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WARBURTON'S WORLD

This extraordinary summer has produced many strange phenomena: curtains drawn in daytime without a bereavement, the concept of siesta and the realisation that the midday sun is O.K. for dogs but most Englishmen stayed in!

The weather has caused more than a few changes in the natural world, especially with my beloved insects. The expected plague of aphids never materialised and the ladybirds have, as a consequence, gone hungry. The butterflies have emerged rather early and in rather patchy fashion. Peacocks swarmed in their dozens and then disappeared. Red Admirals were few and far between and Painted Ladies non-existent. Small Tortoiseshells have once again reappeared in some numbers and the odd Comma has made a fleeting entrance.

The heat has increased my already well-developed indolence and I have resorted to butterfly-spotting from my patio with a pair of binoculars. Without moving a step I can examine my own garden and my neighbours' with ease. Perfect!

About mid-August (all days seemed the same this summer) I was doing my sedentary rounds of the local buddleia bushes etc. I had decided to count how many Peacock butterflies I could see without moving - the heat you know. Next door is a large clump of Elecampane, a big, yellow, daisy-like flower. It seems quite attractive to insects so I had a look. There were quite a few Peacocks feeding with their wings closed. The underside is dark and they stand out well against most flowers. One seemed very large and oddly coloured - darker than the rest, so I had a more careful look. Its wing edges had a very light border and as it

briefly opened its wings I could see that the upperside had the same light margin. My very first Camberwell Beauty!

I dashed indoors for my camera, but of course it had gone when I returned.

A few days later I had a 'phone call from a friend who said that he'd got a big, black butterfly or moth in his garden on Totley Brook Road. Just my luck, my wife had taken the car just minutes before the call. I set off with camera and a multitude of ifs, buts and maybes whizzing round my head. The walk seemed to take forever and I had virtually given up any hope of whatever-it-was still being there.

When I arrived, the beast was still there, perched on a fence. Unfortunately my arrival coincided with its decision to leave, luckily into next door's apple tree, about 10 feet (3.06 metres) up. I took one hopeless picture and threw an apple into the tree to dislodge it. To cut a long story short, it stayed about 20 minutes and posed long enough for us to see that it was another Camberwell Beauty, in perfect condition. It may well have been the specimen I saw earlier, because this species is VERY RARE. It is an immigrant from the continent, where the cold winters apparently suit it much better than our damp ones.

If you wish to look it up in natural history books, its scientific name is NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA. In the U.S.A. it's known as the Mourning Cloak and for many years in this country was called the Grand Surprise - because it was. Its common English name comes from the first recorded British specimen, found in August 1748, in Cool Arbour Lane, Camberwell.

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TOTLEY'S GREEN BELT

Following last month's article in which the idea of a public meeting was mentioned to provide information on the re-development of Hallam University's Totley site, here is the latest update.

It seems that discussions between the Council and the University are continuing; Totley being just one of several projects under consideration. However, the 'artists impressions' that some Totley residents have seen showing houses on the Lowfield Site were it seems just for illustrative purposes (for the benefit of the DoE Inspector) and do not constitute any kind of planning application. It is unlikely that the University will submit any plans until the Department of the Environment have made their recommendations regarding the Green Belt and in particular the University playing fields.

It therefore seems that we can put the issue to one side for now and await the news from the DoE in 1996. Needless to say as soon as there is anything to report, it will be submitted for publication and announced in the library and usual notice boards. Mr Yunus Ahmed one of the senior officers who represented the Council at the Public Inquiry has told me that they will provide us with information when it becomes available. I shall continue to liaise with Paul Gordon our local planning officer in the meantime.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the TRA for their help and a special thank you also to the staff of Totley Library whose care and professionalism continue to make the library a real focus for the community.

K. Bramall

LABRADOR WELFARE

Labrador Welfare will be holding a Coffee Morning with cake stall, tombola, bric-a-brac etc. at Heatherfield Conservative Club, Baslow Road, Totley 10 am. to 12 noon on Thursday, 26th. October.

Admission 50p including coffee and biscuits. Small items to sell would be gratefully received.

