

FARMING SCENE

Here we are the third week in October and the weather has turned decidedly chilly. However, the chill east wind is drying things out after a fortnights wet and dismal weather. We managed to get most of our wheat planted before the monsoons set in again but the start of our potato harvest has been delayed by one week. In previous years we have hand picked our potatoes into boxes in the field. To speed up the operation and cut labour costs we have purchased a 2 row harvester this year. It digs the crop, separates and discards the rubbish and discharges the potatoes straight into boxes carried on a trailer that is pulled by another tractor running alongside. It seems to be doing a very good job at the moment.

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We have started cutting our Brussel Sprouts now. The first variety to be ready are called Oliver which have a nice sweet taste, even though we have yet to have a frost. (Does frost really make them taste better?)

Are you still paying 38p per pint for your milk? Since the summer the ex-farm price of milk has fallen by 5 pence per litre or 3 pence per pint.

I would suggest that a retail price reduction ought to be imminent but I suspect that it will never occur. The current ex-farm price of approximately 21 pence/litre (12 pence per pint) indicates just how little of that 38 pence actually goes into the farmers pocket.

Many small dairy farmers hit by these lower prices and increased collection charges will be struggling to make a profit and are likely to give up, leading to even fewer but larger dairy herds.

Edwin Pocock

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Dr. Jackson is a long-standing friend of the Choir's Music Director, John Kenyon, and after hearing the Choir perform at the Firth Hall two years ago he was enthusiastic to write a major work for massed male voices and agreed that the D.M.V.C. should be given the opportunity to be the first to bring it to the attention of the musical world.

It is a setting of John Massfield's much loved poem "The West Wind" and in addition to many magical moments of choral sound, it contains, as you might expect from the hands of such an acclaimed organist and pianist, some exquisite interludes for the accompanying piano.

For further information about the concert and to obtain tickets (price £6.00) you should contact Tom Ogley, telephone number 2364367 or Wilson Peck Pianos, Charter Row, Sheffield, telephone number 2750808.

THE CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS will, this year, be in aid of the two charities, the GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION and the SHEFFIELD KIDNEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION. They will be held in Dore Church on Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th December.

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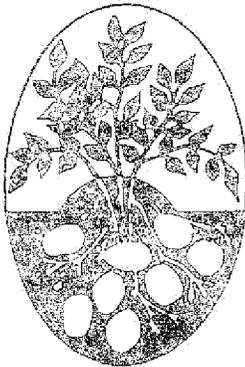
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Giving is a current topic in three spheres of our national life at this moment. Firstly there is the amazing spontaneous giving by people to the Princess Diana's Memorial Fund. Then one of the themes of the Prime Minister's speech to his Party Conference was giving, and thirdly all of us reading this article are looking forward to the giving festival of Christmas and no doubt planning what we are going to give to our family and friends.

Therefore this is a time when those of us with some sort of Christian commitment might well review our pattern of giving through the year to our churches, charities and other activities to which we feel committed.

The Old Testament puts forward the concept of tithing - that means giving away one tenth of our income. But surely these days we must think in terms of 'disposable' income rather than our 'gross' income. I would suggest that this could well be defined as the money we have left over after our national and local taxes have been paid, and we have been adequately housed.

I feel that if we are giving away one fifth of such an income, we are not doing too badly as part of Christian Social Commitment and that if we go up to the Biblical tenth we are doing very well.

A good deal of this should obviously go to our own church, but surely Christian Charities such as Christian Aid and Cafod as well as social charities concerned with homelessness and the environment must be included - even the political party that in our view has the best to offer to our national well being.

Some people may delude themselves that buying a National Lottery ticket can cover some of the above - but only 6p in the pound you pay for your ticket actually goes to charity. Though I have been asked to contribute this article by the Churches Together in S17 - the views I have expressed are my own.

David Caldwell.

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HAPPY MEMORIES OF TOTLEY. By Robert H. Carr.

I was most interested and thoroughly enjoyed the recent articles by John Andrews and Frank Young in which they recall their early days living in Totley. I remember well the people and places mentioned - I too have many happy memories. I know John and Frank, they were around two years younger than myself (quite a gap when schoolboys) so they were closer in age to my brother Brian and he would be one of the boys John mentioned attending High Storrs School with him. Frank lived nearby on Greenoak Road at the same time that I, with my parents and brother and sister lived on Aldam Road. We came to live at Totley in 1932, when I would be about six years of age, and went straight to Totley C of E. My brother Brian and sister Audrey joining the school later. I was there around eight years leaving as a 14 year old to become a student at the Sheffield College of Arts and Crafts. The teachers I remember were Miss Marsden (Infants) and the first Headmaster a Mr. Wood, followed a little later by Mr. Woods (an odd coincidence of surnames). Then there was Mr. Shirt, a young very fit sports conscious teacher who cycled from his home in Hunters Bar. Mr. Wylie, a good pianist, who took Music Classes and played at Morning Assembly as well as his other duties, including English.

