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*Lane Head
from Monnybrook.*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL

Now that the extensions to the Church Hall are complete one of the groups which has resumed it's regular date and is using the enhanced facilities is the Monday Morning Coffee Group. This is available for anyone of whatever age to come for a little while or even two hours to have a chat, to meet friends, to play dominoes or Scrabble (or other games perhaps?), to knit or sew or just to sit!

Every Monday from 10.00 a.m. until noon you will be welcome regularly or occasionally as may suit you best. There is a specific offer of a 'Help Desk' for people who have a problem which they would like to discuss or for people who just want to share a particular concern which they may have. There are no 'experts' in attendance but some friendly people who will lend an ear and who care that others should not bear their burdens alone.

M. Snowdon

AUTUMN FAYRE

All Saints' Church Hall on Saturday, November 13th. from 2-00 pm. All the usual stalls with an opportunity to do early Christmas shopping in comfort, also refreshments and raffle. All welcome.... hope to see you there!

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David Benson

BRADWAY CRAFT FAIR

There will again be bargains galore on sale at the ninth annual, FREE ADMISSION, Bradway Craft Fair in the Bradway Scout Centre, off Prospect Road, on Saturday, November, 27th.

The event has established a reputation as a quality occasion which always has some craft stalls completely new to the Sheffield area, as well as popular stalls from previous years.

There will be a total of 25 stalls representing a wide range of skills, and providing a good selection of handcrafted Christmas gifts. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day and a cake stall will be re-stocked at regular intervals.

The fair, in aid of the extension building fund of Bradway Scout Group, will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

I think we shall all be glad to see the back of all this rain which has made gardening a bit difficult and the late flowers a bit of a washout. Let's hope that we have a proper winter to clear some of the slugs & wood lice that have abounded so that we can start in the spring looking forward to a pest free period, we can live in hope!

FLOWERS - Make the most of any good spells of weather to give the garden a good tidy up, especially the flower beds & borders, remove all dead leaves and rubbish where slugs & wood lice can overwinter. Roots of outdoor chrysanthemums should be carefully labelled and then lifted into the greenhouse or frame, place in boxes, cover the roots with soil or peat. Lily of the Valley crowns can be planted outdoors, they do well under trees or in shady spots. Cut the dead flower spikes of red hot poker and draw up the foliage like a tent over the centre of the plant. Complete the planting of Tulips & Hyacinths. Plant Herbaceous and moisture loving plants. Split up perennials like Michaelmas Daisy & Golden Rod, re-plant young and vigorous outer portions.

VEGETABLES - Remove yellowing & rotting leaves from all crops. Renew slug bait. Dig over any vacant plots and prepare for spring, add lime if required. Lift and store Jerusalem Artichokes and parsnips for use now as they are difficult to lift when the ground is frozen.

FRUIT TREES & SHRUBS Inspect fruit in store and remove any that show signs of decay. Prepare the ground for planting fruit trees & bushes, dig as deeply as possible, and work in some manure especially where blackcurrants are being planted. Fruit trees trained up walls, fences etc. should be pruned now, make sure that they are securely tied. Inspect posts and carrying wires for raspberries, blackberries etc, and make sure they are still sound. Give fruit trees and bushes a tar oil winter wash, especially if it has not been done for a few years, it does help to control pests and diseases. Winter prune apple & pear trees. It's a good time to plant

blackberries & Logan berries.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS- Cyclamen and winter flowering primula should be coming into flower and will benefit from feeding with a weak liquid fertiliser. Never feed when soil is dry, water first, then feed. This is a rule for most indoor plants also use tepid water. Keep plants a little on the dry side in the greenhouse rather than too wet. Bulbs in pots which have been in cool conditions for six to eight weeks can be brought out into the light, but should not have too much warmth straight away. Keep your greenhouse as dry as possible, avoid spillages as much as possible. Rooted Geranium cuttings can be potted on now or left in their pots until February. Seedlings & cuttings should have as much light as they can get by placing them near the glass watch out for frosty conditions and protect them when necessary. Ventilate as much as possible on fine days.

