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THE KISSING GATE
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BRIAN EDWARDS
1990

The "Kissing Gate" at the end of the drive leading to Avenue Farm needs some repair. It isn't used these days as there is no gate on the drive now.

Local industrialist Joshua Tyzack put the drive up to his house at Avenue Farm towards the end of the 19th. century.

FARMING SCENE

April showers have now arrived to relieve what was fast becoming a drought situation. An exceptionally wet autumn has now been followed by an exceptionally dry February/March which has enabled most farmers to 'catch up' with their work schedule. As I write, most, if not all of the planned spring cereal acreage has been planted in very good conditions, along with a high proportion of the intended potato and sugarbeet area. The recent rains have dissolved the fertiliser applied to grass fields giving them the 'encouragement' to rapidly produce dark green, highly nutritious, spring grass. The cereal crops have also benefited, with the recently sown crops failing to germinate in the previously dry conditions.

Most lowland sheep farmers have finished lambing now, with the moorland flocks in the middle of their lambing season. Most flocks seem to have had a high number of lambs, and very few problems this year, probably due to the favourable weather over winter. Did we have any 'real' winter?

Lamb and beef prices at markets throughout the country are at record levels, due partly to reduced supplies, but mainly to a strong export demand, as 'devaluation', has made our products very competitive to continental buyers.

I suggest that pork is a much better buy at the moment, as ex-farm prices are relatively low.

The Gillfield Wood 'extension' is now planted up. Being a broad-leaved wood, it will take a few years for the trees to reach any height, and to materially change the Baslow Road scenery.

The next job is to spray the grass around the individual trees with Roundup, thereby giving the trees a competition free area in which to grow and flourish.

Our new gooseberries, redcurrants, tayberries and strawberries have been planted and are starting to grow. These will produce little or no fruit this year, particularly the bush fruit which takes 4 - 5 years to reach a really productive, mature stage. Our other fruit crops are currently looking well, apart from one patch of strawberries which is suffering from a big population of Red Spider Mite. These appear to be resistant to our normal anti-mite chemical, and as such, have probably been imported along with the plants from a propagator in Cambridgeshire. We are now trying a different more expensive product to see if we can control them.

Speaking of control, we, like many other farmers appear to have a much increased rabbit population on our land. This is probably due to the none-winters of the last 2 years, allowing them to reproduce virtually all year. Although I like to see a few around, an abundance does bring it's problems of crop damage and failure. This can result in losses running into hundreds of pounds, and so a control programme has had to be initiated.

Edwin Pocock

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

I said that April should be a busy month, well May should be even busier for all good gardeners, I noticed bedding plants for sale the other day. Unless you have a place to keep them i.e. greenhouses or spare room with plenty of light, don't be tempted, end of May is soon enough. In this neck of the woods I've seen French Marigolds, & Tagetes decimated by late frosts, and healthy plants soon catch up if put in a bit later.

FLOWERS - Start hardening off bedding plants, give as much ventilation as possible but protect from frost, a clear sky in the afternoon should be a good sign of cool to frosty conditions later, at this time of year. Plant Dahlia tubers outdoors cover with 3" (8 cm) soil. Sow half hardy annuals ready for early autumn. Spray roses at first sign of greenfly. Spray also with fungicide to prevent black spot. Plant early flowering Chrysanthemums towards the end of the month, prepare beds for summer bedding plants, lift Daffodils, Hyacinths & Tulips carefully with roots intact and place in a trench, preferably in a sunny spot. Cover with soil leaving the leaves exposed. Add peat or compost to the vacated beds ready for the newcomers. Split up Primulas & Polyanthus plants into separate crowns. Plant them in a shady place and keep them moist.

Keep newly planted plants watered & fed, water and liquid feed container plants. Watch out for the dreaded slugs and bait when seen.

VEGETABLES - Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans. Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops. Clear remains of spring greens and prepare ground for leeks, (Remember the Totley Show 4th September). Prepare mounds for planting out marrows, courgettes and pumpkins. Select and prepare beds for outdoor tomatoes. Sow more French and Runner Beans if required and most vegetables. Spread out the time of sowing to give a succession of vegetables.

