

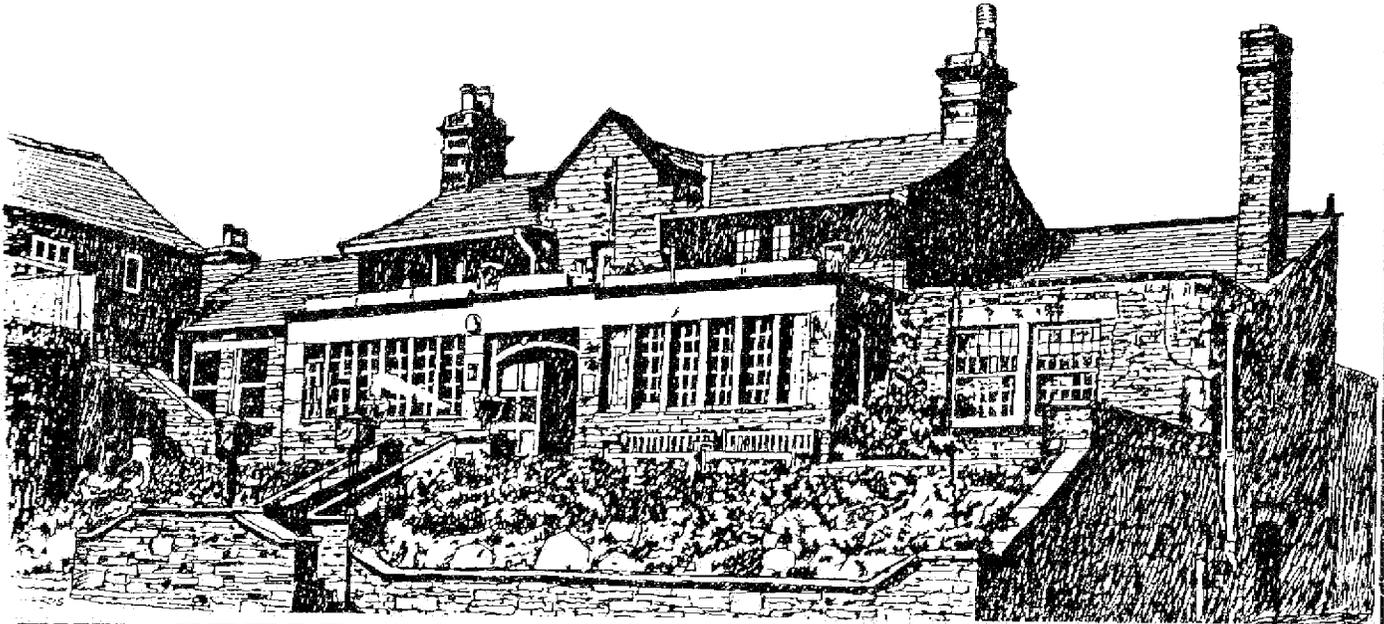
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## THE GREAT BUS TERMINUS DEBATE

On February 11th, Totley residents turned out in force to debate the options for an alternative to the Cross Scythes pub terminus, following the announcement that the brewers, Whitbread, would not be renewing the current agreement with Mainline. The meeting was organised by Dick Proctor from the Council's Transportation Policy Unit.

The audience was reminded that there were two issues, one was the problem of where the buses would turn and the other was the problem of where the buses would stand before continuing their journey back to town. Dick Proctor stated that there might be an opportunity to consider other existing problems such as speeding traffic, crossing facilities for pedestrians and easier access for side roads. He stressed that the options on display were merely 'initial suggestions'. When asked to explain why money was available for these options but not to the various road safety measures which the TRA has campaigned for without success over the last twenty years, Mr. Proctor explained that public transportation issues often took priority over other things.

Four options were put forward by Simon Botterill from Transportation. Each option had its own set of pros and cons which he outlined on the plan that he supplied. Very briefly, the options are:-

1. Constructing a 'tear drop shaped' turn at Lane Head Road.
2. Constructing a roundabout near the Cross Scythes, with a lay by at Totley Grange Drive.
3. Constructing a lay by in the school grounds and a turn round in Totley Grange Drive.
4. Constructing a 'teardrop shaped' turn in the school grounds.

