

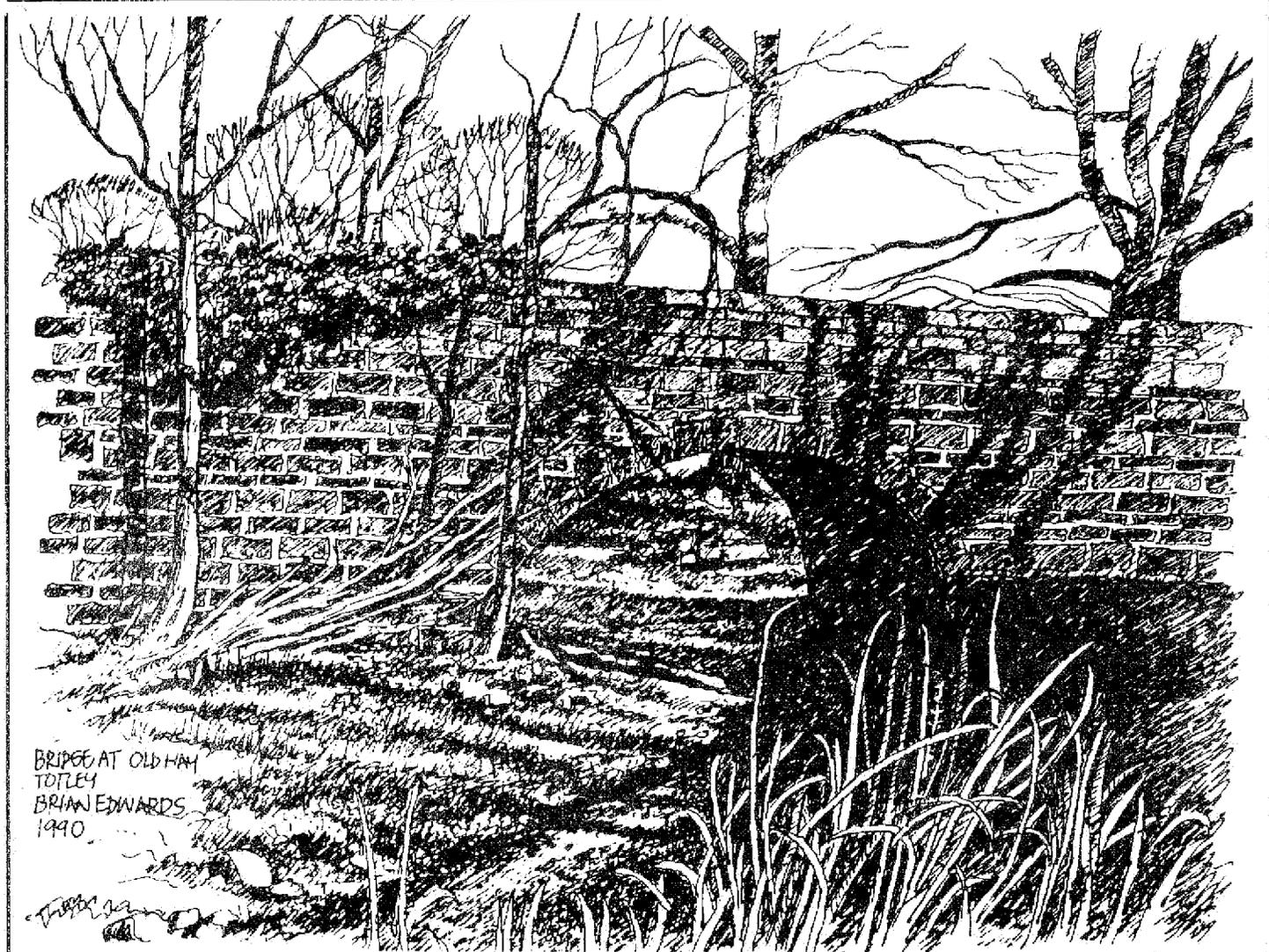
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BRIDGE AT OLD HAY
TOTLEY
BRIAN EDWARDS
1990

Totley Bridge is the earlier name of this stone built structure over the Old Hay Brook down Hillfoot Road. It probably replaced a ford at this spot carrying the old bridle path to Dore.

TRANSPORT 17 - OUTWARD BOUND CLUB

Transport 17 have introduced a new "Outward Bound Club" as an extension to it's current services.

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To become a member contact Transport 17 office, Baslow Road, telephone 362962 between 9.00am. and 4.00pm. and ask for Mike or Andy.

Two future planned events in July are a visit to High Peak Garden Centre on the 10th. July and a visit to Chatsworth on the 11th. July

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY/AUGUST

This is the month I call wrench time. When holidays mean leaving the garden to its' own devices even for a short period is a bit of a wrench, especially when everything is looking and smelling so good; the fruit is ripe & the veg. needs that extra bit of attention so that it will be ready for the Totley Show. I expect I will be a bit fidgety in my deck chair if we get off. Still plenty to do as well as sitting back and enjoying your garden.

FLOWERS - I say this quite often, but it bears repeating, feed the flowering plants and you will be rewarded with healthier plants and more abundant flowers. Disbud Chrysanthemums & Dahlias. Cut down Delphinium & lupins when they have finished flowering. Give your alpines a good clip over and top dress with a bit of potting compost & bonemeal. Cut and dry everlasting flowers. Summer prune roses after the first flash of flowers has gone. Plant Madonna Lilies, this plant makes it's new growth in late summer and should be planted before this starts. Colchicums, autumn flowering crocus and sternbergias can also be planted now, in well drained soil in a sheltered sunny position. Later on take pelargonium cuttings. Continue to remove faded flowers when hydrangeas have finished flowering, they will benefit from a little pruning, cut off each flowered stem back to the first plump looking growth bud.

