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## TOTLEY SPORTS DAY

The sketch this month by Brian Edwards showing Penny Lane is the way to go to enjoy the Totley Sports Day organised by your Totley Residents Association.

The event is to be held on the recreation ground by the Cricket Inn on Sunday the 4th. of July with stalls open from 1-00 p.m. and the races starting from 2-00 pm.

Once again all the usual races for children from Toddlers to 15 years of age will be free to enter and some fun races with a small entry fee.

Last year, despite poor weather, £600 was raised for Transport 17, it is hoped you all can help to support the event and raise funds which this year will be shared equally between Transport 17 and St. Luke's Hospice.

## THE OUTER LIMITS

A semi-rural community enjoys the double, dubious 'benefits' of both city and country life. On the one hand there is the other hand there is ... mud on the road and the plaintive, echoing moo or bleat of a pregnant beast. Topley Man must come to terms with this mixed blessing and must look for the good things of life on the rural-urban fringe in order to reap the true benefits therein - mustn't he or

Deep within one homestead however all is not well ... A woman of true Sheffield descent worries if she is fit for the outer limits and the rigours of Topley life. She, who had been used to the suburban 9-to-5, weds a man wrenching a living from the soil and working 5-to-9! She, who knows the point of watching 'Wish you were here?', chooses a man who has never heard of the programme!

To acquaint herself with farm life she reads what she can. 'Cold Comfort Farm' comes to hand. She listens more intently than usual to 'The Archers'. She even watches 'Emmerdale'.

Her earlier suburban existence fades in the mists of Time. But surely, just because the workplace is green and mud coloured rather than carpeted and high tech - surely life need not be this different? The weather may be boss, rather than some cantankerous old shirt in a swivel chair, but, surely we are one nation and not alienated by occupation?

The book she reads keeps on about 'nasty things in the woodshed'. As she listens to 'The Archers', she wonders if it is Clarrie that she must model herself on. She watches Emmerdale but can't understand why no-one is ever covered in mud or - you know what. Confused? yes she is; but she is also determined to bridge the rural-urban divide.

The working day is the problem. It's too long! No husband dozing by the fire of an evening, no time to just do ... well, nothing! Too many chores from morning 'til night. This can't be right? She tackles him about it over tea one day ... "Other people have time off, why can't we" she asks naively.

His face is transfixed by a letter headed; Min of Ag & Fish.

Why don't you just reorganize the farm schedule?" she asks assertively.

He somehow manages to shrink in size behind 'Farming News'.

"There must be time somewhere to go to the dentist and the barber. What about your fillings, look at your hair!"

"Are these my clean overalls?" he asks with studied nonchalance.

"If there is no spare time, it must be a case of poor time-management," she says, desperate for some response.

He puts on his overalls and looks out at the rain.

"Where's the quality time?" she asks. "You know, to...."

She turns and finds herself alone. He has disappeared into the night, or a black hole for all she knows.

That night she works with pencil, paper and rubber (just in case). A kind of flow chart should suffice, she thinks. The night rushes by. The rain stops. The floor is littered with paper. Exhausted, she admits defeat. No matter how much she juggles the list of jobs and priorities, some things defy organization, manipulation or persuasion! The weather, the Ministry, the Markets - to name but a few.

"How awfully frustrating", she concludes, chewing the end of her pencil and frowning at her work which, incidently, looks like a cross between Spaghetti Junction and the London Underground Map (in monochrome).

She gazes out at the Topley night sky transformed now into a clear, starry canopy. The stars look down as if to say; "Well, what did you expect? This is where town meets country - you must compromise, woman!"

She tries to be philosophical as one must, though the absence of her husband from the fireside of an evening will take a while to get used to.

To survive, indeed thrive on the fringes of the town one must develop the Topley Temperament; what magic does it comprise? Earnest toil and inner calm? Some special balance of mind and body, some mental ambidextrousness? She must find the answer or else you might see her one day rambling on about seeing, 'something nasty in the woodshed!!'

\*apologies to Stella Gibbons "Cold Comfort Farm".