The PDSA Charity Shop on Cumberland Street (near the Totley bus stops) would be grateful for good quality clothes, books, and most of all bric-a-brac to sell to raise funds for the Treatment Centre. The cost of veterinary care is considerable these days and many sick animals might be untreated if it were not for the services of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. The centre on Napier Street is always full to overflowing with canine and feline patients, and other pets, waiting treatment and the charity shop needs both goods and customers to keep the funds coming in.

Volunteers are also needed to help in the shop, if anyone has a few hours to spare on a regular basis weekly, the shop manageress, Mrs. Brenda Spencer, would be pleased to hear from you on Sheffield 275 9138, or call at the shop.

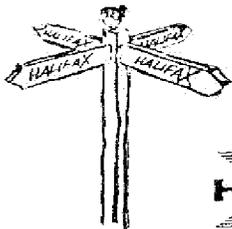
Mrs. D. Styles

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 25th. "China and Tomorrow's World" 8-00pm.

Professor Keith Miller presents the above illustrated talk at a meeting jointly arranged by the United Nations Association and the Wednesday Friendship Group at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome.

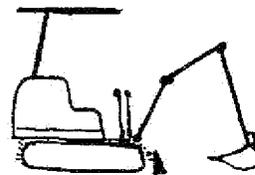
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OVERALL BEST OF SHOW M. Loft, Wooden Sculpture.

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
HANDICRAFT DIVISION			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER B. Anne Rose			
1 Hand knitted garments	B. Anne Rose		
2 Machine knitted garm'ts	B. Anne Rose		
3 Embroidery	M. Dunn	L. Biggs	S. Sturgeon
4 Crocheting	M. Marsh		
5 Soft toys	S. Wright	B. Lee	
6 Tapestry	A. Lee	Mrs. Williams	Mrs. Aikin
7 Lace	J. Glazier	B. Anne Rose	
8 Crosstitch	B. Anne Rose	A. Lee	S. Sturgeon
9 Patchwork	H. Barton		
10 Decoupage	B. Mapplebeck	J. Hitchbourne	M. Corbridge
HOME BAKING			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER Mrs. Loft			
11 4oz.Vict.Plain Sand'ch	D. Moffat	Mrs. Snowdon	R. Carter
12 Fruit cake	Mrs. Loft	S. Wright	R. Carter
13 Shortbread	R.Carter	S. Wright	
14 3 scones on a plate	S. Wright	D. Moffat	B. Clarke
15 Apple pie	J. Glazier	S. Wright	R. Carter
16 Jam	A. Davis	R. Carter	Mrs. Eed
17 Lemon curd	Mrs. Aikin	R. Carter	
18a Cordial	A. Davis		
FLORAL SECTION			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER Mrs. Finegan			
19 Table decor's up to 6"	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan
20 Table decor's over 6"	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan
ARTIFICIAL			
21 Table decor's upto 6"	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan
22 Table decor's over 6"	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan	Mrs. Finegan
CUT FLOWERS			
23 5 any variety	A. Bell	D. Moffat	J. Elliott
HOUSE PLANTS			
24 Any cont.plant upto12"	Mrs. Williams	M. Barlow	Mrs. Williams
FRESH PRODUCE			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER S. Barton			
26 1 plate 4 eat apples	S. Barton	D. O'Connor	R. Clarke
27 1 plate 4 cook.apples	J. Barton	T. Steel	D. O'Connor
28 1 plate 12 blackberries	R. Norris	T. Steel	R. Carter