VEGETABLES - Syringe runner beans regularly to help the fruit set. Plant vegetable seedlings, leeks, sprouts, cabbage & sprouting broccoli. Cut and dry herbs. Peas, beans and marrows should be picked to encourage more cropping. Later stop watering onions (August) as they start to yellow. Tie up trench celery start earthing up and water well. Water marrows regularly and apply a high potash feed, cut them as soon as they are ready, don't leave them on the plant. Sow lettuce to harvest in autumn. Sow spring cabbage early August for transplanting from mid September onwards. Sow perpetual spinach for pulling late autumn through to spring. Plant out winter cabbage and savoy from seed bed or nursery.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT - Take cuttings of shrubs & alpines. Continue to spray against pests and diseases. Summer prune cherry & plum trees. Complete the thinning of apples and pears. Peg down strawberry runners to give new plants. Prune Mock Orange & Weigelas & Wisteria when flowering is finished.

When raspberries have finished prune the old canes down to ground level and train the young canes in their place cutting out weak ones. Prune blackcurrant as soon after picking as possible.

GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS - Take Pelargonium (Geranium) cuttings, choose shoots about 4" (100 mm) long not carrying flowers. Cut them cleanly just below a joint and insert them around the edge of a well drained 4" to 5" pot filled with sandy compost. Watch ventilation both day and night, remember it can get quite cool sometimes at the end of August. Sow stocks, Brompton and Beauty of Nice will give a nice show from Christmas into late spring. Pot Freesias as soon as corms are ripe or when you can buy them from shops. Six in a 5" pot will give a lovely fragrant show by Christmas. Pot on greenhouse Calceolarias and Cinerarias. Sow Cyclamen 1/2" apart each way in well drained seed compost in deep boxes, cover with 1/4" of the same compost. Maintain 60 degree or more temperature. Start Nerines which have been resting all summer by giving a little water increase water when growth appears do not shade. Sow Schizanthus for spring flowering in pots. Don't forget to arrange for your plants to be looked after whilst you are away on holidays.

LAWNS - Prepare ground you are planning for lawns and sow during August. Give your lawn a good soak during dry weather (subject to hosepipe bans). During dry spells take off the grass box on your mower and let the clippings act as mulch. Have a good holiday

Cherio for now, Tom BUSY BEE

<p>PARSLEY</p> <p>PARSLEY IS A DEEP ROOTED PERENNIAL WHICH WILL APPRECIATE WELL- PREPARED MOIST SOIL.</p>	<p>THE SEED CAN BE SLOW TO GERMINATE...IT WILL HELP TO SOAK FOR 24 HRS BEFORE SOWING....</p>	<p>THIN YOUNG PARSLEY SEEDLINGS TO 6 INCHES APART.</p>
<p>SOW A FEW SEEDS INDOORS FOR WINTER USE, OR TRANSPLANT YOUNG PLANTS IN THE AUTUMN....</p>	<p>...OR TO POUR HOT WATER IN DRILLS JUST BEFORE SOWING OR ONTO THE SOIL AFTER SOWING. KEEP MOIST.</p>	<p>MIX IN A FEW LETTUCE SEEDS TO MARK THE ROWS.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION Try <i>Carlina</i> for compact curly parsley which is ideal for growing indoors.</p> <p>Mr. Fothergill's Seeds NEWMARKET SUFFOLK</p>

TOTLEY SHOW SATURDAY 4th. SEPTEMBER

THE TOTLEY SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BASLOW ROAD, ON SATURDAY 4th. OF SEPTEMBER.

The classes for this years show are as follows:-

<u>HANDICRAFTS</u>	<u>FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS</u>	37 1 Cucumber
1. Hand Knitted Garment	<u>ARTIFICIAL</u>	38 1 Marrow
2. Machine Knitted Garment	21 Table Decoration	39 1 Lettuce
3. Embroidery	(up to 6")	40 Largest Onion
4. Crocheting	22 Table Decoration	41 Heaviest Marrow
5. Soft Toy's	(over 6")	42 Longest Runner Bean
6. Tapestry		
7. Lace	<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>	<u>ART</u>
8. Crosstitch	23 5 of any variety	43 Oil or Acrylic Painting
9. Patchwork	in season.	44 Water Colour
10. Decoupage		45 Pen & Ink Sketch
<u>HOME BAKING</u>	<u>HOUSE PLANT</u>	46 Pencil Sketch
11. 4 oz. Victoria Sandwich Plain	24 Any 1 Plant in container	
12. Fruit Cake	(Up to 12" inc. container)	
13. Shortbread	25 Any 1 Plant above 12" container	<u>PHOTOGRAPHY (Prints Only)</u>
14. 3 Scones on a plate	<u>FRESH FRUIT</u>	47 Colour
15. Apple Pie	26 1 Plate 4 Eating Apples	48 Black & White
	27 1 Plate 4 Cooking Apples	
	28 1 Plate 12 Blackberries	<u>WOODWORK</u>
<u>JAMS & PRESERVES</u>		49 Toy
16. Jam	<u>GARDEN PRODUCE</u>	50 Small Furniture
17. Lemon Curd	29 4 Matching Potatoes	51 Sculpture
18. Marmalade	30 1 Cabbage	
	31 3 Matching Leeks	<u>JUNIOR SECTION</u>
<u>FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS-FRESH</u>	32 3 Matching Onions	52 Vegetable Animal
19. Table Decorations	33 3 Matching Carrots	(Age to 7)
(up to 6")	34 5 Matching Runner Beans	53 Miniature Garden
20. Table Decorations	35 2 Matching Turnips	(Age 8 to 14)
(over 6")	36 1 Plate of 6 Tomatoes	

PLEASE NOTE - NO ENTRY IN ANY CLASS SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN PREVIOUS TOTLEY SHOWS

Entries may be donated to be auctioned at the end of the Show, but this is not compulsory nor a condition upon which entries will be accepted.

