

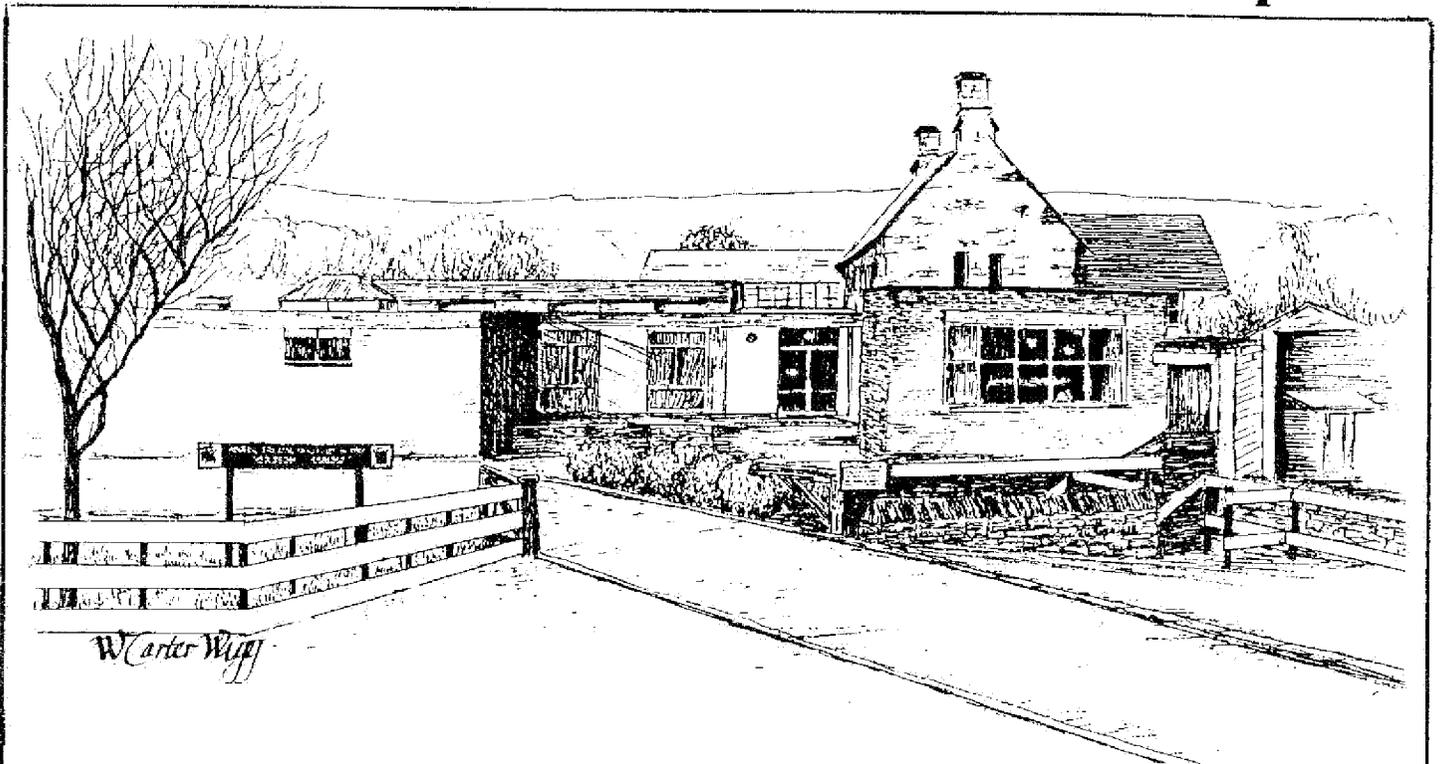
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TOTLEY ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

By now many of you will know that Sheffield Education Authority has proposed closure of our school, along with 15 others in the City. You will, of course, be aware of the fact that All Saints' is the only Church of England Aided School in the whole of the South West of the City. We have pupils not only from Totley but all areas in the South-West.

The School had been identified by the Sheffield Diocesan Board of Education as their priority project for expansion because of its growing success in attracting pupils. In October 1992 a plan had been submitted to the Department for Education for building development, and this was supported by the Local Education Authority.

Following its announcement in January, the staff, governors and parents are fighting the closure proposal. We are also considering the possibility of applying for Grant Maintained Status.

We have received letters from many people, including messages of support from the Bishop, from many Churches in the South-West (Anglican and other denominations) including the Cathedral,

from the local M.P. Irvine Patnick, Councillor David Heslop, the Liberal Democrats, and the Totley Residents Association. One of the encouraging aspects has been the number of ex-pupils who have contacted me - some many miles away - after seeing the School on B.B.C. "Look North".

We have a very active group of people working for the future of the school, and they are certainly maintaining a very high profile. At the time of Writing a group of parents are due to appear on a Y.T.V. Discussion Programme, a 5 year old pupil is to hand over letters from the children to the Prime Minister, and some of our pupils are to lead all the processions at the Civic Service at Sheffield Cathedral to celebrate the City's Centenary.

If you feel you would like to help - please write to Anne Muller at the Education Office, Viv Nicholson (Chairman of the Education Committee) at the Town Hall, or our M.P. Irvin Patnick at the House of Commons.

