AGM at the Conservative Club on Monday, 9th November. The various teams attached to the club had a mixed season, the Saturday 'A' team who play in the first division of the Parks League had a few problems with players letting the team down through not turning up but nevertheless, finished mid-way in the league.

The Saturday 'B' team had a far better season they again won promotion for the fifth year running and moved up from the fourth to the third division which is the highest league the second team has achieved, they also got to three cup finals but, unfortunately, were always the 'bridesmaid' and never the 'bride' on all three occasions. In the Batchelor Cup Final they played Bradway B.C. at Whitely Woods but too many Green Oak players had an 'off' night all at once and were comprehensively beaten.

In the second final the team can consider themselves unlucky, this was a handicap competition and although Green Oak had only 1 loser and won by 40 the opposing team received 60 points start over Green Oak and ran out winners by 20 points.

The third final was by far the most exciting, having won the Sheffield area rounds along with Millhouses & Hillsboro' the final was played at Shipley against teams from there and Bradford. In the first match Green Oak were drawn against Lister Park at Bradford and won easily by 54 points, they then moved on to Saltaire in Shipley and again ran out easy winners in beating the local side Crosshill. This put Green oak into the Grand Final against Ilkley Bowling Club who turned out to be a very strong side, despite some good bowling from the Green Oak players they could only manage three winners on the day and lost the final by

14 points. A special mention for Peter Jukes and Phillip Oates who won all their three games and also for the wonderful support Green oak got from the coach full of people who travelled, it was a long day departing from Totley at 8.30 a.m. and arriving back at 10.30 p.m.

The 'B' team also play in the Tuesday night Sheffield & Hallamshire league and were again successful in gaining promotion & winning the league for the fifth year running. A most noteworthy effort was produced by Peter Aldred who was undefeated throughout the season and won the league averages prize for the whole of the division.

The ladies teams, although not winning anything, more than held their own in their respective divisions finishing fifth in the Wednesday night league and fourth in the Thursday afternoon league.

The disappointment of the season was in the Veterans Section when it was a constant problem to get enough players and consequently the team was relegated.

Individual performances by club members were made by David Ruthven & Jean Greenhough who reached the quarter finals of the Sheffield & District Parks Mixed Doubles Competition and from Frank Woodhead who won two open competitions at Crookes WMC & Mitchell & Darfield Club at Barnsley, plus the final of a 4 man team competition at Clowne Miners Welfare.

Once again, the club is always on the look-out for new players especially in the veterans (60 and over) section, the membership fee is only £10.00 per season for general Club Members and £5 per season for veterans this pays for all your home match fees and free use of the green whenever you want to play on it. If interested, please contact the secretary, Brian Turner on 364478 where you will be assured of a warm welcome plus fresh air and exercise.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

I guess you have all sent your letters off to Father Christmas. I hope you have asked for something sensible, like a greenhouse or cold frame, or perhaps a good spade. I hope you enjoy whatever you get and a good resolution for 1993 is to prepare for entering in the Totley Show - September 4th - so get cracking and show these old gardeners a clean pair of gardening heels.

FLOWERS - Protect the tender plants in your borders with sacking or twigs, I reckon we are due for a bad winter, we haven't had one for a while so watch out. Continue tidying all your flower beds. Half prune your roses to prevent wind rocking your plants and causing water to hold at root level. Tread the soil firm at root level. Christmas roses (hellebores) are not tender but will be forming their flower stems and they will benefit from a little protecting from heavy rain and mud splashes. Cover them with spare frame lights supported on bricks at the corners or with cloches. End of December start to take chrysanthemum cuttings. January is a good time to plant or move herbaceous perennials which flower late such as Golden Rod, Michaelmas Daisy, Red Hot Poker. Prune clematis, Jackmanii and Viticella classes, make sure its done before end of February, although the sooner the better, they can be cut back to within about 1 ft. of the ground, this will keep plants small, another method is to allow a framework of main vines to form and then prune each side growth back to one joint.

VEGETABLES - Firm in any plants loosened by frost, dig and manure ground. Apply lime to acid soils and to any ground where cabbage is to be planted. Prepare runner bean trench, dig about 18" deep and fill about 1 foot with well rotted compost manure etc. add a sprinkling of bone meal, fork together and leave open to the weather for a week or two then fill with topsoil with lime added. Pick off dead leaves from lettuce overwintering in cold frame or under cloches, protect from birds. January - order seed potatoes. Don't forget that Boxing Day is the traditional day to sow onions for showing and to have good size onions or leeks at the Totley Show this is a must.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT - Prune fruit already, ventilate greenhouses containing fruit trees & vines. When weather is favourable spray fruit trees with tar oil wash, this will kill off any insect eggs. Use a fine, forceful spray which will penetrate well down into the crevices of the bark, a calm dry day is advisable.

