

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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A Sketch of Totley Hall Lane 1992 by David Ruthven

Brian Edwards in his book "Historic Drawings of Totley", shows a sketch in the early 1800's where the main road through Totley ran along the line of Hillfoot Road and Totley Hall Lane until a turnpike road from Greenhill to Baslow changed the axis of the village by 90 degrees.

## TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are coming round to the time of the Annual General Meeting of the Totley Residents Association. One of the issues which is concerning some of the residents of Totley is whether the T.R.A. should seek to develop a higher profile in representing the views of the residents to the City Council.

Representations are made from time to time to officers of the council over environmental matters, road safety and such matters but officers of the council can only do what their respective committees allow. Matters of policy are determined by the committees which are essentially made up of the democratically elected Councillors. Whilst many residents may prefer to raise matters directly with individual Councillors, there are some topics which are of general concern for the area as a whole for which a more powerful representation might be made.

If the T.R.A. were to strive towards a more effective voice in matters of general concern to the residents of the area it would require that it really should be as fully representative of the whole community as possible. This would give T.R.A. more credibility with the Councillors and also ensure accurate assessment of local feeling on issues raised.

What do the people of Totley think? I hope that they will come along to the A.G.M. on Monday April 26th. Totley Library 7-45 p.m. and say what their views are so that they can be better represented.

Maurice Snowdon

## GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

The busy period is upon us now when nature is waking up with a vengeance. My garden is quite colourful now with daffodils, tulips, primulas, etc. it makes you feel like doing all those jobs, so let's get cracking.

**Flowers** - Weed, clean up and stir up the soil in beds, borders, also patio areas and containers. Stake up the taller plants such as delphinium and lupins. Give your perennials a good feed and top dressing. Deadhead flowers as they fade, don't strip the leaves from the bulbs, corms and tubers, let them die naturally. Don't forget to feed these plants also this will give better results for it next year. Watering is important, especially newly planted specimens. Throughout the month you should continue to plant gladioli in small batches for succession. April is the ideal month for planting & moving alpine plants, don't move those which are in flower. Give roses a good feed now they will reward you later with better and healthier blooms. Plant out violas, pansies if they are properly hardened off, a cool semi shaded place is best though they will grow in full sun. Sow hardy annuals such as, godetia, cornflower and larkspur, preferably under cloche. Sow delphiniums, lupins and rock plants under a frame or cloche or indoors. Bedding dahlias to be used as bedding plants can be sown now. Last chance to lift and divide herbaceous perennials like michaelmas daisy, monarda and rudbeckia. Towards the end of the month plant sweet pea seedlings. Water lilies and other aquatic plants can be planted during the next few weeks, keep them in water or damp moss up if you can't plant them straight away.

**Vegetables** - Prepare ground for sowing and planting. Harden off plants raised indoors such as cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce. Make successional sowings, if you wish to maintain an unbroken supply of vegetables later on. Lift celery and leeks dig a shallow trench in a cool spot, layer the leeks and celery in this, cover all but the tops. Give spring cabbage a feed, a top dressing of Nitrate of Soda 14g per sq.mt. hoed in will work wonders, repeat in 3 weeks time. If weather is good and soil works well, second early and maincrop potatoes can be planted. Plant onion sets in very well manured and fertilised soil. Sow maincrop carrots & all types of greens. Plant runner bean seeds in the greenhouse. Plant out rooted cuttings of herbs such as bay, mint, rosemary and sage.

**Trees, shrubs & fruit** - Check ties, wires and supports and renew where necessary firm any loose roots. Give established trees & bushes a good feed. Mulch around newly planted trees, bushes and can fruits and water in dry spells. Spray fruits against aphid, caterpillar etc. also mildew & scab. Pot sown strawberries can be planted out now. Move wrongly sited conifers and evergreens at this time. Tie in new growths of climber and rambling roses. Prune spring flowering shrubs as flowers fade. Complete rose pruning and feed. Prune shrubs which flower at the tips of new season shoots such as butterfly bush. Cut back straggly lavender. Remove old greasebands from trees and burn.

**Greenhouse & Indoor plants** - Gradually increase watering. Feed established plants. Keep a wary eye on your seedlings. Shade them from strong sunlight and give increased ventilation. Prick out seedlings for pot and bedding plants. Pot on geraniums and young houseplants such as begonias & gloxinias. It's a good time to increase your plant stock by taking cuttings. Begonias, dahlia, fuchsia, geraniums are relatively easy and surplus can be given to the various bring and buy for charity if you don't know of any, pop them in the shop and I will pass them on. Rest freesias, lachenalias, lilies and cyclamen that have been flowering during the winter, place them on a shelf near the glass and gradually reduce the water. Sow greenhouse primulas ready for next winter flowering. Plant tomato in position in warm greenhouse, a lovely new one is, 'Sun Gold', an orange sweet tomato I'm looking forward to having some this year. Sow seeds of melons & cucumbers.