Anyone who requires any further information, please contact me at school. Tel. 361934

Joan Stratford

TOTLEY WEATHER REPORT FOR 1992

My impression of 1992's weather was of lumpy weather - periods of one thing or another, alright when the sun was shining but I'm not too keen on the fog! How about you?

There were two dry spells - May had 16 days without rain and June 20 days. Two spells of freezing nights - 12 in January and 8 in December, there being 46 throughout the year which was 13 less than last year. Snow fell on only 2 days (in February). There were 5 days with over an inch of rain, 1 in June, 1 in July, 2 in August and 1 in October, the wettest day being 8th August - 1.28 inches. The annual rainfall total in Totley was 7.86 inches more than in Weston Park (W.P.), 11 months being wetter and September fractionally drier. October showed the biggest difference - Totley 4.32 inches and W.P. 2.64 inches. The second week in November was the wettest in Totley producing 2.57 inches, whilst the first 6 days in December recorded 2.18 inches.

A newspaper reported the water table about back to normal after our wetter than usual second half of the year but my garden hasn't stood in water yet as it has in years past. I did notice that the ditch dug next door, for drainage purposes, was full of water for some time and I expected the ducks would find it. Not now though, the job has been completed!

Totley managed two months, June and August with higher temperatures than W.P., but in general we ran true to form with recordings being approximately 2 degrees colder.

According to Western Park summary, January had the lowest number of rain days recorded since records began in 1882 and May 14th was the hottest day in

May since 1953. August was the wettest since 1957 with November having 50% more rain than normal, the wettest since 1970. September, October and December were colder than normal.

RAIN FOR THE YEAR

	TOTLEY	WESTON PARK
1992	1021 mm	824.5 mm
1991	782 mm	666.7 mm
1990	866.5 mm	763 mm

WETTEST DAY

1992	32 mm	39 mm
1991	31.25 mm	26.6 mm
1990	44.5 mm	44.7 mm

COLDEST NIGHT

1992	- 7 C	- 5.7 C
1991	- 9 C	- 6.4 C
1990	- 4 C	- 1.8 C

HOTTEST DAY

1992	27.5 C	28.1 C
1991	28 C	28.1 C
1990	32 C	34.3 C

WESTERN PARK ONLY

	<u>SUNHOURS</u>	<u>WINDSPEED</u>
1992	1336.8	59 mph
1991	1342	64 mph
1990	1542.6	76 mph

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

Plenty of preparatory work to do this month prior to the onset of warmer weather (we hope) though up to now, we've not had too bad a winter, watch out for those frosts, don't leave anything growing outdoors without some protection. I was told the other day that we were in for some heavy falls of snow, but the person who said it was a clairvoyant. Let's hope her prediction is wrong this time, snow or no snow there's plenty to do.

FLOWERS

If you haven't sown your annuals already do so now, or you will be running a bit late. Early March is a good time for potting particularly summer & autumn flowering ones and also those which are grown for their foliage. Winter flowering plants are a different matter and are best repotted as soon as they have finished flowering. Sow herbaceous perennials and rock plants, these are quite easy to grow and include delphiniums, lupins, gypsophilas and many more too numerous to list. Towards the end of the month plant gladioli & monbretias make successional sowings over a month to 6 week period. This will lengthen the flowering time. Work in a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore round herbaceous plants. weed other beds and start hoeing if weather permits. Dead head daffodils. Lift, split up and re-plant overcrowded clumps of snowdrops. At the end of the month sow hardy annuals where they are to flower in borders. Lift and divide herbaceous perennials such as golden rod, michaelmas daisy and yarrow when clumps become overcrowded.

VEGETABLES

Prepare early seed potatoes by exposing them to light in a cool frost free place (chitting) ready for planting out later in the month. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered place, make a small sowing now and more later. Sow lettuce outdoors unless the weather is very bad choose a cabbage or cos type, sow seeds thinly. Sow broad beans and peas outdoors, choose an open cultivated plot.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT

Feed cane & tree fruits with balanced fertiliser, give blackcurrants a feed of nitro chalk. Make sure newly planted fruits are firm in the ground and mulch well. Towards end of month prune roses height down to 6" or so off the ground. Floribundas 12" minimum depending on the type. Plant new raspberry canes & strawberries, complete the planting of tree and bush fruit early in the month.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS

If your greenhouse is empty (what a waste) give it a good clean up inside and wash down with disinfectant if it has plants in then wait for a fine day to do it. Clear all the plants out, most of them will not tolerate even the smallest amount of disinfectant. The greenhouse should be filling up with seedlings and rooted cuttings. These must have plenty of light and air and temperature maintained around (55 - 60 F) 13 - 16 C for the majority of popular plants. Take cuttings of bedding & greenhouse plants such as heliotrope, fuschias, pelargoniums (geraniums) as soon as they are long enough around 3" for geranium and 2" for fuschias & heliotrope. Cucumbers and melon could be sown now in a warm greenhouse, I generally wait until the end of the month. Gradually increase watering of indoor plants. Feed actively growing plants with high potash, liquid feed tomato fertiliser is ideal. Put a bit of potting compost on plants such as ferns and aspidistras. Re-pot cacti towards the end of the month. Sow summer annuals for planting into pots for a late show in the greenhouse such as cigar plant, busy lizzie, stocks, schianthus etc. House plants such as maidenhair fern, button fern, spider plant can be divided & repotted.