Frank Young mentioned the Air Raid Shelter. I remember the senior boys were put in charge of a portable lamp each, which was hung up on the inside wall, I had the enviable job (being a boy) of being in charge of the lamp for the senior girls section, the place being pitch black otherwise. I was told to sit by it making sure it did not go out. I felt quite important at the time. I was at school for only the first year of the War, but in that time I well remember the long slide in winter and Don Dean, one of my classmates, along with George Fisher, Reuben Adlington, and one or two others whose names escape me, looked after the garden at the rear of the school. How we enjoyed those times out in the open air and with a view not many schools could equal overlooking Blackmoor and the surrounding countryside. I have to this day a newspaper cutting, a photograph of the boys tending the garden, taken from the Sheffield Telegraph in 1940. We looked after the garden with loving care, later to be passed on to other boys to do likewise. So began for me a lifelong love of gardening. I wonder what became of that land?

Mention of Reuben Adlington reminds me that in the late 1950's he became landlord of the Green Dragon in Dronfield (where I have lived for the past 33 years). I saw quite a lot of Reuben in those days as I was working nearby.

Many will remember the winter days spent sledging, our favourite was 'Wings Hill'. Looking back those days seem to last for ever. The field was near Woodthorpe Hall and had a fearsome centre track and the side track built up like a miniature 'Brooklands'. My word could we fly down there! I recall an Army Searchlight Camp at the bottom of the hill. Nearby, the fields where in the summer we helped Tom Salt of Woodthorpe Hall Farm bring in the hay harvest on his horse-drawn cart (Happy days).

Being a Church of England school, we had regular visits from the vicar and also periodically we would all go from school

to a service at the Church. The Church fetes in the field adjoining the Church were always well supported. The children from the school would take part in Physical Training Displays, Country Dancing etc. The Rev. Hutton I remember as a kindly man and helpful in every way - it was a great shock to all when he died so young (in his forties I believe).

Along with my brother I joined the choir at an early age and we remained members until our early twenties. In the later years travelling from our home at Beauchief. I could tell many a story of the happy times in the choir, the annual trips to the seaside, the Hope Choir Festival, choir practice in the basement of the church during wartime blackout, with the choirmaster Mr. Linfoot (a very good organist) having to make do with the harmonium for practice. The occasional recitals after Evensong, the vicar playing the cello, all fond memories.

I was in the All Saints Church, Totley Cubs and Scouts (scoutmaster Mr. Leslie Aubrey) many an hour tracking over Blackmoor etc. meetings at the Scout Hut next to the Crown Inn. The lasting memory being the landlady selling 'Palm' toffee to us, breaking with a toffee hammer the big slabs into 2oz or quarter pound bags.

The days of friendship past but still remembered, days spent playing football and cricket in Greenoak Park. I just had to stroll up our garden, hop over the fence and I was in that field of treasured memories.

In my early teens I was an errand boy at the Co-op Butchers on Baslow Road, covering many miles on the shop bike (a fully laden basket of weekend joints, sausages etc.) to local customers. A true door-to-door service, every Saturday in all weathers. Later I was errand boy to Mrs. Bargh, a charming lady who ran a grocery shop on Totley Rise, and where occasionally I helped the driver at Wints Grocery Shop with his van loads (no pay for this - I think the ride in the van was the attraction) or indeed was there for helping a certain Mr. Fish deliver fresh bread from the Dore Bakery of TURVESOWN, loading bread out of the ovens and into the van and off we would go around Totley, Bradway, Dronfield etc. - what a character he was, a laugh a minute. It was on Totley Rise some of the lads would help 'rumble' and chip potatoes down in the cellar for Mr. & Mrs. Shaw who ran the excellent Fish and Chip shop for many years. Looking back one has so many memories - Greenoak Hall was for many years the centre of activities; socials, dances, whist drives, etc. and I particularly remember the Boxing Matches put on there. Who remembers 'Curly' Gill, the local hero who pitted his skill of the noble art against opponents from in and outside the village.

Certain shops stand out in the memory, Wesley's on Baslow Road with their halfpenny and penny trays (containing liquorice and sherbet etc.) each item priced accordingly. There was also a two penny tray, you were really in the money if you could afford that one! Mr. Perkington's shop at the corner of Totley Hall Lane, and Evans near the school - two more friendly 'tuck' shops. In the early days I remember an old fashioned shop kept by an elderly lady on the end of Summer Lane off Hillfoot Road - there was always the smell of paraffin lamps in the air, and she came down a creaking flight of stairs to serve us at a small counter with sweets. Also one must not forget 'Monty'

Scott's Barber Shop on Baslow Road - the venue for 'short back and sides'.

The Abbeydale Cinema was the local - just a bus ride away and nearby the Heeley Coliseum and the Heeley Palace for the occasional visit. But what about Topley's own little cinema! It was for the younger end of the population. I cannot remember who put these shows on once a week in the Old Chapel near the school (Saturday nights I think). The place was packed - it was the chance to see films without having to travel out of the village, that was the attraction, that and meeting the girls!!

As soon as I was sixteen I joined the ARP, later Civil Defence, as a cycle messenger based at Abbeydale Hall, our family by that time living on Abbeydale Road South. There were around six messengers turning out during Air Raid Alerts and also doing duties several nights a week. Ralph Gill from Topley village was one I remember. We cycled between Posts at Topley, Dore, Bradway, Parkhead and the Southern Division Headquarters on Chelsea Road at Nether Edge. Being in the Civil Defence I remember taking part in a Pageant at the City Hall and marching in the Victory Parade.