TREES, SHRUBS AND FRUIT - A good general fertiliser rich in potash should be spread along rows of raspberry canes. Spray gooseberries at first sign of caterpillar & aphids. Newly planted fruit trees will appreciate an early evening spraying with clean water to speed up development. Blackcurrant are very prone to greenfly. Insecticide powder I find is best on currants. Clean straw or straw mats can be put round strawberries. Prune over crowded raspberry shoots and cover with a good layer of mulch. Remove suckers from trees and roses. Turn over and top dress (apply compost) Heathers after flowering. Plant out tender shrubs like fuschia and hydrangea. Plant

out clematis and other container grown climbing plants. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria cuttous & dogwood.

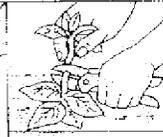
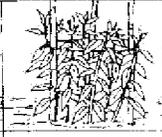
GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS - Pot up specimen plants for a good summer show. Fuschia, verbena and geraniums will be on my list. If clivias have not been potted on for a few years, this can be done now. These plants flower better when roots are restricted, so don't over pot them. Start planting hanging baskets if you have the room, begonias and gloxinias will enjoy a top dressing at this time. Get used to watering regularly now, it's surprising how quickly pot plants can dry out when the weather is bright. Shading the greenhouse to protect these precious seedlings may be necessary. Remove side shoots off tomatoes as they firm. Water and feed flowering and fruiting indoor plants. Cuttings can be taken now of various house plants such as zebra plant, shrimp plant, cacti, coleus, fuschia, busy lizzy, peperomias and mother-in-laws tongue. Sow flowering pot plants such as browallia, indoor primula, calceolarias, cimerarias, ornamental peppers and cacti. Watch your ventilation carefully and control white fly, greenfly etc. The yellow sticky boards are still very effective and there are one or two good environmentally friendly sprays around now as well as the older chemicals.

LAWNS - Feed established lawns and treat for weeds, keep new lawns well watered. Top dress joints in new turf. Cut regularly and trim edges to give that well cared for look.

I don't have to remind you that the Totley Show is on 4th September.

Cheerio for now,

Tom BUSY BEE

PLANTING OUT TIME		
<p>AFTER THE LAST FROST MOVE BEDDING PLANTS OUTDOORS DURING DAYTIME TO HARDEN OFF... ... A COLD FRAME WHICH CAN BE CLOSED AT NIGHT GIVES IDEAL CONDITIONS.</p> 	<p>FEW DAYS LATER, WATER TRAYS WELL BEFORE CAREFULLY SEPARATING YOUNG PLANTS...</p> 	
<p>... AND FIRING INTO PREPARED HOLES. WATER WELL.</p> 	<p>TRIM BACK STRAGGLY PLANTS TO ENCOURAGE BUSHY GROWTH...</p> 	
<p>... AND SUPPORT ANY IN EXPOSED CONDITIONS OR THAT GROW TO OVER 3FT</p> 		<p>SPECIAL TIP A regular feed with a liquid fertiliser such as Phostrogen will turn good plants into super plants!</p>
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HOW CAN SWAP HELP YOU?

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By getting together to SWAP ideas.

By running local campaigns and projects which promote nature conservation.

By putting your ideas into action.

HOW CAN I HELP SWAP

By coming along to wildlife events and inviting your friends and neighbours too.

By joining your local wildlife conservation group and giving it your active support.

By letting us know what you are doing in your local area.

By helping at the SWAP office with an event or on a project.

By running your own fundraising event to support wildlife conservation.

For further details contact:-

Sheffield City Ecology Unit, City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield, S10 2PT. Tel.768588 Dr. Ian D Rotherham or Lucy Heath

SWAP EVENTS

23rd. April at Kelham Island Industrial Museum, 7-30 a.m.

Wildlife Action Partnership addressed by Prof. Chris Baines, to around 100 key representatives of the areas business community.

TAKE A HEDGE PLEDGE

SWAP are asking for local people and Groups to identify their best Hedgerows. They will then be surveyed and assessed and the best 99 will be registered for the centenary year. A new "Centenary Hedge" will then be planted probably along an historic hedge line in the Shirtcliff Valley.