LAWNS

Deal with bare patches by re-turfing or seeding. Aerate & spike compacted areas. Prepare areas for seeding or turfing next month.

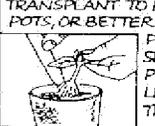
Don't forget the Totley Show on September 4th - now is the time to make plans. Cheerio for now.

Tom Busy Bee

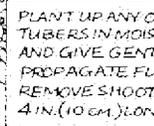
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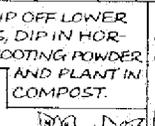
SOW SEED INDOORS IN TRAYS OF COMPOST. MAINTAIN GENTLE WARMTH. PLACE A SHEET OF PLASTIC OR GLASS OVER TRAY TO MAINTAIN MOISTURE.



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During February the whole Group has been very busy with various activities and projects. A lot of work in and around the Group Headquarters improving and repairing the building and this is on target to be finished for an Open Evening to be held on 25th May.

All the Leaders are currently attending a St. John's Ambulance Adult First Aid Course, in order to be prepared for any emergencies large or small. The boys themselves are working hard on various handicrafts for the District 'Portercraft' competition which is being held on 13th March.

In the past few weeks the Beavers' activities have been concerned with the animal kingdom, including making a Noahs Ark, thinking about the foods that they eat and animals in danger.

The main theme for the Cubs in 1993 is Europe and they are looking at a different member of the European Community each month. So far they have done France and Belgium - their language, money, food, customs and everyday life.

In the past weeks Scouts have been pioneering, shooting, on a wide game, and took part in an Egg Race. Coming up is entry to the District Five-a-Side football competition, a Bullseye evening, the second of their monthly camp fires and for three of the older Scouts, a Leadership Award course with the highlight being an activity weekend in Castleton at Easter.

Each of these three sections has vacancies so if any boy is interested please contact the appropriate Leader:

Beavers age 6 & 7	Ruth Charles	362339
Cubs age 8 - 10	Sue Bridgers	360097
Scouts age 11 -15	Robert Jones	366433

Finally, do not overlook the first of this years Antique Fairs on 13th March. To be held in St. John's Abbeydale Church Hall with many genuine antique dealers offering their fine items and looking to buy more. The Fair is open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with refreshments served all day. Please come along and browse, you may spot a bargain good enough for Antiques Roadshow.

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THE TERROR FROM PLANET EARTH

Adam's weather-toughened hands gripped the top of the five-barred gate, knuckles white with fear. It wasn't as if it was a particularly bad day even for a farmer, the sun shone bright, and only yesterday gentle showers had drenched the lush vegetation of the field before him. The rain had given the fertile earth a fruit-fattening soaking for the abundance of ripe red strawberries, cowering under the foliage, but there for the plucking.

Adam should have been happy with such a harvest at his feet, but he didn't look it. He was petrified at what he could see. Catastrophe!

Two years ago he'd given up animal farming, unnerved by TV-prattling near-scientists threatening doom to all meat-eaters. Alarmed by Edwina The Egg Lady's tongue going into free fall, he'd even sold his indifferent little flock of hens.

It was hard enough scratching a living from his few acres, without meddling from city-slicker politicians and Gin and Tonic Eurocrats. So in went the strawberries. And the raspberries and gooseberries went where the rows of potatoes used to line up, waiting for the schoolkids to pick, grubby hands, grubby knees, and dewdrop-nosed in the early chill of misty, yellow-leaf autumn.

It had all looked so promising. Even the Natwest manager began to speak to him in public places again, and Adam day-dreamed up a new television and the time to watch it maybe.

Until this horror shattered his world. The swarm of creatures coming toward him did not look especially remarkable. They were a little smaller than humans, and almost the colour of

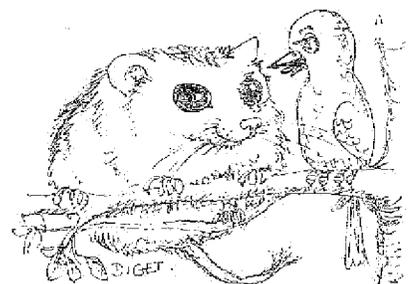
Adam's rich soil. They relentlessly destroyed everything in their path, almost silent, but with a chirruping, chattering chorus rising and falling as they converged and separated, moving ever forwards.

And though they did not seem to have a leader, there appeared to be a sinister determination to plunder and devastate, like mutant giant soldier ants remorselessly advancing in the warm sunshine. Adam knew he was helpless. The thought of tanks, machine guns, and mortars fled across his mind but he recognised defeat was upon him. No regiment in the kingdom would face this lot, and it was too close for nuclear weapons, even if we had any left.

Adam turned away from the gate, the steady noise of tearing vegetation and chattering of the creatures in his ears. He shuffled sadly back to his house, with sinking heart. With that dreadful recognition that it was all his own fault. Just one reckless moment he was going to pay so heavily for.

What in Heaven's name had possessed him to let the 4th Brownie Troop camp on the far meadow?

Adrian Schofield



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CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF TOTLEY BENTS AND SNOW

The recent snow fall brought back memories of sixty odd years ago. The most vivid one being around 1930 with No. 2 Tip looking like an enormous mountain of white flour. There must have been a heavy fall as all the residents seemed to be there clearing the roads, pavements didn't exist.

