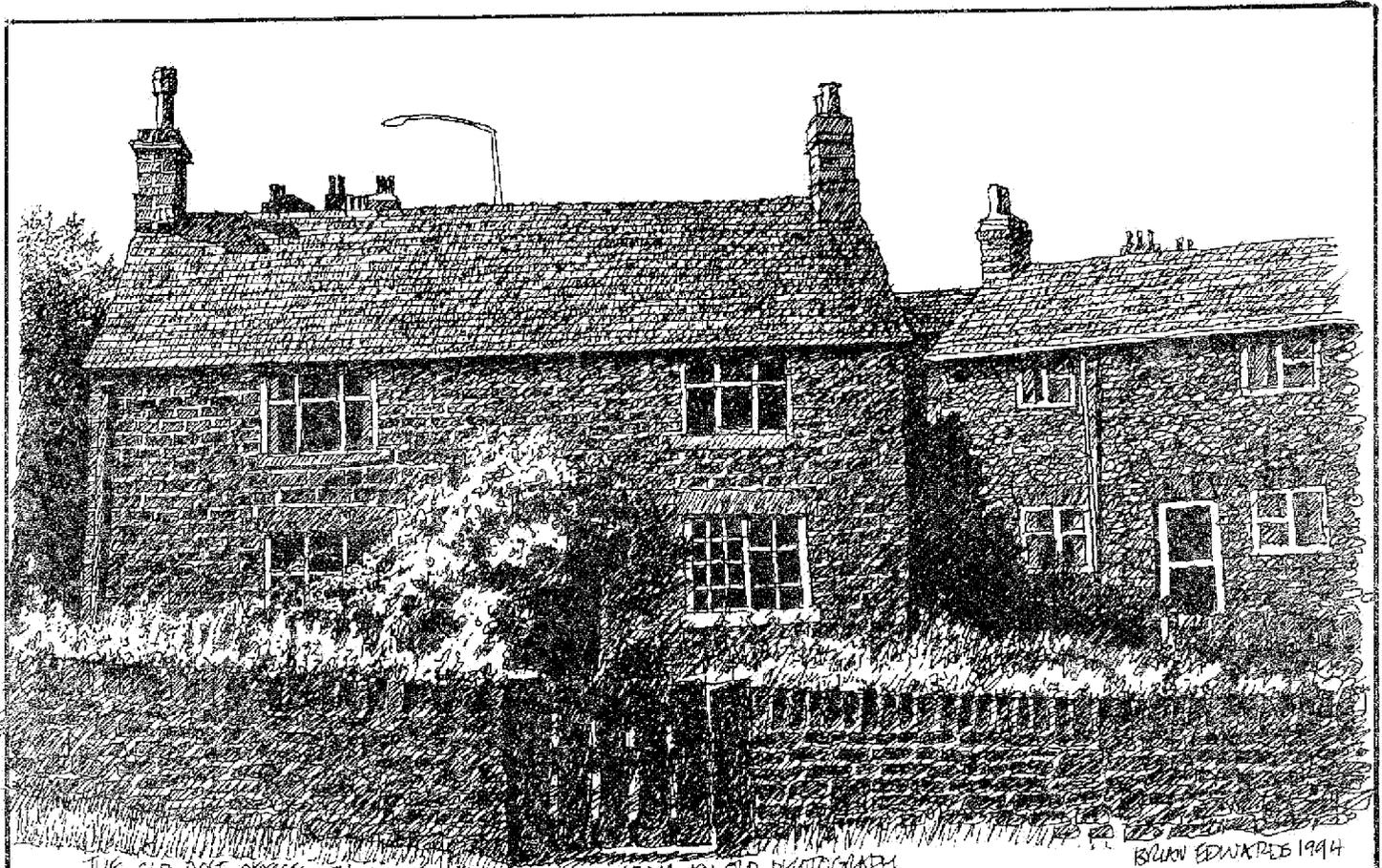


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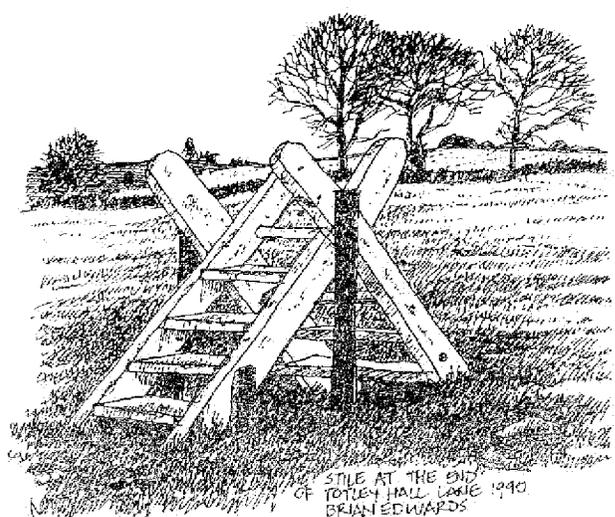


THE OLD POST OFFICE ON HILLFOOT ROAD TOTLEY FROM AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH

BRUN EDWARDS 1994

The illustration shows the former Post Office on the corner of Hillfoot Road and Summer Lane. We believe that the Post Office was moved to its present position at the corner of Baslow Road and Totley Hall Lane in the 1930s and the Absons were the last occupiers of the older place. We would be pleased to hear from any readers who have more details or memories. An earlier Post Office was in the top cottage of three opposite the Church drive on Totley Hall Lane. An account of the early post in Totley is to be found in the Totley Independent of April 1978 and a letter in the June issue of that year.