SHEFFIELD AREA DEER SURVEY

If people have seen deer in the past in the Sheffield area or have seen deer recently write to Dr. Ian D. Rotherham (at the above address) enclosing a large stamped addressed envelope for information on the survey, recording forms and notes on identification of deer species.

ANNUAL SPONSORED MARATHON BIRDWATCH

8-00 pm. Friday 21 st. May to 8-00 pm. Sunday 23rd. May for teams of between 2 and 4 people.

Registration forms from SWAP, at above address, should be returned by 7th. May. SWAP will supply a map with the names of the major birdwatching localities to help plan your route, sponsorship forms and a handy bird check list for you to record where and when you spotted each bird.



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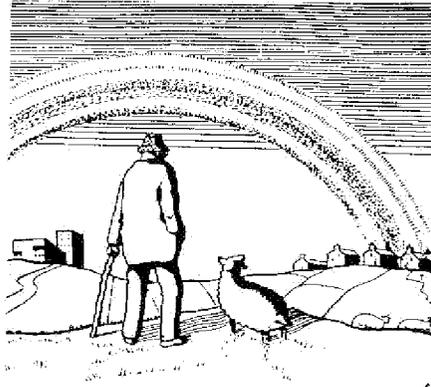
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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

It was a very learned article I had been reading in a magazine, full of riveting stuff. So! What was it all about? Why, no less than the phenomenal cause of rainbows. That when the sun shines through the individual drops of rain, each droplet acts like a prism, and breaks up the light into the magic colours that we see. It went on about the refractive indices which make such a glorious bow in the sky. I suppose that before the scientists such as Isaac Newton got to work on it, a rainbow was a source of wonder, and wasn't old Noah comforted by the sight of rainbow a few centuries ago?



where the rainbow ended. You will understand that after that, I could hardly wait to get home. Not that I expected a crock of gold in so many words, but I have waited so long for Ernie to come up trumps, so perhaps this was the very excuse that he had been waiting for. I let myself into the house quickly. The postman had been. It was quite true, there on the mat was the official looking buff envelope. Was it Ernie? You must be joking! It was the first details of this year's Council Tax. Ah well, there might be another rainbow, another day somewhere.
Anon

Of course that was long before the song writers turned their attention to the joyous world over the rainbow, and the sartorial elegance of a rainbow round the shoulder. The weather men treat these hopes with a little more down-to-earth outlook, and tell us that a morning rainbow says that the rain is coming, but in the afternoon by reverse, the rain is leaving us. How nice to have their confidence. Mind you I wasn't thinking the least bit about rainbows when I set off on one of John Barrows' walks. Even more pleasant was the feeling that this was a good walking day, indeed, the sun was shining, the birds were singing, and all that kind of thing. I was just getting into my stride towards Blackmoor, when a black cloud scudded over the horizon, and before long down came the first spots that warned of the coming shower. I turned and looked back the way that I had come. I do this quite frequently, and pretend that I have stopped to admire the view, and that I am not just getting my breath back after the climb. That was when I saw the rainbow. What a majestic sight! The full curve stretching right over the houses below. Now, from this vantage point I can just recognise my own house, it is the one with the wonky T.V. aerial -and, believe it or not, on that very roof shimmered the magic end of the rainbow.

You remember that it has always been said that there is a crock of gold at the very end of the rainbow - and there could be no clearer proof that my house was at the exact spot

FRIENDS OF ABBEYDALE HALL WILDLIFE GARDEN

Many readers may be aware that behind Abbeydale Hall and it's formal gardens there lies a Designated Urban Wildlife Reserve, which is preserved for the benefit of local people. Although small, the Garden contains a variety of habitats, including marsh, ponds and woodland etc. The Sheffield Conservation Volunteers have done valuable 'spadework' in the Garden over the past years and the Friends of Abbeydale Wildlife Garden is a recently formed group of people who wish to become involved in the preservation and management of this valuable amenity.