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29 4 matching potatoes	S. Barton	S. Barton	
30 1 cabbage	T. Steel		
31 3 matching leeks	T. Steel		
32 3 matching onions	R. Johnson	D. Andrews	T. Steel
34 5 matching run. beans	T. Steel	Mrs. Dorling	Mrs. Dorling
36 1 plate 6 match. toms.	R. Norris	R. Packer	B. O'Conner
37 1 cucumber	Rev.D. Benson	R. Johnson	Rev.D. Benson
38 1 marrow	Mrs. Maltby	Mrs. Aikin	S. Barton
39 1 lettuce	C. Wells		
40 Largest onion	A. Sockett	R. Payne	
41 Heaviest marrow	R. Payne	J. Elliot	
42 Longest runner bean	T. Steel	Mrs. Dorling	J. Butcher
ART			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER			
43 Oil/Acrylic painting	L. Biggs		
44 Water colour	M. Chatterton	R. Lamb	E. Webster
45 Pen & ink sketch	H. Perfect	R. Smith	E. Webster
46 Pencil sketch	R. Johnson	M. Benson	R. Lamb
	L. Biggs	R. Irwin	Mrs. Loft
PHOTOGRAPHY			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER			
47 Colour print	J. Glazier		
48 Black & white print	J. Glazier	Mr. Edes	T. Steel
	Rev.D. Benson	Rev.D. Benson	Rev.D. Benson
WOODWORK			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER			
50 Small Furniture	J. Morgan		
51 Sculpture	J. Morgan	C. Wheeler	
	M. Loft	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Maltby
CHILDRENS SECTION VEGETABLE ANIMALS			
BEST OF DIVISION WINNER			
Up to age 7	E. Acaster		
Age 8 to 14	S. Wallis	J. Hunter	J. Hunter
	E. Acaster	J. Wallis	E. Acaster

The Topley Residents association would like to express their thanks to all the judges and helpers who made the show possible.

SCOUT NEWS

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All sections are back in full swing after the summer holidays, with many activities planned for the new term.

Congratulations to Ruth, our Beaver Leader who was married, to James, earlier in September.

During the last weekend in September almost 50 persons attended our Family Camp near Castleton. The weekend was open to all the boys, plus parents, sisters, etc.

The Scout section will be taking part in the annual District Swimming Gala on 11th October.

On 14th October we again hold one of our popular Antique Fairs in St. Johns Church Hall. Doors open at 10 am until 4.30 pm when many dealers will have set up their stalls for you to browse. The refreshments will be open all day for lunches and snacks.

Mike Hollindale

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

OCTOBER 14th. Autumn Fair, 2-00pm. to 4-00 pm.

Toys, craft stalls, christmas presents home made cakes, pies and chutneys will be on sale.

TOTLEY RISE WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP

OCTOBER 11th. Illustrated Talk, 8-00pm.

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TOTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB - MATCH REPORT

The team had trained hard for this game which was the first match in the G.T. League for TYFC. Our opponents were Wisewood JFC, an experienced side of several seasons at this level.

Totley soon opened the scoring when the Wisewood goalie could only parry a dropping shot from Adam (Spike) Walker into the path of incoming centre forward Adam Horton who side footed in to make it 0-1. Only minutes later, Jo Doughty split the Wisewood defence with a through ball to set Adam Horton loose to plant his second goal past the outstretched keeper. The mid-field trio of Nick Baradale, Tobajah ("T") Brown and Jo Doughty were causing Wisewood all sorts of problems with passing moves and long balls through. Kevin Booker was a thorn in the left side of their defence with several penetrating runs behind the back four.

Wisewood had shown little attacking flair and all their attempts down the left side were thwarted by an impressive Glen Procter at right back. Glen's distribution from the danger zone sent "T" down the right touch line. "T" put Spike through on goal and his first time lob appeared to have gone in goal with Adam Horton on the goal line celebrating. The celebrations were short lived when their defender booted out from what appeared to be inside the goal and the Referee gave Wisewood the benefit of the doubt on a poorly marked out pitch.

A ball pumped back into the area by Kevin Booker caused a scramble and "T" opened his account shooting in hard and low to make it 0-3. Adam Horton in superb form hit his first hat-trick 5 minutes before half time. A through ball by Steve Wilkinson from left full back position split the Wisewood defence and Kevin Booker's knock on set Adam loose for him to make it 0-4. The first half drama

continued when a Wisewood defender picked up the ball which he thought had gone over the faint goal line for a goal kick, Booker appealed to a well positioned Referee and "T" planted the spot kick in to the roof of the net. HALF TIME 0-5.

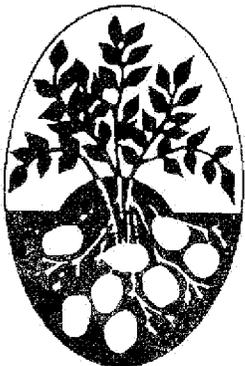
Steve Wilkinson (pulled muscle) and Jo Doughty (fitness) were substituted by James Flint and Ian Nelson.