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## Tales of the Unbelievable

I am not quite certain which affected me the most, perhaps the housemaid's knee, or it could have been one of the creaking joints, and there was the pain in the back which is frequently mentioned in adverts with a picture of an individual straightening up and uttering weird cries whilst trying to do so. The doctor was sympathetic, but regretted that miracle cures had not yet reached him, but he assured me that I would be able to totter down and collect my pension for some time to come. You may be kind enough to wonder how all this came about. In one word (No! - in three words) I will tell you - 'Pick you own'. Mr. Pocock's signs are very tempting so I walked across in the direction of his fields. There were so many cars parked there, that I wondered if I had strayed into a car boot sale by mistake. But there was no mistaking the heady aroma which comes from the strawberry fields. No mistake about the wonderful anticipation of the first gathering of the fruit to be covered in due course with a sprinkling of sugar and a dollop of cream. No mistake about the serried ranks of pickers who were bobbing along the rows of the plants. I did wonder if this was the right time to give a short burst from the strains of 'Strawberry Fair' - singing buttercups and daisies and all that sort of thing. At least it might have driven off some of the gatherers. I did wonder if a note of regret should have been sent to Mr. Pocock that he had neglected to provide a fair maiden requesting one to take of her wares, so there was no alternative but to set forward under my own steam. This, of course, is where my report started, with accumulation of aches and pains as I scrambled along the rows. I had visions of a couple of pounds or so to be converted into jam - a few more to make a strawberry flan - and, not least, a few for the sheer delight of sharing the food of the Gods. Now it is regret that I have to report that I did not gather the two pounds which I had envisaged for jam, neither the oddments for the flan, nor the few to finish off at teatime. I didn't actually get a lot. In fact Mr. Pocock was kind enough not to bother weighing the single berry that I had picked. Sadly, it did look lonely balanced on top of a pint of custard.

Anon

## EVENTS IN THE PEAK NATIONAL PARK

JUNE

- 1st. to 4th Middleton by Youlgreave Well Dressing.
- 1st. to 5th. Monyash Well Dressing.
- 5th. to 11th. Ashford in the Water Well Dressing.
- Flower Festival in the Church
- 10th. Sheepwashing demonstration at sheepwash bridge 2-30 p.m.
- 6th. to 12th. Cressbrook Well Dressing and Gala
- 12th. Gala Day 2-00 p.m.
- 12th. Bradwell Church Garden Party 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. at the Vicarage
- 12th. Tideswell Three Choirs festival 7-30pm. (Tel. 0298 871762)
- 13th. Milling of flour at Caudwell's mill
- 13th. Chatsworth Obstacle Race 12 noon (a British Deaf Sports Council fund raising event)
- 17th. to 19th. Grindleford Carnival
- 17th Fell Race 7-30pm.
- 19th Carnival. all events at Bridge Playingfields 2-00pm.
- 19th. Curbar Midsummer Market- All Saints Church and School at Curbar 12am. to 5pm.
- 19th Hassop and Bakewell RC Churches Summer Fayre 2pm. to 5pm. gardens of Cavendish Hotel, Baslow.
- 19th. to 26th. Chelmorton Well Dressing
- 19th. to 24th. Youlgreave Well Dressing
- 22nd. to 27th. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet working Days 10-00am. to 5-00pm.

The above events have been taken from the "Peakland Post", with the kind permission of the Peak National Park.



## AN OLD JOURNEY REMEMBERED

When I left school it was de rigueur to 'do' Europe. I eventually 'did' Europe in my 20's. No expense spared; a brand new VW camper was hired and a friend and I 'did' the Mediterranean and more in just over 4 weeks.

Also 'doing' it were Yanks, well organised and taking in every major festival/event (in case they never set foot in Europe again, presumably). Many hitched rides with us or with the travelling Australians who were 'doing' Asia and Africa as well as Europe in extremely old VW campers.

It was great of course as these things are in retrospect. Puncture in Paris, rained out in Rome, fleeced in Naples, sunstroke in Athens. Much better than boring old fun!

After Greece, we arrived in one of Europe's poorest countries. Like stepping back in time, we saw gypsies in caravans and were cajoled into giving money to watch a young brown bear, it's neck encased in a strong collar, 'dancing' on the blisteringly hot tarmac. The children demanded sweets (which we didn't have). The shops were half empty with poor quality goods. In the evenings the locals walked around the small square. We got the feeling that nothing much ever happened in these isolated mountain towns and villages.

Driving north through the mountains along empty roads in the stifling heat, we planned to reach a small town which lay several miles down in the valley. As we descended a very old man came into view. He held out his hand. We stopped. Without a word, he opened the back door of the camper, clambered in and made himself comfortable. We smiled. He smiled. We drove on.

Some miles and hairpin bends later, two children stood waving. The girl was 13 or so, the boy about 10. They each carried bags. We stopped. They joined the man in the back. They asked for sweets but we shrugged our shoulders.

Further on, we could see a woman in her 40's walking down the mountain. Without waiting for her signal, we stopped, smiled and pointed to the back. The others moved up for her and she got in with her bags.