The end of the war was celebrated with street parties and the one held on Topley Rise I remember well. Everyone seemed to be there and a good time was had by all. The war had brought folks together:

Air Raid Alerts. Fire Watch, Dig for Victory - on the allotments, Civil Defence, Home Guard etc. all helped people through those times and although we had months of austerity and rationing still to go, things gradually got back to normal.

In 1947 the Topley Community Association was formed, its home at Abbeydale Hall. It served the needs of people of all ages with dances, whist drives, snooker, table tennis and football etc.

Reading the September issue of Topley Independent I see there is an article 'The End of an Era' referring to the 50th Anniversary of the Association. I was surprised there was no mention of the Football Club which took the Association's name all over Sheffield and District, later playing in the Sheffield Friendlies League. I was Hon. Sec. for a while. We began in 1948 playing friendly matches, joining the League in 1950. I have records up to the 1953-54 Season during which time we won the 'Green Un' Merit Ball (an award given for the weeks best performance) also winning once the 'Second

Ball'. Cyril Hughes was our star performer, scoring 50 goals one season, and Mr. Joe Wilson who lived on Green Oak Road was our Trainer - home and away in all weathers. His son Raymond played for the team and at home games in Greenoak Park, Mrs Wilson kindly supplied the tea. Several stalwart players spring to mind, although we recruited from outside Topley, the majority were local lads, such as Ron Jackson, Sid Cauwood, Brian Gowers, Harold Booth and later his son Roy. Brian Turner, Bob Cowperthwaite, Ray Wilson, Peter Wilkin and my brother Brian, along with myself. If I have missed anyone, please forgive me.

I must also mention Mr. Robinson, who was the Chairman of the Association at that time (his son Rony becoming famous in later years on Radio Sheffield). He gave us full support throughout. A most charming man I recall. Also about that time we formed a Table Tennis Team which played in the local Sheffield League, again taking the Community name all over the area.

I remember too a Mr. Hawksworth, who was an active member, his son Johnny became an outstanding double bass player with the famous Ted Heath Orchestra, whose concerts after the war I and many others never missed at the Sheffield City Hall.

I have so many memories, and like John and Frank I am sure many more remembers those days long ago with fond affection. Happy memories are so much a part of life, and I must thank you for your excellent magazine, which gives people a chance to read and write about life in a very choice part of Sheffield, an area of outstanding rural beauty, your publication highlighting any threat to spoil it and thereby giving every chance of continuing in the future what we have enjoyed in the past.

Although it is a long time since I lived in Topley, it still has happy memories for me, I was so very pleased to live there and to be a part of it.

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DOWN THE SLIPPERY SLOPE By Alan Faulkner Taylor.

All the land-slips in the Peak District occurred during the last 10,000 years. The first essential for a land-slip is a steep-sided valley. The second factor is the nature of the strata of rock below the main overlying bulk.

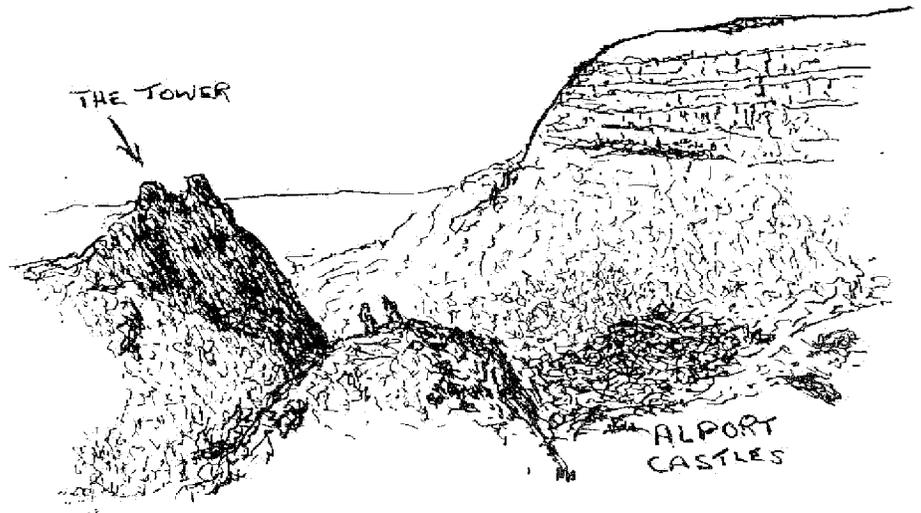
We all know Mam Tor (Shivering Mountain), but unless we have parked the car and read the board which described the hill's history, the reason for its partly-broken cake appearance is a mystery. What is the reason for the instability of the ground? The main bulk of rock is sandstone inter-layered with shale. Water percolated through cracks in the sandstone until it reached a layer of shale that was relatively impervious to water; some of the water was soaked in to create mud. This slippery surface was incapable of supporting the weight of the overlying rock, therefore part of the hillside started to move. The slip probably started 3,000 years ago, but nobody knows when the uneasy hill will finally come to rest.