Entry Forms are expected to be available towards the end of July at both Totley Post Offices, Totley Library and Busy Bee D.I.Y.

Show Programme

11-00 am Entrants Registration	12-30 pm Judging & Awarding of Certificates
2-00 pm Doors Open To The Public	3-15 pm Auction of Donated Items

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Readers Letters

Dear John,

I was pleased to have a word with you over the 'phone regarding the Totley Independent but, after ringing off, realised I had not given my name or where I lived in New Zealand, due to excitement I guess.

Sowman is my married name; Jess Sowman, (nee Turkington), and when in Totley lived at 45 Mickley Lane.

It comes back to me, after you mentioned that your parents had the Post Office opposite Cross Scythes, that when calling in you used to pop your head round the door to see who had come into the shop.

You, I am sure, will remember the KIRBY'S, FISHER'S, UNWIN, ALLEN FIRTH, DELLA DRONFIELD, who all lived so near to you; and possibly the Hassels.

Maybe you do not remember me, nor my brother Jim, or even my mother and father (both Scottish), but that does not matter; just a bit of information for you.

I still write to my friends in Dronfield and also my husband's family in Dover, but, not Totley, as so many of my friends left the area to many parts of the UK, and others emigrated. However, I do remember a lot of my life in Totley, that I will, as promised, send you a contribution to your magazine.

I really was happy to speak to a Totley-ite because my time there had a great bearing on my future life; and I can look back on many happy times and remembrances, more so than my time in Dronfield. One never forgets.

Soon you will receive my writings. In the meantime, the best of luck for the future of the area, and to all who work, to inform, and process the Independent, 'I take off my hat'.

Sincerely, Jess Sowman

Sir,

You may be interested to know that after correspondence over a considerable time with Sheffield Works Department, the Director has agreed that the central reservation of Baslow Road at Totley Rise is in a bad state; and funding has been allocated for its' early treatment. Unfortunately, the money ran out last year.

As the state of this area causes comment among local residents you may care to include this information as a short news item in the Totley Independent, and this might also help to keep the task in the Council's work plan.

Ian Taylor

HEALTHY EATING

The older one gets, the shorter the years become and the seasons simply roll by, and here we are, heading for the English Soft Fruit Season, once again.

At the time of writing the first of the English strawberry crop are arriving and very tasty they are. Gooseberries used to be very popular; they are particularly useful for pie fillings. Two varieties worth looking for are WHINHAMS INDUSTRY which ripens to a dark red skin with sweet, juicy flesh. Another is HOWARDS LEVELLER, large, oval and green, almost hairless berries with an excellent flavour as a dessert or cooking berries. Season, end of April to end of August early September.

Raspberries are less juicy than most other fruits but are extremely popular. Summer fruits in season during July/August include the raspberry, LLOYD GEORGE, bright red and, particularly recommended for freezing is the Glen Cova.

All the above are just a sample of the many English Summer Fruits which we shall be enjoying during the coming months and given the ideal growing conditions, the crop forecast is good.

SUMMER PUDDING - We haven't the space to fully describe the preparation of this quite delicious sweet. Most recipe books will contain the details, the more varied the fruits, the tastier the result. Avoid using too many black fruits as their flavour and colour will tend to dominate the pudding.

John Scriven

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WELCOME TO THE DALES AROUND HARTINGTON

Oh! To be in Dovedale now that Summer is here.

Hartington is the true capital of the Limestone Dales. A perfect base to explore the delights of Dovedale and the Manifold Valleys. The broad village square gives excellent car parking where the fashionable Charles Cotton and Devonshire Hotels rub shoulders with attractive tea rooms and cafes. History abounds for in the higher lanes lies the 16th Century Hartington Hall, now a popular youth hostel. The church dates back to the 14th century and has a decorated square western tower unequalled in the whole county. The cheese factory down the lane from the village pond gives an aroma of mouth watering delight and the shop will sell you flavours of every known variety.

Lovely walks fan out in every direction. To the south field paths connect to Beresford Dale where the mid section Dove starts to carve a gorge towards Thorpe Cloud and Bunster Hill. An anglers paradise around Pikes Pool where the limestone rock rises sheer from the river bed. Note the quaint fishing lodge on the Staffordshire bank. The stone structure was built by Charles Cotton in the Year 1674. The immortal compleat angler, Izaak Walton and he were writers of prose and the greatest of friends. Man made stone weirs give an attractive appearance to the river through the reaches of Wolfscote Dale. Tarry awhile at the popular tea rooms in Milldale. Cross via Tors Pack Horse Bridge where the scenery is even grander as limestone crags soar over woodland slopes around the caves of Dove Holes. Hereabouts secret side dales strike away in all directions. At the junction of Hall's Dale and Taylors Wood we note a footbridge to the towering Ilam Rock. Here is the pure magic of Dovedale. A 2 mile stretch owned by the National Trust.

Much conservation work has been undertaken to ease erosion. The river leaps through a giants hand of nature and in profusion is the Lion Rock, Pickering Tor and the unique arch of Reynard's Cave. Beyond Sharplow Dale, limestone tors seem to tower into the very heavens. The Tissington Spires would even rival the needle rocks of Cheddar Gorge in Somerset. The Twelve Apostles dominate the Staffordshire river bank. Dovedale Castle Rock is our last out post as the river widens at the

stepping stones below the shapely conical heights of Thorpe Cloud.

Explore the Manifold valley which is still within easy walking distance of Hartington, so called for it's many turns and folds in it's river course. Scenery not so rugged as the Dove, but striking around Thors Cave and Wetton Hill. Relics from Anglo-Saxon, Celt and Roman period recovered from here and displayed in Derby Museum. During the severe winter of 1947 the whole region was cut off from access. Several mercy food flights were made by the R.A.F. The gallant crew of a Halifax bomber perished when their aircraft struck the summit of Wetton Hill. A plaque to their memory is displayed at nearby Butterton Village Church.