By this time the leaves should have fallen from vines the sooner they are pruned, the better. Watch out for pests on indoor plants, deal with them as soon as you spot the first signs this will prevent them spreading to other plants.

LAWNS - Dig over and prepare plots earmarked for lawns next year. Rake leaves and generally clean up all grassed areas. Spike areas prone to holding water to assist drainage.

Cheerio for now,
Tom, Busy Bee

READY FOR WINTER

IF SOIL IS DRY, COMPLETE ANY DIGGING— ADDING COMPOST OR WELL-ROTTED MANURE.



BURN GARDEN WASTE....



... AND WASH OUT POTS, TRAYS, ETC. TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF WEEDS & PESTS.

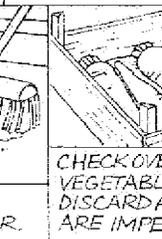
KEEP THE COMPOST HEAP GOING WITH POTATO PEELINGS, CABBAGE LEAVES, ETC.



TRIM BACK DANGEROUS TREES....



... AND ENSURE THAT PATHS AND STEPS ARE SAFE AND FREE OF SURFACE WATER.



CHECK OVER STORED VEGETABLES AND DISCARD ANY THAT ARE IMPERFECT.

ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET

The weekend of 6/7th November sees the 'Grand Finale' of the 1993 season with a Working Weekend which is also the end of the Thomas Bolsover & Pauline Sheerstone Exhibitions.

If, like me, you have been meaning to go to the exhibitions all through the summer - this is your last chance. Don't miss it.

WATER METERS

Now that there are only two of us living in a bigger than average house we have joined the growing number of people in our road who have had a water meter installed. On the basis of the estimates given by Yorkshire Water it should cost us no more than it did previously in the first year while we pay for the meter (£131 inc. VAT) & then we should save £100 a year.

They were remarkably quick & efficient in coming to fit the meter under a neat grate just inside the garden. They have reduced our monthly payments by a third - (because we have almost finished paying for the water rates up to next April).

I am sure that anyone else in similar circumstances will make similar savings & I would like to compare bills with different size families & a variety of houses who have installed a meter, in a year's time.

P.S. I have no connection - except a water pipe - with Yorkshire Water!

IN BLOOM

The grassy bank in front of Abbeydale Sports Club will be brighter next year thanks to the efforts of Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club. On a

sunny Sunday morning in October they planted 1,600 bulbs as part of their efforts to improve the environment.

They are mainly daffodils but lilies, crocuses and dwarf narcissi are also included. Perspiring freely, their Chairman, Bill Armstrong, said that although they were raising money for other environmental projects in the city, this was their only 'hands on' project this year.

We can look forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour for many years to come.

On behalf of all Topley Residents,
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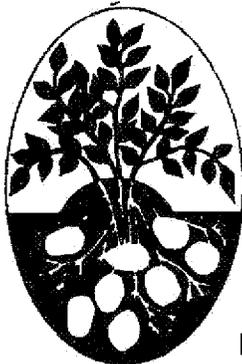
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Whilst walking Totley Moss, John Barrows came across the remains of a dwelling, of which he had no knowledge and enquired if the Independent could help.

The site is south of the Totley Tunnel Airshaft, some midway between Barbrook Bridge and Wimble Holme Hill.

Brian Edwards replies :-

Glover's History of Derbyshire 1829 gives 'Shepherds Moss House' and G.H.B. Ward thought that this was it. Possibly a shepherd's dwelling or more likely occasional shelter.

It was single storey 12 feet by 12 feet with a cast iron fireplace, dry stone walls and stone slate roof, probably with two small windows and a sheep fold nearby.



SOME YORKSHIRE TOASTS

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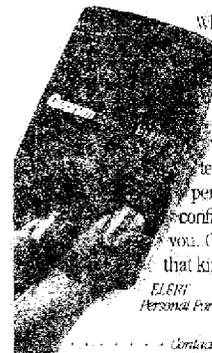
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Apologies to anyone who was unaware of the changed date of the Christmas Market at St. John's Church (from 6th November to 30th October). Posters gave the new date, but the Independent had gone to press for October before the unavoidable change had been made. We regret any inconvenience caused to supporters.