One wonders why the road makers of 1810 decided to build a hairpin road below its east face. Was the gradient of Winnats Pass too steep for horse-drawn traffic? Or were there conservationists who objected to this place of great natural beauty being spoilt by a constant stream of carriages? Nevertheless the road was built, then re-built several times, until the engineers gave it up as a bad job in 1979.

The land-slips which now appear to be completely stable probably started to move soon after the end of the Ice Age, some 12,000 years ago.

Ceologists consider Alport Castles to be one of the best examples of a land-slip in Britain, but only enthusiastic walkers know where to find them. This dramatic rock feature is high on the eastern slopes of Alport Dale, about one and a half miles from the A57 Snake Road.

Unlike Mam Top, the overlying rock is the more solid Millstone Grit, but even this contained vertical cracks down which



water seeped. The underlying stratum is shale and the water soaked into its surface to produce a slippery mud, causing an immense bulk of rock to move downwards; this is now called The Tower. It is impossible to estimate for how long The Tower and other smaller sections took to slip, but it was gradual rather than catastrophic. The remaining cliff face is called The Castles.

The Tower is unlikely to move further. However huge blocks displaced by frost penetration, continue to fall away from the main cliff face and into the chasm below.

Most land-slips dramatically enhance the beauty of the surrounding landscape, but few people recognise them for what they are, particularly those in the White Peak. Take Peter Stone, situated at the highest end of Cressbrook Dale, as an example. Many of us will have seen the rock from the car without realising how it was formed. When next you travel on the A623 between Stoney Middleton and Peak Forest; just past the petrol station and the road leading to Wardlow (both on the left) look to your left and you will see a rounded dome, upstanding on the left-hand side of the dale. In the case of Peter Stone there is a relatively narrow band of decayed volcanic lava sandwiched between the main strata of limestone. Water penetrating vertical cracks in the

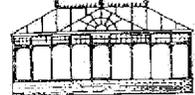
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overlying limestone made the surface of the lava slippery, then gravity completed the job of the rock parting company from its parent and moving down into the dale.

When we stand at Monsal Head then look into the dale to our left, it is impossible to appreciate that a rocky outcrop high on the left-hand side is actually a very impressive land-slip. This is Hob's House (hob being a shortened version of hobgoblin).

As with Peter Stone, the reason for the slip is an underlying stratum of lava. Hob's House is divided by clefts up to 10ft wide, with vertical walls up to 30ft high - hence the name HOUSE.

Naturally I have only mentioned the most dramatic examples of the forces of gravity. There are many more to be found; such as in the Vale of Edale, Woodlands Valley (the Snake Pass), Bretton Clough and Miller's Dale.

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ROAD RAGE in TOTLEY

Dear Ed.

I have recently read the last issue of the Totley Independent, and as a new resident found it most interesting.

As a new resident and member of the Institute of Advanced Motoring, I must state that I am horrified at the attitude of local drivers who take pride in breaking the speed limit.

As you know, the maximum speed limit on the main road and all side roads is 30mph. What I have noticed is that as soon as many vehicles enter the dual-carriageway they speed up to 40mph.

I have had two very bad experiences, firstly a black Audi decided to 'tail-gate' (drive 12 inches behind my rear bumper) along Abbeydale Road towards Totley. He was encouraging me to break the speed limit. When we entered the dual-carriageway he proceeded to overtake me, narrowly missing my front side wing to place himself in front of me when the traffic lights changed to red. It was a miracle that I did not drive into the back of his car.

Another incident occurred when I was driving along the dual carriageway when a red 4 x 4 vehicle belonging to a resident of Baslow Road became impatient and started to cut me up, when a parked car was in the near distance on my left. I slowed down to let the car through. Not content with just overtaking me, the driver decided to swerve left and right along the carriageway, thus preventing anyone going through!

Both of these incidents could very easily have resulted in an accident occurring. The 30mph speed limit is there for a reason. My heart goes out to parents of children as they must worry about them being out when these unsafe drivers are on the roads.

Susan Bischler.

WHISPERER

On the street where - - - Did you spot Penny Grapper in a recent episode of Coronation Street, she was the assistant in the tie shop. Penny's parents live in Main Avenue.

Phyllis Maltby, also of Main Avenue asks why Road signs pointing to (now closed) Abbeydale Hamlet are not covered over yet? Beside the one on Abbeydale Road outside the Hamlet, there's one at Four Lane Ends, Meadowhead. Phyllis is sure she has spotted others. Have you spotted any?

One sign you won't spot is a direction pointing to Green Oak Park - - - pity it's not an anagram of Abbeydale Hamlet.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

November already, it doesn't seem that long since I was writing March's tips, we must be having fun.

This is the time of year when the garden shows its skeleton, when most of the leaves have fallen and the flowers have all but finished, things are slowing down a bit, giving time for contemplation and planning, working out where to site the new pond or plant a new shrub. I am looking forward to seeing my new witch hazel in flower. I've tried one before and lost it to the cold winds which blow up the side of my garden, so I've put the new one in a more sheltered spot.