**Lawns** - Grass cutting time is here again. Keep the mower high for the first few cuts and lower gradually. Good time to sow a new lawn. Don't mow if there's frost about. Give a dressing of good lawn fertiliser. Treat moss as soon as it is seen. Trim all edges to make your lawn look really smart.

Don't forget the Totley Show, 4th September.

Cherio for now,  
Tom Busy Bee

## OVERWHELMING VOTE FOR ALL SAINT'S SCHOOL

The ballot, conducted by the Electoral Reform Society, for the parents to make their decision about whether to proceed with opting for Grant Maintained Status, produced a remarkable result. There was a 98% turn-out with 98% of those votes going in favour of opting for Grant Maintained Status. The Department for Education (Schools Branch) have stated that statistically this is the best result ever achieved in a school ballot throughout the country.

This was a tremendous vote of confidence in our School and all it offers to our pupils. The parents are clearly united in support of the school and are working enthusiastically together to produce a successful outcome and to secure the long-term future of the school.

The vote means the School's application for Grant Maintained Status can be submitted for a Government decision, but in the meantime we still continue to contest Sheffield L.E.A.'s local decision to put the School on its

closure list and thereby remove the choice of a Church Aided School education for pupils living in the South West of the City.

Those of you who attended the recent Consultation Meeting will remember that the main argument put forward by the Sheffield L.E.A. Officers for closure was that other schools in the area had surplus places. They accepted that All Saints' School was popular and full but they felt by closing the School and distributing the pupils to other schools it would solve the problem of their surplus places. As you can imagine it was not an argument that found favour with those present!

We are grateful for your continuing prayers and support for our School. You are also welcome to join us for Easter Service on Tuesday 6th. April at 9-30 am in the School Hall. We are delighted that the Bishop of Sheffield will be present at that service and then spending the rest of the morning in School.

Joan Stratford

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## KNEE HIGH TO A KEEN SHOPPER

A third knee operation had been endured (no I don't have three knees).

It would soon be Christmas which meant a frenzy of activity on the farm with Christmas orders to process. I had had the presence of mind to do the bulk of my shopping prior to the operation. But one or two things remained, not least the presents which my husband was to buy for moi. (Chanel No. 5 and a new pair of wellingtons).

Being a shop-phobic, he usually shies away from this activity, though he can cope with short, daily doses such as patronising Hall's for bread, Mars bars and other necessities.

Hints were dropped post operation, regarding how the last items were to be obtained. It so happened that Meadowhall defied the Sunday trading laws and all 250 shops opened to draw in the resting farmer. Sunday is one day when excuses from my husband are slightly thinner on the ground (but an expectant cow inevitably came into the conversation).

He agreed fairly cheerily to the thought of one, short dash into Meadowhall assured that this would be his one and only plunge into the melee of the Christmas rush.

Meadowhall was chosen in preference to Totley, Fargate or the Moor because it has wheelchairs available free of charge and as I was only able to move about on crutches, this seemed eminently more sensible.

It was a very wet, dark December day. We set off after lunch planning to wheel in and wheel out again in the twinkling of an eye. After all, who else needed to do their shopping on a Sunday? Unfortunately, the world and his wife needed to. It was teeming with people inside and with rain outside.

Like the parting of the Red Sea, shoppers made way. This could have been because my husband was unshaven and still smelling of silage as much as the fact that he was pushing me.

An assistant on French perfumes served him without noticeably wrinkling her nose at the country whiff (they'll take money from anyone!) meanwhile, I enjoyed the low, eye level view of the cosmetics counters. Now that I am standing up again, their displays seem far too low! Nobody wanted to serve lowly me, however, and paying for goods meant lunging awkwardly upwards at the pay desk. I had to initiate conversations; 'Can I have this on account please?' etc., or be totally ignored or pitied.

We were beginning to tire. My knee was getting jostled by the frantic crowds. The silage smell was mingling exotically with 'Macho Man' which I noticed at chin level on a counter and squirted up at my driver.

His wheelchair skills, which were shaky for the first few miles of Meadowhall, became erratic. His mind was wandering.... He was thinking of that cow. Suddenly, everything in 'Next' went black. When daylight returned I realised that we had driven me through a whole row of soft flowing skirts. It was definitely time to go home.