At that time, my family lived in a cottage which has now been combined with the one next door - Gascoin's - to make Turner's Croft. At the other side lived Hooles and their two sons, Fred & Ronnie and two daughters, Violet and Lily, the third daughter Doris Chapman, the mother of my twin playmates Audrey & Betty. Living at the first cottage at the bottom of the lane.

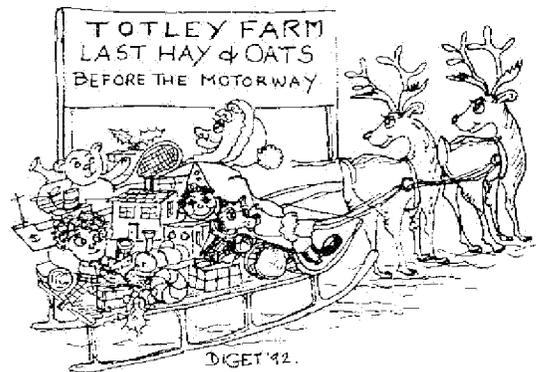
Fred & Ronnie, that winter made a snowman and dog which seemed enormous to me, probably about 12 feet and 4 feet respectively. I remember being lifted onto the dog's back, and I can still feel the cold striking through!!

In those days the snow ploughs were horse drawn, purpose built from a two wheeled farm cart bed, the blade being wooden battens set diagonally under the body and drawn by however many horses were needed, the local plough being operated by Arthur Kirby of Townhead Farm.

If we could beg a ride or borrow a sledge - few of us had them - we had a long ride if conditions were right and we had a good push, we could go from the

corner of Strawberry Lea Lane above No. 2 Tip almost down to the Crown Inn at the bottom of Penny Lane. But oh! What a walk back dragging the empty sledge, still it was worth it, even at 4 years of age. We had no fear of traffic on the road then, about the only motors at that time was the milkman, Tom Betts or the lorry belonging to Jackie (Tuppy) Pearson of the Grouse Inn, or Jack Chapman's pony and cart.

Doug. Turner



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Farming Scene

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Our 'early lambers' are due to start producing shortly and have been brought into our barn for this purpose. Late nights and early mornings will now be the order of the day as maternity watch begins. They have had an easy winter, little cold weather or snow to date, and plenty of grass, have kept them in good condition, while enabling us to sell a fair proportion of the hay we had reserved for them.

Potato prices have hit rock bottom; this, combined with the major processors cutting their contract prices for next year to below the cost of production, has resulted in many growers opting out, with large quantities of Quote being unused this year. The import of spuds from the continent for processing into crisps and other snacks will, in theory, fill the gap.

Our woodland scheme is progressing apace, and all the stakes should be in next week, the netting in place by the

end of the month, with planting taking place during the first fortnight in March, and the trees in leaf by May. Baslow Road will never look the same again! I would like to point out at this stage that this project is entirely funded by the Forestry Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture, who have been most helpful in the preparation of this woodland venture, as have the relevant city council staff. I think they all deserve a vote of thanks, particularly Les Carr of the Property Services Department (Sheffield County Council), who has prepared the plans and overseen the work.

We have managed to get some ploughing done recently and, weather permitting, we hope to get our spring barley, strawberries and bush fruit planted during March to give them a good start in life. We are also hopeful of planting an acre of Maris Bard early potatoes during March, so that we will have some 'earlies' to sell during July and August this year.

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50 YEARS AGO - TOTLEY AT WAR by J.HANDLEY

Fifty years ago - 1943 - Britain was locked deep in the midst of war; and the situation nationally was very grim. Though some successes were beginning to come in other areas, the situation in the Battle of the Atlantic was extremely serious. In the first part of 1943 more allied shipping was sunk by the U-boats than could be replaced by the shipyards. Consequently, there were repercussions at home. But what was happening in Totley?

On the physical scene, there were several features which showed the state of war. At the junction of Glover Road and Mickley Lane there was a slit trench; and in the field off Laverdene Avenue there was an 'L' shaped trench, with a similar one in the field which is now the site of the Shepley Spitfire. These trenches had been dug as part of the counter invasion measures earlier in the war. Other features of the same type were the tank-traps on Baslow Road; one by the bridge over the Old Hay Brook, and one just above the junction of Baslow Road and Lane Head Road. These tank traps consisted of sockets formed in the roadway about 3ft deep, into which steel girders were to be placed, with concrete blocks about 2ft in diameter and about 3ft long being placed between them. How effective these measures would have been against the German Panzers was, fortunately, not put to the test.

A rather different sort of physical feature at this time was formed by the various types of water tanks provided for fire fighting purposes. A static water tank, consisting of a circular brick-built tank, perhaps 30ft in diameter and 4ft deep, was situated at the junction of Baslow Road and The Crescent, in the grounds of the present Catholic Church. A water tank with running supply was dug on the Totley Brook at the bottom of Mickley Lane. This was quite a large tank, and initially was probably about 12 - 15ft deep, and perhaps upward of 50ft across. During the progress of the war, however, its capacity got smaller as silting was quite a problem in this tank. The spoil dump behind the Shepley Spitfire bears witness to the excavations required for this dam; and also to a road improvement scheme on Totley Rise which was carried out a year or two before war broke out. A further water tank with running supply was constructed on the Old Hay Brook by Baslow Road and the Methodist Church by forming a sheet piled dam across the Brook. Relics of this dam can still be seen today.