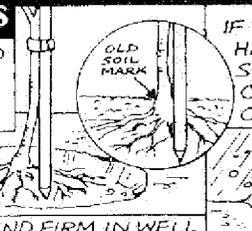
GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS - Dead head faded flowers and pick over all pot plants. Increase humidity round indoor azaleas, cyclamens and winter cherries. Do not over water in greenhouse, take care with ventilation, only top ventilation will be needed and must be closed at night and on freezing foggy days.

Successive small batches of tulips, narcissi of all types should be brought into the greenhouse to maintain a continuity of flowers later on. Pot on greenhouse calceolarias to maximum pot 7 - 8 inch. in diameter. Use insecticide pins to control aphid & white fly. Paint patches of scale & mealy bug with malathion or methylated spirits. Plant amaryllis, lilies, lily of the valley and indoor bulbs. Sow cyclamen, geraniums and tuberous begonias.

LAWNS - Keep clean, keep tidy and keep off in frosty weather!

Well, thats it for this year, I hope you all have a very happy & joyous Christmas and a fruitful Gardening New Year.

Tom Busy Bee

CARING FOR TREES AND SHRUBS			
 <p>BLOW AWAY THOSE COBWEBS WITH A SPELL IN THE GARDEN.</p>	 <p>THERE'S STILL TIME TO PLANT BARE-ROOT SHRUBS AND TREES IN WELL PREPARED HOLES....</p>	 <p>IF THE SOIL IS STICKY OR HARD, HEEL INTO A SHALLOW TRENCH, COVERING WITH SOIL OR MOIST PEAT.</p>	 <p>... SECURE TO A STAKE AND FIRM IN WELL.</p>
 <p>CHECK TREES AND SHRUBS FOR WINTER DAMAGE, STAKING ANY THAT HAVE BEEN DISTURBED BY WINDS....</p>	 <p>... AND REMOVE DEAD OR DANGEROUS BRANCHES.</p>	 <p>CLEAR DEBRIS FROM HEDGES & SHRUBS. KEEP SNOW OFF BRITTLE BRANCHES...</p>	 <p>... A BROOM IS HANDY HERE</p>

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1992

Dore Methodists

- Dec 20 10.30 a.m. Christmas Service
with King's Club
6.00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
Dec 25 9.30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Totley Rise Methodists

- Dec 20 6.00 p.m. Carol Service
Dec 24 11.15 p.m. Holy Communion at
U.R.C.
Dec 25 9.30 a.m. Christmas Morning
Service

United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road

- Dec 20 10.30 a.m. Christmas Parade
Service
6.30 p.m. The Christmas Alphabet
- A Service for all
the Family
Dec 24 11.15 p.m. Christmas Eve
Communion Service
Dec 25 9.30 a.m. Christmas Morning
Service at Totley Rise
Methodist Church

Dore & Totley Christian Fellowship

- Dec 20 10.30 a.m. 'The King is Coming'
at Dore Junior School
Dec 25 10.30 a.m. 'The King is Here' at
Dore Junior School

English Martyrs

- Dec 24 5.30 p.m. Crib Service (Midnight
Communion at Our Lady
and St. Thomas, Meadowhead)
Dec 25 9.15 a.m. Christmas Mass

Christ Church, Dore

- Dec 20 6.30 p.m. Candlelit Carol
Service
Dec 24 5.30 p.m. Crib Service
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion
Dec 25 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Christmas Morning
Service Followed by
Shortened Holy
Communion

St. John's, Abbeydale

- Dec 20 6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons and
Carols
Dec 24 5.30 p.m. Christingle Service
11.30 p.m. Parish Communion
Dec 25 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Shortened Family
Service With Communion

All Saints', Totley

- Dec 20 10.00 a.m. Christingle Service
6.30 p.m. Carol Service
Dec 24 11.30 p.m. First Communion of
Christmas
Dec 25 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Family Service and
Holy Communion

Christmas time is the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. We send each other cards; make telephone calls, arrange to visit each other. May I, through The Independent, send Greetings and Good Wishes to you, trusting Christmas and the New Year will be a time of joy for us all.