The greenhouse is wrapped up warm keeping the plants which have given a lovely show this year happy. I've cleaned up the heaters and put a small stock of paraffin ready. Don't forget to put a little something out for the birds from now on, once you start, keep it up on a regular basis as the birds come to rely on your offerings through the winter, and it is nice to see them enjoying the feast or squabbling over a tasty tit-bit.

FLOWERS As the weather deteriorates it is important to get as much tidying up done as possible, dig over any vacant beds.

Complete any bulb planting this month, make sure you have protected adequately any tender plants against frost and wind. Plant lily of the valley, they do well in a partially shaded position such as under a north facing wall or under trees. Waterside plants such as astilbe and trollius can go in now, but this is not a good time to move the true aquatics or plant actually in water.

Put cloches over some of the Christmas roses (hellebores) to encourage the flowers for Christmas. Prick over the surface (not too deeply) of beds with a fork, and apply a dusting of bone meal. Protect any soft-leaved alpines by covering with glass on supports, they must have air circulating around them. Lift border chrysanthemums and place them in boxes close together in the cold frame or cold greenhouse, pack a little light soil between them, cut off the stems to 5 - 8cm (2 - 3ins). Keep an eye on the bulbs potted up earlier, they must be kept moist and any sign of mildew or mould dealt with a dusting of flowers of sulphur which will usually cure this. You could bring into the light any that have developed a good root system for bringing on earlier, do not have a lot of heat though 60.C falling to 50.C at night will be just right at first, increase to 70.C once the flower buds have formed.

VEGETABLES Dig over vacant plots, add compost or farmyard manure, do not add lime if you are applying farmyard manure. Leave rough so that frost can work on it. Check any stored vegetables, remove any suspect ones. Make sure your cauliflowers are protected from frost by bending over some of the outer leaves. Lift and store Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, horseradish and salsify before the frost makes the ground too hard to dig them up, parsnip and horseradish are quite hardy so

they can be left in if preferred. Keep hoeing all over-wintering vegetables to keep weeds from establishing themselves. Remove any yellowing leaves from Brussels sprouts, pick them from the bottom up, a few off each plant.

TREES, SHRUBS and FRUIT Prepare the ground for planting all kinds of trees and bushes, canes etc. Dig as deep as possible and work in some manure, especially for blackcurrants, prune fruit trees trained to walls and fences. Make sure all supports for fruits are still firm and the canes, trees etc. are secure. When planting fruit trees make sure that you buy apples and pears on a dwarf or semi-dwarf stock if your garden is small. This is a good time to deal with old and neglected fruit trees, with these there should be no snipping of lots of shoots but rather the complete removal of a branch here and there to open up the centre of the tree to let in light and air. Don't forget to trim the edges of cuts with a sharp knife and paint with Arbrex or similar. Look out for canker and cut out any affected parts, paint these also. The end of November is a good time to plant blackberries and loganberries, try one of the thornless varieties, they seem to have larger fruit and no thorns has got to be a bonus. Keep an eye on stored fruit especially pears, take out any suspect ones, pears that are beginning to mellow should be taken indoors for use.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Give the greenhouse glass a good clean inside and out to maximise any light, ventilate cautiously and only on fine days. If you have grape vines growing, now is the time to prune, cut back side growth to within one or two dormant growth of the main stem. Pot up lily of the valley crowns just cover them with soils. Keep most plants on the dry side, pot on any cuttings which have made a good root system, keep them in the propagator until they have got over the stress of re-potting, give as much light as possible,

remove dead leaves etc. from pot plants, dust with flowers of sulphur to prevent fungus growth.

Cut back chrysanthemums when they have finished to within 5 - 8cm. (2-3 ins) of ground level, this will encourage the roots to throw up sucker shoots which will make ideal cuttings later on. I find that insulating the greenhouse with bubble wrap helps to keep plants during the cold spells and helps keep down heating costs. I kept fuschias happy with one small heater last winter.

LAWNS. The lawn mowing season is about over and the lawn mower needs to be cleaned, overhauled and put away in a dry place, if it needs sharpening etc. now is a good time as servicing in the winter is usually cheaper.

Cheerio for now.

TOM, Busy Bee.

BRADWAY CRAFT FAIR

More than 20 different skills will be on display at the 13th annual Bradway Craft Fair on Saturday November 29th.

The event is run by Bradway Scout Group in the Scout Centre in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School, off Prospect Road, and will help to pay off the loan incurred with the extension to the headquarters.

The free admission fair will provide a splendid display of hand-crafted quality items, with exhibitors from West Midlands, Nottingham and Derbyshire, as well as local stands, giving a wide range of quality hand-crafted Christmas gifts.

The fair will also provide the opportunity to make an early purchase of the popular Sheffield Scouts Christmas stamps.

Refreshments will be available all day, and good car parking is available.

Enquiries about the event to Sheffield 2369579

ANIMAL WELFARE

The RSPCA are having their Winter Food Appeal at the usual points again this year, and will be very grateful for all support. Also as usual, with winter coming on, blankets, towels, sheets (especially flannelette) are needed for the dogs and cats at the Spring St. Shelter and the Clinic on London Road. If unable to go to either of these places, please take to 10 The Quadrant, Totley and Mrs. Styles will see they get to the kennels, but NO JUMBLE please.