Does anyone know what has happened to the stile at the end of Totley Hall Lane? First the hedge and then the stile! It seems a pity to lose this footpath marker. Future issues will detail more footpaths in the Totley area.



STILE AT THE END OF TOTLEY HALL LANE 1990
BRUN EDWARDS

WALKS AROUND TOTLEY

Number 30. Ordnance Survey Map 2 1/2''
to 1 mile. SK 36/37

A classic hike of some 15 miles round trip to Chesterfield's own Lake District, The Linacre Reservoirs. Taking in delightful footpaths, threading a route through the Cordwell Valley. Allow up to 8 hours for this trip.

Start from Totley Post Office, proceed along Totley Hall Lane, bridle track to Gillfield Wood, cross bridge over the Totley Brook. Route to Holmesfield via Woodthorpe Hall and Park Woods (mentioned in previous walks). Enter Cordwell Valley via field paths at the side of the 'George & Dragon Inn'. Extensive views take in Chesterfield Church (Crooked Spire) and beyond to Bolsover and Holymoorside. After 1 mile of descending fields we join Cordwell Lane and the hamlet of Millthorpe. Note, 'The Royal Oak Inn' to our right a popular tavern with walkers. Proceed forward passing lovely cottage areas and down to the ford over the Barlow Brook. History abounds for once the great benefactor, Ebenezer Elliot, (friend of Ruskin), stayed in Millthorpe. After crossing the stream take the first field on our left, a sharp pull after another foot bridge and we join the lane at the side of Johnnygate Farm. Opposite this homestead enter a field path which indicates a sign to Oxton-Rakes. Keep forward through Broadmeadow Wood and up the hill to Rumbling Street Farm. Further finger post by side of a pond points field path to Wildhay Green and bridge over the Crowhole Brook.

Cross the lane and a gate leads into steep fields to Grange Lane Farm, after passing Crowhole Reservoir (fishing clubs only allowed access). Keep to edge of ploughed field path to Grange Lane. Superb views across the whole region. A signed gate takes us past the farm. The sheepdog greets you always with a friendly bark. Descend a bridle track and after 100 yards a stone stile on our right takes us across 3 fields to the Hamlet of Barlow Grange (map important for no markers en route) Note the village pond, 450 yards above this attractive scene we join a main highway, the B6050 road (Chesterfield - Baslow Road). To the right and close to a trig. point elevation 1,000 feet, enter a broad track towards Bluster

Castle and the charming setting of Birley Farm.

The views in this vicinity are of a high order. The track narrows and descends to field area. In season a great patch for blackberries. Swing left under canopy wood and walk in line with the bubbling brook (well signed). Soon we join a path into Birley Wood as the Birley Brook flows into the top Linacre Dam and the first of the three reservoirs. The Severn/Trent water Authority have landscaped and levelled concessionary paths around each dam and sited numerous picnic areas. Tarry a while for a well earned lunch break. Keep to the left hand bank to third dam. Here are toilet and information facilities to the whole complex. Leave the Lakeland Valley and head left along broad track through Kitchen Flat Wood, one could linger all afternoon around the delights of Linacre, but we must press on with the homeward bound journey. Cross a field path, note, 'The Peacock Inn', over to the left, (brings back memories of early Rambling Club days, when Jack Evans was mine host at this old world hostelry, he played a great jazz style piano). Soon we pass through the historical village of Cutthorpe, with it's fine manor house along the main street, maybe we could linger a while to view Cutthorpe Hall 500 yards from the main road.

Just beyond the manor house a finger post points a field area, keep to right hand side to descend to Salter Wood and quaint foot-bridge over the Sudbrook. Further stiles to negotiate as we ascend field path to the hamlet of Newgate. Cross the lane locate a signed route between cottages. Bear slightly left behind a farm and a well worn path keeps forward over field areas. The path drops steeply to a lane and head right towards Barlow Common. A signed path after 400 yards on our left joins another field track adjacent to, 'The Hare & Hounds Inn', and a small housing estate. Several stiles to clamber over before a steep woodland bank and foot-bridge over the lower reaches of the Crowhole Brook. A short pull up the field to stone stile and Far Lane Farm. On opposite side of lane a further post points two field lengths to Bradley Lane, walk left for 300 yards and on the right hand side finger post shows a route with bridge over the Dunston Brook

and field path close to Highlightly Lane and farm, proceed 25 yards right, note further sign on left side of lane to ascend fairly steeply through three fields where a broken stile joins a cart track. Do not use this track, it tends to get very muddy with horse riders. Cross over into adjacent field and path ascends parallel with the bridle track right up to Cartledge Hall Farm, simply follow the yellow markers and via several new metal chain style gates. Pause around the historical interest of Cartledge Hall, dates back to the 16th Century and reputed to be haunted. The farm stead is the home of the Holmesfield Horse Riding School. Proceed to Holmesfield Church via Cartledge Lane. History abounds once again, for this fashionable village boasted of a castle and a moat can be traced in the fields behind the modern housing estate. Pick up the Trolley Path at the side of, 'The Angel Inn', head forward through Holmesfield Park Wood and down to Woodthorpe Hall. Enter field areas via iron kissing gate and path soon returns us to Gillfield Wood and homeward bound to Trolley Hall Lane.