It hadn't been all bad. I had at least met lots of new people; some happy, some in tears, some even asleep; all of them in push chairs, down there ..... at knee level!

Kate Brammall

P.S. When we arrived home, cow and just-born calf were both fine. (Thank goodness)

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## TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Readers of the, 'Totley Independent' who were to beg, borrow or even buy a copy of last month's issue will remember that there was a strange brightness in the atmosphere which was caused by the introduction of a new washing powder called 'Mew' (Makes 'Em Whiter). As you recall, it had to be withdrawn, the overall effect being so overwhelming. You can well imagine that such a strange light would be seen in Mr. Pocock's fields, and that it would cause anxious stirrings amongst the assembled flock. So, I was not surprised that when I took my next walk across the meadows I was greeted by my friendly sheep trotting across the field. She asked if I knew what it was all about.

'Oh, just something to do with television', I replied. 'Yes, you have told me before about television', she commented, 'And sometimes scraps of paper float across the field so we see what some of the programmes are'. Now I knew that she had some inkling of what happened on the screen, as she had probably seen programmes through a house window as the flock was moved from pasture to pasture. I went on, 'Possibly television is the great thing of our age, it gives us information, education and entertainment at the press of a button'. 'Yes', said my friend, 'I know that, but I hear people talk as they pass by and they say it is a lot of rubbish that is handed out for their licence fee'. I had to explain that making and broadcasting the programmes cost a lot of money, and had to be paid for by a licence for one set of programmes, and by advertising for another set of programmes. 'In fact', I continued, 'That bright light you saw came

from an effort to make an advertising feature. All things are used and sometimes the advertisements can be more interesting than the normal programme, such as the dog who explains why he prefers, 'Doggymix', and the cats who say that they thrive on, 'Cattybits'.

'No! No! No!', said the sheep, 'You can't fool me like that, who ever heard of dogs and cats talking?' Anon.

### BIRD STARTLES CAT

A funny thing happened at 43 Sunnyvale Road the other day whilst I was in the kitchen baking. My two cats who were sitting on the window ledge inside the kitchen suddenly froze, tails went thick & bushy, eyes staring at something or someone in the drive. I looked through the glass panes in the door & saw a large brown bird with an eagle-like face, fan shaped tail & huge talons (not claws). These talons were holding down a live starling & were plucking the feathers from the poor thing at a most alarming rate.

My cats were mesmerised, & so was I. My camera happened to be close by, so I managed to get a shot through the glass panes. I am hoping it turns out O.K. Then I opened the door thinking it would release the starling & fly off - no way! The hawk (as I was told later by my neighbour) just took off over the gardens with the starling, half plucked & still alive, clutched in it's talons, no effort at all.

I didn't know birds ate birds, probably the starling didn't know either, it wasn't a very nice way to find out though, was it?

Marion Marples



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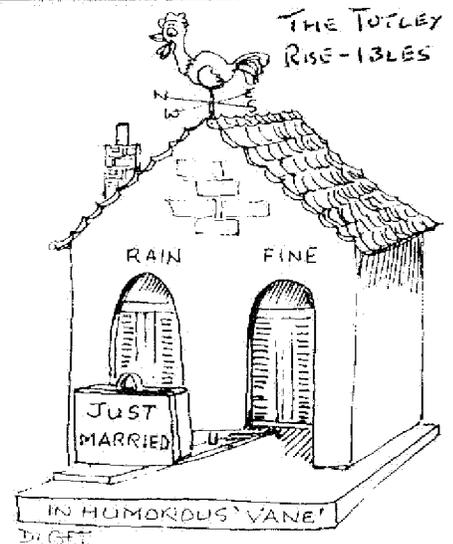
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## THE MAGIC OF MILLERS DALE

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The river Wye has carved a giants hand of nature through this rocky landscape. The towering crags of Chee Tor could out rival even the heights of Dovedale. Every yard through the gorge of Chee Dale is a delight of river scenery towards Blackwell Cottages and Topley Pike. The river Wye which rises on Axe Edge above Buxton and flows into the Derwent at Great Rowsley may only be around 16 miles in length but there is not one dull section. Below Millers Dale the valley widens into Monsal Dale. We pause to watch rock climbers dangling from dizzy heights on the part known as Water-cum-Jolly, and between the two mills of Litton and Cressbrook the river has been dammed. A bird watchers paradise and domain of the angler, these sections of water are owned by the Chatsworth Estates and are strict private trout fishing territory. But the public are welcome to use the concessionary paths, the country code and by-laws must be observed. The request for dogs to be kept on a lead is more than reasonable for cattle graze in the lower Monsal Dale from nearby Brushfield Hough Farm. Lovely wooded slopes are ideal bird sanctuaries and owned by the Derbyshire Naturalists Trust. Many traces of a thriving industry of a bygone