Totley were on a high but showed their lack of experience by slackening off at the start of the second half. Wisewood realising they wouldn't get past the Glen Procter brick wall, switched their efforts with James Flint doing well with a lot of defending on the left touch line. The Totley mid-field had decided to go up field for their share of the goals and allowed Wisewood to play football in the middle.

A lobbed ball over the defence caused confusion yet again as to whether the ball had gone over the faint line markings. Mark Hopkinson in goal faced with three Wisewood attackers, decided to go for the big boot upfield, when the Referee failed to stop play. Mark mis-kicked, stubbed his foot and the loose ball was thumped low in the Totley Goal 1-5. Mark had to leave the field with the foot injury and Sean Williamson came on in net. Failure to tackle and mark players resulted in Wisewood's second, 5 minutes later, with a wide shot through a crowded penalty area, giving Sean no chance. 2-5.

The manager stayed calm (by yelling at bewildered players). Then a truly inspired Nick Baradale took the game by the scruff of the neck in mid-field. He cut out the Wisewood's through balls and spread the ball around as well as shooting from distance at every chance. The remaining Wisewood attacks were contained by the two centre backs: Robin Dyche and Andrew Evans, who had been solid throughout. A looping

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cross from Kevin Booker was blasted just over off the shin pad by Spike with only the goalie to beat from 2 metres. A few minutes later Adam Horton calmed the nerves with a precision plant in the bottom corner from just inside the area. FINAL SCORE 2-6. Man-of-the Match Nick Baradale - inspirational!

Kevin Walker - Manager.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of the players, parents and myself, I would like to thank: Dyson's Refractories for their support and kit sponsorship, Totley Resident's Association for their financial support in setting up the club, Midland Bank for the kit bags, Flint Electrical for the Match balls, Just Cooking for the half time drinks and cups and last but not least, Sheffield Hallam University for providing the pitch and facilities at an affordable price. Without their help, the Totley Youth team would not exist.

Fixture lists will be displayed in the Community notice boards. Please come and support the boys on the playing fields at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane. Parking is allowed in the University car park.

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A new exhibition for Autumn at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet features the work of up-and-coming local artist, Andrew Heath. Entitled "Feast Your Eyes", the exhibition includes rich colours and figurative, detailed work. Andrew Heath paints with oils and his work is inspired by music and pattern from the 1920's to the 1960's.

Andrew Heath studied at Sheffield Polytechnic and in recent years has staged various exhibitions at the Cupola Gallery, Doncaster Art Gallery, Sheffield Cathedral, the Crucible Theatre and Northern General Hospital.

More recently, Andrew has had an exhibition at the Blackheath Gallery in London; a prestigious venue which offers the opportunity to showcase his work to a wider audience. Andrew Heath has been described by various local experts as "one to watch" and "an artist who will go far" - the team at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet are pleased to have this opportunity to present an exhibition of his work.

Admission to the exhibition is included in the entry fee to the whole site.

For further information, or for a photograph, please contact Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet Tel: 0114 2367731.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

Well we had a reasonable Totley Show taking into account the previous hot weather and the various other shows that were on at the same time, it is difficult to set a date for things like this, it would have been nice to see a few more people entering the various sections, one thing though the photography section was well subscribed and with a very good standard, I shall have to polish up my lens ready for next year. I hope you will make a "Big" effort next year and make the Totley Show one of the best in the area, attendance at the show really encourages the organisers and volunteers to make the effort next time, thank you to all the helpers and judges, you did a great job. Now down to some serious gardening.

Flowers Clear and tidy up all the beds and prepare them for autumn planting.

Top dress rock and alpine plants with fine grit, plant any new specimen, start cutting down and lifting dahlias and chrysanthemums.

Lift and split up herbaceous perennials.

Plant out new perennials such as border carnation, pinks, phlox, and scabious etc.

Those of you who have bog gardens, plants like bergamot day lily hosta Iris and ranunculus can be planted now.

If you haven't brought them in already, tender plants either need housing under glass, or must be given winter protection outside, its a good idea to play safe and have rooted cuttings of your favourite tender plants stored in the greenhouse or on a window-sill.

Those plants left outside can be covered with open wove hessian or dry bulky bracken or straw.

Plant out spring flowers, hyacinth and tulips also summer flowering anemones, lilies, and irises.

Give the soil a dusting of bone meal at the rate of 110 gm per sq. mtr fork this in then plant the bulbs.