Maybe, after a classic trek, a well earned tippie sounds mighty tempting at one of our popular hostelries, for always a friendly welcome at either, 'The Fleur-de-Lys' or 'Cross Scythes Inn'.

John C. Barrows

P.S. If any readers find this walk a little too strenuous, park the car at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane and on return half of walk from Bradley Lane it is just 1/2 mile along the road back to Millthorpe.
This trip just 9 miles.

BUS NEWS

"Andrews" introduced a new service numbers 247 and 248 on Monday 18th April. This service being Trolley, Moorfoot, Arundel Gate (Not Flat Street), Waingate and Markets to Shiregreen.

"Main Line" are to introduce an additional service, number 97, on Sundays Only, from May 23rd. which will run from Sheffield High Street through Trolley to Owl Bar. They will leave High Street 9-27am.(0927), 4-02pm.(1602), 5-32pm.(1732) and 6-02pm.(1802).

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FARMING SCENE

What a soggy Autumn/Winter/Spring we have had! I have forgotten what a dry, dusty soil looks like! Given the general rule that nature equals out the rainfall in any year, we must be in for a long, hot, dry summer and autumn.

If there is one thing that sheep do not like, it is cold, wet weather, consequently many flocks are suffering losses of both ewes and lambs, with hill flocks particularly badly affected. Some farmers are reporting 25% lamb losses, with most ewes in very poor condition, and surviving lambs looking thin and unthrifty.

We have one animal on site that does not mind bad weather, in fact if you house it inside over winter it sheds it's protective shaggy coat. Any ideas? Well, if you have walked anywhere near the corner of Lane Head Road and Baslow Road recently, you will probably have spotted it. Yes, it's a genuine Highland Cow, accompanied by it's 10 month old Charolaise-cross calf. Her name is Rosie, and she is due to calve again in June. I would think she will feel 'at home' given the undulating landscape around Totley, (and the inclement weather!).

By the time you read this, we would hope to have planted the increased area of strawberries, etc. along with the spring barley and some of the potatoes. We will have no winter wheat this year, as what bit we did manage to plant has been decimated by the weather, and so will have to be replanted with barley.

We shall be growing an increased area of Maris Bard potatoes this year, due to their popularity with our customers. Given some fair weather we would hope to be able to dig some of these in July. Prospects for this year's crop look very good, as many growers are giving up, early producers

in the west country have been unable to get their crops planted on time, and last year's crop is nearly sold out already. The poor growing and harvesting conditions last autumn have ensured that the crop did not keep very well with up to 50% of some growers' stocks having to be dumped due to soft rots.

At this point I would like to apologise to any of our customers who have bought spuds which have not kept. Sorry. We have done our best, but the odds were stacked against us. This year most of our potatoes are being grown at Whirlow Hall Farm, where the soil is much kinder, being a free draining, sandy loam. This should help us to provide you with a top quality product, as well as making planting and harvesting much easier.

Have you seen any, 'Beating Up', being done at Baslow Road lately?? For 3 or 4 days this week 3 men have been engaged in this practise all day. Not spotted them? 'Beating Up', is a term used to describe the operation whereby the woodlands we planted last year, are inspected to ascertain the death rate of trees, with any corpses being removed and replaced with live specimens. Most of the deaths have been caused by mice chewing through the stems. Surprisingly, the dead grass around the saplings is proving an ideal habitat for these animals, and they are sharpening their teeth on these new trees. This is not without a cost, as replacement trees plus labour will not leave much change out of 1,000 pounds!!

On reflection, the 'best' crop to grow is, 'Set-a-side', it is unaffected by weather, pests and diseases, costs nothing to plant, requires little work, knowledge or inspiration to succeed, is not in surplus, and has a guaranteed income!!

Edwin Pocock

TOTLEY HALL FARM PRODUCE

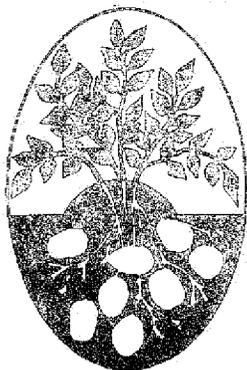
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FITNESS FOR ALL

April, 19th marked the start of a new Ladies Exercises to Music Class for beginners, held at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. The class is designed to improve the fitness level of those not used to regular exercise outside normal daily activities, offering many health benefits to all - SAFELY and EFFECTIVELY with an RSA/YMCA Qualified Instructor.

The aim is to provide a graduated exercise programme within which the individual can work to her own personal level of physical fitness and ability, discouraging the idea of competitiveness and also discouraging the need for high impact (i.e. lifts and jumps) in an exercise routine - that is optional.