age can be found around the Monsal Trail. Disused lime kilns and lead mining once brought prosperity to the region. The railway played an important role also with communication to the quarries and Millers Dale Station was a distribution centre. The tourist can find delightful inns at the Monsal Head Hotel, the Pack Horse at Little Longstone village was always a haunt for the keen Rambler. The Anglers Rest in Millers Dale creates a grand atmosphere nestling under the shadow of St. Annes Church, here we can step into the hidden charm of Monksdale, a profusion of woodland and limestone tors leads into further vales of Peters, Hay and Dam Dale and beyond to Peak Forest. The adjacent hamlet of Wormhill is steeped in history. Home of the Bagshaw family at the stately Wormhill Hall and famed for the reputed birthplace of the pioneer of bridge builders, Brindley.

The well dressings are a popular event in this hill top village. History abounds at nearby Blackwell, where the original site of a ruined hall dates back almost a thousand years. There is a gem of a caravan site at the head of the village. Hargatewall and Wheston with it's ancient cross are almost unknown havens. Paths lead out from Millers Dale across pastures green to Taddington via Priestcliff Lees and Highdale, with superb views into the Wye Gorge. One could sing the praises of these limestone dales forever. Flagg Dale, Two Deep Dales, Tideswell, Tansley, Cressbrook and Ravensdale all with a magic of their own.

If you have any problems finding your way around the area, pop into the rangers briefing centre at Millers Dale Station where the weekend staff will only be too happy to put you on the right track. This central area of the National Park is under the control of District Ranger Has Oldham.

Prior to this important role he was a team leader for the famed R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service. Gaining the B.E.M. for gallant services rendered. Often has attended at the Totley College to give talks on National Park policy. Guided walks are often taken during the summer period and led by the part time weekend rangers.

Take my word for it, there is magic around Millers Dale.

John C. Barrows

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## HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

The Jumble sale held on Saturday March 6th. at All Saints Church Hall on behalf of the High Dependency Unit at the Children's Hospital raised £275.

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One of these is Simon Swift who runs the Totley Coffee Shoppe and catering service.

Simon competed against rivals from Barnsley, Doncaster, and Rotherham at the South Yorkshire final held at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield on March 26.

(Unfortunately the result of the competition was not known before this issue had to be with the printers.)

To start his business Simon was helped by the Sheffield Enterprise Agency and Livewire, a U.K. organisation which helps 16-25 year olds set up in business.

Since Livewire started in 1982 it has helped 55,000 young people, with an average age of 22, to consider starting up their own businesses in the service sector, retail and manufacturing with the most popular ideas based on clothing, textiles and soft furnishings.

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## 50 YEARS AGO - TOTLEY AT WAR

by J.HANDLEY

(Continued from the March edition)

A notable feature of daily life at this time was the 'Dig for Victory' Campaign. Each household was encouraged to turn the front garden, (and the back one also if it could be spared), over to growing vegetables. This was a particularly important matter so that the maximum amount of food could be grown at home and thereby reduce the reliance placed on shipping, which, as already mentioned, was suffering losses at the hands of the U-boats. To help increase home production additional land was made available for allotments; and everyone was encouraged to take on the cultivation of an allotment. In Totley, allotments were provided in large blocks on the land between Aldam Road and the Recreation ground, where the new Council Estate is now, and on the land between All Saints School and Baslow Road. Smaller blocks of allotments were provided at various other sites. Various horticultural supplies, including seed potatoes, could be obtained at Abbeydale Hall. The popular Growmore fertiliser, then known as National Growmore, is a remarkably long-lived relic from the 'Dig for Victory' Campaign.

Cherrytree Orphanage had quite a large number of children at this period. For many of these children their only 'crime' was that they had nobody else to look after them when their dad was conscripted into the army, as in the case of Anne and Betty Murray. Such children as these paid their own price for the war. But another lad, aged about 7 years at this time, though still enjoying the privilege of living at home with his mother and sister, had hardly seen his dad, who was in the army and

had been in India for most of the war. The children from Cherrytree would walk down Mickley Lane from the orphanage in an orderly group each morning, up the footpath on the Laverdene side of Mickley Lane to Baslow Road, cross and walk up the Heatherfield side of Baslow Road to get to All Saints School. (Only the one side of Baslow Road had a proper footpath at this time). For the whole of their journey, the children formed an orderly group, rather like little soldiers themselves, and were under the jurisdiction of the senior boy or girl, who, though only 13 years old, exercised a strict discipline. As there were probably twenty or so in the group, the senior boy or girl took on quite a responsibility for a 13 year old; but they did not allow any messing about. Cynthia and Sonia Mills were at different times senior girl, and though they kept firm control on their charges, I remember that when some minor mishap happened to me, the exact nature of which I have long since forgotten, then the warm and tender side of these girls could, and did, show despite the austerity of the regime in which they lived.