We deposited our quiet passengers in the town in the valley, pleased that we had saved them the time and effort of a long, hot journey. though we had not spoken, we felt that some kind of mutual respect and taken place. We felt self conscious at our apparent wealth and would have liked to have been able to explain that the van was only hired and that it had been ransacked of everything except our passports and traveller's cheques and a few clothes in Naples.

I wonder whether those people were Serbs or Croats? To us, of course, they were just people who needed a favour. I find it heart-breaking to see that beautiful, poor country tearing itself apart.

Anon

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## WALKS AROUND TOTLEY

### A CLASSIC TREK TO THE HEIGHTS OF STANAGE EDGE AND HALLAM MOORS

Allow up to 8 hours for this trip around some of the grandest scenery in the Peak District, forget the car and step into the delights of Blacka Moor, Houndkirk, Burbage and Stanage - distance 14 to 15 miles. With variation route across Burbage Edge. Start from Hillfoot Road, popular line of Chapel Lane, Bents Farm, Field Path to Oldhay, Avenue Farm, Shorts Lane (Riding Stables). Woodland track into Blacka Moor, swing right to high level patch leading to the Devils Elbow Gate, opposite the top of Whitelaw Lane, after crossing the busy A625 road with care enter the realms of Houndkirk Moor, the path skirts the hillside under Houndkirk top, locate the concrete post, a short moorland crossing and we join the houndkirk road. Walk to our right towards Ringinglow for 3/4 mile, passing the historical site of Badger House and Thieves Bridge (mentioned in earlier walks), superb views in every direction at the junction of the Jumble Road which leads in from Sheep Hill road, swing hard left for nearly one mile along a track known as the Sod Road. Keeping in line with The Lady Cannings Plantation, note the Red Car Brook enroute principal feeder of the River Sheaf. Cross the Ringinglow Road with care, stile area and moorland crossing around the disused Brown Edge Quarries look back with sheer delight at the Ox Stones that dominate the sky line of Burbage Moor. Yellow markers bear slightly left to stile and gates through Brown Edge Farm Yard. Broad track forward to the head of Fulwood Lane. Turn left to ladder stile which picks up a delightful concessionary fairly new route across the Hallam Moors. Yellow markers and several ladder stiles to negotiate a classy moorland crossing above the Redmires Dams. We pause to drink in the glorious Panrama, of Derwent Edge and the hills beyond Bradfield. We weave through heather slopes and rocky escarpments of Rud Hill and the White Stones for nearly 2 miles and after crossing the Fairthornclough and the head of the Redmires Dam we pick up the popular track to the Stage Pole. We have earned our lunch break but these once forbidden Hallam Moors have been pure delight. Tarry awhile at the Stanage Pole. (A marker for coaching travel back in to history) take the cobbled causeway to Stanage Edge (this highway route across to Glossop and Manchester reputed to date back to roman dynasty). Breath taking views as we traverse left along the Ridge of Stanage all of the peak district hills come into

view.

Probably the most popular training ground for budding rock climbers in the whole of Britain. Note the balcony cave halfway along the edge several tones of rock split away from the face during the early 1950s fortunately there were no climbers around at the time. Continue along the path to Stanage End trig point, at nearly 1,500 ft turn left to the dominant gritstone block of the Cowper Stone, soon the gentle path descends back to the Ringinglow Road at the popular Upper Burbage Bridge, an ice cream van would be welcome here for always a refreshment van around. This is a grand spot with the cascading stream under the shadow of Higger Tor and Hathersage Moor. After a short break take the high level route along Burbage Rocks here are two alternative routes. First and shorter line after noting a wired rain gauge enclosure cross the open Burbage Moor in a south/easterly direction for 450 yards to pick up a faint track by a pile of cairned stones which leads back to the Houndkirk Road above the ruined Badger House. (Do not attempt this route in bad weather). The second route is stay along Burbage Edge to pick up the well cairned track across Burbage Moor (mentioned in previous walks - Number 25, March Issue) and reverse the line along the Houndkirk Road towards Parsons House and left from the boundary of open country sign along the new concessionary wall line to the ruined Piper House Farm. Demolished over 60 years ago an interesting fact, the rent for this property was the princely sum of one old shilling and six pence in 1927, how times have changed. Locate the stile just above the car park layby cross the main Fox House road with extreme care and once again enter the realms of lovely Blackamoor, choice of routes are well signed down to Shorts Lane again or return via Lenny Hill and Strawberry Lee Lane back to Hillfoot Road and homeward bound to Totley. This is possibly the finest walk in the area, take your time for a wonderful trek. Hiking boots essential, good practice for map reading 2 1/2 to mile scale map useful O.S. sheet SK 28/38.