The garden is open from dawn to dusk and a ramp has recently been constructed to aid access, which is via the Hall gardens.

If you are concerned about the disappearance of urban wildlife, why not join us and help to conserve your own nature reserve! Please see the Diary for notices of our forthcoming events.

Enquiries to FAWG's Secretary on 350068 or Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership, c/o City Ecology Unit, City Museum, Weston Park. Phone 768588.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

. . . . Christian Church!

Pentecost was the start of the Christian Church. In recent years, Pentecost has become mixed up with the secular Spring Bank Holiday, but they are not the same celebration. Pentecost is a fixed time, 50 days after Easter, and can change its' date in parallel with Easter - Spring Bank Holiday is always the last Monday in May. Pentecost is a religious festival - Spring Bank Holiday is secular. So what happened at the first Pentecost?

The followers of Jesus were gathered together. You can imagine that they were still talking over the events of the previous weeks. Their leader had been put to death on a cross, one of the cruelest forms of death-by-torture by the Roman and reserved for only those who were NOT Romans. The tomb in which he had been buried was empty three days later. He was seen by his followers on a number of occasions during the following weeks when he shared in meals with them and spoke with them. Ten days previously he had gone from them - and they were not sure whether this was to become the 'finale' to the whole story. If someone (Jewish or Roman officials included) HAD taken the body of Jesus from the tomb, these intervening days were the time to produce the body, to debunk the whole story of Jesus's resurrection and nip this newly-developing religious group firmly in the bud - and there would have been no Christian Church today; they didn't, and they couldn't!

With all this in their minds - and, probably, a sense of finality and not knowing what would happen next (if anything) - the followers were together. Then it happened! In one of those strange experiences which defy description in ordinary words, the followers of Jesus were changed from a frightened people, expecting arrest and death at any moment, to a dynamic, public-speaking, super-charged team. The change - the coming of the Holy Spirit - is described as 'tongues of fire', 'a might rushing wind' 'speaking in tongues', but whatever did happen in that room, it changed the followers of Jesus then, and has continued to change lives in the 2,000 years since.

The local churches celebrate their unity at St. John's on Tuesday, 25th May at 7.30 p.m. CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is 16 to 22 May, when the Churches of all denominations raise money (and awareness) for the least provided-for in the world. It can only be a drop in the ocean of need, but, by providing simple tools and skills, and support, Christian Aid tries to give basic help for basic needs - water, food and health.

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THE '93 TOTLEY MASSACRE

Have you heard the news? Over the last 5 weeks there have been 5 attacks on the inhabitants of the moors just above the Rifle Range. 32 were killed outright, another 30 were injured, half so badly that they died from these wounds or had to be put down. To make matters worse they were all heavily pregnant and due to give birth only 2 -3 weeks after the attacks.

The victims? Moorland sheep quietly going about their normal business of keeping the grass and heather mown down, when they themselves were also 'mown down'. The killer or killers? footprints found at the scene indicate that 2 largish dogs are the assassins, but the real culprits are their owners, who have failed to keep their pets under control. This may seem a shocking, rare event but sadly it is not. Thousands of sheep are killed every year by 'loose' (not stray) dogs. Those of us who regularly do all we can to enhance the well-being of our flocks are appalled at the lack of concern shown by some dog owners at the unnecessary suffering caused to the victims. A couple of days spent tending the dead and dying might enhance their dog control measures.

We, personally did not suffer from these attacks, but we have had one strong lamb killed by a dog in our field at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane. When approached the collie/mongrel disappeared in the direction of Rowantree Dell/Aldam Road.

Should anyone walking in the Brickworks/Rifle Range area see any dogs wandering around, please contact the nearest farmer or ring the police, they may be killers.

Dog owners, please remember that **ALL DOGS** (however soft or obedient must, by law, be on a lead when anywhere near sheep. Failure to obey this rule could result in the needless death of both some sheep and YOUR DOG!

Edwin Pocock

R.S.P.C.A.

We have two events coming soon as follows:-

Thursday 6th. May a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, proceeds to the "Neutering Fund" at the home of Mrs. Rita Colley, 56, Whirlowdale Road, (corner of Sterndale Road, Millhouses, off Abbeydale Road) 10a.m. to 12 noon.