At this time, Cherrytree faced something of a test with regard to education. I do not know whether anyone from Cherrytree had passed the Scholarship exam, (later known as the 11-plus qualifying exam) previously; but I do not think that anyone had passed for some years. In 1942, I think, a boy called Norman caused some consternation when he passed for Nether Edge Grammar School, for this posed problems regarding the provision of facilities for homework and study. But if Norman made the system creak, worse was to come, for in the very next year a girl, Iris Benton, nearly wrecked it when she

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struck a blow for women's rights and passed for Abbeydale Girls Grammar School. But credit is due to the Matron and powers that be at Cherrytree, because ways and means were found such that Norman and Iris and others following, were able to go on and have the benefit of the grammar school education of which they had shown themselves worthy.

On the matter of education, All Saints School was the only non-private school at Topley at this time. Because Topley had formerly been in Derbyshire, and had become part of Sheffield only a few years before, (1935), pupils who so wished could take two Scholarship exams, one for Sheffield Grammar Schools, and one for the Derbyshire Henry Fanshawe Grammar School at Dronfield. Nationally only about one pupil in ten passed the exam for entry to grammar school; and this would mean no more than three pupils a year passing from Topley, on average. Topley All Saints had done better than this for several years; but in 1943 there was somewhat of an upsurge. In that year about half of the pupils taking the Scholarship, i.e. about 14 or 15 were successful in obtaining places at grammar school. In the following year even better results were obtained when more than 15 out of 28 obtained places. Despite criticism that exam successes do not show the whole story, this much better achievement than national average shows that credit is due both to teachers and pupils for such excellent results.

Though outside the Topley area proper, not far away was the Fairthorn Childrens' Home. This had been requisitioned as an annexe to the Children's Hospital during the war. The aunty of a boy living on Greenoak Road was Cook there. In 1941, I spent 3

weeks at Fairthorn, flat on my back following head injuries; and the meals were very good, and they formed reasonable compensation for the injustice of being confined to bed flat on my back for so long.

Street lighting was something of a problem in Topley during the war years, since, for the most part, it was virtually non-existent. Such lighting as there was consisted almost entirely of inadequate gas lamps. But even these had been modified by fitting a special hood to ensure that only a tiny fraction of their total output ever emerged to serve the purpose of lighting the street. The philosophy behind all this seemed to be that if it could be seen by anyone on the ground, then the light could also be seen by the bombers. As there was also a complete general blackout in force for all buildings, Topley was a very dark place at night. Yet despite all this, the situation was made even worse when some young dogooders decided to shin up the lamp-poles and turn out the gas lights. Of course, there was something of distinction in this, since it was only the more able climbers who could shin up a metal lamp-pole anyway.

The foregoing items, despite their total length, are merely a selection of facts and incidents from the scene in Topley 50 years ago, and nowhere near a complete representation of wartime life here. Perhaps there are others who feel that they have something which it would be rather a shame to allow to become lost. If so, then maybe they will consider committing it to writing. Could it be that we should try to emulate our predecessors, but instead of engaging in a 'Dig for Victory' Campaign, we should engage in a 'Write for Posterity' Campaign?

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## LITTLE MISS MOFFAT

She was small, but perfectly formed, as they say. Fiona stretched herself on the sunbed by the blue pool, bikini-clad, contemplating the last day of her holiday. It seemed only yesterday she had arrived at the sub-tropical paradise, London drizzle the other side of the world, career deliberately pushed to the back of her mind.

It was costing a bomb, but she could afford it. After graduating she'd joined a firm in the City which soon recognised her canny ability in the futures market with rapid promotion and grateful generosity.

To be sure, the stylish mews flat in Bayswater, and red Porsche came pretty expensive, but short of falling under a bus, she reflected, there was no stopping her now.

'Miss Moffat?' She opened her eyes and smiled at the waiter, who was standing above her, tray in hand. Fiona took the elaborately festooned coconut cocktail and sipped it. The ice clinked in the milky liquid. Her leg was tickling. She sighed impatiently and sat up to put the drink on the table beside her. The glass never got there. It arched in the air and shattered ten feet from her, the crash mixing with her piercing scream. Eyes wide with terror and still shrieking loud enough to penetrate even the Walkman to which the American blonde nearby was listening, she pointed with trembling finger at the bed from which she had just leaped.