I am aware that for many this year, the Christmas Season will be an occasion to dread as so many face an uncertain future. I know some people are overcome with feelings of loneliness and sadness as the 'Season of Joy' approaches. I also know that even the Church can become so pre-occupied with its extra Festival activities that we overlook some of the needy people around us. I am, however, confident that the message we are to proclaim at Christmas time can bring hope and even joy to all who hear and accept it. Almighty God has come into our world, a baby born in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago. In the birth of Jesus, God is speaking to every generation.

God so loved and dearly prized the world that He gave up His only begotten, unique, Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts, clings to, relies on,) Him shall not perish - come to destruction, be lost, - but have eternal (Everlasting) life.

This message is life changing, world changing, it really is Good News. This Christmas Message is that because Jesus Christ was born, it is possible to have peace in our lives and peace wherever this Good News is received.

Into my heart (life)

Into my heart

Come into my heart Lord Jesus.

Come in today; come in to stay.

Come into my heart Lord Jesus.

Whenever Jesus is invited in, it is possible to experience Christmas all year round.

'My Peace and Joy be yours'

George Palmer

R.S.P.C.A.

The coffee morning at Heatherfield in October raised £333 after expenses, many thanks to all who helped to achieve this very welcome sum for the neutering fund.

The Winter Appeal for tins of Cat and Dog food has collecting points at Totley Library, Oldales on Totley Rise, "Valerie of Dore" and Mrs. Styles, 10, The Quadrant, Totley Tel No. 364925, who will pass on any clean old blankets, towels and Candlewick bedspreads for bedding at the Shelter.

Mrs.D.Styles

Farming Scene

"DISMAL" (or should I say ABYSMAL) just about sums up the situation!! Record levels of rain combined with lower than average temperatures in August, September and November, have really put a damper (how's that for a pun?) on farming operations if not brought them to a dead stop. Most heavy land farmers have struggled to plant their autumn cereals in poor soil conditions, only to see them disappear under lakes of water, or rot in the cold sodden conditions.

Our Barley, sown over a month ago, is just struggling to appear on the drier parts of the fields, but wetter areas show every symptom of death by drowning. When sown in good conditions Barley usually sends up "green shoots" in 10 to 14 days. Perhaps a visit by the Prime Minister or Chancellor would improve the situation, as they can see "green shoots" that nobody else can!

On a more serious note, our fields look like the economy: cold and dead in many areas, with little growth in others, and the prospects for next year are bleak, with falling output (yields) leading to higher unemployment - literally! The current C.A.P. reforms will lead to 10% of farmers, farmworkers and ancillary workers, losing their jobs over the next 12 months, with the 15% set-a-side costing the country 4 Billion pounds in lost export earnings.

The G.A.T.T. deal also looks as if it will aggravate the situation, the oilseed deal alone means 4 million acres (5 million tonnes) less oilseed grown in the E.E.C., which will have to be IMPORTED from somewhere at great expense! This could lead to a doubling of the set-a-side area to 30% of arable land in this country, leading to a further 4 Billion pound cut in EXPORTS.

Also envisaged is a 5% cut in milk production (we are already having to

import large quantities of milk products) a half million tonne cut in beef production and a reduction in lamb production.

The total package is likely to lead to a more than doubling of the £6 Billion trade gap in food that this country runs and a suspicion that we are next after the miners!

On a more cheerful note, BLACK WEDNESDAY'S (devaluation day!) should be held every 3 months, as each drop in the pound increases our cereal prices, ewe and suckler cow premiums, set-a-side payments, pig prices etc. Perhaps the government is unwittingly looking after farmers after all!

The atrocious weather, ground conditions and poor grass quality have forced most farmers to house their cows and cattle to start feeding them on their winter rations as they were in danger of losing condition and milk production. Sheep are not keen on wet weather either, and we have had one ewe lambs die from Pasteurella (a type of pneumonia) caused by "bugs" floating about in the damp atmosphere. Most of ewes are now tugged, with lambing due to start at the end of February.

As yet we have only harvested approx. 25% of our potatoes, and the situation could become desperate soon if we do not have a dry fortnight shortly, with 15-20% of the national crop still in the ground.