Sunday 6th. June, Spring Street Shelter Open Day, (Location: to West Bar Roundabout and down Corporation Street, Spring Street is the second turning on the left.) 11a.m. to 3p.m.

Dogs, cats and rabbits always delighted to be adopted. If you are considering adoption do take the opportunity to visit on Open Day.

ABBEYDALE ART GROUP

For the very first time the Abbeydale Art Group are venturing in to Derbyshire for their Annual Exhibition of paintings.

The venue is the Village Hall in Baslow and will be held on Saturday 5th. June from 10-30 a.m. to 8-00 p.m. and Sunday 6th. of June from 10-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.

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(The motto of the Royal Air Force Mountain Rescue Service)

1993 marks a very special 50th Anniversary year for the Royal Air Force. Notably the Dam Busters 617 SQDN. Two day event May, 19th & 20th at the Derwent Dams. Organised by Mr. Vic Hallam of Yorkshire Bridge Bamford and sponsored by Severn Trent Water. A treat for all RAF buffs. Another celebration date will be held at Bangor University, N. Wales for the RAF Mountain Rescue Service, later in the year where a member of the Royal Family will attend, plus many celebrities of the mountaineering world. The following true story recounts an epic adventure from the pages of early RAFMRS Spring 1944, Llandwrog near Caernarvon.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Johnson gritted his teeth as he dragged himself over the treacherous crags and scree of Mynydd Tal-y-Mignedd, a wild mountain slope to the west of Snowdonia. He must press on down the valley to give the alarm. All around him was darkness, swirling mist and driving rain. Soaked to the skin, tired and hungry, his thoughts rushed back to the agonising decision which he made a few hours previously. He was the pilot instructor in a Halifax Bomber on a routine training flight from East Yorkshire to Northern Ireland. Without warning the outer port engine had caught fire, the blaze quickly spreading and crippling the aircraft. Within seconds the bomber became a blazing inferno, completely out of control, 'Bale out, bale out', he yelled over the intercom, the crew knew they had no choice as the Halifax plunged from an altitude of 12,000 ft.

Flying Officer Tom Miller, the wireless operator had no opportunity to communicate the desperate situation to base. Strapping on his parachute harness he moved quickly to the exit door and hurled himself into the inky blackness of space. Warily glancing at his watch, Ian Johnson found it was 4.00 a.m. If only he could see his way, but he had lost his torch as he fell against the rocks on the summit ridge of the mountain. His hands were badly cut and his right ankle had swollen since the fall, but he forced himself to hobble slowly down the difficult slope. Dawn was breaking over the hills as he dragged his tired body down the side of the Cwm Dwyfawr. Turning a corner he saw a faint light. Gasping with relief, the airman stumbled to the farmhouse

situated at the head of the Cwm (valley) Pennant. Idris Williams, the farmer was preparing to milk his cows in the barn when he heard the exhausted pilot outside the door. The skipper of the crashed plane stammered out his story. Mr. Williams helped him into the warm kitchen and called to his wife to assist the collapsed man, while he telephoned the Caernarvon police.

Sergeant Medical Orderly, Mick McTigue was on night duty at the Snowdonia Mountain Rescue Unit at Llandwrog when the urgent message arrived. He roused the Medical Officer, Squadron Leader Scudamore. Within minutes the rescue team of eight members were racing along the Portmadoc Road in a four wheel drive ambulance and two jeeps. The medical officer briefed the crew, who set off in pairs, carrying equipment which included folding stretchers, very lights, first aid kit, ropes and radio transmitters. Corporal Ernest Jackson cursed the weather as he squelched his way across the marshy ground at the foot of Craig-Cwm-Sylin, the huge whale-backed mountain at the head of the valley. The mist lifted slightly as they threaded their route across the crags and gullies of Craig-Las where they found one of the missing airmen, lying across his parachute, with a broken leg, slight concussion and effects of exposure. Sergeant McTigue radioed their positions to base who promised extra help to carry the casualty down the mountain. Local farmers and police rallied to the call.