The RSPCA Neutering Clinic on London Road is helping as far as possible to reduce the number of unwanted litters of cats, dogs and rabbits. Unfortunately this has been a bumper year for kittens, putting a great strain on all the charities working with cats - if only people would be more responsible by having their cats neutered, it would save so much suffering!

This year the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals celebrates 80 years of veterinary treatment free to people on low incomes unable to afford Vets fees, and we are fortunate to have one of their clinics in Sheffield. The Charity Shop supporting the PDSA is on Cumberland Street and is in need of voluntary helpers. The 97 bus from Totley to the shop is practically door to door, so easily accessible, and if anyone has four hours or more to spare on a regular basis, the Manageress, Mrs. Brenda Spencer, would be glad to hear from you on 2759138

Unfortunately South Yorkshire has not got a very good reputation in the way it treats animals, perhaps partly due to high unemployment and the breakdown of families. The smaller animal charities do very good work besides the national ones, so please remember them also when thinking of Christmas giving. The animals get no State aid or Lottery money!

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SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST

As in previous years the local Scout Groups are taking part in the Scout Christmas Post scheme.

From 27th. November to 17th. December 1997 special stamps will be on sale at various outlets in the area. These can be used to post Christmas Greeting cards in the special post boxes for delivery to addresses in the area.

Leaflets will be available and posters displayed with a map of the area to which cards may be sent. This covers all Sheffield, Rotherham, Dronfield and Chesterfield as well as some other outlying areas.

The price of each stamp is 13p., a part of which is retained by the Scout Group for its own funds and therefore for the benefit of youngsters in the area. After running costs the remainder of the profit is distributed to local charities, a list of which will be displayed on the posters.

The main conditions of use of this scheme are :-
 Christmas Greeting Cards only, no enclosures.
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 For use in the area on the leaflets and posters.

TRANSPORT 17

The combined clubs of U.R.C and T17 Coffee Morning held on 6th. September raised £409-40. There was a lot of help and many good things to sell including fruit. The event did not only raise money but brought many people together in a pleasant atmosphere. Many thanks to everyone.

Danny Barlow pushed Lilian Holland in her wheelchair for 2.5 miles in the Bradway "Fun Run" on Sunday, 28th. September. As there were no other wheelchair entries they came first. They did it in about 35 minutes which was pretty good. The money has yet to be sorted out. Our thanks go to Mrs. Bird and her team for their organisation and once again, it was very pleasurable event to be part of.

1st November "Pie & Pea Supper and Slide Show by Jack Cartledge, at All Saint's Church Hall, Totley Hall Lane 6-30pm. Tickets £3-50 include coffee and biscuits.

13th. December "Mulled Wine & Mince Pies" at 4 The Grove, 7-80pm. Tickets £2 each. There will be a Bring & Buy stall.

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ORIGIN OF SURNAMERS .

Continuing on from October entry here are further Nicknames, again all are in current use within the Sheffield area, where possible I have shown an early date and in some cases an alternative.

TAIT, TATE- Old Norse Teitr cheerful, gay 1198.

TEMPEST- Old French Tempeste, violent storm, A nickname given to one who has outbursts of temper 1168.

TEW -Welsh Tew, fat, plump. 1130

THEWLES, THEWLESS. - Old English Peawleas, ill-mannered, short of morals or virtue 1327.

THIN, THYNE, THYNNE. -Middle English Thinne, thin, slender, lean 1218.

TITMUS. -Middle English Titmose, a titmouse, nickname for a small person 1580.

TOD, TODD, TODHUNTER. - Middle English Todde, a fox, someone whose looks or behaviour resembled a fox 1165. Also an abbreviation of Todhunter, one who hunted foxes, in the time of Henry VIII he received twelve pence per fox head from the parish warden.

TOOGOOD - Old English God, good, one who is too proud. 1200.

TOUGH, TOWE -Middle English Toghme Towe, steadfast, stubborn 1275.

TOWARD. - Middle English Toward, compliant, docile 1275.

TREACHER - Old French Trecheor, deceiver, cheat 1243.

TRICKER. -Old French Trigue, trick, one involved in trickery 1260, also believed to have a trade connection possibly in painting and the arts.

TRICKETT. -Norman French Triquet, cheat, deceive 1130.

TRIGG -Old Norse Tryggr, true, faithful, trustworthy 1185.

TRIPPETT - Old French Tripot, an evil or malicious scheme 1204 (Tripp to dance, little dancer.

TROTH -Middle English Trothe, faithfulness, loyalty 1327.

TRUEMAN, TRUMAN, TROMAN, TROMANS. - Anglo Saxon Thrythman, Trudman, a truemans, faithful and trustworthy 1215.

TRYE - Middle English Trie, excellent, good 1274.

TURNBULL -Middle English Turnen Bulle, as a nickname a man strong and brave enough to turn a charging bull 1314. French Tourneboef, turn beef, a name given to a drover of cattle and one roasting an ox.