This is a good time to make a lily of the valley bed, choose a cool semi shaded place and a good rich soil with plenty of humus. Plant the crowns separately 8 cm apart in rows 15 cm apart. Simplest method is to nick out shallow trenches with a spade lay the roots in these and just cover the crowns.

Vegetables Earth up trench celery and leeks. Make sure your sprouts are well supported and earthed up round each plant. Cover over wintering onions spinach etc. with cloches.

Plant out spring cabbage.

The white hearts of cauliflower can be damaged by frost, bend some of the outer leaves over them, this will give them the protection they need.

Cut back asparagus and globe artichokes close to the soil.

Rake up all the rubbish and lightly fork between plants and cover the crowns with ashes or a thin layer of leaves to protect them from frost.

Lift young parsnips for immediate use. Leave the rest in the ground to pull as required.

Trees Shrubs and Fruit Gather up fallen leaves and rubbish from around trees and shrubs to prevent accumulation of diseases etc.

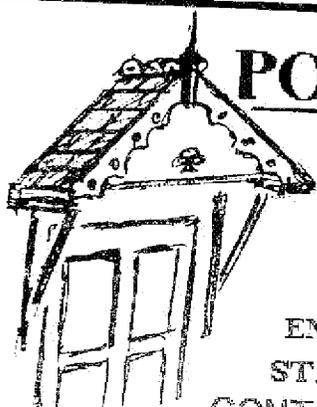
Prepare ground for any planting you might have planned, November is ideal for planting most trees and shrubs, so ground prepared now will have time to settle. Add some well rotted manure or compost deep into the ground.

Prune blackcurrants.

New strawberry plants can be put in now.

Cover Autumn fruiting strawberries with cloches.

Greenhouse and Indoor plants Move extra tender plants to the warmer or heated part of the greenhouse, keep them fairly dry.



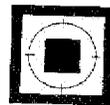
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Rest begonias gloxinias, achimenes etc, they can be finally dried off during this month.

Begonias can be shaken out of the soil and stored in coconut fibre or peat moss.

Gloxinias are best left in the soil they were growing in, tap them out of their pots and cover them with sacks, they must both be in a dry frost free place.

Pot on cinerarias and stocks watch out for green fly they love them.

October is about the latest you will be able to pot up freesias.

If you want to have some arums to cut for Christmas you must bring a batch into the greenhouse, now arrange them in a light place near the glass and maintain a night temperature of 13C (F) rising to 18C (65F) by day, water freely.

If you are keeping a warm greenhouse sow annuals like clarkia, poor mans orchid and salpiglossis to flower early spring.

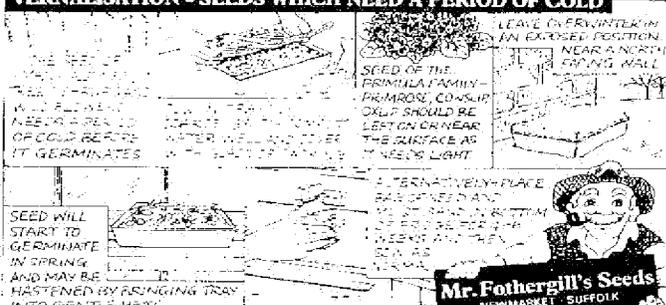
Lawns Rake and scarify, spike compacted areas and give the grass a real treat by using autumn / winter feed and weed and brush in old potting compost after spiking.

This is an excellent time to lay new lawns from turf or repair worn patches. Don't walk on lawns if they have frost on them.

General Watch your heather. Up to the middle of the month there are often short summery spells but towards the end high winds and heavy rain are quite common, which makes working out doors almost impossible, so take every chance to get digging done while the weather is fine and the soil dry enough to work easy (order embrocaton from the chemist) Cheerio for now

Tom Busy Bee

VERNALISATION - SEEDS WHICH NEED A PERIOD OF COLD



SEED OF THE PRIMULA FAMILY - PRIMROSE, CONSOLIDIDA ONLY SHOULD BE LEFT ON OR NEAR THE SURFACE AS IT NEEDS LIGHT

SEED WILL START TO GERMINATE IN SPRING AND MAY BE HASTENED BY BRINGING TRAY INTO GENTLE HEAT

LEAVE OVERWINTER IN AN EXPOSED POSITION NEAR A NORTH FACING WALL

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WONDERFUL WORKING WEEKEND

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet's Bank Holiday Working Days were a great success, with over 2,500 people visiting the site over the weekend. Local people brought families, plus visiting friends and relatives from further afield to enjoy a grand day out viewing the skills and crafts of yesteryear, together with exhibitions of work by modern artists.