Just beside the place she had been was a very large, very furry, and very alive spider. It was a Black Widow, and they don't take prisoners.

It moved quite slowly along the fabric, hairy legs plodding in a slow ballet, venom palps waving a threatening semaphore until it disappeared into the bougainvillea growing by the poolside wall.

None of the muscular bronzed men draped around the water leapt to the rescue, but then perhaps they were animal lovers.

Fiona had calmed down, comforted by the American blonde, with a series of, 'There, there, honey's, and hugs, which didn't help much as she was covered in oil and kept slipping out of useful contact. Anyway, Fiona left on the first flight back to dear old spider-free Heathrow, putting herself and designer luggage through the green customs channel as fast as possible. She took a taxi through the twilight drizzle back to Bayswater, letting herself in over the pile of mail on the doormat and yearning for a shower and a good night's sleep.

She flung her flight bag on the chest at the foot of her bed, and unzipped it, taking her toilet bag to the shower, shedding her clothes on the way. From the gaping bag, eight powerful legs moved a black hairy body the size of a fist over the handles and along to the duvet, where it paused a few seconds before crawling into the dark warmth between the covers.

Fiona came out of the shower, slipping off her robe. She carried a scotch and Perrier in her hand, the ice clinking against the glass. She switched off the light, lifted the corner of the duvet, and slipped into bed.

Adrian Schofield

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## ANIMAL WELFARE

### P.D.S.A. & R.S.P.C.A.

The P.D.S.A. Spring Fayre will be at Cathedral Hall, Campo Lane, on Saturday, 17th. April, 10-30 till 12-30. All the usual stalls, raffle etc.

If you can spare the time to go and have any unwanted presents or other items to sell, they would be most gratefully received. All proceeds to keep the Treatment Centre going.

Mrs. Rita Colley will be holding a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy at her home, 56, Whirlowdale Road, (Millhouses end, off Abbeydale Road) on Thursday 6th. May, 10-00 am. till 12-00 noon. Proceeds to the R.S.P.C.A. Neutering Fund. Please do support this, the fewer unwanted animals brought into the world the fewer strays and less suffering. Donations or gifts to Mrs. Colley or to Mrs. Styles, 10, The Quadrant, Totley, if unable to go on the day.

### **T.O.A.D.S.**

The Spring production of T.O.A.D.S. is the comedy, 'Pardon Me, Prime Minister', by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

It concerns the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer the day before the Budget. Unexpected news from their past throws everything into chaos, with hilarious results. If you enjoyed the T.V. series, 'Yes, Prime Minister', then you will certainly enjoy this play.

It can be seen at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 12th, 13th, 14th 15th May, 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £1.50 or £1 for children and Senior Citizens, from any member or phone Kate Reynolds on 366891.

## HEALTHY EATING

Delicious plums, apricots, peaches, nectarines and super quality strawberries - sounds like summer doesn't it? From February onwards all these delicacies have been available in the local shops coming mainly from South Africa carried by container ships and by air, they provide a most welcome addition to our diet. Between now and June we shall be importing ten different varieties of grapes, from the Cape region, seedless being the most popular. For some weeks now top quality strawberries have been available from Spain where it has become very big business indeed, the UK being the largest single importer taking hundreds of tons a week.

Vegetables & some salads have been in short supply of late, hence the high prices, this is likely to continue into spring.

Try this for a delicious light lunch:

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Ingredients (serves 4)

1 small head lettuce, Bunch Watercress,  
2 oranges, 4 pineapple rings,  
8 oz plain Cottage Cheese,  
French Dressing or mayonnaise.  
Garnish 2 oz shelled walnuts

Wash lettuce, watercress. Dry thoroughly, cut off coarse stems, peel oranges, removing white pith, and slice thinly across. Arrange lettuce on base of platter, orange slices & pineapple rings around the edges. Place cottage cheese in one corner and garnish fruit with sprigs of watercress. Chop walnuts coarsely, and sprinkle over cheese. Serve separately with mayonnaise/French dressing and crusty bread & butter.

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## THE NEW CHAIR

Have you visited the Dentist lately? I had been putting it off for ages, but eventually the hole in my tooth was beginning to act as a waste disposal unit for the unchewable bits of celery, tomato pips, bran flakes and digestive biscuits, with the result that I had to suffer unbearable pain at every meal, and even nibbles between meal. Hot tea and cold ice-cream had definitely become a no-no. So I plucked up courage and made an appointment.