Mr. Botterill's plans and accompanying notes can be viewed at Totley Library.

Other options were proposed during the debate by members of the audience. Of these, the options which stimulated most discussion and support were:-

1. To re-site the terminus away from the village towards, but not as far as, Owler Bar.
2. To place a Compulsory Purchase Order on the brewery in order to give ownership of the terminus to the Council.
3. To propose that planning permission for the Cross Scythes refurbishment be conditional upon the terminus remaining where it is (suggested by Cllr. Fox).

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## BUS TERMINUS DEBATE CONTINUED

Much needed local knowledge, history and reasoned argument from the audience gave the council officers a greater appreciation of the issues and the feelings of local residents. Dick Proctor mentioned that although the roundabout option had potential as a traffic calming measure, in fact space was tight and there were doubts as to whether all vehicles would be able to negotiate it. He also stated that it did not solve the problem of where the buses would stand. However, one local couple appeared to reduce the viability of the roundabout option by stating that THEY and not the brewery owned some of the land adjacent to The Cross Scythes. Several residents reminded Mainline's representative, Peter Edwards, about buses that still wait with their engines running despite numerous complaints. Mr. Edwards intends tackling this problem by writing personally to every driver.

After a thorough and very useful question and answer session, Cllr. Colin Ross wanted to get an idea of the strength of feeling from the audience, and so asked them to indicate their preferred options by a show of hands.

Two options emerged as the clear favourites, neither of which came from the Council. These were to:-

1. Keep the terminus where it is.
  2. Site the terminus in a lay by off Baslow Road, away from the village and towards Owlbar, the most likely spot being the lay by near Thickwood Lodge.
- According to Peter Edwards of Mainline, the second of these options would incur extra costs in terms of time and mileage and he said that Mainline would find this unacceptable. When asked by a member of the audience if this meant Mainline would withdraw the service if this was the chosen option, Mr. Edward's response was, 'not necessarily'.

### THE NEXT STAGE.

The next stage in the process is for the council officers to take all the options and comments to a committee of councillors. This will be an open committee meeting at the Town Hall so anyone can attend. The date will be passed to the TRA as soon as it is known. Once we have the date it will be put in Totley Library and, provided we get enough notice, it will go in the next Totley Independent.

Although Mr. Proctor did not invite written comments, no doubt those of you with strong views on any of the issues around this scheme will feel moved to put pen to paper to either council officers, elected or prospective councillors or to Mainline.

### WANT TO TELL WHITBREAD HOW YOU FEEL TOO?

In the meantime, the brewery has yet to submit its planning application(s) for the Cross Scythes. Miss Sadie Nicholas, Communications Officer for Whitbread in Sheffield, attended a recent TRA committee meeting in which she said that the brewery is keen to hear the views of the local community, so feel free to write to her at:-

Whitbread Inns, Shepcote Lane,  
Sheffield, S9 1TS.

Katie Bramall. TRA Planning Group.

PS. Many thanks to John Berry and helpers who took it upon themselves to organise and distribute leaflets announcing the meeting.

## TOTLEY TERMINUS

### IS THIS THE END OF TOTLEY AS WE KNOW IT?

Those of you who attended the meeting concerning Totley Bus Terminus, on Wednesday 11th February 1998 at Totley County J & I School, will probably agree that the four options proposed by Sheffield City Council were neither practical nor desirable. We personally were most infuriated when we observed that Option 2, a roundabout at Totley Hall Lane, involved using half of our precious front garden (possibly the site of the original village green). Obviously this is private land and we can assure you that we would fight tooth and nail to retain this area of old Totley. As you are probably aware, there are a number of mature trees established in our garden, which would be severely and irreparably damaged by such proposals. Without this extra land it is questionable whether there is enough space for a roundabout, and it would certainly not feature a pleasant green sitting area. There would be virtually no pavement, making it most unsafe for pedestrians, and the whole rural character of the junction would be severely changed.

The general consensus at the meeting was that the residents of Totley wished to PRESERVE THE ORIGINAL CHARACTER OF TOTLEY and to SLOW DOWN THE TRAFFIC BEFORE IT ENTERS THE VILLAGE, to make Totley a safer place to live. It was suggested that a compulsory purchase order on the Cross Scythes forecourt would maintain Totley exactly as it is. However, it seems rather unfair to Whitbreads, whose objectives are to improve (hopefully without spoiling) the Cross Scythes public house. It would be a long drawn out process, involving alternative terminus arrangements in the mean time.