If any readers would care to join me I will do this walk again on Saturday, 19th June. Meet Totley Bus Terminus 9.30 am any ideas of a small sponsoring with all proceeds to go to Transport 17. I am sure the editor will approve. Do come along.

John C Barrow

## HEALTHY EATING

### SALADS

English tomatoes should be more plentiful as the month progresses, as well as lettuce, spring onions etc. Salad prices have been unusually high during the last few weeks, reports of a good crop should show a dramatic reduction in this area of produce. New tomatoes starting with Jersey Royals at £2 per lb have dropped to 20-25p per lb. New arrivals, Cornish and Bostons will see a further reduction in price. Plenty of quality offered from the Southern Hemisphere, Oranges from Cyprus are particularly good just now. A variety of orange worth trying is the Ortanique a Hybrid orange/tangerine, sweet and very juicy.

Try this appetising side dish to tickle the most jaded palate.

### SALAD ELORIA

This unusual salad of cucumber and strawberries is an ideal side dish to serve with cold chicken/turkey or, if the purse allows, salmon.

PREPARATION TIME: 15 Minutes.

CHILLING TIME: One Hour.

INGREDIANTS (Serves 4-6)

- 1 Small Cucumber
- 12 Large Strawberries
- Salt and Black Pepper
- 1-2 Tablespoons Dry White Wine or White Wine Vinegar

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Peel cucumber and slice it thinly.
2. Wash strawberries and cut into thin slices.
3. Arrange slices in a decorative pattern in a shallow serving dish,

an outer circle of cucumber followed by an overlapping of strawberries, then more cucumber and so on, finishing with a centre of strawberries.

4. Season with salt and pepper.

5. Sprinkle wine over salad and chill before serving.

## THE SHEFFIELD

### CHESHIRE HOME

The first six months of 1993 have been very eventful with the Spring Coffee Morning, several jazz nights, a Barn Dance/Pie and Pea Supper and numerous other musical evenings with Andrew Nimmo. Once again many thanks to all who supported these events.

Our Summer Fete which will be held on Saturday 26th. June commencing at 2-00 pm. will be opened by Chloe Newsome (Alec Gilroy's granddaughter, Victoria, in ITV's Coronation Street).

As well as the usual stalls and games there are several new ones including Whack-the-rat, Eggspert, Knitting Wool stall and a tug-o-war competition between local pubs. If you want to join the competition contact your local pub and ask if they are entering a team.

As usual donations of cakes, white elephant goods and nearly new clothing etc. are always welcome. We hope to see you all at the fete.

Of course, as everyone is well aware, there was a flypast at Derwent to commemorate the Dambusters and as usual, if anything is going on anywhere in the locality, our residents were there and had a really enjoyable time. The Home joined with two other Cheshire Homes to run a tombola stall and sell crafts made by the residents.

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The exhibition will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. and refreshments, for which we have a high reputation will be available.

We look forward to greeting old and new friends at the exhibition and invite anyone interested in railway modelling to have a chat with a view to joining us. We would welcome your expertise and fellowship. Talk to us at the exhibition or call at our club room in the Old School, Thursday evening from 7.30 p.m. Please note that the club room will not be open during the exhibition.

## TOTLEY GOOD COMPANIONS

The Totley Good Companions are holding their Coffee Morning on July 1st. from 10-00 a.m. to noon at Abbeydale Hall to which you are all invited and be given a warm welcome.

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## EVEN BEFORE THE PLANTAGENETS

If you walk around Totley minding your own business and not putting two and two together, and you then encounter me in the company of Phyllis Cowlshaw, please understand that we are just good friends, our mutual attraction being directed solely towards local history in which we both have a passionate interest. I have to admit that Phyllis is the master-mind, or mistressmind - if the term is not too ambiguous - whereas I could perhaps best be described as a disciple or a Dr. Watson to her Sherlock Holmes.

When Phyllis first began to tell me about the Totley leadmining industry I realised at once that hers was, indeed, a scholarly mind. This bygone Totley industry functioned for over two hundred years until the lead seams were considered to be worked out and no longer a commercial proposition. The mine was sealed off in the late 1800's but a few months ago a person, as yet unidentified, gained access to the tunnels, possibly activated by the recession and the current market value of lead. One old mining seam runs close to the surface at a point where the Yorkshire Co-op building is sited and if you stand beside the soap powder shelf on a quiet day it is possible to hear the faint sound of a pickaxe.