For a 4 mile stretch the river disappears underground between Wetton Mill and reappears in the grounds of Ilam Hall (Youth Hostel). This section of river is known as the 'Swallows'. 1 mile below Wetton Tor is the huge mass of limestone cliff known as Beeston Tor, rising 200 ft from the river bed. At the foot of the rock is Saint Bertram's Cave, where ancient digs have traced pottery, rings and prehistoric animal. At the early part of the century the Manifold Light Railway was in operation. Now, simply a walkers trail.

To the north of Hartington, delightful paths spread across lush pastures where we can explore the upper regions of the Dove and Manifold Valley's. Quaint cottages decorate the scene at Crowdecote and 'The Pack Horse Inn'. Nearby Earl Sterndale village offers a rivalry with an inn of character known as, 'The Quiet Woman', (Shades of Henry VIII). The lovely church of Sterndale suffered damage in World War II from incendiary bombs of Adolf's Luftwaffe. The obvious target was meant to be the industries around Harpur Hill and Buxton. The two rivers rise on adjacent heights below Axe Edge. Dramatic scenery beyond the bustling village of Longnor, gateway to the shapely heights of Chrome Hill, Parkhouse, High Wheeldon and Swallow Tor, which form an almost mountainous background to the upper valley. You will want to return again to explore this region, for Hartington always offers a welcome to the Dales.

John C. Barrows

FARMING SCENE

What a dreary year we are having again! After a short interlude in February and March when the weather was exceptionally dry, we seem to have returned to the perpetual battle to get essential work done despite adverse weather conditions. A much delayed and interrupted silage harvest will result in poor quality feed for livestock over winter, particularly as the lack of sunshine has significantly reduced the sugar content of the grass.

The usual practice of wilting the grass for two days to reduce the water content has been very difficult to achieve, and will lead to high acid level in the silage plus the danger of high levels of effluent leakage as the silage settles and consolidates. This effluent is basically the excess water from the grass, but it carries with it high levels of acid and nutrients, which if they get into a water course, will kill the fish and other livestock. It is in fact much more toxic to the environment than raw sewerage.

The new pollution regulations require farmers to collect this effluent in special tanks, and to dispose of it safely, otherwise hefty fines are imposed.

The lack of sunshine has delayed the start of fruit picking and caused the fruit to taste "watery" again due to the reduced sugar content.

Many raspberry plantations are showing signs of reduced vigour, disease damage and plant death, due to the prolonged adverse weather since last June. Strawberry crops are also affected, with the wetter areas showing reduced or stunted growth and fruit size.

The wildlife seems to be moving into the farmstead, we have a honey bees 'nest', (is that the right word) in the wall of one of our pig farrowing sheds, a bumble bees 'nest' in some hessian in our top barn, plus a hedgehog nest complete with four babies in some bales of straw, along with our usual family of swallows in the weaner building.

Our sheep have now been sheared and

the wool packed into 4 big bags ready to be delivered to the Wool Marketing Board's depot at Bradford.

The Government has abolished the guaranteed price for wool, effectively cutting the ex-farm price by 60% to 45p per kilo (20lbs), with Swaledale and Gritstone wools dropping as low as 1p (yes 1p!) per kilo for poor quality, but averaging 28p. This price reduction in effect means that most hill breeds are not worth shearing, as the cost of the operation exceeds the value of the wool.

I wonder if the price of knitting wool, woollen clothes and carpets will reflect these price reductions?

Edwin Pocock

VICTORIAN WEEKEND

St. John's Church, Abbeydale is holding a Victorian Weekend on 16th. - 18th. July.

Friday July 16th.

2-30 pm. Flower Festival in the Church and Afternoon Teas.

8-00pm. to 9-00pm. Evening concert with the John Wade singers in the church, tickets £2-00 (O.A.P's and students £1-50)

Saturday July 17th.

10-00am. to 12-00 noon, Flower Festival and morning coffee.

2-00pm. Victorian Market in the Church grounds with numerous attractions, stalls, sideshows, games, bouncy castle and entertainment by Professor Shell. There will be a Brass Band and everyone will be dressed in Victorian costume.

Afternoon teas from 3-00pm., admission to the market is free.

Sunday 18th. July

9-30am. Parish Communion

6-30pm. Evensong. Guest Preachers

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SHEFFIELD CITY ECOLOGY UNIT
Sheffield City Council to designate up
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In May a report on the 'Declaration of Sites as Local Nature Reserves', was presented to the Sheffield City Council by the Directors of Land and Planning, Museums and Recreation. City Council officers Geoff Cartwright, Ian Rotherham and Lloyd Snellgrove have been developing a plan to declare a rolling programme of designation of Local Nature Reserves, beginning with seven key sites: Blackmoor, Shirebrook Valley, Bowden Housteads Wood, Blackburn Meadows, Woolley Wood, Wheata Wood and Loxley/Wadsley Commons. Other sites will include Ecclesall Woods, Holbrook Meadows, Gleadless Valley and Wyming Brook.

This is a major step towards the implementation of the 'Sheffield Nature Conservation Strategy' (1991). The sites have been chosen to represent a diversity of habitat-types from moorland, to ancient woodlands to lowland meadows, heath and bog, to 'urban commons'. This demonstrates Sheffield's rich tapestry of wildlife sites and covers a geographic spread across and around the City. The City Council aims to conserve sensitive wildlife sites on the one hand, whilst promoting public involvement and access on the other. On many of the reserves, the City Council will be developing its' partnership with local wildlife groups, to help in their establishment and management. Ecclesall Woods and Wyming Brook will involve the 'Yorkshire Wildlife Trust' through the 'Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership'; Blackburn Meadows will be run by the Blackburn Meadows Trust; Gleadless Valley Nature Reserve will be established with the Gleadless Valley Wildlife Group. The area's many other wildlife groups will also be fully involved.