Many commented on the fact that the existing arrangement is unsatisfactory because the buses park opposite the Cross Scythes, making Baslow Road even more dangerous. There is no wonder that such overwhelming support was received by the simple suggestion that the buses continued up Baslow Road towards Owlbar, where there are various suitable places for use as a bus terminus. Obviously this may involve slight changes to the bus timetable, but would have the advantage of creating the possibility of a service for the many residents who live above the Cross Scythes terminus. Mainline's greatest concern appeared to be the financial implications, but considering they would be £3000 a year better off by not using the Cross Scythes terminus, their argument did not sound convincing. I am sure there are other bus companies who would be interested in this route.

Has this problem been blown out of all proportion by the City Council? Why even consider spending possibly hundreds of thousands of pounds on an unnecessary roundabout, or robbing a school of its essential playing field, or depriving children of a safe grassy play area, when there is such a simple solution, that doesn't just maintain public transport facilities, but actually improves them?

Are we right in thinking that the main concern of Totley residents is that Totley becomes a safer and therefore a more pleasant place to live. People

seemed to agree that money would be far better spent on effective traffic calming measures. The majority of complaints were about the speed with which traffic approaches Totley from Derbyshire. It is here, well before Lane Head Road, that the problem should be tackled. It was mentioned that in other villages a similar problem has been solved by the use of large florescent warning signs, chevrons on the road and central bollards. The use of speed cameras would certainly have the desired effect. It is not unheard of to have traffic lights with pelican crossings to make safe places to cross busy roads.

It became very apparent at the meeting that Totley residents will join together to fight proposals which are detrimental to the village. We are united in our desire firstly to preserve the character of Old Totley and secondly to make Totley a safer place to live, by slowing traffic BEFORE it enters our village.

Is it right that Sheffield City Council should be allowed to spend such a substantial amount of tax payers money unnecessarily when the solution to the bus terminus problem is so obvious, so simple and supported virtually unanimously by the residents.

Does Sheffield City Council have an ulterior motive? If there really is money to be spent on improving Totley for residents, the Council should start to listen to residents.

Let us unite to ensure that this is NOT the termination of Old Totley as we know it.

Sally Eyre. Cross Grove Cottage.

## DEAR SIR

I feel that I must register my protest against the suggested modifications proposed to the bus terminus at TOTLEY. Not only are these suggestions completely out of character with the surroundings but seem to endanger the existing historical buildings and will cause considerable disturbance to residents and the environment.

Let's not even bother to consider the considerable cost to a cash-strapped Council of this grandiose scheme, a Council who claim that they have no spare cash to restore our pavements to a condition that do not present a hazard to pedestrians both young and elderly.

On the other hand let us now look at

another far less expensive alternative that is already in existence, with all the facilities proposed including an existing lay-by and round-about system only a stones throw away.

If the present transport contractor is not in favour of this extra mileage, let us now also consider the extra income that would be generated by the additional journeys created by the additional facilities not to mention the additional public houses which could then be served without the need for driving.

Quite frankly, with the new drink driving limits, it is hard to visualise the necessity of increasing the capacity of the Cross Scythes, as the proposal suggests, as it has not yet recovered it's former popularity following the last refurbishment and 'modification', an upheaval that resulted in considerable loss of ambience and character.

The acceptance of this suggested solution would not only save the hard-pressed tax payers of the city some major expenditure, but also remove the movement of large vehicles well away from the vicinity of young school children and parked vehicles.

Yours faithfully, M.Thomson. Totley.

## ASH COTTAGE, BUTTS HILL, TOTLEY

We have but a small Conservation area in Totley and despite its protective title, it seems to be under constant attack from one source or another. The T.R.A. has lodged a strong objection to the amended application to construct a very large two storey extension onto this grade II, 17th century hitherto unspoiled cottage. By virtue of its proximity to the delightful, historic Cannon Hall (also a grade II listed building) any sizeable extension to Ash Cottage will have a detrimental effect on both buildings and hence the whole of this unique and picturesque part of the Totley Conservation area. Individual letters of objection can help influence the planning process. Anyone wishing to object to this planning application (Ref. 98/0027P) must send in their objections as soon as possible to the Planning Department marked for the attention of Mr. H. Baxter.