We have yet to plant our additional Gooseberries, Redcurrants, Tayberries and Strawberries which should all be in the ground now if they are to get a good start next year. The rest of the fruit looks well at the moment but I have real fears that their continuous "wet feet" will have a very serious affect on their productivity next year. Needless to say our main seasonal task at the moment is Raspberry pruning and tying-in ready for the next crop.

Edwin Pocock



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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

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Dear Mum & Dad,

Thank you so much for your letter, I am glad you are off to Spain for the next couple of months. The weather is certainly getting colder, and you will be happier where it is a bit warmer. I am sorry you have had to remind me that I have not written to you lately, but you know how it is - one gets so many extra things to do, especially when working on your own account. It did seem to be a good idea, when I was made redundant that I put the redundancy money into buying this public house. Now the, 'Legionaire's Return' does provide a fair living, but the work seems to be endless. Usually lots of locals come in and out, but now that a batch of Roman soldiers have been billeted nearby, there is always somebody demanding attention. We can't grumble a lot about the soldiers, apart from strutting up and down the town they don't give much trouble. I suppose, for their part, they are fed up and far from home. Mind you it has been extra busy lately. The new government has a bit of a bee in its bonnet about some new taxes. I have heard the name of, 'Poll Tax' mentioned. Be that as it may, an order has gone out summoning all to return to the place of their birth, so that some kind of census can be taken. Busy? - I don't know whether I am coming or going - am I running an Hotel? - or Guest House? - or have I merely an Inn? - Have I extra space for even more who are cramming into this town? Every bed was taken long ago, blankets have been put in the bath, and even some sleeping on and under the billiard table.

As I look around I feel a bit like the man who fell off the top of the Tower of



Babel. Halfway down he looked round, shrugged his shoulders and said, 'Well, I'm all right up to now'. But I wonder how it will end? There has been some excitement every night after dark. There seems to be a comet about. I do believe it comes every 70 years or so, and it seems to be getting bigger and bigger, and nearer and nearer, so that it is now quite bright. It has been bright enough to see that the camels brought by some of the drovers are safely bedded in the field behind the Inn - and - you'd hardly believe this - I have had to move some of the horses out of the stable, so that I could put in there a couple who came by just last thing last night. There was absolutely nowhere for them to go, and I couldn't leave them out in the cold. Especially as I was told that the woman was expecting a baby, which was born earlier today. A boy, I understand. Poor little lad, I wonder what He will make of it all?

Your loving son,

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Home Visits

FROM THE EDITOR

Apologies

Having written last month about trying to ensure accuracy with the "Independent" how on earth did I manage to allow the article about the play "Night Must Fall" have the title Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Dramatic Society, when the performance was by T.O.A.D.S.

A short cut of using a previous edition's heading was a big mistake and I can only apologise most sincerely to the "Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society"

Another apology to one of our advertisers "Le Club Francais" when I mistakenly added an "e" to the end of Francais which I have been informed makes the club feminine when it is not the case, other errors included missing a cedilla from under the "c" making the "c" hard, (unfortunately our computer doesn't have one of those), putting an apostrophe before the "s" in Thursdays, putting "or" between the phone numbers instead of a "/". Perhaps it is time for me to go back to school.

Many Thanks

Dorothy and I would like to express our thanks to all who have donated to the fund to help the Children's Hospital raise money for a High Dependency Unit.

The cost of such a unit runs into many thousands of pounds and it is thanks to the people of Totley and groups such as the John Wade Singers, All Saints Junior Choir, Dore School of Theatre Dance, All Saints Congregation, the 1992 Sixth Form of King Egberts, that the fund has got off to such a good start of approximately £3,000.

There is still a long way to go but it is hoped to have two of the six beds open by Christmas.

We will keep you informed, through the Independent, of the progress.

Finally may we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year

Ed.

LINDEN ENSEMBLE

The Linden Ensemble, a choir based in Woodseats, are organising a concert with the help of the Sheffield Male Voice Choir to be held at St. Chads Church, Linden Avenue, Woodseats on Thursday, 10th December at 7.30 p.m. The tickets are £2 and proceeds to go to the Charity, 'Help a Ryegate Child'. Tickets can be purchased from Mr. J. Shaw - 745479 and will also be on sale at the door. Many thanks for your help.
B. Rusby (Sec.)

TABLE TOP SALE

On Saturday, 5th December at King Egberts School Table Top Sale - Four Totley Friends are having a stall to raise funds to buy a gift for long stay patients in Sheffield Childrens Hospital. Please come along and support this event.