'Valerie of Dore', Totley Library and Oldales (Halifax Building Society) on Totley Rise, have again kindly agreed to be collection points for the Christmas Food Appeal to feed the unwanted animals at Spring Street. This will be during November and December, please help with a tin of cat or dog food, biscuits, complete food etc, if you can.

T.O.A.D.S.

T.O.A.D.S. next production is a tense thriller, 'HOUSE GUEST' by the very popular Francis Durbridge.

It would be foolish to reveal the plot and spoil everybody's enjoyment on the evening, so do come along to St. John's Church Hall and try to predict the ending for yourselves.

The dates are Wednesday to Saturday, 24th to 27th November at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are £1.50 or £1.20 for Senior Citizens and children every night. Phone Kate Reynolds on 366891, or ask any member of T.O.A.D.S.

SHEFFIELD CHESHIRE HOME

This year has, once again, been a very busy period for the Home. The Summer Fete raised £5,000 + and was well attended. The wormcharming/mini fete event on September 4th went well, everyone had a great day and the weather was kind.

Since, the home opened in 1967 the support groups have, due mainly to age, diminished and the Home relies on the same few regular supporters. Mrs. J. Laming and Mrs. J. Smith, two of our long-standing volunteers, are in the process of forming a new support group called, "Friends of the Sheffield Cheshire Home". Several events have been organised to raise funds and anyone wishing to become a 'Friend' of the Home or for more details please contact the office on 369952.

AIMS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CHESHIRE HOME

1. To assist in communication with its supporters.
2. To promote the Cheshire Home.
3. To assist with events.
4. Fund raising in various ways.

Forthcoming events:-

There are three future events to look forward to in 1993.

The first is "How to Ice a Cake" by Paddy Roberts on Thursday 4th. November, 2-30 to 3-30pm.

Secondly the Christmas Coffee Morning on Wednesday 1st. December 10-00am to 12 noon.

This will be organised by the Activity Room Staff and voluntary friends. If you have any unwanted gifts or items you have finished with, please donate them for the bric-a-brac stall. We would also welcome cakes, biscuits, preserves and

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HEALTHY EATING

As the year rumbles along towards its wet & windy close we are left to reflect on whatever happened to those lovely autumn evenings. Surely they aren't gone forever. Plenty of good english vegetables and root crop are now available. Just the time to prepare a large dish of the original HASH, ideal for the vegetarian, or with the addition of 1 1/2 lb stewing meat, a delightful bowl of stew. Add a touch of Henderson's relish to taste, just the job for a sharp frosty evening.

A lot has been written about junk & convenience foods. What are your ideas about these? For some people convenience food just means prepared processed food, but raw, unprocessed foods like apples, bananas, nuts & carrots could hardly be more convenient. The frozen pea has been called the triumph of convenience - easy to store and cook & very nutritious. In fact, frozen peas have often more vitamins than fresh which have been sitting around for days gradually losing vitamin content. Frozen fish is a very healthy convenience food, especially if you don't fry it.

Tinned beans are good. Among the fresh items, fruit & vegetables come out way on top. So throughout the winter treat yourself to lots of apples, oranges, bananas and stay healthy.

John Scrivens

COFFEE MORNING

Totley Rise Methodist Church are holding a Coffee Morning with various stalls including cake, white elephant, stationery etc. on SATURDAY 13th. NOVEMBER. 10-00am. to 12noon. Admission 50p. including coffee and biscuits. Proceeds in aid of the:-
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SCOUT NEWS

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215th. (1st. TOTLEY) SCOUT GROUP

Once again the time for our Annual Carols and Coffee Evening has arrived and will be on Tuesday December 7th. from 7-00 pm. and 9-00 pm. at our Aldam Road Headquarters.

With gifts, games, white elephant and cake stalls all will be welcome so please come along and give us your support.