Katie Brammall  
T.R.A. Planning Group.

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## PEAK TOWN STORY By Hugh Percival. Chapter 1.

The swiftly flowing river swollen after recent heavy rains, washed the lower walls of the factory buildings on its banks on its way to join other rivers flowing to the open sea some fifty miles away.

Rumour had it that the river had once teemed with fish - a nearby stretch of the river is known as Trout Pastures - but not recently and certainly not at the present time. Perhaps before the advent of the Industrial Revolution had polluted the water and left it in its unhealthy filthy greasy brown condition. Neither was the absence of marine life compensated for by the presence of other wildlife, apart from the occasional passing at a safe distance of a bird in flight to more congenial surroundings.

The buildings in question - known as Devon Place - were a warren of ill-lit, window-barred, grime laden rooms, four storeys high in use as cutlery workrooms, warehouses and offices. In some of the rooms blazing stoves or fireplaces attempted to overcome the cold damp air of a December day with little success outside their immediate vicinity.

The smog, swirling along the riverside and hiding the buildings from passers-by until they reached the very walls, penetrated the rooms leaving the occupants choking with coughs and sneezes of a virulent kind.

In one room on the second storey, at the end of a gloomy corridor, three men sat at desks in pursuance of clerical duties. At one desk, with his back to a blazing fire, sat an elderly gentleman, lean of body and cadaverous of face. With one hand pushing back his white thinning hair, he was making illegible entries in a well worn ledger with both hands trembling as he did so.

At a large desk on the other side of the spacious room, away from the warmth of the fire, sat another elderly gentleman, although this one rotund, full faced and rosy cheeked like an orange pippin and a tall slim youth of fresh countenance, hazel eyed and brown well groomed hair. The senior of the two, wearing a tweed overcoat and scarf, puffed away strongly at a briar pipe in an attempt to keep free of the cold damp air. The youth rubbed his hands vigorously together whenever the opportunity arose in between the checking of postings - a term familiar to the auditing profession.

'Page 69 - Harrison Brothers' the senior audit clerk called out to his colleague.

The junior turned over the leaves of a voluminous ledger.

'Eighty two pounds one and three' said the senior.

'Correct Mr. Badger' called the junior as he initialled the entry in green ink.

His senior colleague carefully ticked the corresponding entry in the sales day book with a green crayon and puffed contentedly at his pipe as if no task were more necessary or more rewarding than the present undertaking.

The two auditors continued in this vein until a rattling sound in the corridor outside heralded the arrival of the tea trolley. They and the other elderly gentleman were given cups of tea by a buxom woman of cheerful aspect.

Mr. Badger laid down his pencil and the youth followed his example, evidently without regret.

'Good cup of tea this - eh Winter?' Mr. Badger asked his colleague after he had taken several sips. 'A bit too strong for my liking, Mr. Badger. I would prefer more milk.' Replied the junior with a scowl. 'It is warm however' he acknowledged. 'I like mine strong, to taste the tea' explained Mr. Badger. 'However, you will have to get used to all sorts of tea and coffee when out on audit. Some of it horrible like dishwater, most passable - and just occasionally an excellent cup. There are even some places where no refreshment is supplied at all - fortunately few and far between. Very occasionally biscuits are supplied - but this is a rare treat.'

'I made the first entry in this ledger over sixty years ago' the lean cadaverous faced gentleman remarked.

'Good Heavens, Mr. Brooks' exclaimed Winter in awe, suddenly realising the great age of the bookkeeper. To him anyone over fifty was old and over sixty five superannuated.

'Here it is, on page one. Smithers and Sons of Lisbon, 1 September 1889. Goods £138. 4s. 9d. CIF #15. 2s. 6d' said Mr. Brooks his voice tinged with pride.

'Probably illegible to anyone else' muttered Winter to himself.

'I was an office boy at Clarkson's Brewery at that time' said Mr. Badger as he relit his pipe and blew out puffs of smoke. 'Hours 7am to 6pm for the princely wage of five shillings a week'

'A good pint of bitter Clarkson's in those days' recalled Mr Brooks. 'Now taken over of course, like a lot of smaller breweries.'