10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the Wessex Building on Totley Brook Road

MONDAY COFFEE BREAK

Even if Monday mornings are wash-days you might still like to drop in and have a cup of coffee and a chat at All Saints' Church Hall. The Hall is open from 10.00 a.m. till noon for a social get together or a game if you prefer (or bring your knitting!). Since this venture was started in March there has been a fairly regular attendance of between 10 and 20 every Monday. The Hall is big enough for a lot more! Don't forget - every Monday (excluding December 28th). We shall be pleased to see you.

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HEALTHY EATING

The festive season is almost upon us and traditionally we shall be seeing lots of satsumas, clemantines, dates, chestnuts, melons, avocados to name but a few of a large mouthwatering selection. Slump - depression - call it what you like, Christmas gives us all the opportunity to treat ourselves to a few days of gourmet food.

But in the midst of all this celebrating, let us not forget the less privileged and lonely members of our community. Here is our opportunity to give a small treat of flowers, a small selection of fruit or just a card to let them know they are not forgotten.

The harvest world wide has been very good so prices should be reasonable. English fruit in particular has been a wonderful crop and the quality has never been better. Tomatoes and lettuce have always been a problem at this time of year. Demand is high but we are told that supplies, unless weather conditions deteriorate, should be sufficient to cope with demand.

Something a little different from our usual monthly recipe. Why not welcome your family/guests with a seasonal Wassail (your good health) Cup?

Preparation Time - 5 mins

Cooking Time - 20 mins

You will need 6 pints brown ale, 1lb soft brown sugar, 1 large stick cinnamon, 1 level teaspoon of grated nutmeg, 1/2 level teaspoon ground ginger, 2 lemons (thinly sliced), 1 bottle med. dry sherry.

Pour 2 pints of the ale into a large pan, add the sugar & cinnamon stick. Simmer the mixture slowly over low heat until sugar has dissolved, add the spices & lemon slices, the sherry and remaining ale.

A delicious appetising drink, sure to put everyone in a festive mood.

Your very good health & our best wishes to you all.

J. Scriven

Whisperer

The land on the corner of Baslow Road and Summer Lane has recently been put up for sale again by Sheffield City Council. The land is said to be suitable for 4 houses, possibly 2 detached and 2 semi detached each to have 1 garage and 1 parking space. The new footway will provide access to the nearby school.

A house recently built on land between the Grove and Hillfoot Road dug out an access onto Hillfoot Road without planning permission being granted, and were told to make good the area involved which has not been done.

Since then a planning application has been submitted to the council for the same access.

Footpaths on Baslow Road have been repaired since a recent complaint was made in the Independent.

A jumble sale held recently in aid of Transport 17 at All Saints Church Hall raised over £200.

PARKING ON FIVE TREES ESTATE

Sir,

I wonder if the people who attend Abbeydale Hall, three times every day and park on the estate, especially double parking from 9.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. would like us to come and park outside their houses and also cause problems for vehicles etc. What would happen if there were a fire, or an ambulance was needed. Very inconsiderate. POLICE NOTIFIED.

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As the year draws to a close, it is time, once again, to look back on another busy year for the T.R.A.

The series of Library Talks, in the Spring and in the Autumn, were as popular as ever. A very wide range of subjects has been covered from Mountain climbing in northern India, Wildlife in a Totley Garden and on 7th. of December a light hearted look at Astrology. Our thanks to all the speakers who have entertained and educated us during the year.

Family Sports Day would have ended up as a swimming gala if the rain had not stopped, so conveniently at the start of the first race. The sun shone from then on and a good time was had by all. The proceeds, £600, were given to Transport 17, to help them in their wonderful work for the community.

In September, the Totley Show attracted more entrants than for some years past. Particularly popular were the photographic and painting classes. There were so many entries that we will have to consider devoting a separate room to these classes in future shows. Other crafts and the classes covering cookery were also well supported and showed very clearly that the people of Totley are very talented.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place on the 5th. December and, once again, a full programme of entertainment has been arranged to complement the good food. Tickets are still available from both Totley Post Offices, price £1.20. For a small extra cost Transport 17 will ensure that the guests get there on time and are delivered home safely afterwards, details from the Transport 17 office.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all those who have helped in various events, the Post Offices and other local shops for carrying posters and selling the Independent the Totley Library staff, Transport 17 for bringing people to our events, and last but not least, to you, the people of Totley for supporting us by coming to the events.

T.R.A. wishes you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all during 1993.