Leading Aircraftsman Freddie McClune was traversing across the exposed ridge of Mynydd-Drws-y-Coed when he spotted a human form dangling at the end of his white shroud, swaying like a pendulum on a clock. Hurriedly, he roped down to the stranded rear gunner and unfastened him from his uncomfortable, if almost comical, position. Although badly shaken and bruised the airman managed to walk down to the ambulance. Jeep driver, Jim Bradford was crossing the lower slopes of Moel Lefon when he found the Canadian Wireless Operator, Tom Miller huddled behind a wall, exhausted and barely conscious. Though he had drifted gently on to the mountain without receiving any injuries he had become hopelessly lost in the mist. Morale was now high because only one member of the crew was unaccounted for. The teams combined their forces for the final search for the Navigator and the quest continued along the lofty Moel

Hebog Range. Gullies, crags and fell-sides were scoured, but no signs were found. The mist cleared but the wind blew with gale-like fury as the search continued into the late afternoon, finally the medical officer radioed for air support in the search, soon the pilot of the Avro Anson flicked his plane over the hilltops like a bucking bronco, a most immaculate bit of hedge hopping as backwards and forwards he skimmed the peaks. Dark clouds were appearing with the threat of worse weather when the dare-devil pilot spotted a white object against the background of grey rocks. Sending the position to the search party, he managed to peel away from the hills before the storm returned with tremendous fury. Torrential rain lashed down as they found the badly injured navigator on the desolate slopes of Moel Ddu. He had lain on these exposed hills for 16 hours, so that it was a miracle that he had survived. Darkness closed in as the party reached base. All the crew, except the navigator, who spent a few months in hospital, were back on active flying duties within a few weeks, none of them will ever forget the night their Halifax Bomber crashed on the Snowdonia hills, or the gallant band of men whose perseverance and devotion to duty saved their lives.

(All aircrew names are fictitious). Fortunately, the aircraft crashed onto a moorland slope just off the Portmadoc Road, leaving a tremendous crater. Site now cleared. 3 books will be published later this year to honour the Mountain Rescue Service. Titles will be, 'Whensoever', (The full history), 'The Legend of Llandwrog', and 'No Landing Place - Part 2'.

John C. Barrows

LIVEWIRE SUCCESS

Young Businessman, Simon Swift who runs The Totley Coffee Shoppe and Catering Service has won the regional final of a national competition to find the best new business started by someone under 25.

As mentioned in last month's issue, The South Yorkshire Final of the National Livewire Business Start Up Awards were being held at The Holiday Inn, Sheffield at which 8 businesses faced a panel of judges from local industry, two of which were selected to progress to the next stage.

The Standard is getting better and better and the judges job is more and more difficult each year', said Livewire co-ordinator Martin Lodge.

The judges were so impressed with the entries that they made a special award of their own for one of the unlucky finalists.

Simon, along with Peter Haig, who runs his own fire safety business in Rotherham, will now represent South Yorkshire, competing with 14 other businesses, in the North East England Final, for just 1 place in the National Final to be held in London next month.

After the event, Simon felt that the most nerve racking part of the day was being interviewed live on Radio Sheffield and being led to the interview room to face a panel of four judges at the same time.

He would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported him over the past year.

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OUTREACH was founded in 1986 to provide a means of extending the interests of housebound, elderly and disabled people to enable them, through correspondence, to make contact with other members. Our membership includes people with all forms of disability, including the deaf, blind and partially sighted, and anyone who is housebound for any reason.

OUTREACH is run by a small Committee of disabled, and able bodied members and other voluntary helpers. There are no paid officials or staff.

The aims of OUTREACH amongst others are;

1. The improvement of the conditions of life of those who are disabled and housebound.

2. The promotion of wider interests, new friendships, and the exchange of information and views amongst members.

3. To promote mutual understanding and co-operation between disabled and able bodied people.

4. To assist research and co-operate with other organisations working for the benefit of the disabled.

To achieve these objectives we provide a monthly magazine, 'Outreach for the housebound, elderly and disabled', our policy being to seek a lively expression of views and ideas of members by encouraging them to contribute their own articles etc. on any subject. It is these which make up each issue of the magazine and arouse the interest of other members who, by responding in their own words, provide further stimulation and discussion.