Gate research found visitors from all over the British Isles; including Ireland, Cambridge, a party from Southampton University, Cornwall, Scotland, Manchester, Peterborough, Swindon and London. Foreign visitors hailed from as far afield as Tokyo, San Francisco, France, Hungary and Slovenia. One visitor from Adelaide was returning 22 years after visiting the Hamlet on the occasion of the museum receiving its first European Tourism Award.

The visitor numbers represent an increase of 15% on the figures for the same event last year. Staff at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet are delighted at this upward trend and hope to welcome more visitors in the future.

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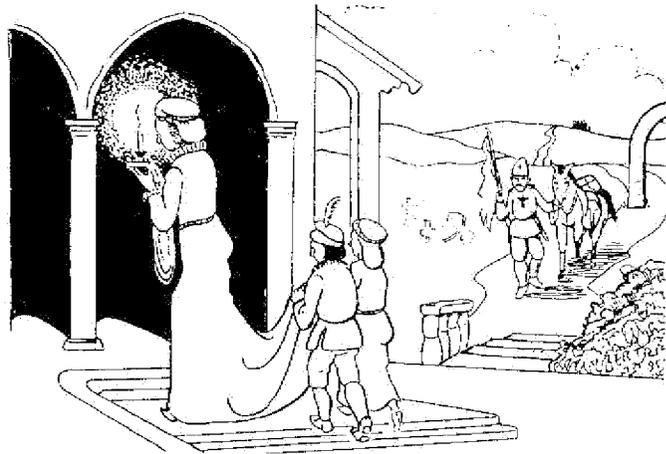
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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

That was quite an item of interest - the comments about St. George in the 'Totley Independent' a month or so ago. St. George and Merrie England and all that jazz. He seems to have been quite a Likely Lad in his way - damsels in distress, but whether he caused the distress or the alleviation is not clear. He must have had a bit of sway in the Killing Dragon Business, probably he had his entry in the Yellow Pages - Dragons dispatched While-U-Wait, 24 hours service. He also appears to have had quite a number of half-shares in public houses. Not that all this prowess did him any good, in 303 A.D. the Romans murdered or martyred him. Whichever term is used, they did not do George any good. But here we are talking about a foreigner, however good he was in his own way, surely we should be thinking about someone from within our own shores.

So let me tell you about St. Leonard; not only an Englishman, but almost a local - St. Leonard of Reresby no less. His tale started sadly, but you will be relieved to know that it ended like all true tales with a happy ending. He was an up-and-coming young man who lived some 700 years ago and as he grew into manhood, he became engaged to be married to a local beauty. The courses of true love never did run smoothly and he must needs display his valour by joining the Crusades to the Holy Land. We have every reason to believe that he acquitted himself nobly and well and that many an Infidel fell beneath his trusty blade. Whilst he was away his bride-to-be waited faithfully (they did in those days) and for seven long years she maintained her vigil. After seven years she felt that she was



waiting in vain and a second proposal set her mind to the ringing of wedding bells. You will not have very far to go to visit the church - St. Leonards at Thryberg - and within the church the groom awaited the appearance of his bride. She paused on the threshold before entering and waited long enough to look round as she gathered her gown. Far, far away she spied a lonely bedraggled figure struggling towards the church. She waited the minutes to see who it was. How glad she was when she realised that in those few minutes there had been just time for St. Leonard to rush to her side. Seven long years and he had finally returned. The church bells then did ring out a cheerful message; Leonard was home and re-united with his bride.

As I said, George was alright in his way, but let us 'Hear It' for Leonard and if you wish to give him a silent toast, his day is October 6th. Long live St. Leonard.