The vast majority of Totley people will be fully aware that Milldale Road takes its name from the watermill which once operated on the Totley Brook opposite the Methodist Church. Scythes and other agricultural implements were once produced there, and in the early days, when Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, was deeply absorbed in the subject of amputation - particularly of Roman legs - she fitted her chariots with blades made in Totley. In fact, chariot blades were originally invented by Roger Tungsten who worked for the monks at Beauchief Abbey before the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

In order to develop my self-confidence as a historian, Phyllis eventually launched

me into 'Project Raleigh'. Let me remind you of two relevant facts: Sir Walter was beheaded in old Palace Yard, Westminster, on 29th October 1618 and the Totley Snuff Mill was demolished circa 1830 in order to make way for the orphanage and subsequently the Cheshire Home. Well then, I was required to find out why our Snuff Mill, granted a Royal Warrant by Queen Elizabeth I, should have the warrant withdrawn a few years later. It is amazing how, with patience and determination, so many little gems of history can be brought to light, and naturally the City Central Library is a rich source of information because in its vaults are stored old copies of 'The Times', dating back to the last Ice Age. Thus, I learned how Sir Walter Raleigh, a generous pinch of snuff up his right nostril, came to sneeze violently at the Duke of Devonshire's Ball, thereby disturbing King James' wig. Sir Walter promptly took up residence in the Tower and, to preserve King James' royal prestige, a trio of sycophants cobbled up the spurious charge of high treason, implicating Raleigh in a Spanish plot to seize the English throne. Unfortunately this latter version of the affair has always appeared in history books though ancient letters passing between the Duke of Devonshire and Earl of Essex prove, beyond doubt, that as sure as God made little green apples, Totley snuff taken in an excessive pinch was to blame. So it befell that Sir Walter 'snuffed it', our distinguished mill lost its Royal Warrant, and God continued to make little green apples.

Phyllis herself has probed into Totley's distant past with such unflagging zeal and shrewdness that she really should write a book on the subject. Take for example Jethro Furness and his son George: two local characters who owned a team of packhorses way back in the 1700's. It was the age of the packhorse, Phyllis reminded me. Psalter Lane derived its title from

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the salt brought from Cheshire over the hills into Sheffield. Jethro and George ran their business from a stable on the Baslow Road just above the Totley Rise shops. The Furness horses carried produce from scattered farmsteads down past Beauchief Abbey and into the Sheffield market, creating a fine trade in black puddings and Owl Bar cheese. There was an ill-fated attempt by the two men to make money on the return journeys by selling Sheffield cutlery in our village, but during the 1700's the folk around here were quite unfamiliar with eating utensils, totally rejecting them as tools of the Devil. All this changed when the powerful Cutler's Association introduced a by-law which compelled not only townees but all people dwelling within a ten mile radius of St. Paul's Church, to eat their food using cutlery. 'With both hands' declared the statute. One set of eating irons per person, children under three years of age to be excluded. The penalty, twenty four hours in the stocks or a fine of five pence. They were grim days indeed.

Those stocks were in regular use. There was also a steady clientele for the ducking stool because scolds and shrews abounded then as they still do today. I, myself, am reasonably soundproofed against long-winded harpies, for nature has blessed me with a pair of hearing-aids which may be switched off at will. But no corresponding sophistications were available in the Middle Ages, and since neither the Totley Brook nor the Old Hay Brook were deep enough for satisfactory immersion, our own ducking stool had to be located at Beauchief Dam. Here it remained for several years before disappearing without trace. Robin Hood was mooted as a possible culprit until a learned cleric from St. John's pointed out that Robin had been dead for over a hundred years. Then the charcoal burners of Ecclesall Woods, ever on the lookout for seasoned timber, were held to be responsible, but nothing could

be proved. Some pillars of the community were in favour of using the 'rack' to secure confessions but, unfortunately, the 'rack' also had disappeared. Consequently, from that date onwards our far-sighted Parish Council has insured all ducking stools and racks with the Legal and General. A simple matter of common sense.

C. N. Railton Holden

## TOTLEY TRIBUTE

For many years now, I (along with many others) have had the pleasure of delivering leaflets and greetings on behalf of local churches, and once again collecting Christian Aid envelopes from the residents of Totley.

In recent years my travels have taken me most frequently to the Green Oak Estate, and I would like to pay a special tribute to the residents there,

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  - b) the many cheerful and friendly greetings.
  - c) the readiness of nearly everyone to dip into, no doubt, hard pressed funds for the benefit of even needier people in the world.
  - d) the frequent instances of obvious care and concern for their immediate neighbours.

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# Scout News



As usual all Sections of the Group have been busy with many activities and still more planned. The youngest section have been "Beavering" away each week with games, learning and handicrafts, including the messy sounding job of filling empty eggs with jelly and decorating them for Easter.

Beaver night has changed from its previous day to Monday evenings - same time 6pm to 7pm. If you want more details contact the Beaver Leader Ruth Charles on 362339.