It is an ideal opportunity, for instance, for mums wanting to get back into shape, and for older ladies who may feel the need to increase the physical activity in their life. It includes floor exercises to strengthen and tone postural muscles; and also stretches to reduce the risk of muscle injury and soreness.

Many health benefits are associated with regular exercise; the flexibility and mobility of joints is increased; muscle tone and definition is improved making you look and feel, 'healthier', and improving your posture; co-ordination and circulation are improved, along with a strengthening of the heart and lungs. The metabolism of the body is increased thereby reducing excess weight.

REMEMBER: IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START EXERCISING!

Regular exercise relieves stress and tension and helps you to feel relaxed.

So don't be shy, come along and have some fun and make new friends!

If you would like to come along but would prefer an evening class, please

contact Jean on Sheffield 368572 for further details and information.

HEALTHY EATING

We seem to be turning this article into a dieting club, so while the interest is there, we shall continue to offer more advice on how to lose fat. Choose a low fat spread that's high in polyunsaturates, this is most important. Use skimmed or semi-skimmed milk rather than ordinary milk. Semi tastes like silver top with the cream poured off. However most milkmen deliver all types of milk - we must see to it that this delivery service, despite the EEC, is continued. Try using low fat yoghurt instead of cream. If you do use cream use single instead of double and remember that some artificial creams have just as many fat contents as real cream. If you like cheese, and who doesn't, go for the ones with least fat. These are listed in terms of grams and are as follows: Stilton 22, Cheddar 19, Camembert 13, Edam 13, Low Fat Cheddar9, Cottage Cheese 2.

Use fish or chicken more often instead of red meat. When you buy meat buy the leanest you can afford and cut off any fat you may find. Condensed milk and evaporated milk are better for you than ordinary milk. They have just as much calcium and proteins as ordinary milk but much less fat. Don't give skimmed or semi-skimmed milk to babies or young children. Milk is still their main food but low fat milk doesn't provide enough proteins or calories. Now don't forget your daily intake of at least one piece of fruit a day as this is most important.

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TOTLEY QUIZ ANSWERS

Congratulations to Mrs Judith Norris, Baslow Road for winning the quiz with 64.5 points and to the runner up Mr. John Gray, Sunnyvale Road with 62.5 points. Prizes will be presented to them on Sports Day.

The answers to the Totley Quiz in our March Issue will appear in several future issues. However, Brian Edwards apologises for one or two mistakes in the original questions Nos. 1, 10 and 27.

Answers;

1a) Bushey Bottoms is the area around the Stoops by the entrance to the old Methodist Chapel on Chapel Lane. b) The 'Flying Mile' or Wooden Pole Road runs from Hathersage Road above Fox House and finishes near the c) Wooden Pole standing on the Longshaw Estate and which is an old marker post - the stone base is inscribed T1778 TW. d) Red Wells is an ancient field name (possible from Reed Wells) and is now covered partly by Lemont Road and Greenoak Park where a small spring emerges near the bowling green. e) Sheps (not sheds as printed) Bank is the steep field carrying the footpath from Gillfield Wood to Woodthorpe Hall. It is named after the Shepley family at the Hall. f) Fishers Moor is the rough ground to the lower side of Strawberry Lee Lane and above Hallfield Farm named after the Fisher family.

2) The Totley Independent started on 4th July, 1977 hence the Name because the 4th is American Independence Day.

3) Greenoak Inn (opposite top of Mickley Lane), Grouse Inn (bottom of Strawberry Lee Lane), The Crown (also once known as Dorothy Daltons), Cross Scythes sometimes called Ye Olde Cross Scythes and at one time known as Halfway House (6 miles Sheffield, 6 miles Baslow), the Fleur De Lys (possibly known as The Queen originally and, early this century as George Greens), Shepley Spitfire, Cricket Inn, once known as The Cricketers.

4) There are many streams and rivers within Totley Parish and the attached map gives most, if not all, Officially, Cowsick, Eaglescliffe Dike, Blacka Dike, Old Hay Brook, Totley Brook, Needhams Dike, Brown Edge Dike, Leenly Sick, Little Well Spring, Lee Dike, Tan Vat Sick, Wimbleholme Dike, Story Dike Sick, and various others I have given names to.

5) In 1861 the population was 403 (228 males, 175 females).

6) The Three Stups was the name given to 3 alder trees which grew near the farmhouse up on Strawberry Lee pasture. Today, several trees indicate the spot.

7) Totley Hall, Greenoak Hall (Conservative Club), Cannon Hall. There are various halls associated with educational or religious premises.

8) Brown Edge looms above the Rifle Range. The trig point is at 1302 feet above sea level.

9) West View Close at Totley Rise was built in 1965/6 and stands in the Parish of Dore.

10) This is my big mistake and must be a Freudian Slip for my office is at 289 Abbeydale Road South. I should have asked what separated 283 and 285. Well the answer is the Lime Brook, the boundary river between Yorkshire and Derbyshire, Canterbury and York Ecclesiastical Provinces, and the old Kingdoms or Mercia and Northumbria.

More answers next issue.

Brian Edwards

TOTLEY TENANTS ASSOCIATION

CCT: HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU

Back in 1986 we were asked to choose between our Local Council & Private Landlords. Tenants by 99.9% voted in favour of the Local Council.