Nearly every home was provided with its' Anderson shelter to provide protection against bombing; and to give proper protection these had to be dug some 2 - 3ft into the ground. Sometimes this was not possible, as in the case of one house on Mickley Lane where, as soon as the hole was dug 18in deep, the hole promptly filled with water, and refused utterly to relinquish its' water. In due course this house was provided with a table shelter, and the property marked with a large 'T' for identification. The proneness of other shelters to collect water led to the construction of a special land drain at the back of properties on Mickley Lane.

In addition to the small domestic Anderson shelters, there were two public shelters provided; one on Totley Rise, and one what is now the playing field adjacent to Totley All Saints School. The one on Totley Rise was built opposite the post Office on land which had been levelled in the improvement scheme mentioned above. The shelter next to All Saints School was used by the school whenever there was an air raid alert, whether this was a practice or the real thing. By 1943 the school had an overspill class which occupied the Chapel building down Chapel Lane. When there was an air raid alert the sprint which was necessary from the Chapel to the shelters was quite taxing to many of the young pupils.

The Army was present in Totley in two areas, with different roles. There was an anti-aircraft battery which was located on land by the drive to Woodthorpe Hall at the bottom of Wings Hill. Old foundations of some of the buildings were still evident on this site quite recently. At Totley Bents there was a fairly large army camp, but here the emphasis was less on the purely defensive. Based at the Rifle Range was a training centre for a detachment of the Airborne Division. It was quite a familiar sight to see the soldiers set off in the early morning on a route march, and then see them returning up Penny Lane in the mid afternoon. This all sounds rather simple. of course; that is until you realise that these route marches were

carried out at the double, and whilst carrying full pack and weapons - probably in excess of 60lbs weight. There can be no doubt that this training improved the toughness of the airborne soldiers considerably

During the war Totley had its' own Fire Station which was located on Baslow Road at Totley Rise on the site now occupied by Gordon Lamb. Either 2 or 3 appliances were based here, and of course, these were the operational counterparts of the various supplies of water which have been mentioned earlier. Earlier in the war, this station had been manned by the Auxiliary Fire Service, (A.F.S.), but by mid-war manning was by the National Fire Service, (N.F.S.). Whether this was merely a change of name, or whether there was greater significance in this, I do not know. Again, whether this station was engaged in much fire-fighting as a consequence of enemy action I do not know; but I suspect that it was not. But there was one aspect of fire-fighting where it was quite active. The gorse in the field off the drive leading to Woodthorpe Hall seemed to be prone to spontaneous combustion, for each successive year during this period it managed rather mysteriously to catch fire. This called for a turn-out of the Fire Station on Totley Rise to extinguish the blaze.

Dad's Army, in the guise of the Home Guard, was also active in Totley during these wartime years. The detachment H.Q. was at Abbeydale Hall, which was, in fact, the local H.Q. for all Civil Defence functions. Training took place every weekend; and included rifle and weapons practice on the Rifle Range, and periodic training manoeuvres ranging throughout the district.

Food-rationing was quite severe by this time, thanks to the cripplingly-high shipping losses referred to earlier. Most foodstuffs were rationed, but bread and potatoes were not yet rationed - their turn came later. If you decided to keep a pig in the bathroom (or even in the backyard), and feed it on potato peelings cadged from the neighbours and also acorns collected from the many oak trees growing in the district, then when you got tired of it, or just thought that the time had come for it to form a supplement to the meagre bacon and meat ration, then you could not just kill it at will. First you had to get permission from the Inspector at the Ministry of Food. Meanwhile, the pig enjoyed a privileged and fully protected status until you obtained that permission; and also surrendered your ration book. From the point of view of supplementing the meat ration, chickens were a better proposition, since it could always be argued that the fox had got in. And since there were plenty of these predators about, it was neither practical nor necessary to specify the precise identity of the culprit.

Though food rationing was severe, several grocers would deliver the weekly order. The grocer and beer-off at the top of Totley Rise, now the wine shop, made deliveries by horse and dray. But for the most part, shopping was done personally on foot. From time to time one could also see the Rington's Tea horse-drawn outfit making local deliveries.

The horse and cart was found useful by the roadsweeping and maintenance team also. One such outfit was hired from Kirby's farm at the top of Totley. This particular horse was quite docile, and responded well to this type of work.

Roadside verges were not cut until late June; the accumulated growth was then cut as hay by a local farmer. This, and the next item, indicate the extent to which belt-tightening took place at this time. No access was allowed to the recreation ground on Mickley Lane from Spring until the end of June. During this period the grass was allowed to grow, and then cut as hay, again by a local farmer, though not necessarily the same one. In all probability, the same system applied at the recreation ground at Totley Bents. At the Mickley Lane recreation ground the lower half of the field was ploughed-up, and a cereal crop, probably wheat, was grown there.

To be continued in next months edition.

Sir,

I write in reply to the letter you published in the February edition from Mr. 'Supplied'. This pleased me as I now know I have at least one avid reader of my column! However, I would like to point out that the column is about the farming scene, and when the politicians use agriculture as a political football, a bargaining counter, or for purely propaganderal purposes the effects of this must be recorded as they affect this industry. What other industry in this era of supposedly white hot entrepreneurial free enterprise and trade, has had its' capacity to make its' own management decisions crushed by the imposition of production restraints so enhanced that most farmers spend 2 hours per night in the office after 'work' keeping the paperwork circulating.