We are also planning a Jumble Sale on Saturday 22nd. January at 11-00 a.m. in the Scout Headquarters and are now collecting for this event.

Last but not least please remember the "Scout Post" this Christmas. It will be running from the end of November onwards. We take every effort to deliver all mail that is entrusted to us, but please help by making sure that all your cards are properly addressed and post coded. Your stamps can be bought and cards posted at all our usual outlets.

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SHEFFIELD CITY ECOLOGY UNIT

SHEFFIELD AREA DEER SURVEY (Up-Date)

The public response to the deer survey questionnaire has been very encouraging. Many new records of deer have been collected for the Sheffield region. This up-date is intended to summarise the information gathered so far, and to highlight where we need more help.

Red Deer - Along with established park herds and known populations in areas such as Wharncliffe Woods, we now know of several other feral herds in the region. Of these, one is on the southern boundary of Sheffield itself, whilst another is situated to the east between Rotherham and Doncaster. It is thought that these small populations have originated from captive farm or park herds. Most of the other records we have received are of individual animals; either escapes from captive park or farm herds, or wandering individuals from established feral populations.

Fallow Deer - Records of this species have been received less frequently than those of red deer. There are several populations in the region including those at Sherwood Forest and in the Matlock and Penistone areas. According to past records at the City Museum, Sika deer were present in the latter area during the 1960's. However, judging from the questionnaire responses it seems very likely that these were, in fact, fallow. This will be further investigated over the coming months. Few records have been received of individual animals outside the known population centres.

Roe Deer - This small and relatively inconspicuous species is now

present in woodlands on both the east and west of Sheffield, and appears to be extending its range. Establishment appears most successful in the Doncaster Region and in the area just south of Huddersfield. These populations are probably the source of individuals sighted around Sheffield, particularly on the eastern boundary of the city around the Rother Valley.

Muntjac - We have received few records of this rather shy deer. We do know from past records, however, that Muntjac were established some years ago in both the Matlock and Sherwood areas. The present survey indicates that they have extended their range and have now reached the southern boundary of Sheffield. Unfortunately, it is not yet clear from the questionnaire records

from which direction the population has spread. (We have few reports from the area between Sheffield and Matlock and none from the area between Sheffield and Sherwood).

A Reminder - The deer survey is an on-going project and we ask the public to continue to send in information. In particular, we would like to hear reports from the following areas:

- * Between Sheffield and Sherwood Forest
- * East of Chesterfield to Millers Dale
- * The north-western moorlands, in particular the Broomhead and Langsett areas
- * South of Doncaster as far as Sherwood
- * Between Barnsley and Huddersfield.

In addition, we would be grateful for any information on farm herds in the region as these may provide sources for new feral populations in the form of escaped individuals.

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If anyone would like a copy of the information pack/questionnaire, please send a large stamped addressed envelope to:-

"The Sheffield Area Deer Survey"
c/o Andy McCarthy/Dr. Ian Rotherham
Sheffield City Ecology Unit,
City Museum, Western Park,
Sheffield, S10 2TP.
Telephone 0742 768588.

SHEFFIELD'S WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

During the last 3 years, as part of the Sheffield Nature Conservation Strategy, the City Council has been identifying areas of meadow which have high wildlife interest. Officers in the Sheffield City Ecology Unit and Recreation Department have been working with local schools and community groups (such as the Gleadless Valley Wildlife Group and the Sheffield City Wildlife Trust). The aim is to identify good sites and then change the management to be more sympathetic to wildlife interest. This usually involves changing from short mown turf to maybe 1 or 2 cuts per year.

The results are quite stunning. Meadows in Graves Park, Gleadless Valley and Norfolk Park are coming up in masses of wildflowers and attracting butterflies (such as Skippers, Meadow Browns and Common Blues) and birds (such as Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Swifts and Swallows).

A meadow identified by Mike Taylor (of Recreation Department) zoned by King Egbert's School at their Wessex Site, has come up with masses of wild flowers,

including 2 species of orchids reported by Head of Biology, Mr. Pete Lancaster.