Nowadays, we are given no choice on tendering for services; it's compulsory. So much for democracy.

CCT which has been in existence since 1988 is claimed by the Government to have achieved savings of between 6% & 7%. Now it is to be extended to white collar workers which means your local housing office could be staffed by private contractors.

Are the Government figures correct? Not according to a survey carried out by a local Government information unit, commissioned by U.N.I.S.O.N. which represents Local Government Employees. This report argues that government figures ignore administrative and monitoring costs put at 325 million pounds between 1989 - 1993. Plus the fact that poorer conditions of employment, lower wages etc. have contributed to the savings not greater efficiency on the part of private contractors. The report goes on to argue that it has resulted in worse and fewer services and the break up of local government.

It states that Britain is the only European Country where tendering of local services is enforced by law, and where local councils are unable to build into contracts provisions to protect the workers, such as safety, wages, etc. etc.

All these and many other points will be discussed at our A.G.M.

PROPERTY OWNERS

Tenants who have taken advantage of the Right to Buy scheme are invited to attend the A.G.M. Proposals will be outlined to enable them to become part of the Tenants Association with specific rights and to elect a representative to the Committee. All this will be outlined in detail at the meeting.

Please try to attend the meeting, we believe your rights as tenants are under attack by this Government. This is not political as we would do the same under any Government which attacked our rights.

Bill Keen, Secretary

TOTLEY TENANTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT TOTLEY LIBRARY ON 6TH JUNE, 1994 COMMENCING 7.30 P.M.

MAIN TOPIC DISCUSSION ON CCT AND IT'S EFFECTS ON TENANTS

LINDEN ENSEMBLE

The Linden Ensemble, who meet at Bromwich Road Chapel, Woodseats, every Thursday evening at 7-45pm. would like to invite more Tenors and Basses to their choir.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

We managed to get into the garden for a day or two and it's a bit tidier than it was, although the weather is certainly holding things back, with the wind and rain making a real mess of things, let's hope May is better and we can really get cracking.

FLOWERS

Prepare beds for summer flowers whilst hardening off the plants. A dressing of Growmore or your favourite fertiliser will give young plants a good start. Water??? if necessary any new plants. Liquid feed container grown plants, take out bulbs which have finished flowering and place them in a trench, out of the way and cover with soil, so that leaves can die back naturally. Stake & tie up Sweet Peas, keep them well mulched. Plant out Dahlia tubers, protect shoots from frost. Give Roses a spray of fungicide to prevent blackspot mix a bit of insecticide with it if aphids are present. Plant out seedlings of hardy perennials, place them in a nursery bed where they can grow undisturbed during the summer. It's a good time to plant up window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs etc. If you can keep them under cover they will be nicely established when it's time to put them out later. Trim Aubretia to prolong the flowering period and top dress with fertiliser. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants such as Phlox, Michaelmas Daisy and Golden Rod. Use your favourite slug bait around tender plants. Sow hardy annuals such as Clarkia, Cornflower, Calendula, Candytuft, Godetia etc.

VEGETABLES

Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans. Thin out carrot, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings. Keep all crops well watered. Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops. Clear remains of spring greens and prepare bed for leeks. Prepare mounds for planting out courgettes, marrows, pumpkins etc. Sow succession sowings of beet, carrots, peas, broad beans, also lettuce, salad onions, radishes and parsley. Sow sweet corn mid May, better results are obtained if they are planted in square pots rather than straight rows. Plant out winter greens, particularly brussels sprouts and cauliflower. Runner beans can be planted outdoors, put 2 seeds together, if both germinate, single out later. At the end of the month sow vegetable marrow and ridge cucumber outdoors. They are best grown on a mound, I use 2

bales of straw with a good rich compost between, this keeps them warm & moist and slugs are kept under control better. Watch out for pests and diseases and deal with them early, they may get out of control otherwise.

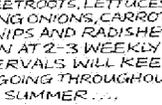
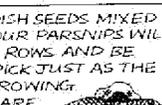
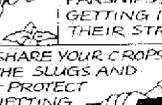
TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT

Mulch round fruit tree bushes & raspberry canes with well rotted manure or compost, this helps retain moisture, keep down the weeds, and gives them nourishment. If apples & pears are in fruit, full ringing might help. This involves cutting through the bark so far round the tree trunk, see your gardening book for exact details or call in the library! Spray pears with fungicide if scab was a problem last year, add on insecticide if caterpillars are about. Start to pick gooseberries, thinning out so that the remainder can develop evenly alongside the branches. Keep all fruit well watered. Prune overcrowded raspberry shoots. Summer prune vines.