The bookkeeper offered his snuff box to the auditors who both declined it. Mr. Brooks then took a pinch or two himself, dusting his jacket in between sneezes.

'You seem to have recovered from your operation remarkably well Mr. Badger' said the bookkeeper, when the sneezing had subsided.

'Yes thank you. I put it down to a good constitution and clean living' replied Mr. Badger.

Winter could not suppress a snort of derision at the idea of clean living in that atmosphere.

'Winter, if ever you have a hernia I advise you to have an immediate operation. Don't wait for forty years wearing a truss as I did' said Mr. Badger with great sincerity.

The youth received this gratuitous advice without comment or other reaction.

The two auditors, having emptied their cups resumed their work. Mr. Brooks put some coal on the fire and did likewise. His worn appearance suggested that he himself might benefit from an operation of some kind, possibly a blood transfusion.

During an absence from the room of Mr. Brooks, Mr. Badger of serious aspect remarked to his assistant 'Winter you may have heard the phrase 'Erit Rectum' (translated tick it, it'll be alright) used facetiously by some of our staff and regarded as an office motto. It is amusing, of course, but sometimes there is a temptation to put it into practice. I strongly advise you never to fall for such temptation. If you don't understand fully an item, take further advice until the matter is clear in your own mind.'

'Yes, of course, Mr. Badger. I have heard the expression, but have never applied it in practice' replied John Winter.

Later, having checked many postings, Mr. Badger took his watch from a waistcoat pocket. 'Twenty past five. Time to put the books away Winter' he said, with a smile on his rosy face, as he extinguished his pipe. 'Yes, Mr. Badger' replied the junior, evidently pleased at having completed another day of auditing practice towards his aim of qualifying as a member of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors. Having bidden Mr. Brooks farewell till the morning, the auditors made their way through the smog to the city centre, where they parted to wait for trams going to their respective lodgings in different parts of the suburbs. (To be continued).

### JOHN WADE SINGERS

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### DORE ART GROUP

Dore Art Group will again be holding their Annual Exhibition in April. Thanks to the support of the local people the Exhibition goes from strength to strength. The group is very appreciative of this support and we hope to see everyone again this year. The Exhibition is on  
 Friday, 17th April 2pm - 8pm. and  
 Saturday, 18th April 9.30am - 5pm. in the Old School, Dore.

### ADA BELLAMY

On Monday, 9th February at 4p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church was filled with people, mostly local residents, though some had travelled from other areas. They were all there because they wanted to share in a service of thanksgiving for the life of Ada Bellamy who had died very suddenly from a heart attack a week earlier, at the age of 77. The large number of people who had gathered together was a reflection of the esteem and affection in which Ada was held by the friends and neighbours amongst whom she had lived for over 45 years. In giving a brief summary of her life the Revd. John Thompson said that Ada was someone who had lived her life to the full and had contributed so much to the community where she will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

Ada and her husband Harry, with their little son Clive came to live in Totley in 1951 when Harry was appointed Park Keeper at Green Oak Park. Their first home was in one of the prefabs before they moved into their permanent home on Aldam Road. The family now included twins, Lynn and Paul and Harry's premature death in 1970 was a tragic blow. Ada worked part-time in Bonner's newsagents for a number of years and it was during this time that she became well-known to many Totley residents who appreciated her friendly efficiency and unfailing cheerfulness. She was a member of the Good Companions and took over the leadership of this popular club when the former chairman, Mrs. Hammond, retired and left Totley. She was a faithful and very active member of Totley Rise Methodist Church where she was a dearly-loved member of the Women's Fellowship and she was also a hard-working member of the Dore, Totley and Bradway district committee of the N.S.P.C.C. Whatever she did, she did with enthusiasm and total commitment. Her passing has left a big gap not only within her beloved family but also in the Totley community where we can all share many happy memories of a dear friend and neighbour.

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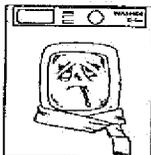
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You may be familiar with our recently refurbished Greenalls Country Alehouse in Dronfield Woodhouse, The Jolly Farmer. We are proposing to develop an upmarket, quality pub restaurant, based on a similar concept known as 'Ring O Bells'.