Similarly, at Graves Park, local resident Mrs. Warrington has found what we believe are either Southern Marsh Orchids or Common Spotted Orchids. Long-term monitoring of all these sites by Dr. Ian D. Rotherham of the Ecology Unit is demonstrating the benefits to wildlife, to local landscapes and in saving money on grass cutting. For these schemes to be successful requires team work by officers in Leisure Services (Ecology and Recreation) and with the local community. The result is a major benefit to Sheffield.

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

FRIENDS OF ABBEYDALE WILDLIFE GARDEN.

C O F F E E M O R N I N G

A Coffee Morning with gifts and Bring & Buy Sale will be held at 46, Dore Road, on 11th November, 10.00 a.m. till noon, with proceeds going towards Management of the Gardens.

HOW TO MANAGE A WILDLIFE GARDEN

A talk on the management of the Abbeydale Hall wildlife Gardens will be given by Ian Rotherham on 12th November at 10.00 a.m.

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TRAIN SERVICE CHANGES

In last months issue we issued a list of the new B.R. timetable which started on the 4th. of October from our local station, Dore.

We unfortunately printed two times incorrectly and stated in the third paragraph "In the other direction the trains leave FOR Dore at" This should have been "In the other direction the trains leave Dore at" To clarify the situation following is the fully corrected paragraph:-

The service from Dore on Mondays to Fridays now has trains to Sheffield at 0705, 0750, 0814, 0953, 1149, 1349, 1549, 1651, 1730, 1822, 1827, 1956, 2156, 2328.

In the other direction the trains leave Dore at 0625, 0717, 0743, 0922, 1022, 1222, 1422, 1622, 1723, 1902, 2022, 2224. The 0743 is an express to Manchester; the others also go to Manchester but call at the stations in the Hope Valley.

We apologize if we have misled anyone.

Editor

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Totley Residents Association have once again arranged the Christmas Party at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, on Saturday 4th. December from 4-00pm. to 8-00pm.

Tickets have been held in price at £1-20 (same as last year) and will be available from Totley Rise Post Office and Transport 17.

The event will have a full programme of entertainment with Jimmy McWilliams and friends, afternoon tea a grand raffle with many prizes.

RUNNERS RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY

On Saturday 23rd. November at the Heatherfield Conservative Club £358.50 was presented to Mrs.B.Barr for the Sheffield Children's Hospital C.H.R.I.S Fund and High Dependency Unit.

The money was raised through sponsorship by two local "young!" men who ran in the Sheffield Marathon.

Les Tomlinson completed the full marathon in 4hrs.10min. and Michael Otter the half marathon in 1hr.54min.

Congratulations to both for their effort.

Also presented to Mrs. Barr for the same charity was a cheque for £200 from the Totley Residents Association, this being part of the Associations charity donations for 1993.

The other charities to receive donations from Totley Residents Association were £200 to Transport 17 and £200 to St. Lukes Hospice.

Dear Editor

I was not impressed with C.Wells' comments on the proposed station at Totley Brook Road. To suggest that the tracks are too far down for easy access is just nonsense. I could point to hundreds of other stations around the country which are worse in this respect. (Indeed the plan also suggests a station for Bradway, where I agree that the vertical difference would be a problem.) I accept that the car parking would take some thinking out and could be expensive, but I think it could be done. In any case much of the attraction of this station would be that, unlike Dore, it would be within easy walking distance of many of the homes in the area. If some of these people walked to the station instead of driving their cars, the traffic problems in the area would be made better, not worse.

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The subject of aircraft crashes on the hills is rather grim and delicate to deal with and many books have covered the stories. The most recent, 'Whensoever', where the author, a Mr. Frank Card describes the proud record of the Royal Air Force Mountain Rescue Service - 1943 to 1993. The complete history takes in the Peak District, Lakes, Highlands of Scotland, Snowdonia and adventures abroad. I commend this book to you.

But on a lighter note a few stories have never been told. For sheer nostalgia the following tale cannot fail but to bring a smile to your face.