Keep newly planted evergreens mulched and spray with water, especially on hot days. Remove any suckers from trees & roses. Trim over & top dress heathers after flowering. Give your eracacious subjects a treat with Iron Sequestrine plant tonic. Plant out tender shrubs like fuschias and hydrangea. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, willows & dogwood. Trim back dead shoots on Rose of Sharon.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS

As the sun gets stronger it is imperative that you shade & ventilate

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<p>QUARTER THE STEMS OF SPRING-HARVESTED CABBAGES WITH A SHARP KNIFE AND THEY WILL SOON SPROUT A USEFUL SECOND CROP OF 4 MINI-CABBAGES.</p> 	<p>DON'T SHARE YOUR CROPS WITH THE SLUGS AND BIRDS - PROTECT WITH NETTING, HUMLINE BIRD SCARER AND SLUG KILLER.</p> 	 <p>Mr. Fothergill's Seeds NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK</p>	

carefully, Begonias and Gloxinias, in particular enjoy being shaded. Watering will also have to be increased particularly with cucumbers and tomatoes, check them everyday.

Pot on Pelargoniums and other greenhouse plants which were struck earlier. Allow Nerines, Arums, Freesias and Lachenation to go to rest by gradually reducing moisture and place them in a sunny part of the greenhouse, this will ripen the bulbs ready for a good show next season. Don't forget to pollinate tomato flowers, use a soft brush or a rabbit's foot and gently take the pollen from flower to flower. Train and feed cucumbers and melons. Sow a few seeds of Cinerarias if you want to have plants in flower by December. Water freely and liquid feed plants including any which have been in their pots for a month or more. Take cuttings of most common house plants, sow flowering pot plants like Browallia, Indoor Primula, Calceolarias, Cinerarias, Ornamental Peppers & Cacti. Pot on seedlings & cuttings, and once again, watch for the pests and diseases and deal with them promptly.

Watch your weather it can still turn quite cold at night so keep your heaters at the ready.

LAWNS

Give weedy lawns a dressing of lawn sand. Keep new lawns well watered. Top dress joints in new turf, regular cutting at medium height is better than cutting the grass bald.

Some of you may have noticed I haven't mentioned the Topley Show this month. I thought I would give it a rest, most of you know what's required and no one's going to beat my onions anyway, (now there's a challenge).

Cheerio for now, Tom Busy Bee

SCOUT NEWS

85TH SHEFFIELD SCOUT GROUP ST. JOHNS ABBEYDALE

The Group continues to be very active with a varied programme of activities every week, plus extra events such as weekends away. A recent highlight was a weekend at Fenny Bentley, Nr. Tissington in Derbyshire for the Cubs & Scouts. Even the heavy snow added to the sense of adventure.

The Scouts have held a swimming evening at Ponds Forge, a rifle shooting evening as well as taking part in the District 5 a side football competition.

At the end of April all the Group took part in the annual St. Georges Day Parade in Sheffield City Centre, and as this magazine comes out it will be at Linnet Clough Camp site, Nr. Mellor in Cheshire for it's annual Lads & Dads Camp.

Last month the Group held it's first Antique Fayre of the year, thanks to all helpers and supporters who made it yet another successful day. The next Antique Fayre is on 18th June.

Finally an invitation to anyone interested to come along on Tuesday 17th May for an Open Evening. There will be displays of past & present activities by the boys, both indoor and outdoors. We will also give a display of our plans for the future. The evening starts at 7.00 p.m. and there will be free refreshments and barbeque.

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TOTLEY TAKES ACTION FOR FAIR TRADE

When it comes to Fair Trade the residents of Totley are certainly leading the field. All the churches in Totley have stalls selling fairly traded goods, which are run by representatives from Traidcraft or CAFOD (The Catholic Fund For Overseas Development). In addition, many of the Church groups now serve fairly traded coffee.

Fairly traded products are bought from small scale producers in Third World countries for a fire price. This means a price which enables the producers to afford basic necessities such as food, shelter and medical treatment. Oxfam and Traidcraft are the two largest organisations which sell fairly traded goods in Britain.

Ken Filleul, of Green Oak Road, Totley, works at the Traidcraft shop on Devonshire Street. He tells us, 'Helping people to promote Fair Trade is an important practical way for both Christians and non-Christians to express loving concern for less fortunate members of the world's family. Every little helps'.

The product which is currently spear-heading the campaign for Fair Trade is Cafedirect. This is a high quality roast and ground coffee from Peru, Central America and the Caribbean.

Jose Campoverde is one of the many farmers who grows coffee for Cafedirect. He tells us, 'Before we became involved in selling to Cafedirect most of us could not afford medical treatment. Now I can buy more food for my family and to send my children to school properly equipped with pens and notebooks for the first time.'

April 30th. to May 14th. is Fair Trade Fortnight in Sheffield when Cafedirect will be on sale at the Totley Delicatessen on Baslow Road.

Mrs. Ratcliffe, the owner of the delicatessen, has kindly agreed to donate

the proceeds from the sale of this coffee to Oxfam.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said, 'We were impressed with the quality of Cafedirect and were keen to support Fair Trade as we feel that buying Fair Trade goods can make a significant difference to the lives of families in Third World countries.'

The main events which will be taking place during Fair Trade Fortnight in Sheffield are a fashion show and a fayre.

The Fair Trade Fashion Show is at St. Williams Church Hall on Ecclesall Road, (next to Somerfields) on Thursday 5th. of May. Beautiful clothes and jewellery from Africa, Asia and South America will be on sale. Silk blouses, embroidered waistcoats and patchwork jackets, are just a few of the items which will be available.