The reserves range from wet moorland 'Sites of Special Scientific Interest', to very rich, large ancient woodlands, to lowland wetlands and 'urban commons'. The City has already protected around 100 'Sites of Scientific Interest', numerous 'Community Wildlife Areas' and informal nature reserves, and 50-60 school wildlife areas. The Ecology Unit's Sheffield Action Partnership is actively promoting nature reserves and community wildlife areas through the City.

Species protected by the reserves including Sheffield's best sites for

Pied Flycatcher, breeding Curlew, Snipe, Redshank, wintering Jack Snipe, and sites for passage species such as Dotterel. Along with these are Badger, Mountain Hare, all five amphibians, a range of birds of prey, and at one location over 20 species of butterflies. Many wild flowers and their habitats will also be conserved.

Details may be obtained from:

Mr. Geoff Cartwright, Countryside Management Unit, Department of Land & Planning, Town Hall, Sheffield 1.

Tele: 0742 735030

Mr. Lloyd Snellgrove, Environmental Recreation Manager, Recreation Department, Meersbrook Park, Sheffield 8.

Tele: 0742 500500

Dr. Ian D. Rotherham, Sheffield City Ecology Unit,

Museums Department, City Museum, Weston Park,

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Tele: 0742 768588

For more information contact: Sheffield City Ecology Unit, City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2TP. Tele: 0742 768588

DERBYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

An "Open Garden" event is to be held at 31, Abbeydale Park Crescent on Sunday 11th. July in support of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

The event will take place between 10-30am. and 5-00pm. and will have D.W.T. goods, plants, bric-a-brac, books, refreshments, cream teas etc.

A wildlife gardening expert will be there to answer any questions you may have.

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A LITTLE SCOUTING HISTORY

For two weeks during 1939 the Scouts from 85th Sheffield, St. John's, Abbeydale were enjoying their annual camp at Barnston, Mr. Bridlington. The boys enjoyed the usual camp activities of games, practical instruction, messing about, getting wet when it rained and sunburnt when the sun shone. They were only vaguely aware of the airplane target practice out over Bridlington Bay and the artillery exercises in the next field, and even when one of the younger assistant leaders received a letter to cut short his camp and report to the R.A.F. they were merely only sorry to see him go. It was not until their return back to Sheffield that they became aware of the worsening international situation and the threat of impending war.

The Scout Troop had been formed in 1915 during the First World War meeting in various places until settling in Totley Orphanage until 1922, then the Old Laundry on Totley Rise until 1924, and eventually the old V.A.D. hospital, (now the post sorting office) next to St. John's Church.

Some of the first activities in which the Scouts were involved on formation were as orderlies at the St. John's War Hospital, collecting waste paper and bottles, working on local farms and participating in the War Savings Scheme.

Until 1944, when 1st Totley Scouts were formed, the 85th were the only Scout Troop in the area, 267th Dore being formed in 1949, and the 115th U.R.C. and 290th Bradway much later during the 1960s.

On the outbreak of the Second World War the Scouts were again helping in many ways. In 1940 they collected 10 tons of scrap metal - with a value of 2, in addition to waste paper although this was difficult to dispose of. The collections were possible due to the loan of carts from a local firm of builders, Messrs Allen.

The Scouts were also involved in A.R.P. work acting as messengers and helping at their various displays and demonstrations. This included instructing local people in the use of a stirrup pump in the case of incendiary bombs, and the best way to treat windows against blast damage.

Weekly Ambulance practice at Abbeydale Hall was helped along by Scouts volunteering as mock casualties and again in mock gas incidents on Mickley Lane.

In May 1940 the Scout Leader Dr. Mary Andrews was forced to resign due to her increasing involvement in Red Cross lectures and A.R.P. work in the Hope Valley where she lived. Dr. Andrews had been Scout Leader since 1919 and was succeeded by Les Broadbent briefly until his call up to the Army, and then by G.B. Smith.

At the same time the Scouts lost the use of the meeting place as the old hospital had once again been requisitioned for war use. Following hard work by the Scouts and Cubs, and donations from supporters, a wooden hut was found and purchased for 50.

This was a responsible feat at the time due to the shortage of wood and subsequently usually prohibitive price. In any event it was obtained only just before Government Timber Controls came into force.

In between their usual work the Scouts dug the foundations for the brickwork to support the hut which was to be sited behind St. John's Church. The project was eventually completed and officially opened on 12th October 1940 by the Lord Mayor Counc. Luther Milner, who lived locally, and Rev. T.M. Archer, the Vicar at St. Johns. Sufficient ways around the food controls were found to provide tea and cakes inside the hut to those gathered.

At the time of the Sheffield Blitz in December 1940 the Scouts were out collecting blankets to deliver to the school rooms on Grove Road which was being used as a rest centre for refugees. They were also out in the City Centre distributing food from the back of vans and lorries.

The Troop was to celebrate their Silver Jubilee on 15th December 1940 with a grand party and camp fire, but obviously this had to be postponed due to the blitz until the following February.

On 12th July 1941 Sheffield was visited by the Chief Scout, Lord Somers who had just been appointed on the death of the original Chief Scout and Founder Baden-Powell. To celebrate a display was put on by Scouts from all around the city in the Farm Grounds, Granville Road. The 85th Scouts were there demonstrating incendiary bomb fighting and first aid.

Throughout the war the Scouts undertook National Service by working on Longshaw Estate. Many weekends were spent trimming and felling trees, digging ditches and any other work as directed by the National Trust.

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Some of the Scouts worked with the Scout Service Bureau in local hospitals, and others as part of an Emergency Patrol.