### 2. The Exterior.

The Hall boasts an attractive, traditional style exterior and frontage, but this has fallen into slight disarray. The changes we propose to make to the exterior will simply be essential cosmetic improvements, such as:-

- the lawn will be restored to top condition.
- the traditional rose garden will be reinstated
- the decorative stone urns will be uncovered and restored.
- shrubs to the rear of the building will be pruned.

It will be necessary however, to remove a small number of trees in order to provide additional car parking spaces and improve access. Our initial report recommends the removal of 3 small limes bounding the leisure club and a further 3 trees (2 young yews and 1 cedar) situated near the car park. The landscape consultants have concluded that these trees are not in AI condition, and that their removal will not have significant aesthetic or ecological effects on the site.

Currently, the tarmac surface extends to beneath the trees, restricting the flow of water to the roots, which long-term can affect the development and lifespan of the mature trees. We propose to replace the tarmac with a porous surface which will aid the health of these trees.

### 3. The Wildlife Garden.

We recognise that the Wildlife Garden is a delightful facility enjoyed by many, and it represents a valuable commitment to nature conservation in the area. On no

account do we want that to change. Nor do we plan to remove the rights of the Friends of Abbeydale Hall, who have worked hard to maintain the gardens as they are. But, what we can do is work together to improve facilities to create more diverse habitats for the flora and fauna which thrives there.

Following an initial inspection by specialist environment consultants, SGS, we recommend that we carry out the following improvements:-

- Repair the leak in the main pond - open water will be favoured by wildlife. Also the safety fence and stone surround.
  - Clean the water channels, small pond and culvert which feed the main pond, as leaves and debris have caused water to stagnate.
  - Remove grasses in meadow to allow wildflower meadow to establish.
  - Remove dead understorey vegetation to allow younger specimens to develop.
- In turn, we plan to implement the following, with your input, to ensure the garden is as 'user friendly' as possible.
- the erection of a fence and gate at the entrance to the wildlife garden to which Friends will each be issued with a key to allow unrestricted access.
  - Existing footpaths will be upgraded to improve access to the disabled and circulation
  - installation of timber furniture, i.e. benches, bins, signs etc. as required.
  - Reinforced hedge will be planted along open section next to the leisure centre.
  - We will work with volunteers to develop an on-going management plan.

### 4. The Building.

Externally the building will remain unaltered apart from a small extension to the rear to house the kitchens. Internally, every effort will be made to retain and enhance all existing features of special interest.

### 5. The Pub.

The pub would retain the name 'Abbeydale Hall' Although based on one of our most successful pubs, The Ring O Bells in Daresbury, Cheshire, it will be individual, with the interior features of the Hall retained to add character.

The focus will be on high quality, restaurant style food alongside an excellent selection of fine wines and real ales. In other words, the standards of a good restaurant, but with the informality and friendly service of a traditional pub.

**M. SCRIVEN**  
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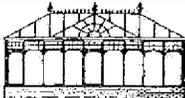
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## DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CHARITY

The 3 concerts performed on the run-up to Christmas, raised some £1,800 for Sheffield Charities. The two main beneficiaries were the Sheffield Kidney Research Foundation and the Sheffield Branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The latter is to present the Choir with an inscribed picture of a guide dog puppy which will require a name. Any suggestions? "Howler" comes to mind, but aren't they usually trained to be very quiet? (the guide dogs, I mean!)

The next important concert is on SATURDAY 28TH MARCH at 7.00 p.m. when the Choir try out the new first class conditions and facilities at the lavishly refurbished All Saints Ecclesall. It will be to raise funds for the worthy Charity, The Friends of the Samaritans. The Choir promises some great well loved songs and hymns for Male Choirs and will be joined by the popular soprano Jean Jenkins and pianist Dorothy Hampson. Tickets - £5.00, including refreshments, are now available from Tony Davis telephone 0114 2816886.

Future engagements of the choir include :-

Saturday 9th May  
Morcambe Music Festival  
Saturday 16th May, 7.00 p.m.  
High Green Methodist Church  
Saturday 6th June, 7.00 p.m.  
Edensor Church  
Thursday 9th July, 7.30 p.m.  
A musical contribution to the Dore Gala week at the Church Hall  
Saturday 29th August, 7.00 p.m.  
St Edmund's Church, Castleton  
Saturday 14th November  
ANNUAL CONCERT - details to be announced.