The entrance cost for the fashion show is just 1.00 for tickets bought in advance or 1.50 on the door. Tickets are available from; CAFOD, Ecclesall Road, (next to Somerfields).

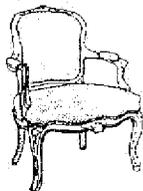
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or you can telephone 671183 daytime or 642106 evenings.

The Fair Trade Fayre is taking place at the Victoria Methodist Hall (opposite the Crucible) on Saturday, 7th May from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. A range of fairly traded foods, plus clothes and other handi-craft goods will be on sale at the fayre. The latest information about the Fair Trade campaign will be available and refreshments will be on sale. Entrance to the fayre is free and all are welcome.

For further information about these, and any other events, during Fair Trade fortnight, contact Cath Withers at the Oxfam Campaigns Office, 281 Fulwood Road. Or telephone 671183 daytime or 642106 evenings.

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

John Barrows is most eloquent when he describes his favourite walks round Totley. He makes us dream of the great outdoors, and the many glories to be found, almost within a stone's throw.

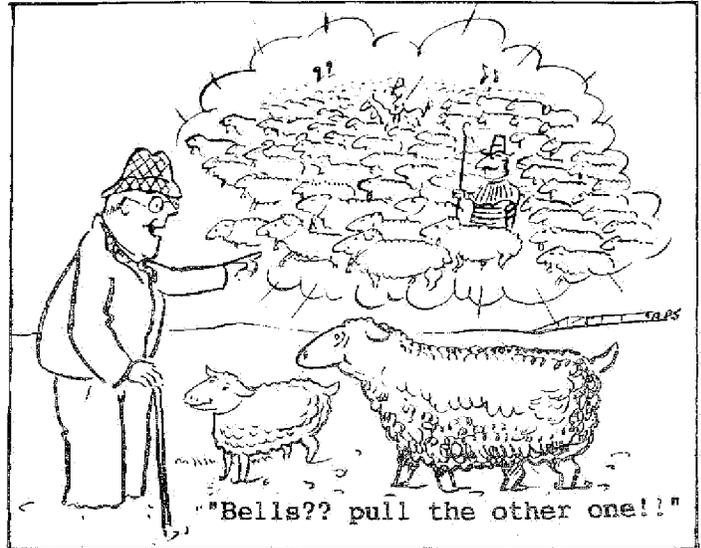
It is no wonder that so many of us get itchy feet and long to be up and about in the wonders of nature. I have followed his paths, which only made me think that there might well be other great open spaces, not only in our own island, but scattered round Europe.

Reluctant as one might be to forsake the joys of our own countryside, I set off to more distant lands. I was, of course, away some little time, and when I returned home to our own fields and pastures, it was not long before I came across our friendly sheep.

She asked where I had been, because she is always amazed that anyone would wish to desert Totley, to wander far afield - but she put this down as one of the quirks peculiar to the human race. I told her of the great mountains which are to be found overseas, where even superlatives fail to describe adequately the magnificent scenery. A place where green mountains rise thousands of feet into a deep blue sky, and a benevolent sun bathes the entire scene.

I think that she must have thought that I sounded a bit like a travel brochure, and she was not really impressed that such delights are to be found elsewhere. 'But how about the sheep in these far off places, did you meet up with any of our woolly friends?'

'Indeed, I did', I said, I went on to describe that I had seen some of the roving shepherd who have the right to graze their huge flocks all over Europe, and can be seen wandering freely and seeking new pastures anywhere between



Italy and the North Sea. I told her how in the great upland regions the sheep wander freely over vast open spaces, untended, but with little bells, (not unlike the great cow bells fitted to larger animals), and their tinkling music fills the air.

'Did you find that you were able to speak to any of my friends over there?', she asked. 'I did try it', I admitted, 'But without any great degree of success'. My sheep wagged her head sadly, 'I suppose that you did like all the visitors, just shouted loudly in English, with a pretend French accent. You can hardly expect a foreign sheep to be carrying about a French/English dictionary!'

Anon

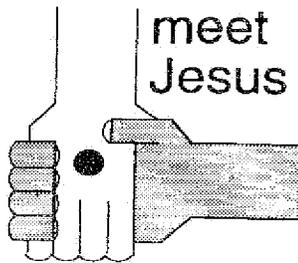


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PENTECOST ON FIRE

This intriguing title doesn't mean that the Fire Brigade are about to descend in force on Totley! The 'fire' referred to is a fire of enthusiasm which the churches in the area share



for activities in the 12 months starting in May. Sunday, 22nd May is Pentecost - sometimes known as Whit Sunday - and is the day on which we specially remember the occasion recorded in Chapter 2 of the book of 'Acts' in the Bible. In that chapter we are told that the first disciples saw what seemed to be tongues of fire on each other. What followed was that these disciples were encouraged to take the good news of the gospel into the wider community in which they lived.

Small wonder that this particular day came to be known as the 'birthday' of the church for that was truly the start of all that we know today as the spread of Christianity throughout the world. What better day could there be for the church in our time to renew its efforts to take the gospel message to everyone who is prepared to listen? Here in Totley the local churches have agreed to renew their efforts to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to as many of our community as possible.