The time, 8th July, 1944. The place, R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Unit Llandwrog, near Caernarvon received a phone call from a farmer reporting he had seen an aircraft crashing on to the Denbigh Moors. The scramble was quickly organised as the jeep and Humber ambulance directed by the medical officer headed for the crash location on a moorland slope at Glan-y-Gors, near Aled Isaf reservoir. They soon found the American Republic P-47C Thunderbolt fighter plane, but no sign of the pilot. It appears the aircraft had gone into an uncontrollable dive and the pilot had baled out. After searching around the moor, the rescue team finally returned to the nearby village of Llansannan where the local bobby, P.C. Emlyn Jones informed us the pilot, 2nd Lieutenant Orin A. Wahl had simply found the police station, reported identity and crash details, and feeling rather thirsty on such a hot summers early afternoon, he would rendezvous with a rescue party in the local tavern.

As cool as you like we found him downing a pint of beer. What a character! Asking us to join him in a drink after his first forced parachute jump, we all had a good laugh at the situation. To round off one hell of a good day to treasure, the police constable's wife, Mrs Gwendoline Jones invited us all into her home for a superb salad tea, followed by strawberries and cream. If only all crash call-outs could have been as pleasant as this one. What hospitality! A day to remember.

* * * * *
Lieutenant Wahl completed his training with the 358th American fighter group, 9th Air Force. He flew 32 missions. After the war, he resumed medical studies and became a surgeon in the New York Area. He died only last year.

P.C. Emlyn Jones and his wife retired to Wrexham in 1958. They have both passed on to a higher calling. He had actually served as a pioneer in the forces back in the infancy of the R.A.F. - 75 years ago.

John C. Barrows

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13th.

Will be lucky for some as there is the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE at DORE & TOTLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, 10-00am. to 12-30pm. where they can buy those special items not always to be found elsewhere. Why not join them?

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GEOFFREY SALT - 31st August

The dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Christine and Richard, grandfather of Andrew, Geoffrey and Alison.

Geoff passed away peacefully after fighting bravely against cancer. He was born in Totley, and except for war service in the RAF and a few years living on Abbeydale Road, Millhouses, never lived anywhere else.

He loved Totley and the older residents and never tired of remembering them in conversations about the old village life. He had a kind word for everyone and his gently attitude and humour set everyone at ease. A very gentle man and real gentleman.

Geoff had many loves and hobbies, the most important being Mary and their family, then his love of the countryside and wildlife, particularly Derbyshire, where he and Mary would spend a day a week walking since he retired 13 years ago, in the Peaks and Dales of Derbyshire.

He was a great gardener and spent many hours along with Mary tending his crops. He also found time to spend hours painting both oil and water colours of some of his favourite views and I'm sure that members of the art club at Dore would agree that he was an expert.

Geoff became a member of Millhouses Methodist Church many years ago, and he and Mary ran the Youth Club for several years, then became Stewards, Geoff being Property Steward and Senior Steward where his early training as a joiner, and latterly Head of Handicrafts at Waltham School, were a great asset to the Church.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and enjoyed his friendship and company.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17

Churches Together in S17 is a gathering of representatives of all the Christian groups in the S17 area - 3 Anglican (St. John's, Abbeydale, Christ Church, Dore & All Saints', Totley), 2 Methodist (Totley Rise & Dore), 1 Roman Catholic, (English Martyrs), the Dore & Totley United Reformed Church and the Dore & Totley Christian Fellowship. This group meets together 4 times a year in order to share things of common interest and to plan joint activities where appropriate. Although each of these churches has its own style of worship, we are united in a common aim, which is to proclaim the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been customary to arrange joint activities at Christmas (carol singing), Lent (Discussion Groups), Pentecost (Praise Services) and in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The group arranged for there to be a selection of Christian books in the Totley Library and also organise a rota of visitors to welcome newcomers to the area. It also concerns itself with the work of Christian Aid, One World Week and the Liaison Lunch. From time to time it is called upon to make its voice heard on matters of local interest such as road safety, schools development plans etc.