Danny Barlow

P.A.T. DOGS - (Pets as Therapy - visiting scheme)

This scheme has been in operation throughout Britain since 1983 and basically, it enables people in institutions, (young or old) who are unable to keep a pet of their own, to have contact with a dog on a regular basis.

P.A.T. Dogs must have a friendly disposition, be reliable, and pass a temperament test. They also have to be healthy, vaccinated and trained to a reasonable standard to ensure that they are under the control of their owners. If they pass an independent assessment, the dog is insured, given a special disc, and becomes a registered P.A.T. Dog.

If you know where such a dog may be useful (e.g. hospital, home, school etc), please contact Marlene Marshall on 351005 as there is now a P.A.T. Dog available in this area.

CRUFTS TRIP

If you would like to go to Crufts Dog Show, on Friday, 15th January, 1993 at Birmingham, there are a few coach seats available, price £6.50. Please phone Marlene on 351005 for more information.

BUSY BEE

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It is particularly important at the moment that we become known throughout the city as, when the Community Care Act is implemented in April 1993, a person will be asked to choose where they would like to live and, obviously, if they have never heard of the Cheshire Home they won't know of our special facilities for enabling people with a physical disability to enjoy a high quality of life.

Another factor is that we have extended the services we provide and now include 'Relief' care, otherwise known as short term or holiday care. This has arisen partly because, most unusually, there are vacancies and partly because we are aware that there is a growing need for this service.

Until April 1993, the DSS will usually help a person with the fees, (unless a person has independent means), but after that date funding will be through the applicant's local authority.

It has been said that we are a wealthy charity, this is not correct, we are a non-profit making organisation and rely on public funds for anything other than the basic operating costs of running the home.

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They are performing at our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead on Saturday 9th. January, 7-45 p.m.

The programme will have a seasonal and festive element and should sound very well in a Church which is praised for its acoustics. The singing will be followed by a fare of mulled wine and mince pies which is included in the price of the tickets. (£2-50 or £2-00 unwaged).

Proceeds will be for Outreach which supports Third World and local charities. Further information and tickets can be obtained by phoning 367176, 368354 or 747884.

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18th. Christmas Party
25th. No Meeting

Christmas Fair. Saturday, 5th December, 1992. St. Johns' Abbeydale Church Hall. The Fair will be opened by Santa himself at 2.00 p.m. towed by his army of helpers. Afterwards children can visit Santa in his Grotto and receive a present and have their photograph taken with him.

Also at the fair will be many games and competitions, including tombola, as well as lots of stalls to stock up with those Christmas presents. Refreshments will be served and later in the afternoon our Grand Raffle will be drawn, First Prize - Colour Portable TV, Second Camera, Third Radio/cassette, plus many other prizes. If you have not already bought a raffle ticket, they will be on sale at the Fayre, along with Scout post stamps and Christmas cards and wrapping paper.

During the last month all three Sections have been very busy. The Beaver highlight was a day out to Belvoir Castle, pronounced Beever for those who didn't know, and at their regular meeting have been finding out about themselves charting their vital statistics.

The Cubs have been working towards their Handyman and Communicator proficiency badges, and for some a weekend at Castleton for their Naturalist badge. On a fine Sunday they also had a hike into Derbyshire, visiting Hathersage Church and Little John's Grave.

The Scouts have been no less busy earning Map Readers badges and Pioneering badges, in addition to an ice skating evening, rifle shooting and swimming.

The Group all joined together on Bonfire Night for bonfire, fireworks and hot dogs.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST

Thursday, 26th November - Wednesday 16th December, 1992

Once again, the local Scout Groups are operating their Christmas Postal Service. Specially designed stamps will be on sale between the above date at only 13p. Cards must be posted in the special boxes between the same dates and will be delivered before Christmas Day - provided that they are clearly and correctly addressed.

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Stamps can be purchased from any member of the Scout Groups, their Headquarters when open, and at shops, garages etc. displaying the distinctive posters. Cards can be handed in or posted at the same places.

As the service is operated under licence from the Post Office there are certain rules: Christmas cards only - no enclosures or parcels can be accepted.

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RONY ROBINSON'S TOTLEY NOTE BOOK

Ken Firth stops being Head of Totley County School at the end of this term. Our loss, I think.

I'd joined the school's Governors not long before he got the job, and nervously attended the grim tea party organised for the contenders.