On a lighter note towards the end of the war in 1945 the Scouts helped in Abbeydale Park serving teas, selling programmes, etc., on the occasion of a cricket match between an R.A.F. XI and Wally Hammonds XI.

Inevitably the war forced many changes in the Troop, with most of the senior Scouts and Leaders being called up to serve in many parts of the world. Very little traditional Scout work was possible due to the many other duties required, but throughout the period regular meetings were possible and at one time membership of the Troop had to be closed as there were too many boys.

Eventually on 1st September 1945 the Troop assembled at Dore and Totley station to board a train to their annual camp at Abney, Nr. Hathersage carrying their kit in the trek cart to enjoy seven days in a peaceful countryside doing what Scouts had done before the war, cooking their meals on fires, and generally having a good time.

Themed Fete, Photographic and Art Exhibitions, Model Railway Exhibition, School Projects, Barn Dances, Bar-b-Ques etc.

All this would be too much for one association alone to organise, so co-operation and support by local groups is paramount, as they can take on the running of a particular event which could be used to raise funds for themselves under the general banner of the Tunnel Centenary.

The last occasion that this type of general indulgence successfully took place was in 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee and this was briefly reported in the very first issue of this magazine.

Get thinking about those ideas now and start planning in plenty of time. Remember MAY 1994.

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and Dore Station have already expressed interest in participating but we must not forget the other end of the Tunnel - Grindleford. They are underway with their plans for the centenary and it is hoped to link up with them, maybe by means of a trip through the tunnel, possibly by steam train.

For further information keep in touch through your community magazines - TOTLEY INDEPENDENT and DORE TO DOOR.

Initial enquiries can be made with:

John Baker (Dore) 369025 or

Danny Barlow (Totley) 365063

This will be a unique opportunity and excuse for Dore and Totley to celebrate, as a whole, no one need feel left out.

Here are a few suggestions: we need Street Parties organising; Roads, Pubs and Houses trimming up and Shop Windows to display the Tunnel and Railway theme.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY &
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TOTLEY TUNNEL CENTENARY

During MAY 1994 it will be 100 years since the first passenger train travelled the Dore to Chinley line. Hopefully, the villages and villagers of Dore and Totley will join forces to celebrate the centenary of their most famous landmark THE TOTLEY TUNNEL. (Can you have a landmark underground?)

The success of the occasion will depend on the enthusiasm and participation of you, (YES, YOU) and your friends and neighbours throughout the district.

Co-ordination of the festivities is already underway but such a large scale event rests with Local Groups, Associations, Clubs, Schools, Pubs, Churches and individuals also doing their bit.

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

How marvellous it is at the height of summer - the trees all fully clothed with leaves - the hedgerows sparkling with blossom - the green grass rolling over the valley. On a good sunny day we are fortunate in Totley that we have an open vista of peace and contentment. In the fields here and there the sheep graze which gives a finishing touch to the picture. On such a day as I walked down the path, I realised that there was something quite different about the flock of sheep, and as my friendly sheep came trotting across to have a word with me, the change was obvious. The thick woolly coat was gone, and a sparkling, leaner sheep was now revealed. 'You will feel better now that your shaggy coat has gone', I remarked to her. 'Of course', she answered, 'As summer comes it does get rather warm under that thick covering, and the wool will have started to grow nicely before the cold weather comes back.'

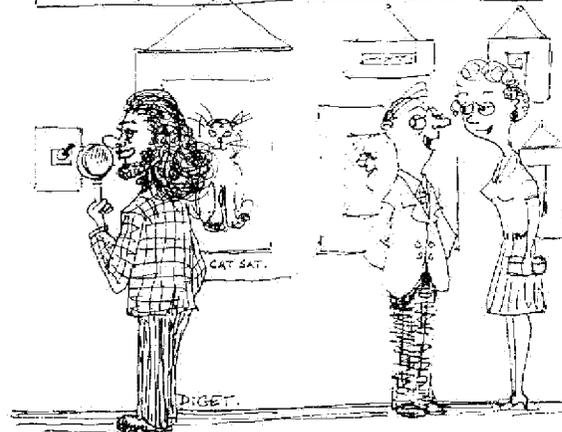
Now it must be confessed that all I know about sheep and the shearing has been gathered from television pictures, particularly those taken in Australia where thousands of sheep are driven through some kind of bath of disinfectant to cleanse the wool before it is taken from the sheep. I added that even today there is a sheep ritual where the animals are driven over the river by Sheepwash Bridge, in Ashford-in-the-Water. 'Oh, no', the sheep informed me, 'It is nothing like that today, we are very quickly and efficiently shorn by Mr. Pocock, and any treatment necessary to the wool is done afterwards'. 'That must be a better system', I acknowledged, 'And there is none of the nonsense like we go to the barber's and the mirror is held to see if it is alright at the back'.

The sheep looked at me a little more closely, 'Yes it does look as if it is time you went to have your shearing done, but you do not grow nice and evenly like me - why, you have hardly any on top at all'.

'Never mind my short back and sides', I said, 'But as far as you are concerned it does seem to be a better system now that you do not have those strong baths to go through'. 'Quite right', nodded the sheep, 'but even when we did have the sheep dip baths, we were a little better off than you humans'. 'How is that?' I enquired. She almost laughed, 'At least we don't have to get out of the bath to answer the phone'.

Anon

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This means even more help will be needed, so if you could help for 2 hours or more, on the day, please contact **JUDITH MYERS on 363456**. Jobs vary from helping to set up the event, man the stalls, games etc., to taking it all down again.

Items are needed for the stalls, especially, bric-a-brac, promises of cakes on the day, crafts, and raffle prizes. If you can help with any of these items, please ring **MARLENE MARSHALL on 351005**.