All enquires to the concert secretary - Tom Ogley telephone 2364367.

## GREEN OAK BOWLING CLUB

Ladies Section would welcome new members who are already players or who wish to learn the game. We are desperately short of ladies over 60 years of age for our Veterans Section, but would be pleased to welcome all ages. Anyone who is interested can contact Sheila Parkin. Telephone 2361376.

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## DOG MESS

GREEN OAK PARK.

I feel I have to air my views regarding Dog Mess in Green Oak Park. On a beautiful sunny morning after taking my two dogs for a walk through the woods, I was returning home through Green Oak Park when one of my dogs stopped to relieve itself, as a responsible dog owner I always carry plastic bags with which to pick up any excrement, to be disposed of safely and hygienically in either bins provided or take it home. However, this does not appear to be the general rule in Green Oak Park, as I was appalled by the amount of dog excrement everywhere, surely common decency dictates that if one has a dog and is fortunate enough to have a recreation area available in which to exercise ones animal, then it is reasonable to expect that any excrement be removed and disposed of correctly. I noticed a bin was available nearby, which did in fact contain several poo bags, proving that the park is used by some more responsible dog owners. I can understand the anger of parents whose children use the park and who are at risk both from the fouling of footwear etc. and also from the more serious health risk, which can result from contamination from dog faeces, and feel very strongly that the irresponsible behaviour of SOME dog owners lends weight to the argument forwarded by the anti-dog campaigners. If we do not as dog owners wish to lose access to the recreational areas currently available to us, we must collectively take responsibility for our animals and their waste products. If we do not all do this, then the selfish and irresponsible actions of hopefully the minority will lose this facility for all of us.

Marlene Marshall.

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## MARCH GARDENING TIPS

This month is often a month of contrasts, one day winter and the next glorious spring, so plants which are coming along nicely have to be protected during the bad spells, especially this year as we have had a relatively mild winter and the plants are well forward, therefore vulnerable to the late frosts. I like March, it gives one a feeling of a fresh start, encouraging you to get working, especially on a long sunny day, when the birds are busy singing and nest building, the daffodils, primulas etc. are giving a lovely show and the pansies give you a smile as you walk past. I'd better get cracking before I burst into song.

**FLOWERS** Prepare vacant ground for planting and seed beds, if possible cover seed beds with cloches to warm them up. Harden off plants which have been over-wintering in frames or indoors, including seedling herbaceous perennials and rock plants. Work into the soil a well rotted manure or compost, or a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore, or both would give the ground and plants a treat. Keep elementary weeds down, nobble them whilst they are young, it's a good plan to get into a regular hoeing routine, this will prevent them getting established. Water newly planted perennials during dry spells. Dead head flowers as they fade. Keep checking for slug damage, especially around young plants and lay slug bait or beer traps as necessary. Plant lily bulbs. Plant gladioli corms in trays, start them off in slight warmth for planting out in April.

Lift and split up over-crowded snowdrops. Sow hardy annuals like larkspur, clarkia and love in a mist either in the garden or under cloches or indoors to plant out later, take cuttings of early flowering chrysanthemums and dahlias, root them in warmth. Lift and divide over-crowded herbaceous perennials such as Michaelmas Daisy, Golden Rod etc. Sow sweet peas one inch deep (25cm) 2-3 inches apart, Plant out indoor bulbs which have finished flowering, they will give a show next spring. Remove shoots that have no live buds from summer flowering clematis and cut back late flowering varieties hard.

**VEGETABLES** Dig up vacant plots and test soil for Ph (add lime if necessary). Sow cauliflower, Broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Brussel sprouts must have a long steady season of growth to be really successful.

Sow now in boxes and germinate in a heated framer or greenhouse. If you also want a supply of cabbages in midsummer (butterflies love them) sow an early variety now in same conditions as sprouts. Sow spinach in a sheltered spot, they love a bit of sunshine. Sow

broad beans in boxes for planting out later.

At the end of the month sow culinary peas outdoors, scoop out a trench the width of a spade, about 9ins - 23cm, not more than 3ins - 75cm deep, place the seeds singly in two lines one at each side about 3in - 75cm between seeds, cover with an inch of soil, the depression left will provide the tiny seedlings with a bit of protection, putting as few in every two weeks will give a nice succession.