The Cubs have completed their Gardeners Badge with a display of new plants outside the Headquarters and learned about how plants grow and how to care for them. Two further episodes of European capers have looked at Denmark and Ireland. Over May Day weekend most of the Cubs camped at Walesby Camp Centre in Nottinghamshire on our Annual Lads and Dads Camp. An excellent attendance was recorded when the Cubs took part in the St. George's Day Parade in Sheffield City Centre. This includes a march past in front of the Lord Mayor and other dignitaries followed by a short Church service during which the boys give thanks for the life of the founder of Scouting, Baden Powell, and all Cubs and Scouts, past and present renew their promise. In spite of the rain over 2000 boys took part in the parade which due to various reasons outside the City's control will be the last of its kind after over 50 years.

At the moment Cubs are looking forward to further camping at Silverwood, Nr. Barnsley where over 150 boys from the district are coming together for a weekend.

Three of the Scouts recently attended an activity and leadership weekend at the Rotary Centre in Castleton taking part in Climbing, Caving, Shooting, Archery,

Acting, Mapping and the intriguing Now Get Out Of That. Most of the Scouts also attended the St. Georges Day Parade in Sheffield and on recent Friday nights have been working towards their Senior Pioneers Badge. This entails advanced knots, knowledge and care of ropes, and completion of two Pioneer Projects. The Scouts also camped at Walesby over May Day weekend along with some dads and the Cubs. Fine weather was enjoyed most of the time and all took part in activities such as abseiling, semaphore, orienteering, archery, camp fires, games - both in daylight and at night, trying to put up a tent blindfold and still had time to cook their meals over a wood fire. Just now the Scouts are enjoying various outdoor activities in final preparation for Summer Camp which will be in North Yorkshire.

The Group Executive have been no less busy with a further Antique Fair organised for 19th June in St. Johns Church Hall and a Grand Gala weekend on 26/27th June at the Olde House Hotel, Newbold, Chesterfield.

Set in the grounds of this Licenced Hotel many Side Shows for fun, skill and luck are planned with a chance to win a brand new car. This two day event is well worth a visit and is the third year we have taken part. The Centrepiece of the Gala is a Motor Show courtesy of Gordon Lamb, displaying all their models for inspection.

On Sunday, 4th July, we have our Annual Treasure Hunt. As usual this will be on foot around the local area and caters for all the family. Good weather is usually guaranteed and the finish will be at a nearby "Watering Hole". So, as everyone is welcome, reserve the date and see the next issue for confirmation of time and starting place.

Mike Holindale

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The centre is again offering a range of language courses, including languages for business, at various levels which may be based either for recreation or in order to obtain a qualification.

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### THANK YOU

The local N.S.P.C.C committee would like to thank the residents of Dore, Totley and Bradway for their wonderful response to recent fund raising activities.

Our house to house collection raised £2,426 and the annual coffee morning at 22, The Quadrant raised £440.

All this money will be used to help children in Sheffield who are physically or emotionally hurt and are struggling to grow up without affection, love or care. They desperately need our help and we really appreciate your generous support.

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Joyce Cook

### WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (W.E.A)

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## A PELICAN CROSSING FOR TOTLEY ?

### AND GENERAL ROAD SAFETY MATTERS.

Road safety matters have certainly been raised by the Totley Residents Association, and by Churches Together in S17 and by myself in the past with particular reference to the provision of a Pelican Crossing at the junction of Baslow Road, Busheywood Road/ Devonshire Road and Totley Brook Road.

This is a notorious accident black spot, and the dual carriageway, allowing vehicles to speed in both directions does not help matters.

The actual start of work to provide a Pelican Crossing at Millhouses Park, and the promise that provision will be improved at Beauchief Traffic Lights (the junction of Abbeydale Road South and Abbey Lane) leads me to ask whether the case for a crossing in our locality should once again be actively pursued. Hutcliffe Wood Road has a Pelican Crossing, and Nether Edge Terminus is about to have one installed. The volume of traffic at these two locations is nowhere near as heavy as at Totley Rise.

I am absolutely convinced that it is necessary, as the combination of extended shopping hours, elderly residents, and speeding traffic simply does not mix, and no safety matters whatsoever have been taken in recent times, with some very serious accidents and even fatalities occurring.

Believe it or not, the actual signing at all the approaches to this junction have been damaged and out of alignment for over 6 years, with no action taken by the City Council despite repeated requests. In the past such signs as "Accident Black Spot" and "Police Speed Checks" have been installed, but there are now no such warnings. Where have these signs gone?

Please join your voice in pressing for some immediate action here, and possibly a Petition could now be considered for a long overdue Pelican Crossing.