Also in the magazine are sections of poetry, hobbies, Christian section devoted to items concerning Christian experiences and belief on an inter-denominational basis, a hobbies section, a section devoted to give up-to-date information on Aids and Welfare for the disabled, and housebound, and a page devoted to, 'Notice Board', giving all the services that we have available, and forthcoming activities etc.

We make every endeavour to provide links for correspondence between members who wish to exchange letters with others in similar circumstances or having a common interest or hobby, through;

a) Penfriendship Section which appears in the magazine or on our periodical news letter

b) Folder groups dealing with one particular subject (e.g. Scribes, Religious Prose, Cookery, Hobbies etc.).

c) Correspondence Groups linked to a Group Organiser/Hon. Secretary.

Individual 'Link Up' organised through a Group Organiser/Hon. Secretary.

The 'Problem Parlour' which deals with members and readers problems, which can deal with Benefits, Pensions, Housing and Homelessness, Welfare and day to day problems. These can either be sent in by post, and will be dealt with immediately, or if very urgent can be telephoned, professional help being available where it is considered necessary. All matters are treated as strictly confidential.

There is a taped magazine for those who are blind or partially sighted, or for those who have difficulty turning pages because of a physical disability. A small charge is made for this service to help defray the cost of replacement cassettes.

Our Staff, and Committee work from their own homes on an entirely voluntary basis. OUTREACH has no centralised office or Headquarters, and no paid staff.

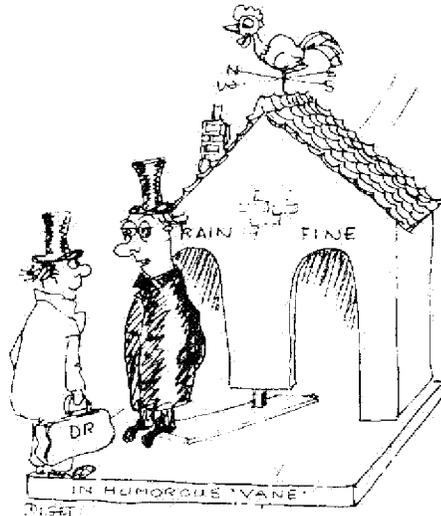
As the Committee are, in most cases, disabled themselves, and live in various parts of the country, it is not possible for them to meet around a table, and all Committee meetings have to be 'held' through the post or by telephone 'Link Up' as are all other activities.

To produce and print the magazine is a very costly business, as is our overhead expense. We receive no Government or other form of income other than spasmodic donations from members and readers themselves, and fund-raising activities.

If you are interested and feel that OUTREACH has something to offer from which you could benefit, then please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Hon. Secretary. Should you care to make a donation, cheques and postal orders should be crossed and made payable to OUTREACH for the Housebound, Elderly & Disabled and sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Midland Bank plc, Parade Building, 489 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S30 5BJ, South Yorkshire.

All other communications should be addressed to: J. Kirby, Editor, or W. Farrant, Hon. Secretary, 7 Grayson Close, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S30 5BJ Tele: 0742 830928

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The proceeds from this event will be going to Transport 17 who urgently need funds to continue their service to the community.

Dear Editor

I have recently traced a ruined farmstead on Totley Moss, (not to be confused with Strawberry Lee Farm), position between the Trig Point and the main rail air shaft. A large site shows traces of the living quarters and boundary walls and stone causeways across several dikes. Could have been a cart track leading from the Owler Bar Brook area. Nothing noted on the Ordnance Survey Map, could any reader possibly identify this historical building?

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We hope to run a 1993/94 Lottery starting during the summer, please join our new lottery, entry forms will be delivered to everyone when printed.

THANK YOU
Peter Casson.

215th. (1st. Totley) Cub Scouts

A full and varied programme is now in operation. As the nights get lighter our Tuesday night meetings are mainly focused on outdoor activities.