In this decade of Evangelism it is hoped that there will be much more co-operation between the churches and activities planned in order that the Christian message may be more widely known. Churches together are grateful to the Totley Independent for giving us space to put across a Christian view on various topics and from time to time to publicise the times of services.

Marjorie Snowden

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BURGLARS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

We are well on the way towards winter again and along with the change in weather come the dark evenings. Most burglaries take place during the day time, but of course in winter, it can be dark at 4.00 p.m. which is an aid to the burglar. I don't intend to dwell on the subject of locks, security bolts or burglar alarms, but instead I shall write a few lines about burglars' behaviour.

Firstly, it is important to any burglar to establish that a house is empty. Although there have been tragedies when burglars have broken into houses occupied by elderly people causing distress and sometimes serious injury this is generally not their intention. The would-be burglar will often knock on the door, ring the bell etc. to establish if anyone is in. If someone answers the door, they are happy to make an excuse and leave. Unfortunately, there have been cases where an elderly resident, not expecting a visitor, will simply ignore the knock. This gives the burglar the impression he has found an empty house despite lights being on and he goes to the rear of the house and breaks in. 'Granny' hears the breaking glass and investigates to find a burglar in the kitchen. If a scuffle develops 'Granny' (and for that you can also read Grandad) will always come off second sometimes with serious injuries. I DON'T ADVOCATE FLINGING THE DOOR WIDE OPEN BUT MAKE THE PERSON OUTSIDE AWARE SOMEONE IS AT HOME. Sometimes looking through a window is sufficient.

Secondly, Totley is an area plagued with door to door salesmen with little plastic identity cards. I've often wondered why people from Manchester and Birmingham etc. imagine there are no

yellow dusters, dishcloths, ironing board covers etc. to be bought locally. They appear to think we are so short of these items in Sheffield that it pays for them to bring half a dozen in a sports bag to sell on the doorstep. The truth of the matter is that in many cases they are merely looking for empty houses and the few items they carry with them is their excuse should they be challenged. If you get one of these salesmen on your doorstep, I suggest you keep an eye on them until they are well away from your property and if they linger too long at an empty house, call the Police.

Always be aware that when people insist on engaging you in conversation on your doorstep, there is always the possibility of an accomplice opening your back door and searching your kitchen for valuables. When you answer the door make sure other doors are locked and don't let anyone inside until you are satisfied with their identity. Gas. YEB, etc. will know your account numbers. Don't accept an ID card unless you know what the genuine article looks like.

Finally, NEVER buy security from salesmen at the door and be very careful about making appointments by telephone for salesmen to visit you as this can effect safeguards you have under the Consumer Credit Act i.e. statutory 'cooling off' periods. If you see the need for increased security, alarms etc. contact me as I don't charge!

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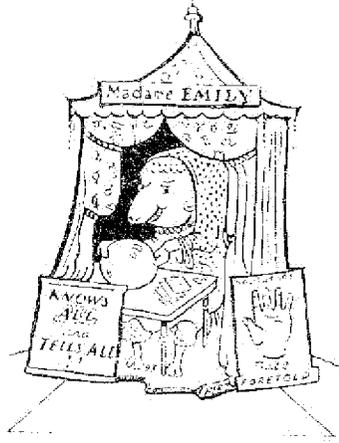
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CHRISTMAS ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

I had to agree with Mr. Pocock's notes in the October issue of the 'Totley Independent'. It has, indeed, required a stout heart, and even stouter boots to venture out on some of our so-called summer days. At last, however, the Gods relented, and there came a true day of autumn, with it's masses of golden tints, a gentle sunshine, and just enough breeze to stir the fallen leaves. What more could be desired for a walk across the fields?



I didn't get very far, hardly across the first field, when my friendly sheep came trotting across. 'Just the person I have been looking for', she said, 'I know that you can put me right with some of the antics of the human race - especially as I am sorry to say that more paper came blowing across the field. Perhaps, it was a little useful this time, because I saw that it was headed, "Aries the Ram". Now, I have known a number of rams in my time, but I have never come across one called Aries'.