I was impressed by the way Ken sprayed biscuits everywhere without noticing, while enthusing about the radical Canadian education system and Oldham FC. His application form, I recalled, was the only one not full of nudge nudge hints about how religious and well behaved he was. And he was also the only one not in a suit.

I became Chair of the Governors a bit after, in a coup that toppled the Tory, though I was toppled a couple of years later because some people wanted to get home at night. (It didn't work).

My best memory of Ken as Head is that school sports day.

Tom Rice, even then a very bulky J3, had been given a very tiny sack so that when rest of the entrants trumped and bumped off towards the finish, he couldn't.

Shame, laughter, blushes, jeers, tears.

The kind of thing to cry about for the rest of your life.

Ken recognised that before anyone, dashed over and fireman - lifted him to the finish, almost certainly rupturing himself in the process.

Our Governors meetings at Totley County were a legend throughout Sheffield, and very funny. And even in our greatest arguments I could never get any of his staff to say anything negative about him.

But that was all before the Government started telling us what our kids should be taught and how they should be measured.

The fun drained away then, for Governors, and teachers, and kids.

Good fun while it lasted though,

thanks to a Head who was so child centred he sometimes seemed more like a child than the children.

The kind of man you'd meet at a tea party but prefer to be with in the Crown.

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The TOADS new version of NIGHT MUST FALL must bring back happy memories of older ones.

Anyone else remember Mr. Wilf Hargreaves from Hargreaves the Grocers as the Lord Chief Justice in scarlet dressing gown and black hanging cap? Starting the show in the St Ozzies version spotlight through the curtains? On his knees on top of a table? Not quite balancing like the scales of justice? Night must fall?

Wilf must fall, was what the audience feared.

But he didn't, and the show went on. Which was even worse.

Bound to give a growing boy nightmares all that, flying grocers, with murderous acting to follow, and my own mum being suffocated towards the end, every night. NIGHT MUST FALL still seems to me the most terrifying title ever made up.

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I was in the rain at Radio Sheffield's Open Day celebrating 25 years of electric joy and re met one of the Billsons from long ago.

We talked about All Saints, and their Glyn and our David. I reminded her about the day Patsy Otter got our David by the Dubs and said she was going to Do Him.

We Mrs Peacocks's were out on the Pinfold playing mabs of course.

"Let me go Patsy?" "I'm going to Do you!" "Please Patsy? Let me go Patsy?" Shame, laughter, blushes, jeers, tears.

The kind of thing to cry about for the rest of your life of course.

And so afterwards of course, when he'd been Done, we all swore we'd never tell anyone about it for ever and ever amen.

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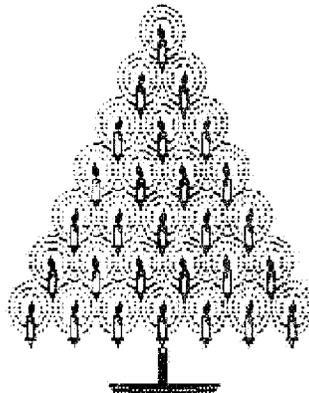


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It happened at 8.30 in the morning, and had the householder at one of the houses not acted quickly the damage to the house would have been considerable instead of minimal. Even more important than the damage done to the houses is the fact that it could have so easily resulted in death.

Armed with a good description of the boys the police went to the local school and searched childrens' outer clothing where they found fire lighting equipment in clothing that matched the descriptions given.

Upon being questioned by the police the three brothers, whose ages ranged between 6 and 9 years of age, admitted the offences.

Later in the day the children and

parents were confronted together by the police, sadly that is all the police can do because of the ages of the children.

It is unfortunate that the law can do nothing and we have to rely on the parents to impress the seriousness of causing fires. Although most parents care enough about the welfare of others, and their children, there are, obviously, those who do not.

I would ask everyone to keep a vigilant look out so that this kind of thing NEVER happens again.

There are quite a few senior citizens in our area, most of them are quite active and quick minded but had the fire started in the house of someone less able to deal with a fire quickly I, personally, do not like to think of the consequences.

I particularly hope that the parents of the three brothers will also read this article and beg them to make sure that this does never happen again.

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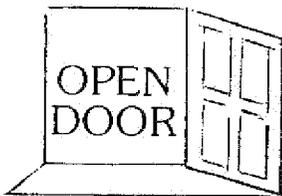
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- FRI. JAN. 15th. CRUFTS TRIP, RING MARLENE ON 351005 TO BOOK.

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