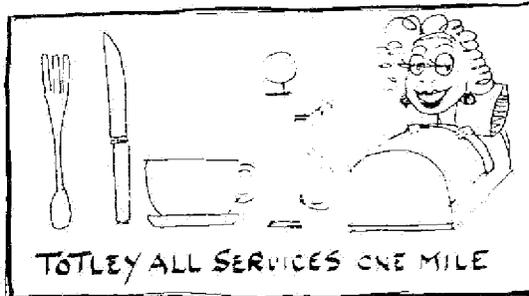
Because of the excellent location of our Aldam Road Headquarters, we can concentrate on activities such as firelighting and cooking, tracking, nature trails and wide games etc. There are still places available for boys aged 8 - 10.5 years old in the cub section.

On the weekend of May 8th./9th. the cubs are on camp at Fenny Bentley Outdoor Activity Centre which is situated in Dove Dale, on the A515 just outside Ashbourne.

The aim of the weekend is to concentrate on certain aspects of the Map reader and Explorer badges, so as well as having fun and games the cubs will be expected to put in a certain amount of serious work towards their badges.

The leaders of this group, and others in this area, are working hard to organise the district camp which is to be held at Silverwood in June. I will endeavour to keep you informed.

Mick Stokes (Akela)



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On Thursday, 15th April, Mike Finn, our Manager took a bus full of Management Committee Members and passengers to Meadowhall. There we were presented with a cheque for £80 by Joanne Haywood and other members of staff. After a photo-call we were invited to the Managerial Suite for refreshments. We were made very welcome and were quite proud of our gleaming bus. Apparently, the money came from clamping people who parked in the disabled bays when they shouldn't have!

The Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy held at Olive Calton's house on 17th April made £122.80. Olive also made soup and rolls for lunches which were fantastic. It was a very enjoyable event to help at, or attend.

I know that many clubs and associations are helping us again this year. Our fund-raising does not stop. If you have any books or bric-a-brac or unwanted gifts we would be glad to receive them. You can also be a shareholder for a pound. Please ring 362962.

Our 'Open Day' is on Saturday, 29th May from 10.30 a.m. till 2.00 p.m. We will have refreshments, books a raffle and bric-a-brac. Come along and meet us. Apart from Mike and Margaret we are all volunteers. Perhaps you might like to join us in getting the people of Totley and around, out to their various clubs, lunches and social events.

Once again, many thanks for all your help.

Margaret Barlow

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The above troupe has been in existence for about 11 years, but from 1st September, 1992 the use of Meersbrook Vestry Hall has been denied to us, due to the structure of the building being condemned. Since that date, a search has been going on for new suitable accommodation. This has proved to be very difficult in view of the exceptionally high charges for room hire and the present economic climate. However, thanks to the good offices of Cemetery Road Baptist Church a new venue has been found.

Unfortunately many of the children have now directed their energies into other forms of activity (e.g. computers) and the numbers have fallen.

The Smarties of Sharrow are, therefore, looking for new recruits from the age of 7 years to become MAJORETTES. They meet at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Napier Street on Thursdays and Fridays from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. (opposite the car park entrance to Safeways). If further information is required, contact Mr. R. E. Blackwell on 400468.

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- WED. MAY. 5th. (and every Wednesday) Coffee in the Library 10-00 am. to 11-30.
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- THUR.MAY 6th. COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY, for R.S.P.C.A., 56, Whirlowdale Rd, 10-00 am. till noon, (see inside for details)
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- WED. MAY 12th. to MAY 15th. T.O.A.D.S. present "PARDON ME PRIME MINISTER" (see April issue for details) For tickets ring 366891
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- TUE. MAY.18th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
- SAT. MAY.22nd. COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS, English Martyrs Church, Baslow Rd. 10-00 am. to 12 noon, Proceeds to Transport 17.
- SAT. MAY.22nd. ALL SAINTS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY, 2-00 p.m.
- TUES.MAY.25th. LOCAL CHURCHES UNITY CELEBRATION, St.John's, Abbeydale Road, 7-30 p.m.
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