We now have a situation where beef, milk, cereals, oilseeds, lamb, potatoes, sugarbeet and pulses all have politically inspired 'Production Quotas' and to exceed them leads to severe loss of income. The latest 'reform' also instructs the farmer how many cows or sheep he can keep on an acre and if one dies, he immediately has to ring the Ministry of Agriculture to inform them of its demise! I doubt if the collective farms of Russia had more political interference than this! The real problem is, of course, that you are unable to make any long term plans because of the ability of the politicians to change their minds and the rules of the 'game'.

Yes, the C.A.P. reform will be a disaster for farm workers, just ask the man I have had to make redundant, and the workers made redundant in the agricultural supply trade. At this point the Industry should be encouraged to expand in order to make full use of the expertise available in what is, by

all accounts, an efficient and forward looking industry, and to reduce the food trade deficit.

No, GATT has not produced any benefits, it is not even agreed yet, let alone ratified or implemented. How can signing an agreement produce a massive increase in trade, when there is no extra money available to buy all these extra goods? Is it really 'fair' that the nation's food producers should be denied the benefits of devaluation when their incomes have fallen by 50% in real terms over the last 10 years while consumers generally have had a 30% increase? (Farmers & farmworkers now form the biggest industrial group claiming family credit!)

Yes, we may be only 2% of the population but how would the other 98% live without us? Just for a moment sit down with a pen and paper and see just what would be left without agriculture world-wide. Remember - no milk, sugar, wool, rubber, beer, spirits or wine, cotton, linen, leather, soap, margarine, cooking oils, butter, eggs, flour, tobacco, chocolate, coffee, nuts, vegetables, meat, etc. etc.

Finally, as Selwyn Gummer (Minister of Agriculture) said when I saw him last month (how's that for name dropping?) - 'Those of us in farming have a massive job on, to educate the other 98% so that they appreciate what we do, how we do it, why we do it and what the countryside would be like without us'.

I am sorry to take up so much of your space, but a full reply seemed to be in order to address the points raised.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. Pocock



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SIR.

One of the nicest Xmas presents I received last Xmas was a years subscription by post of the 'Totley Independent' from my brother.

I was going to write about myself and life in Totley before & immediately after the war, but when I saw the 'Look North' news a couple of weeks ago about the possible closing of All Saints C of E School; I thought that this was a bit of news that would bring the older 'Totleyites' out fighting.

I don't know when the main building was erected, but I can remember back as far as 1926 when I entered the infant class of Miss Marsden - a long time ago!

However, I do hope the residents of Totley will do something about the closure and I would like to add my support to any efforts being made to accomplish this end.

I think a great deal of pressure should be put on the Church authorities to help! After all, we the Totley Residents played a great part in building the Church in the first place - not the 'famed' leaders of the City Council!

It would be an idea if every household who buys the 'Independent' and agrees with me, would also offer their support to anyone in a position to lead the action! Can we find a leader from ex-pupils, ex-teachers etc. to lead the fray?

Being of unsound body (& possibly mind) I regret that I cannot offer.

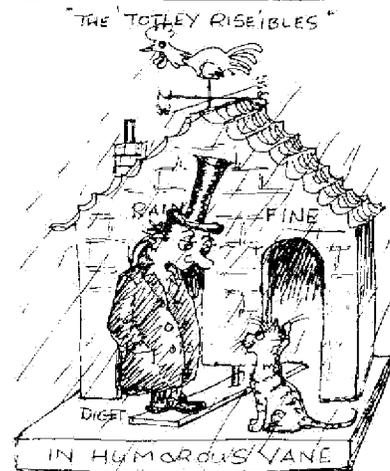
My best wishes,
Bill Turner
(name & address supplied)

ANIMAL WELFARE

P.D.S.A. COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy at Heatherfield Conservative Club, Baslow Road, Totley on Thursday, 25th March, 1993 and this time the proceeds will be devoted to the PDSA Clinic at Napier Street, Sheffield. Please do give this your support, the Clinic is one of the busiest in the country, treating the sick pets of those who cannot afford or would have difficulty in paying vet's bills, which can be very heavy. The drugs bill at Napier Street is £1000 per week, and with the recession there are more clients than ever before. Please help us to help the pets and their owners, and bring your friends to the Coffee Morning.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17

For over 2 years I have been a member of a body called Church Action on Poverty, which sends out a quarterly newsletter pointing out various aspects of our national life, where the poor in our community are under considerable stress from bad housing, debt, deprivation and bad health.

I recently received a communication from them about the parliamentary bill for the abolition of the Wages Councils, requesting some form of action from Christian people and indeed from Churches, on this particular measure.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Churches Together in Sheffield 17, I put this forward and it was unanimously agreed that opposition to this legislation should be shown by requesting the Bishop of Sheffield to oppose this measure when it comes before the House of Lords in the fairly near future. He has replied that he would be pleased to do so if he is present in the Lords when the bill is debated.

The case against the abolition of the Wages Councils is that people could be legally employed at extremely low wages which would keep them in poverty and this particularly applies to women doing out-work at home, some of which at the moment are paid as little as £1.50 an hour.