In connection with this I would like to publicise an important Road Safety event.

A special service is to take place in Sheffield Anglican Cathedral on Saturday 30th. October at 11-30 am. devoted to the subject of Road Safety, giving an opportunity for thanksgiving, petition and intercession both for those who work towards greater safety and for those who have suffered distress, injury or bereavement through road accidents.

In conjunction with the Provost and with the City Council's Road Safety Education Department (it is hoped to arrange one or two events such as an exhibition) leading up to the service, and to issue an Information Pack about Road Safety which will be of help and interest to local Churches and their members.

As a Staff Member of the Industrial Mission of South Yorkshire Rev. Barry Parker will be prepared and pleased to give further information and talks to Churches to explain his concern for greater safety on the Roads.

Rev. Barry Parker can be contacted at The Manse, 140, Lowedges Road, Sheffield S8 7LD (Tel. 372580).

October seems a long way ahead, but plans for this event need to be publicised as widely as possible now.

Richard Lamb

Churches Together in S17

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It was unanimously decided that group was well worth continuing and expanding it's membership and so the next meeting is to be held in one of the small halls in the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road on June 24 th. at 11-00 am. where coffee will be available and further valuable discussion can take place.

We would very much like anyone with any visual disability to come to the meeting as we feel that the activities of this group can give a real service to our local community.

Ann & David Caldwell (Tel No.366894)

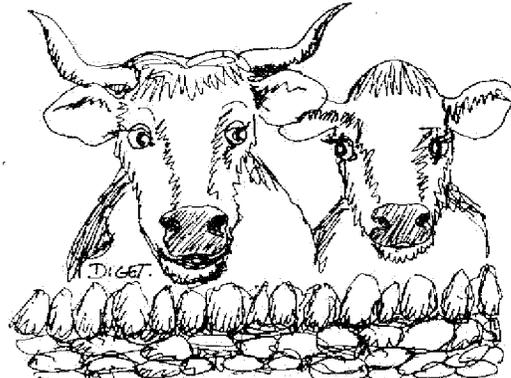
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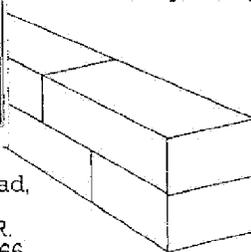
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## GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

June with its long light evenings and generally warm weather enables us to enjoy leisurely gardening enjoyment too from flowering shrubs and herbaceous plants and a possible bonus of early season salad and vegetable crops. Preparations are in hand for the Totley Produce Show so get cracking and lets make it the best ever. Its the friendliest show around no real serious rivalry everyone will be made welcome, September 4th. is the day.

**FLOWERS** - Feed flowering plants especially sweet peas, container plants need a weekly dose. Keep newly planted plants well watered.

Thin out seedlings sown in borders.

Stake and tie tall plants such as lilies, gladioli, iris etc.

Dead head poppies after flowering all bedding plants can be put out now.

Perennials, biennials can be sown now; they will make good sturdy plants for placing in their flowering quarters in the Autumn these include Wallflowers, Canterbury bells, Verbascum, Sweet williams, Lupins, Colliocks Dephiniums etc.

Place chrysanthemums in their summer spot. Divide Auriculas, Polyanthus and Primroses growing in the open especially if they are a good variety.

Cut back Aubrietas, Arabis, perennial Candy tuft quite considerably after flowering if you wish to prevent them spreading.

If you lift and store spring bulbs, now is the time to do it. Store in a light airy shed.

Watch out for aphids and mildew and spray as soon as spotted to keep under control.

**VEGETABLES** - Keep seedling and salad crops well watered especially celery, radish and lettuce.

Plant out runner beans, watch out for slugs and bait where nessecery.

Earth up potatoes, support peas and plant outdoor tomatoes, sweetcorn, marrows and ridge cucumbers.

Plant out cauliflowers for Autumn use, cabbage, sprouts and savoy for Autumn and Winter broccoli for winter and spring.

Make successional sowings of vegetables such as beet, carrot, dwarf beans, peas, lettuce, salad onions and radish.

Start picking herbs for drying and freezing.

Pinch out the tips of broad beans when they have set about three clusters, this helps prevent blackfly and encourages the development of the pods.

**TREES SHRUBS & FRUIT** - Keep fruit tree trunks clear of weeds and grass.

Remove unwanted strawberry runners and surplus or weak raspberry runners.

Continue to spray apples, pears, cane fruit against aphids, blackfly and mildew etc. Spray raspberries 10 days after flowering with fungicide against cane spot.

Cut out badly cankered apple branches.

Summer prune gooseberries, grape vines, red & white currants.