TWIGG - Old English Twigge, a slender shoot, a slim person 1296.

VENTURA - Middle English adventure, chance, hazard, one who is venturesome, an adventurer 1273.

VERITY - French Verite, truth, a sincere person 1275.

VIGAR- old French vigor, vigour, lively 1224.

WAGHORN - A nickname for a hornblower or trumpeter 1332.

WAKE - Old Norse Vagr, watchful, alert, the famous Hereward the Wake was a Lincolnshire squire who held the Isle of Ely against William the Conqueror in 1070-1071

WANLESS. - Middle English wanles, hopeless, luckless 1451.

WARBOY, WARBOYS. -Old French garder (warder) bois, guard wood, A nickname for a forester 1261 also a place name in the Fens.

WARE - Old English waer, middle English ware, wary, astute, prudent 1218, also place name in Hertfordshire.

WHEAT -Old English hwaet, active, bold, brave 1157.

WHITLAM. -White lamb, believed to be from an Inn name sign 1379.

WHITTLES. -Old English hwit hals, white neck. 1316.

WIGHT -Middle English with, agile, strong 1176 also place name Isle of Wight.

WIGHTMAN - Old English wihmann, strongman 1227, also a man from the Isle of Wight.

WILDBORE. -Old English wilde bar, wildboar 1241, a resolute person, also place name in Cheshire.

WILDER- Old English wildeor, wild animal 1327, may also be an abbreviation of Wildfowler.

WINBOW - Old English winebeald, bold friend 1195.

WITTY - Old English wittig, wise, 1221.

WOODCOCK -Old English wuducoc, woodcock 1175, as a nickname meaning a fool or simpleton, also a corruption of Woodcote, Woodcott etc. cottage by the wood.

WOODIN, WOODING. -Old English woding, the mad one 1294, may also be from the Old English wudung, a cutting in the wood.

WOLSEY, WOOLSEY, WOOSEY- Old English wulfeye, wolf eye 1038.

WORM - Old English wyrm, snake, dragon 1275, also abbreviation of place names Wormhill, Wormald etc.

WORSHIP. -Old English weorpscipe (worship) honour, dignity. 1327.

WRAITH- Old English wrao, angry 1587, the northern form of wroth.

WROTH - Old English Wrao, angry 1210.

WRENCH - Old English wrenc, wile, trick, deception 1176.

YAPP. -Old English geap, bent, a person with a stoop. 1200.

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TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Compliments abound for the staff, pupils and governors of Totley Primary School in the recent OFSTED report on the school. A team of four OFSTED inspectors visited the school in June and reported that 'Totley Primary School is a good school providing a good quality of education and good value for money.

A larger proportion of pupils achieve the national expectations than in other schools and further improvements are continuing to be made especially in mathematics.

The quality of the educational provision is mostly good or very good and all teachers teach good lessons., in 97% of lessons observed teaching was satisfactory or above, and of these 66% were good, very good or excellent. The school is well supported by parents and other adult volunteers who contribute effectively to the quality of the pupils' education.

Headteacher Martin Bierton said: 'This report is a tremendous boost for all connected with the school and shows how all the staff have pulled together and achieved the high standards through their professional expertise and care.'

Nor is the spiritual, moral and social development of the children ignored. The inspectors stated 'The school's ethos is very positive and successfully promotes learning, achievement and equality of opportunity for all.' The children enjoy school, are well behaved, have positive attitudes to learning and excellent relationships exist between staff and children.

The inspectors acknowledged the benefits that the hard working and enthusiastic Parent Teacher Association brings to the school. They raise large sums of money each year, which have been essential in providing valuable resources.

The headteacher and the governors are also singled out for their contributions to the continuing improvements being made. The headteacher is credited for successfully promoting improvements in the 'quality of education provided and the standards being achieved by pupils.'

The governors are enthusiastic and positively involved in decisions affecting the direction of the school. Ian Hewson, Chair of Governors, said: 'This is a happy and progressive school which is really forging ahead in Totley. I am especially delighted that the success of our efforts to instil a strong sense of right and wrong in pupils has been fully recognised in the report. The inspectors were also very impressed by just how much children enjoy coming to school here, which is a great tribute to the staff. For further information please contact the headteacher, Martin Bierton, on 0114 2364482.

TOTLEY LIBRARY

The Library has recently obtained the following books with money donated by Totley Residents' Association and Library users:-

Janice Anderson - Life and works of Goya.
Complete book of creative crafts
Catherine Cookson - Desert crop.
Dick Francis - 10lb penalty.
Molly Lefebure - Thomas Hardy's World.
Nicholas Lodge - International school of sugar-craft Book 2 Advanced.
Margaret Mitchell - Gone with the Wind.
Jane O'Neill - World of the Brontes.
Michael Palin - Full Circle.
Lesley Stevenson - Gaugin.
Joseph Wambaugh - Finnegan's Week.

These are a mixture of new popular books and others which will help to fill gaps in the current stock. Without these donations, these books would not have been bought for the Library this year, as there is no money available to buy books for the adult section. The library staff would like to extend their thanks to everyone who is donating to purchase books for the library, or giving books.

Pauline Rosser, Community Librarian.