There will be lots to see and do at the Fun Day, including, Swamp Circus, Mr. Shell (magician), Escafeld Jousting, Classic Car Display, Small Animal Show, games and stalls. For dogs there will be a Fun Race, Novelty Class, Agility plus a Gun Dog Display and a tremendous scoop - the **EUKANUBA SEMI-FINAL RESCUE DOG OF THE YEAR**.

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GENEALOGY TO THE UNINITIATED

I do not pretend to be an expert in finding out about ancestors - genealogy to the uninitiated. But we have had a lot of fun in discovering who our great, great, share some of that with you?

The first thing to say is that it is very time consuming. It almost seems that each new piece of information which is gleaned opens up two new questions. Also it must be said that records often seem to tell one plenty about other people but not so often about the people one wants to know about.

If you start right from scratch the first thing to do is to ask questions of all the family to discover what they can remember and, most importantly, what letters, photographs or other evidence they have. Do not take anything for granted. I well remember a cousin of my father's telling me about her grandfather but getting it wrong (as we later proved) by mixing him with her great-grandfather!

Memories can be suspect, but written words, especially if they are dated are less likely to be wrong. Diaries would be valuable but unfortunately not many people kept the sort of diary that tells much to later readers.

Since 1837 all births, marriages and deaths in this country have had to be registered and certificates are available from the superintendent registrar of the relevant area at a cost of £5.50. Such certificates can be very useful in that they mention relationships with other people such as parents, informers, witnesses etc. In requesting a copy of such a certificate it is desirable to know the date and the place of the event. That is where the St. Catherine's Index comes in useful but more of that later.

M. Snowdon

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

Dear Editor

It is with regret and deep concern that we learn of the current situation with the intended closure of Totley All Saints School.

The school is 116 years old and has a long standing involvement and commitment to the village and its residents. It has played its part in all major local events and activities and Totley is all the better for it. (How much the excellent Pantomimes are missed for instance)

It has served well both as a first class centre of education and learning and equally contributed to the life and enjoyment of the community at large.

How well we remember the time and effort given by our numerous committee colleagues when it was our privilege to chair proceedings at the school during so many good years, indeed we feel that part of our lives are invested there.

So come on Totley, surely we are not going to take this lying down?

We've seen what can be done with traffic lights and road safety. We have congregated, in vast numbers, in a barn to protest about an unwanted major development.

Let's hope that 1994 sees something else to celebrate as well as the Tunnel Centenary.

Surely we are not going to allow a solid link in the Totley chain to disappear easily?

Yours faithfully

Ray Atkin, Terry Irwin, John Turner, Mike Williamson.
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CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF TOTLEY BENTS

Around 1930 a new playmate - a boy - George Sheldon arrived. To me this was great as my other playmates were girls: the Chapman twins, two years older than myself and Betty Fox who was a year younger than me. Being the youngest of seven brothers and sisters, the rest of my family were too old to play. Bill the nearest to me was six years older, nearly twice my age (although he is not that now).

I used to spend a lot of my time playing in the yard of the Grouse Inn and helping Mr. Pearson tend his cows, pigs and poultry - he even taught me how to milk cows. If he had work to do on his fields behind the plantation on Baslow Road and needed his lorry up there he would often take me with him.

There was an old character - a "tramp" who used to hang about around there, I suspect he used to sleep in the farm sheds up there. He was known locally as "Sweedy" and the only thing he would say clearly was "I'm John Thomas Osborne care of Beat Green Butts Hill Totley", he had a bad lisp but could say this quite clearly. He would spend hours sitting on his throne made from tree branches gazing at his kingdom which stretched from "THE PEACOCK", over Totley Moss, Blackmoor, Dore and round to Sheffield in the smoky distance.

When playing with my friends, if the weather was fit we would spend days playing on the sports field - known in those days as the Sick. If it was raining we would play under the veranda at the "CRICKET INN". If, as often happened, we got boisterous, the landlord - one Bernard Dungworth - would come out and tell us in no uncertain terms to go home - and no-one argued with Bernard.

Times were hard during these years and my father, like many others, had his share of being out of work, and illness too. Many is the time the family have turned out to search for wood to keep the fire burning and keep warm, saving what coal we could to use in the stove for cooking and baking. To help the money go around my mother went out cleaning one day a week. I was introduced to the rigours of school at the age of four, in the care of sister Margaret and brother Bill, for one day a week. I am told by Bill that I often caused laughter and not a bit of embarrassment, plus some annoyance to the teachers, particularly Johnnie Wood the Head and Bill Wiley.

Spring and Summer were favourite times with wild flowers and blossoms in profusion. Our neighbours - the Gascoines - orchard was covered in blossom turning later to apples - very tempting to a four or five year old lad who had to go through their garden to reach our loo. The Hooles at the other side of us had some of the best lilac I have ever seen and Emma Wright at Rose Cottage had lilac, and the cottage really lived up to its name. Even the drab grey of the tunnel tips were transferred by the golden flowers of the gorse and white hawthorne blossom.

Another memory which stands out, only happened annually at strawberry time, the Annual Camp at the Rifle Range for the "Hallamshires". The troops used to march up Penny Lane in full kit and the stores would come up on horse-drawn gun limbers. Bell tents for the other ranks were pitched on the grass in front of the canteen which is now a car park.

The highlight of this week was the STRAWBERRY TEA for Officers and their guests, held in marquees on the lawn of the Officers Quarters, with the Army Band in attendance. My grandstand seats were: on the wall above the Officers Quarters: the top outside step of the stone steps to the hayloft over the cow sheds at Bank View Farm, at that time belonging to Walter Slater - the steps are still there.

My Uncle Billie was Range Warden and Caretaker at the Canteen and I little thought then that thirteen/fourteen years on I would come to Totley Rifle Range to do my initial Army Firing Tests after six weeks service, and not be allowed to come home. However, two or three weeks later we came again from Derby and were surprised to see my older brother Bill, then a Flying Officer in the Air Force. It caused some raised eyebrows.