I had to inform her that I was by no means surprised. 'This is by no stretch of imagination a real ram, so I must explain by telling you about the signs of the Zodiac. It is very probable that you have never heard about the Moon being in Jupiter, or that Libra is conjugated with Venus, not to mention the tricks that Mars and a few of his friends get up to'. She was not impressed, 'It would not be a bad idea

if you would remember that I have a woolly head, and I do not have any idea of what you are talking about'. 'It is obvious,' I said, 'That the sheep does not have interest in considering the future on the same level as the human beings'. 'By no means', she nodded, 'Rumours about our future do not bear contemplating'. 'Let me explain further', I said. 'Some individuals look at their daily forecast, and they hope that it will portray all manner of good things coming their way. You would be surprised how many experts there are in this category. Why, when I have finished explaining you will probably go round all your friends in the field telling them about their future hopes and expectations'. 'Never mind my hopes and expectations', she countered, 'Do you believe in all this kind of stuff?' 'Well, I must admit that there is often some kind of truth in it, for only the other day my forecast said that I would come into money, but to beware of hidden pitfalls'. 'And did it come true?' she asked.

'In a way, it did, because when I was in the supermarket car-park I saw a ten penny piece that someone had dropped'. 'And the rest?' she asked. 'Well I split my trousers bending to pick it up!'

Anon



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- TUES. 2nd. (and every Tuesday) COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church (in the Church Hall), 10-00am. - noon
- TUES. 2nd. (and every Tuesday Afternoon) CRAFT GROUP Totley Library.
- WED. 3rd. (and every Wednesday) Coffee in the Library 10-00 am. to 11-30.
- WED. 3rd. FASHION SHOW, Sheffield Memorial Hall, 8-00pm. Proceeds to Sheffield Childrens Hospital High Dependency Unit.
- THUR. 4th. (and every Thursday) OPEN DOOR, United Reformed Church, 10-00a.m. - noon
- THUR. 4th. HOW TO ICE A CAKE, Sheffield Cheshire Home, 2-30pm. to 3-30pm.
- SAT/SUN. 6/7th. ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET, Open Weekend
- THUR. 11th. COFFEE MORNING, Friends of Abbeydale Wildlife Gardens, 10-00am. to Noon 46, Dore Road. Proceeds to the management of the Garden.
- FRI. 12th. HOW TO MANAGE A WILDLIFE GARDEN, by Dr. Ian Rotherham (see inside for details)
- FRI. 12th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, Abbeydale Hall, 7-30 p.m. The countryside explained by a local sheep farmer, Mr. Chris Thompson.
- SAT. 13th. CHRISTMAS FAYRE, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 10-00am. to 12-30 pm. (see inside for details)
- SAT. 13th. AUTUMN FAYRE, All Saints' Church Hall, 2-00pm. (see inside for details)
- SAT. 13th. COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10-00am. to Noon. (see inside for details)
- TUE. 19th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD,, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
- SAT. 20th. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Christ Church Dore, 10-00am. until noon in the Church Hall
- WED. 24th to SAT. 27th. T.O.A.D.S. Present "House Guest" 7-30pm. (see inside for details)
- SAT. 27th. TRANSPORT 17 CHRISTMAS FAYRE, 2-00pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church, Tombola raffle, refreshments cakes, books etc.
- SAT. 27th. BRADWAY CRAFT FAIR, 10-00am. to 4-30pm. Bradway Scout Centre, Prospect Road (see inside for more details)

DECEMBER

- WED. 1st. CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, 10-00am. to Noon, Sheffield Cheshire Home
- SAT. 4th. TOTLEY RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY, 4-00pm to 8-00pm (see inside for details)
- SAT. 4th. SCOUTS CHRISTMAS FAIR, St. John's , 2-00pm.
- TUES. 7th. CAROLS & COFFEE EVENING, Totley Scout Group, 7-00pm. to 9-00pm Scout Headquarters, Aldam Road. (see Scout News for details)
- SAT. 11th. DICKENSIAN FAIR, 10-00am. - Noon, Sheffield Cheshire Home.

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