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MEA CULPA! It was my fault. The date of the Pie and Pea supper is 21st October and not 28th. It will be at All Saints at 7 p.m. There will be a quiz and some music - records and tapes. Perhaps we can have a bit of a bop! Tickets are £4 each and this includes the supper and tea or coffee. If you want to bring something stronger please do. Don't forget a glass. Ring our office for tickets or to book transport - 236 2962

The stall at Totley Show raised £46 and the Coffee Morning at United Reformed Church on Saturday, 16th September raised £172. Our thanks to Totley Residents Association and Dore Totley Clubs for all their help and support at these events as well as all our customers.

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Dear Editor

Your review of John 'Campy' Burrows 'Walks around Totley' was very much welcomed as the author has generously contributed to the Independent for many years and now has allowed us to share his long walking experiences with this publication. I do hope all your readers will rush out and buy a copy to show their appreciation and they will not be disappointed.

I do however respectfully point out that I am a little embarrassed and distressed at being referred to in the book as the illustrator. I was pleased to allow the use of several of my own sketches but disappointed that two friends missed out on acknowledgements. Several illustrations are by the late Bill Carter Wigg whose human touch with a pen was quite unique and something I've much admired. One drawing is by my old mate Harry Woofinden. Harry started drawing at that time in life when most people are giving up. He has produced a number of sketches for the Independent that are so fresh and free. I am sure you readers have enjoyed the work of both artists.

I know that these acknowledgements were overlooked by accident and that 'Campy' is as keen as I am to put the records straight on this point. Keep walking and writing, John.
Brian Edwards

R.S.P.C.A.

The Sheffield Branch of the RSPCA is holding an Autumn Bazaar at St. Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield 17 on Saturday 4th November 1995 from 11.30am onwards. Refreshments will be available and the entrance fee is 20p.

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WICKED OLD WOMAN

by
John Bell.

We never knew her name and it didn't really matter anyway. She was an old lady, well into her seventies. In early life her hair would have been very dark, for she was a true Celt; what little of it could now be seen was white.

She was wearing an old-fashioned straw sun-hat with a brim turned down all round, held securely on her head by a band of white elastic, attached at both sides, running under her chin. Under the hat was a face which reflected at once an acceptance of life's tribulations and also its joys, and shining through it all a tranquility and understanding born of age and experience. Her skin had that sun-dried sallow look, due in part to her age and race.

Her dress was dark blue, over which she wore a lighter blue cardigan. She displayed several rings on her fingers, including a wedding ring and on the neckline of her dress was a brooch.

She would have been equally at home in any of the country towns of the Breton peninsula, or where she now was, sitting on a bench overlooking the beach under the lee of Criccieth Castle, on the Llyn peninsula in North Wales.

It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of one of those brilliant days in the late September Indian Summer of 1971. We'd been sitting for a few moments relaxing as we watched the lazy sea slowly advancing and retreating over the flat stretch of almost deserted beach, when she arrived and seated herself at the end of the bench.

Like the Ancient Mariner in the rhyme, she had a tale to tell; a tale which just had to be told, and almost immediately she started up a conversation with us, which eventually

developed into a monologue, as she rummaged back through the years unfolding her story, as lonely old people often do.

She spoke with the natural sing-song staccato intensity of the local dialect. "There ought to be more people down there enjoying the beach", she said.

There was little but simple affirmative with which one could reply to such a statement, but sensing that the old lady wanted to talk, we managed to reply, "Well there were many people down there earlier in the day, but they've mostly gone home for tea".

"Where I live", she said "there are so many chairs on the beach you can hardly move about, always very crowded it is, but there's very nice to see people by the sea".

Knowing, as we did so much of the coastline of the Llyn peninsula, we considered the whereabouts of such a popular beach and were puzzled. As if reading our thoughts she continued to enlighten us. "I live", she said, "in the South of France, on the Riviera; I've been living there since my husband died; before that we lived for many years in Morlaix, in Brittany", she paused, then continued "I liked it there, I could speak to the people in my own tongue; we are the same race, the Welsh and the Bretons, and for that matter so are the people of Cornwall, but they've lost the tongue, they have".

For a while we spoke with her about the Welsh and Breton people and the similarity of their mother tongue. "Different from the French they are" she said, "I don't like the French, there's good reason to hate them, I have". We wondered why and knew she was about to reveal her story; we were a captive and attentive audience; we waited with interest.