Sitting in the waiting room was bad enough. All those detailed illustrations of diseased gums pinned to the wall did nothing to settle my nerves, and the pretty fish swimming round and round only made me feel dizzy. A patient came out of the surgery, with a red blotchy face and a thick numb lip. She smiled a brave but wobbly smile. It didn't help.

Then I was asked would I like to go in now? Like to go in? not likely! but in I went all the same. The new chair was a shock - so low down - where were it's legs? I lowered myself tentatively down and lay back as gracefully as I could manage. Then, oh horrors! the dentist was cranking up the foot of the chair-cum-bed. I hastily clamped my knees together and grabbed my fast retreating skirt just before it reached modesty danger level. Had I wandered onto the gynaecology department in error? No, my mistake, my feet were now a metre higher than my head; I must be in the chiropodist's.

Suddenly the ghastly rubber gloves were probing my tooth cavity, and from somewhere behind his back, the kindly dentist produced a hypodermic and gave my gum a jab. Well, of course, I need not go on - after all you've been there

and done it haven't you?

It's when you return to the upright that the problems really begin. Your knees seem to have turned to jelly and your head won't stop spinning.

"Don't worry, Mrs. Scribella", says the kindly dentist with a smoothing smile, "I expect you were a bit nervous".

"Nervous my foot! It's that fairground ride on the chair that's to blame. I'm sure I'll never be a well-balanced person again!"

Scribella

## THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Do you know about the Good Neighbour Scheme? It has been operating in Totley for many years and is part of a city-wide scheme organised by the Sheffield Churches' Council for Community Care.

Volunteers respond to many and varied requests for assistance. Elderly people living alone may need help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, or just want a friendly visit from time to time. Visiting the dentist or optician can be difficult for a frail or elderly person and a volunteer can sometimes offer transport. Sometimes help may be needed for families with young children, when support is required in a time of family crisis, perhaps due to illness.

If you know someone who needs help or would like to become a volunteer, more details are available by phoning 350612 or 757310.

## Bill Allen

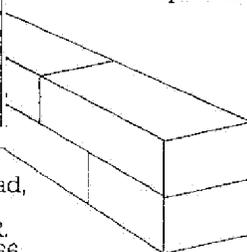
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## 85th. Scout Group News

Once again the group has had a very hectic month with improvements to the headquarters still continuing.

The month started with a visit by most boys and families to watch Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey team at the Arena. We held a very successful Antique Fayre, (next one 19th. June)

Also coming up on the 23rd. April we have a Barn Dance to which anyone is welcome, price £4-00 with fish and chip supper and lots of fun whether you dance or not. See Mike Hughes for your tickets or telephone 350652.

On April 30th. we have Lads and dad's camp over the Bank holiday weekend.

The Beavers have recently been concentrating on handicrafts, with their entries for the Porter District competition and gifts for Mothers' Day.

The Cubs have earned their Communicators Badge. This means being proficient with use of telephones, including those dreaded answering machines, other forms of contact such as radio, Secret codes and the deaf and dumb alphabet. Also during the month some of the Cubs spent an afternoon at Superbowl, Hillsborough, trying their hand at ten pin bowling and having fun in the Laser Quest.

This months European country evening is about Holland.

Coming up the Cubs will continue with their Gardeners badge, having already planted seeds to transplant into the grounds around the headquarters.

There will not be a Cub Meeting on 15th. April

Although the Scouts month started on a low note, being knocked out in the first round of the Porter District 5 a side football 7-0 by the eventual

winners, they did later return with three winners in the Handicraft competition. Congratulations to Gareth Hughes and Nick Smith on their entries of bird boxes complete with thatched rooves, and to Neil Fairweather for his sewing project.

On Red Nose day the Scouts passed over the attractions on T.V. by completing a midnight hike and cooking their own hot dog supper on Totley Moss.

Over the last two weeks they have been brushing up their skills by cooking over fires and will end with a weekend at Fenny Bentley Activity Centre near Ashbourne.

There will not be a Scout meeting on April 9th., Good Friday.

## TOTLEY LIBRARY

We have a glass display case in the library kindly donated by Precision cameras, Totley Rise.

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## LEONARD BRIGHTMORE R.I.P.

The Sheffield Cheshire Home in Mickley Lane has lost one of its best known residents in the passing of Leonard Brightmore on February 21st, 1993. Many people in this area will remember the 'These I have Loved' programmes of Poetry and Prose in All Saints' Church and none who had met him could fail to recognise his charm and courtesy as well as his talent.