I feel very strongly that Christian people should be prepared to express a view on the way our nation is being run and I find that the information given by the Church Action on Poverty is very valuable to me and could well be to other Christians in our area.

The subscription to join this organisation is modest and I would be pleased to give anyone interested further details.

David Caldwell Tele: 366894

Whisperer

United News shop on the Rise is under new management and not management as the notice read in the window recently, welcome to the new people that have taken over.

Dr. Rees Jones surgery on Baslow Road has taken on a new look with an extension to the building and a much needed car park.

The shoe shop on the Rise has a Sale on (could this be a Sole on)

The old Video shop at Green Oak could be opening as an Indian Restaurant and Take away if it gets planning permission from the local council (not another one)

The bus stop outside the cottages opposite the Cross Scythes for the buses out to Derbyshire etc. has now been moved a few yards down the road below the row of houses.

The new record recently recorded by singing star Lulu has been produced in Sheffield and the music arranged by local musician Carey Bailiss.

During a recent traffic survey by South Yorkshire Police carried out on Glover Road over two days during January revealed that from 9-00 a.m. to 12-00 noon - 2949 cars used the road and from 12-00 noon to 2-00 p.m. 1937 cars used the road. Peak time traffic was as follows:-

9-00 a.m. - 10-30 a.m. 1113 cars

4-30 p.m. - 6-30 p.m. 1289 cars.

Over the two periods of time a total of 253 cars where over the speed limit with some travelling at between 50 and 65 mph it seems that most of the traffic using this road at peak times are coming from the Bradway, Dronfield or Holmesfield areas.

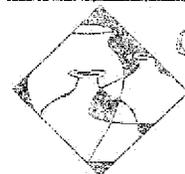
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Now that the walking season unfolds, let us put a spring in our step to explore the delightful moorland and woodland scenery right on the door step.

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Allow 5 hrs.OS map 28/38 2.5" to mile.

Start from Hillfoot Road, Chapel Lane, Cobbled Causeway to Penny Lane. Field path via Bents Farm and to the charming hamlet of Old Hay. (Footpath diversions around here due to building alterations at a later date). Cross the footbridge over the Old Hay Brook. Traverse the lane to Avenue Farm, field path to Shorts Lane Riding Stables. Enter the woodland area of Blacka Moor. After 1/2 mile swing left over the stepping stones and the path climbs above the Blacka Dike Brook to Lenny Hill, here we join the main track from Strawberry Lee Lane. A gap in the wall and sign stating horse riding prohibited shows a path forward across the slopes of Blacka Hill. Pause for a while at a wooden seat to drink in the glorious landscape. Cross the stream to the right and the path widens as we join the main Piper House Gate path. (Note the plaques en route to the late stalwart walker, Noel Norton, a pioneer for the Ramblers' Association movement. Plus the Good Companions Rambling Club contribution to tree planting along Blacka Moor).

Head for the main Hathersage Road, cross the A625 highway with care and locate the large lay by car park. The top corner denotes a wooden stile to the ruined farmstead of Piper House, (a once thriving farm from the last century). This is a new concessionary path across a section of Houndkirk Moor, marked on the map as earthwork. This land is also owned by the Sheffield City Council. Just above Piper House locate a wall line, keep to the left side for 300 yards. After this distance cross to right hand side of wall for a further 450 yards, to join the popular highway known as the Houndkirk Road.

A boundary of open country sign denotes the finish of this new moorland crossing with superb views en route. Turn right along the Houndkirk Road for 1/2 mile to cairned and sign posted path on the left

across the peaty slopes of Burbage Moor. Views of Higger Tor and Stanage Edge with the Hope Valley beyond a pure delight. Descend the moorland path under wild Moorstones Edge that divides from the upper bastions of Burbage Edge, (hereabouts evidence of millstone quarries probably last worked around the year 1880). The ancient name for this area was Reeved Edge Top. Yellow markers point left to the popular bridleway known as the Green Drive. We cross the A625 road again just above Burbage Bridge and the Toads Mouth Rock and enter the Longshaw Estate (National Trust) Woodlands. Note the wild Moorstones Spring, icy cold waters that once supplied Hathersage with drinking water, location at the start of the Green Drive. Swing left through the Longshaw Woods and cross the Grindleford Road by the Lodge and path to the Fox House Inn, maybe tarry awhile for refreshments. Continue back towards Sheffield for 250 yards to stile on the right to enter the realms of Stony Ridge Moor. Easy path across the moor to the B6450 Road. Turn left along the road for 75 yards to lay by area (recently this patch was occupied by the caravan travellers, since moved off the site, but left a legacy of rubbish around). At the corner of the lane a path swings away to join a main track across the moor towards Strawberry Lee Farm (just a ruined shell remains). The Sheffield Corporation have recently been busy in restoring the broken boundary walls. Just before the last gate past the ruined farmstead head right across a field area to another gate to a delightful terrace path under Bolehill and the direction of Totley Moss. As we join the corner route above the Rifle Range and the Moss Road we gaze with complete delight at the full landscape of Blacka Moor and the South Yorkshire scene, before completing our walk back to Totley via the field path to the left of the Rifle Range, or the easier route down the lane past Bolehill Lodge to Moss Road, Lane Head Road Sports Field and finish along Baslow Road. We are lucky people to have such lovely scenery on our own doorstep.