"WELL" DONE!

For their Harvest Thanksgiving this year the children of All Saints' C.of E. School and Totley Primary School joined with the congregation of



All Saints' Church to try to raise £285 to provide a well for a village in Kenya. In the event they have so far raised £651, enough for two and half wells.

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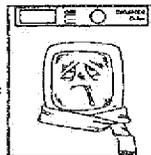


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RUBBISH IN TOTLEY

I would like to reply to the letter written by C. Parsons in the October 1997 issue of the Totley Independent. Early last year I received a letter from Sheffield City Council Cleansing Department asking if The Totley Residents Association would like to join in the National Cleaning Week, due to be held in April of that year. It was agreed in Committee 'yes'. I duly filled in the form asking for black sacks and gloves which the Council provided. A date was set for April 14th 1996 for the big clean up. Notices were put into all the local churches and schools, posters were displayed all around Totley.

I made arrangements with the Council for picking up points for the sacks. April 14th arrived, so armed with sweeping brushes, shovels, my shopping trolley filled with sacks and gloves, myself and my husband arrived at the arranged meeting place, the Library. Eight adults (including myself and husband) and one small boy arrived. The small boy came with his dad because he wanted to help, he brought his little sweeping brush. My husband started at the War Memorial and the small boy and his dad joined him. They worked their way down to the Library filling sacks as they went along. Two ladies cut the bushes back on the left hand side of Baslow Road from the bus stop (Glover Road) to the Totley Rise Methodist Church. The four remaining helpers worked from the Library to the Glover Road bus stop. We cleared every piece of paper, cans, every piece of litter. By the time we got to the Rise my husband had joined us. Five people then started to clean the Rise from the Wine Shop to the Newspaper shop. We cleaned every inch with our brushes and shovels. There wasn't a paper, can cigarette end, cigarette packet to be seen. The Council collected the sacks the next morning as I had arranged. I am sorry to have to say that two days later the whole area we had cleaned was covered in litter again. The beginning of this year 1997 I once again received a letter from the Council. An invitation was given through the Totley Independent to organisations to come forward to clean Totley, no-one responded.

With reference to the skips, we have had skips over the years for people to place their unwanted rubbish and to many this has been a big help.

Margaret Coldwell
Retired Chairwoman 1997
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Dear Ed

In the October edition of the Independent, C. Parsons suggested an organised litter pick. Last year the Totley Residents Association attempted this exercise, but only half a dozen volunteers turned up, myself included. We did our best to clean up as much litter as possible. It was very hard work and time consuming and not helped by comments from passers-by such as 'why bother?' 'You are wasting your time.' 'It's the Council's job,' etc. By Sunday evening the place was spick and span, in spite of the persistent drizzle of rain, aching backs, and myself with an injured eye, having been attacked by an unkempt thorn bush! By Monday evening the litter was creeping back. Did anyone notice or even care?

Where is the Totley community spirit and pride of a beautiful area. I feel very privileged to be able to live here. Please don't spoil it by your litter, and try to be appreciative of the efforts made by others on your behalf, even if it involves a little inconvenience now and again, such as a free skip being placed in the area temporarily, or disabled transport and services disturbing your serenity. Wouldn't you be disappointed if the services were not available when you most needed them? Let's have a few more compliments and a lot less grumbles, and 'smile, darn you, smile!'

S.Wright.

T.O.A.D.S

For their Autumn Production, TOADS are presenting a lesser-known play (or at least one that is performed less often than his others!), by J.B.Priestley, called "Mystery at Greenfingers". The story-line is of a large country hotel, high up in the hills of Derbyshire, in which the advance party of Staff have arrived to prepare for the opening in two weeks' time. Unfortunately a severe snowstorm isolates them from all "Civilisation" for a few days and we are allowed to view their hopes, fears, ambitions and skulduggery during the period of their "togetherness".

The show takes place from Wednesday - Saturday, 26th-29th November, at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South, Totley at 7.30p.m.
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Professor George Pratt is the new President of the Sheffield Bach Society. He received the Badge of Office from the retiring President, Colin Wheatley, at the Society's AGM in October.

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This will be followed at 7.30pm by a concert in the Cathedral itself, entitled 'A Tapestry of English Music', in which the Sheffield Bach Choir will sing works by Britten, Vaughan Williams, Finzi and Thiman.

Leading up to this event, the Sheffield Bach Choir will be giving 4 concerts this autumn:-

Handel's 'Acis and Galatea' (Saturday 1st Nov. at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill at 7.30pm)

Schubert's Mass in E Flat, and Puccini's Missa di Gloria (Sat. 22nd Nov. Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30pm)

Handel's 'Messiah' (Mon. 8th Dec. Cathedral 7.00pm.)



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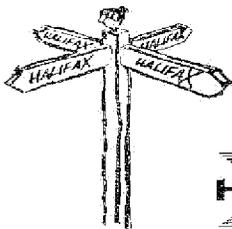
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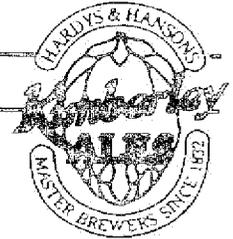
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