Bill was on leave and came to see me and to bring manna in the guise of mother's home baked cake and cookies - these being very welcome to supplement Army rations.

Not all memories are pleasant. A recent programme, an episode of Heartbeat, showed when Notices appeared on farm gates and at country paths: WARNING - FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE - NO ENTRY

Policemen were there at the gates to enforce the law. A disinfected bed of straw at the gate and a bath of disinfectant also; no-one allowed in or out except authorised persons.

I remember, during the Thirties, this coming to the Bents, it was terribly eerie. You walked past the farm gate, heard the bawling of cattle, squealing and grunting of pigs and the bleating of sheep. Next day - nothing, except the cackling of poultry, an occasional bark of a dog or the stamping of horses. All the cloven hooved animals had gone, and in those days that meant destroyed, removed, burned, buried. All that was left was a hollow, empty, eerie, silence.

On the infected farm this meant years of hard work just gone, more or less overnight, and the heart-break of having to start from scratch when the all clear was given. This happened twice to the same farm in the Bents in a short period of time.

A miracle of science came to Totley Bents around the 1935 mark, ELECTRICITY !!! All the houses and farms were lit up, we even had Street Lights - three - I think.

Around this time I started school permanently, but more of that next time.

Doug Turner

EVENTS IN THE PEAK NATIONAL PARK

JULY

1st to 4th Bakewell Well Dressing
 1st to 4th Litton Well Dressing
 1st to 4th Tideswell Well Dressing
 1st to 4th Hope Well Dressing
 3rd to 11th Hathersage Gala Week
 4th to 10th Holmfirth Art Exhibition
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 4th to 11th Baslow Wells & Carnival Week
 10th & 11th National Sweet Pea Society
 Annual Exhibition 10 am to 6 pm in
 Chatsworth Park
 11th Milling of Flour at Caudwell's Mill
 Rowsley (water power permitting)
 14th to 18th Buxton Well Dressings
 17th to 24th Bamford Carnival
 19th Ashbourne Highland Gathering
 10am to 6pm Recreation Ground.
 24th Customs and Countryside of the Peak.
 Illustrated talk Bakewell Info.Centre 8pm.
 24th Countryside and Conservation in the
 North Peak. Illustrated talk Edale
 Info. Centre, 8 pm
 24th. to 1st Aug Stoney Middleton
 Well Dressing 3pm Opening Ceremony and
 Blessing of Wells in the Nook.
 25th Concert - Tideswell Male Voice
 Choir 7.30 pm. Stoney Middleton Church
 25th Hope Valley Lions Carnival 10 am to
 5pm. Station Fields, Hope (adjacent
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 31st Buxton Jazz Festival (Tel:0298 23772)
 31st (to 8th Aug) Bradwell Gala Week
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AUGUST

1st to 8th Bradwell
 Well Dressing. Events
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 4th. & 5th. Bakewell Show
 9-00am. to dusk

11th. Ashover Show 9-00am. to dusk
 11th. to 18th. Barlow Well Dressing and
 Carnival.
 12th. to 15th. Great Hucklow Well
 Dressing, Gala Day 15th.
 17th. & 18th. Dovedale Sheep Dog Trials,
 11am.
 21st. Grindleford Horticultural Show
 2-30pm. Bridge playing fields
 21st. to 30st. Taddington Well Dressing
 21st. to 31st. Castleton Church Festival
 of Art, Craft and Music 10-00am. to
 7-00pm. daily.
 21st. Annual Chatsworth Flower Show
 1-00pm. Cavendish Hall, Edensor
 28th. Froggatt Show, 2-00 to 5-30pm.
 28th. to Sept 4th. Foolow Well Dressing
 28th to Sept. 4th. Eyam Well Dressing

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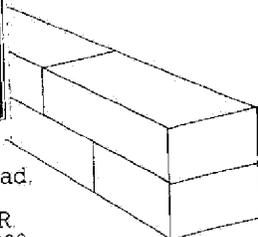
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JULY

THUR. 1st. COFFEE MORNING, Abbeydale Hall, 10-00am. to noon, Totley Good Companions

SUN. 4th. TOTLEY SPORTS DAY, Totley Bents Recreation field, Cricket Inn. 1-00 pm.

TUES. 6th. (and every Tuesday) COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church (in the Church Hall) 10-00am.- Noon

TUES. 6th. (and every Tuesday Afternoon) CRAFT GROUP Totley Library.

WED. 7th. (and every Wednesday) Coffee in the Library 10-00 am. to 11-30.

THUR. 8th. (and every Thursday) OPEN DOOR, United Reformed Church, 10-00a.m.- noon

FRI. 9th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, Abbeydale Hall, 7-30 p.m. Alexander Technique, Mrs. N. Kisdon (Anyone wishing to join in please bring a mat or blanket, wear something loose and bring something for resting your head e.g. paperback books.

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.

SUN. 11th. OPEN GARDEN EVENT, 31 Abbeydale Park Crescent, 10-30am. to 5-00pm. (see inside for details) to support the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

FRI. to SUN. 16th. to 18th. St. JOHN'S CHURCH VICTORIAN WEEKEND (See inside for details)

TUE. 20th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD,, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am. (No meeting in August)

SAT. 24th. COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY, 10-00am. to 12-00noon, 2, Mickley Lane, Proceeds to Transport 17

AUGUST

MON. 2nd. THE BAT ROADSHOW, with Derek Whiteley at Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden 8-00pm.

SAT. 14th. T17, BAR-B-CUE (£2-50) and CREAM TEA, (£1-50), 3-00pm. Ashcroft, Hillfoot Rd. For tickets ring Transport 17 Office 362962

SUN. 22nd. P.D.S.A. FUN DAY, Graves Park, 10-00am. to 5-00pm. (see inside for details)

THE INDEPENDENT FOR SEPTEMBER

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