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"My husband came from Holland, well built he was and tall - six foot three; spoke four languages fluently he did" she paused, "a good man he was" she said, then looking down at the sea, she seemed to forget our presence for a while, as her mind backtracked to the days when her husband was alive.

She was still looking at the beach, when, quite softly she said "a pity there's no-one left on the beach" then turning towards us again, she continued "I will tell you about my husband" whilst we, like the wedding guest in the poem, waited patiently.

She told us how, when the War started, they were living in Morlaix, in Brittany, and when France was overrun, they moved to the interior. Her husband sold fertiliser to the French farmers and in his spare time he helped them with their accounts, asking nothing in return.

Because they were Dutch nationals, they were not allowed ration cards and had to buy all their food on the black market at exorbitant prices; in fact all their money was spent in this way, and later all her silver, china and best household linen was bartered for food.

After this, they were eating less and less, so her husband who was a big man became ill and one day, being very weak, he fell down the stairs. The doctor said, to keep him alive she would have to feed him on eggs and knowing they had no ration cards, he told her to go round the farms.

So she went to the farmers whom her husband had helped, but they were only interested in selling their eggs at the black market price, a price she was unable to pay, because she had no money. In the end she offered them her jewellery, and they took it.

"Oh yes", she said, they took my jewels, and my husband had been so good

to them; but I got the eggs he needed".

"War does evil things to people" she said. "It's the fear, changes them it does; there's terrible it was. I never liked the French after that ... selfish they are".

She continued her story and we learned how her husband recovered and how he tried, once again, to get ration cards from the occupation authorities, and how, because he was tall, blond and spoke German fluently, they thought he was one of them. "It is a simple matter" they said "just bring your German passport and you will be supplied with ration cards". But of course his passport was Dutch, so this was no use.

But now that he knew he could pass himself off as a German, he had an idea... he would steal a German uniform and use it to obtain food.

He worked it out very carefully; on the 27th of every month the German soldiers were paid, and on that night most of them were drunk and incapable. On such a night he would put on the uniform, go into a canteen and steal food; no-one would be in any state to detect him.

And this is just what he did, stealing food from various units on the 27th of every month, and it worked, it was almost too easy, but he knew it could not last for long; eventually he must be caught.

So what could he do now? He could join the Maquis - he had a uniform, he could speak German, he would be useful to them ... he WOULD join the Maquis.

Thus far, whilst telling her story, the old lady had been gazing at the seascape before us; it seemed as though the sea was drawing out her memories in a kaleidoscope of impressions, and she was merely describing to us a procession of images forming before her eyes.

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to what she was about to say, she turned towards us for a few moments and said "So we joined the Maquis - the Resistance you know - we joined together; he asked me if I would mind if he joined. "Mind?" I said "I'll join with you - I insisted".

"Difficult it was and dangerous, always expecting to be caught - the Gestapo you know - separated we were. They put me in a cell; I could hear the terrible screams of a girl they were torturing in the next cell".

"Then they came to me with their questions; twisted my arms they did and pulled my finger nails - oh there's wicked it was". She showed us the damaged finger nails of her right hand. "I fainted" she said.

"My dear husband, they nearly killed. He would never talk; they had to break him, to bring him low, because he was a big man. He was never the same again and he died ten years later. He's buried down there", she pointed in the direction of Portmadoc. "He made me promise to bury him in my own country - so there he lies and I am coming back every summer".

She ruminated awhile as she gazed in to the blue distance across Tremadoc Bay to the mountains of Merioneth. "Yes" she said, "he was a good man, a big man with a big heart, and they killed him - the French and the Gestapo- Oh yes, between them, they killed him". "I hate the French, I'll always hate them; I expect you think I'm a wicked old woman"

"Why do I live in France" she posed the question; "well, it's warm and sunny, and I have many friends there, but very few are French".... "Ah well, I must be going now"...she left her seat and passing in front of us, turned and said, "I suppose I AM a wicked old woman to hate so long". "Oh no you're not" we

said, "you're a great old lady who loved her husband".

And with a little smile she was gone.
THE END.

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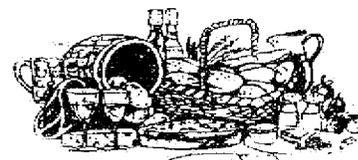
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