More details about what exactly is intended will be available in the months which lie ahead but the start is planned for Sunday, 22nd May. On that day all the church congregations will be gathering for a special service of dedication and encouragement at St.

John's Abbeydale at 6.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome - the particular location of the service has been chosen as St. John's is the biggest of the churches in our area - room for everyone!

All the churches will be contributing to the service in various ways so there will be different styles of worship. This is a sign of our determination that we have a common purpose in bringing the gospel message alive today. The special preacher for the service will be the Reverend Canon Robert Warren who, until recently, was the Vicar of St. Thomas' Crookes but is now the Anglican National Officer for Evangelism. Do come and join in!

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Coffee Morning at Heatherfield Conservative Club in April raised £170.85 for 'LABRADOR WELFARE'. Many thanks to all who gave their support.

The R.S.P.C.A. 'Spring Fayre' at St. John's raised over £365, again many thanks to all who supported this.

Do you have time to spare? The R.S.P.C.A. Sheffield Branch, require volunteers to assist with fund raising such as jumble sales and cash collections. If you can help for the odd hour or two please phone 727542 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. and speak to Iris or Kathryn.

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As part of the Totley Tunnel celebrations there will be a Spring Bank Holiday walk following the line of the tunnel above ground.

Starting at Dore Station, then by train to Grindleford, the free guided walk will take approximately 3 hour across the Longshaw Estate and Totley Moor, down Penny Lane and Totley Brook Road, back to Dore Station. In addition to the scenic route there will be an opportunity to see some of the local features resulting from the tunnel's construction.

For more details, including timing and date, ring John Baker on Sheffield 369025.

TOTLEY TUNNEL CENTENARY EVENTS

On Tuesday evening 8-15pm., on May 10th. there will be a meeting to discuss events celebrating the Totley Tunnel Centenary and the Totley Sports Day which will be held on Sunday 26th. June at the Cricket Inn and Totley Bents Field.

It is hoped to make the Annual Sports Day more in to a Carnival Event this year as part of the Tunnel celebrations.

Some other events to look out for during June will be :-

Totley Athletic Club hosting the Yorkshire Fell Racing Championship.

A Library Talk on Totley Tunnel June 8th. by Brian Edwards.

The Edale Society have arranged for a steam train to run along the line.

Centenary Exhibition by Glyn Waite at Edale 22nd. to 25th. June and also 18/19th. June at All Saint's Church Hall.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

On Thursday 19th. May, 7-45pm. there will be a concert in aid of the National Children's Home 125th. Birthday Celebration.

The event will be at the Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall with guest artists being the Dronfield Parish Church Choir.

Admission will be £1-00 and includes refreshments. Tickets available from Mrs. A Buchan Tel. 367763.

COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS

This annual event will take place at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, on Saturday, 21st May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The organisers will be very grateful for any contributions of cakes, plants, etc. If these need collecting, please telephone either 367176 or 365313. Proceeds are for Transport 17. Please come along and enjoy a relaxing coffee with your friends on a 'hopefully'? sunny Saturday morning.

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'A Full Blooded Dinner Can Be Laid on, The Caretaker's Wife Being An Admirable Cook'. The reference is to Mr & Mrs W. Johnson; William was Warden at Totley Rifle Range for nearly three decades until his death in 1949. Another Johnson, Stephen, has just published, 'A Short History of the Rifle Range at Totley, Sheffield', an excellent book particularly for shooters and local historians. It certainly fills in a few gaps for me. The range was constructed from 1900 on land formerly part of Totley Common. Apart from occasional criticism by concerned locals and suggestions that shooting into the sun towards mist covered targets were not ideal conditions, the range has been very successful and certainly played a part in training soldiers for the 'Front'. I hadn't realised that, at one time, shots were fired over Baslow Road from a 1000 yard position on the bank near the trig point. It must have been a shock for passing motorists obsessed with the idea of a German attack, (hence the sentry positioned at the entrance to Totley Tunnel). There are a number of interesting photographs and maps in the book but sadly no index and no address for author or publisher. You can, however, buy it at Totley Library price 5.00 pounds, highly recommended as a contribution to our knowledge of Totley's past.

Brian Edwards
April, 1994

DAFFODILS

It seemed to happen overnight. Did anyone witness it? Were you in Penny Lane in the dead of night just before Easter and saw dozens of bright yellow daffodils marching up the lane to take up positions, sentry-like, in one of Totley's prettiest areas. Haven't they been magnificent, and more due to be planted this year. Totley's thanks go to Mr. Eric Taylor for his efforts.

Whilst planting the bulbs during a very wet and cold October last year, there was Eric crouching at the side of the road with his large sack of bulbs, when up drives a local farmer. Pulling up, he asks Eric what he's up to. 'I'm planting some daffodil bulbs, they'll make the lane look lovely next spring, I bought the sackfull for £8.00 !!!'

'£8.00!', exclaimed the farmer, 'Thar's more money than sense.'
'True, very true', replied Eric.

Still in the area, who is responsible for that awful wall built across the former top access to the Crown? That wall appeared quicker than Eric's daffs. Surely, a little thought - and dry stone - would have prevented such an abortion. After all, the Crown does sell, 'STONES'. ha, ha, ha!!!
ANON

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