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Watching, even enjoying, the advertisements on ITV is an acceptable part of viewing. So often the adverts are far more entertaining than the programmes which they interrupt. This 'plugging' of commodities has been with us for centuries. I am certain that when Shakespeare wrote his first script of a famous phrase, when Caesar was stabbed by Brutus, he did not say, 'Et tu, Brute', he was really being quizzed by a polster about Findseye Fish Fingers, and he replied, 'Ate two, Brute'.

Nowadays the production of these screen gems has become a fine art costing hundreds of thousands of pounds to produce. So that even unknown actors become tinted with fame after they drunk, washed and cleaned with, or driven in enough of the products. Although I have never fathomed why I should be expected to rush out to buy a particular brand merely because it is illustrated by someone halfway to fame. Not only are there up and coming artists, there are people in the street. How do they locate Mrs. A. of Aberdeen, whose dogs have never been so healthy since they took to 'Wuffo'? How about Mr. B. of Basingstoke who manages to drive up the motorway in some form of supercharges Batmobile at 100 mph without being apprehended by the police? What happens if Mrs. C. of Cardiff stoutly resists the entreaties of the interviewer, and elects to keep the two boxes of Brand X instead of the superior one advertised? How do they find them? Perhaps they flip open a telephone book and stick a pin in it here and there. They must do something like that, otherwise they would never have come to



our house to ask what kind of powder we used in our washing machine - and were our whites and coloureds brighter - and all that kind of rubbish. We had to admit that owing to the supermarket having a specially reduced offer of Brand X, our garments were not presenting an ideal image to the outside world. That was when we were invited to use the special 'Mew' Brand (Makes 'Em White), which was kind to hands, clothes that gaff before. We did try it, it was fabulous. The whites really were white. So much so, that the camera men and sound recorders were so dazzled that they kept falling over their equipment, and a passing motorist was so dazzled that he ran into a lamp post. It outshone the sun - it couldn't go on. They had to withdraw it. We missed our chance of fame, together with 'Mew' (Makes 'Em Whiter), the powder which actually uses less, cleans . . . Oh! Don't go into all that spiel again.

Anon

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MARCH DIARY

- MON. MAR. 1st. for two weeks WATERCOLOUR LANDSCAPES, Painting exhibition by Gerard Macarthy, Totley Library.
- TUES. MAR. 2nd. (and every Tuesday) COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church (in the Church Hall) 10-00am.- Noon
- TUES. MAR. 2nd. (and every Tuesday Afternoon) CRAFT GROUP Totley Library.
- WED. MAR 3rd. (and every Wednesday) Coffee in the Library 10-00 am. to 11-30.
- WED. MAR. 3rd. "ANYTHING BUGGING YOU ?" Discussion on topics of current interest "Newfield" Brickhouse Lane, Dore, 8-00 p.m. (Arranged by U.N.A.)
- THUR. MAR. 4th. (and every Thursday) OPEN DOOR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook ROAD, 10-00 am.- Noon
- SAT. MAR. 6th. JUMBLE SALE, All Saints Church Hall, 2-00 p.m. Proceeds in aid of the Children's Hospital High Dependency Unit. For collection of Jumble please ring 364190.
- TUES. MAR. 9th. A.G.M. CHESHIRE HOME, 7-00 for 7-30 p.m. and CHEESE & WINE.
- FRI. MAR. 12th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, Abbeydale Hall 7-30 pm., A Lighthearted look at Medieval Natural History & Herbal Remedies.
- SAT. MAR. 13th. GUIDES BRING & BUY SALE, Methodist Church Hall 10-00 am.
- SAT. MAR. 13th. ANTIQUE FAIR, St. John's Church Hall, 10-00 a.m. to 4-00 p.m.
- MON. MAR. 15th. "BIRDS IN A TOTLEY GARDEN" an illustrated talk by Alan Faulkner Tayler TOTLEY LIBRARY 7-45 p.m. Tickets available free from the Library.
- TUE. MAR. 16th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
- FRI. MAR. 19th. JAZZ NIGHT, 8-00 p.m. Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane.
- WED. MAR. 17th. "SHOCK TACTICS" by John Dole presented by Dore & Totley Dramatic Society, United Reformed Church 7-30 each performance, Box Office to MAR. 20th. ring 364440.
- SAT. MAR. 20th. BRASS BAND CONCERT, King Egbert School, Wessex Building. For tickets ring 366212 or 360268.
- MON. MAR. 22nd. TRANSPORT 17 A.G.M. Totley Library, 7-45 p.m.
- THUR. MAR. 25th. P.D.S.A COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY, Heatherfield Club, (see inside for details)
- SAT. MAR. 27th. JUMBLE SALE, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd. 2-00 p.m. Organised by King Egbert School Association, Admission 10p.
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- TUE. MAR. 30th. COFFEE MORNING, Heatherfield Club, 10-00am to 12-00, Bring & Buy, Bric a-Brac, Clothing etc. Organised by Dore & Totley Guild, All Welcome.
- FRI. APR. 2nd. BARN DANCE, Sheffield Cheshire Home
- WED. APR. 7th. SPRING COFFEE MORNING, Sheffield Cheshire Home, 10-00a.m. till noon.

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