Leonard had only lived in this area for a comparatively short time because, even though he had been severely handicapped for many years, he had lived with his blind sister being, as he put it, 'her eyes whilst she was my hands and feet'. Born in Hillsborough 78 years ago, Leonard had lived all his life in the city, working for the council in the Licensing and Taxation Department for many years.

But it might well be that he was best known for his music since he had been organist and choirmaster at High Bradfield and an enthusiast for good music in many spheres. Art and drama were also amongst his interests.

But above all, Leonard was a good friend to so many people whom he came across both in his time at the Cheshire Home and previously. Many will sorrow at his passing but give thanks for a good life, lived as fully as his handicaps would allow and always with cheerfulness and courage.

Maurice Snowdon

### LETTERS

Dear Sir

It was nice to see Bill Turner's name in the "Totley Independent".

I followed him into Miss Marsdens class, at what was then just Totley School, in 1927, and I have many memories of dear Miss Marsden and the other teachers, particularly "Johnny" Wood.

One of the pleasures of moving back to Totley after 40 years has been meeting old school friends, though, when I was talking to Bill Turner recently, he remarked that there weren't many of us left.

Anyway, best wishes to those who are still around.

Mrs.J.Nixon (nee Woodworth)

Ed's note Have you any memories of Totley you would like to share, if so drop us a line.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN TOTLEY

Regardless of its size, your community may be a likely target for the criminal. It is easy to shrug it off and assume that it won't happen to you or that nothing can be done. In fact, a great deal can be done to prevent crime. But the Police cannot do it alone. Each of us has a vital role to play by becoming actively involved in Crime Prevention. Residents of a community possess a very specialised knowledge of their neighbourhood which even the local 'beat bobby' may find hard to achieve. A Police Officer might not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger but your neighbour would. It is this kind of awareness and willingness to help that is the basis of Neighbourhood Watch.

Totley and Bradway have together 43 Neighbourhood Watch schemes. The co-ordinators meet regularly with their Community Constable, PC John West who has worked in that area for several years. Every two months a meeting is held at Totley Library where the co-ordinators receive a full report on the recorded crime in that area since the preceding meeting.

The Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been responsible for thwarting many criminals visiting the area to attack private houses, cars, shops etc. and are greatly valued by the Police for their assistance and contribution to crime prevention. There are, however, vast gaps in the areas covered by Neighbourhood Watch and Totley, generally is suffering an increase in crime along with the rest of the nation. Sheffield South Division of the South Yorkshire Police, which covers Totley, is committed to Neighbourhood Watch and recognise its contribution to policing the area. They have appointed a Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer working from the Divisional Crime Prevention Department whose duties include the setting up of new schemes. If you think your road could benefit from a Neighbourhood Watch scheme discuss it briefly with your neighbours and if they agree your next step should be to contact DC Garry Walker, the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Office on 500700 ext. 3018.

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- SAT. APR. 3rd. THE JOHN WADE SINGERS, Dronfield Parish Church, 7-30 pm. (see inside for details)
- TUES. APR. 6th. (and every Tuesday) COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church (in the Church Hall) 10-00am.- Noon
- TUES. APR. 6th. (and every Tuesday Afternoon ) CRAFT GROUP Totley Library.
- WED. APR 7th. (and every Wednesday) Coffee in the Library 10-00 am. to 11-30.
- WED. APR. 7th. SPRING COFFEE MORNING, Sheffield Cheshire Home, 10-00a.m. till noon.
- FRI. APR. 9th. HANDEL'S "BROCKES PASSION", The Sheffield Bach Society, Sheffield Cathedral, 7-30 pm. Admission Free, (see inside for details)
- FRI. APR. 9th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, Closed
- SAT. APR. 17th. P.D.S.A. SPRING FAYRE, Cathedral Hall, Campo Lane, 10-30 am. to 12-30 (see inside for details)
- MON. APR. 19th. LIBRARY TALK, "Kenya 1992" Mrs. Stella Jockel, 7-45 p.m. Organised by the Totley Residents Association, Tickets Free from Totley Library.
- TUE. APR. 20th. To APR. 24th. "PATIENCE" by Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, at University Drama Studio, Glossop Rd. For Tickets tel. 365251
- TUE. APR. 20th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
- FRI. APR. 23rd. BARN DANCE, St. John's Church Hall, Tickets including fish & Chip supper £4-00, Tel. Mike Hughes 350652. Organised by St. John's Scouts.
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- WED. MAY 12th. to MAY 15th. T.O.A.D.S. present "PARDON ME PRIME MINISTER" (see inside for details)

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