Stop lifting rhubarb this month to give it a chance to recover for next year.

Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered and weed free.

Pick the poisonous seeds of laburnum especially if there are children around.

If azaleas, rhododendrons, camellia or hydrangeas are yellowing apply some sequestrene.

Remove suckers from bush and standard roses and give a feed after first flush of flowers. Spray with fungicide against black spot and mildew.

Cuttings can be taken now from quite a few shrubs including wiegelia, escallonia, heathers, spirea etc. root in a frame or a window sill.

**GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS** - Feed flowering & fruiting plants, stand pots on damp pebbles to maintain humidity, pot up rooted cuttings taken in May.

Watch out for aphids, white fly, mildew etc. spray as soon as possible.

Sow calceolarias, busy lizzy and indoor primulas to use as pot plants.

Take cuttings from geraniums, busy lizzy, fuschia, heliotrope, plumbago etc. to increase your stock.

Take leaf cuttings from African violets, rex begonias & echeveria.

Train & feed melons and cucumbers.

Do not allow tomatoes to dry out as weather gets warmer, watch out for your ventilation carefully note weather forecast, June nights can be very treacherous.

**LAWNS** - Continue regular mowing and edging, if its very hot raise the cutters. Water during dry spell, spiking beforehand. New lawns should be lightly rolled and cut gently.

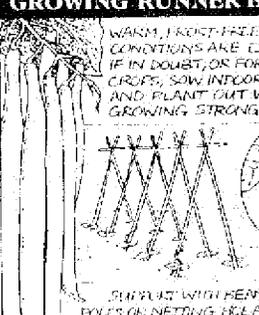
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Tom Busy Bee

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- TUES. 1st. (and every Tuesday Afternoon ) CRAFT GROUP Totley Library.
- WED. 2nd. (and every Wednesday) Coffee in the Library 10-00 am. to 11-30.
- WED. 2nd. POND DIP & PICNIC IN Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden 11-00 a.m. with Lucy Heath & Avril Critchley
- THUR. 3rd. (and every Thursday) OPEN DOOR, United Reformed Church, 10-00a.m.- noon
- SAT. 5th. & SUN. 6th. ABBEYDALE ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS. Baslow Village Hall, Admission Free, Sat. 10-30am. to 8-00pm. Sun. 10-00am. to 6-00pm.
- SUN. 6th. R.S.P.C.A. SPRING STREET SHELTER OPEN DAY, 11 am. to 3-00 pm.
- MON. 7th. to 12th. CRAFT EXHIBITION and DEMONSTRATION, TOTLEY LIBRARY.
- FRI. 11th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, EXPLORING DERBYSHIRE VILLAGES, Mr.P.Barclay, Abbeydale Hall, 7-30 p.m.
- SAT. 12th. SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY CONCERT, Sheffield Cathedral, 7-30pm. (details inside)
- TUE. 15th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
- SAT. 19th. ANTIQUES FAIR, St. John's, Abbeydale Road, 10-00am. to 4-00pm.
- SAT. 19th. TABLE TOP SALE, (Indoor car boot sale) Wessex Hall, King Egbert's School 10-00am. to 2-00pm. To reserve a table (£5) please phone 360868.
- SAT. 19th. BARN DANCE, Totley Hall Farm, 8-00pm. for tickets tel.364190 (details inside)
- SUN. 20th. WILDLIFE GARDEN OPEN DAY, Abbeydale Hall, 11-00am. to 4-30pm., Guided walks, children's activities, displays, refreshments etc.
- MON. 21st. MOTOR SHOW, Old Hall Hotel, Hope, 7-00pm. (details inside )
- THUR. 24th to SAT. 26th. WOODTHORPE FESTIVAL (details inside )
- SAT. 26th. SUMMER FETE, Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane, 2-00pm. (details inside)
- SAT. 26th. CAKES and CUTTINGS, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 10-30am. to 1-30pm
- WED. 30th. TOTLEY RISE PLAYGROUP FUN DAY, Totley Rise Methodist Church 9-30am. to 12-00 (details inside)

## JULY

- THUR. 1ST. COFFEE MORNING, Abbeydale Hall, 10-00am. to noon, Totley Good Companions (see inside for details)
- SUN. 4th. TOTLEY SPORTS DAY, Totley Bents Recreation field, Cricket Inn. 1-00 pm.
- SAT. 10th. SUMMER CONCERT by the Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Dore Church Hall 7-45 pm. for tickets, price £2-00, telephone 364246
- SAT. 10th. MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION, Dore Old School 10-30am. to 6-30pm. (detail inside )

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### THE INDEPENDENT FOR JULY/AUGUST

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