Plant early potatoes, have cloches or plastic ready in case of late frosts. Sow spinach beet, a very useful form of beetroot grown for its leaves, which are used like those of spinach. Try growing a few French beans in the greenhouse, they make a nice early change and they don't take up a lot of room. Make a sowing of turnips or swedes, they need a rich but not newly manured ground. Plant onion sets, use a trowel to set them rather than a dibber, they are less likely to push themselves out of the ground as the roots develop.

**TREES, FRUIT & SHRUBS** Prepare ground for new shrubs or trees. Plenty of organic compost and well rotted manure will give them a good start. A dressing of sterilised bone meal will give them a real treat and pay dividends by way of healthy plants and trees. Firm in newly planted shrubs and those loosened by frost. Feed established plants with a balanced fertiliser. Apply a mulch especially round new additions. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars, and spray as soon as they are seen. Prune autumn flowering shrubs which flower on the tips of new growth i.e. butterfly bush, blue spirea and hardy fuchsias. Prune hybrid teas and floribunda roses. Cut out any dead or diseased shoots or branches from all trees and shrubs around the garden. Feed cane fruits with balanced fertiliser, feed black currants with nitro-chalk. Firm in newly planted fruits, mulch and keep well watered.

**GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS** Busy time for the greenhouse owners with seedlings and young plants to watch over, and all the dormant plants coming into bud.

Watch carefully the ventilation and humidity, young seedlings need plenty of light and air if they are to develop into strong sturdy plants. To avoid the deadly damping off fungus, spray as the plants show through the potting compost with cheshunt compound. Take cuttings as soon as they are large enough and place in propagator, geranium, fuschias etc. will give you added stock for hanging baskets and tubs next year. Plant some schizanthus (poor man's orchid) seeds, they germinate readily and give a lovely colourful show in the early summer months. You need to keep a steady temperature of around 65 - 70F for all seed and cuttings until they are established. Re-pot foliage plants and ferns, use a pot one size larger or on some varieties reduce the root ball size, try not to damage the roots as you do this, do not remove all the soil, just enough to get a reasonable amount of new compost into the new pot. Syringe or spray every morning for at least a week and shade from direct sunlight. Pot up tomato plants. Sow seeds of outdoor tomatoes, they should be ready to plant outside in June. Pot up begonia and gloxinia which were started in February. Take leaf cuttings of African violets and cape primrose. Houseplants like maidenhair fern, button fern, spider plant can be divided and re-potted. Sweet peas which have been raised in the greenhouse should be hardened off. Hydrangeas growing in pots should be fed from now on with a weak mixture of liquid manure every 10 days or so, water the ordinary way in between times.

**LAWNS** Start a regular cycle of cutting, if you didn't give an autumn feed to your lawn, give a spring one now. Spike, scarify and top dress with old compost with a little balanced fertiliser or lawn food mixed in. You

will soon have a green sward. Check over your mower, oil all moving parts ready for the hard work ahead. Don't forget to trim the edges to give the finishing touch and be the envy of your friends.

Cheerio for now.

Tom, Busy Bee.

### Glad that it's all over?

How many of us were heard to say during the Christmas season, 'I'll be glad when it's all over'? With shops counting the days from summer onwards, catalogues arriving early through our letter boxes and television adding to the hype, it's easy to see why we've had enough. But it isn't really over, is it? The gift of an innocent baby born in the humblest surroundings doesn't get packed away with the trimmings.

How soon the period of Lent has come round and we remember what happened to Jesus during the last few weeks of his life, learning that his life was given on the cross to offer us hope for the future - a priceless gift. We can see signs of this hope in the new life of Spring bulbs growing, trees in bud, lambs, brighter sunshine and warmer days, and yet we know that we live in a very unsettled world.

Christians in Totley and Dore join together in Lenten house groups with the theme 'Hope in a time of change'. Everyone is welcome, we don't promise to have all the answers but we enjoy sharing time together. For details of the Lent groups, phone Maurice Snowdon on 2362822 or ask at your local Church if you would like to find out more about the hope we have. Christmas is all over, but the gift of God is ours whenever we ask.

Elaine Ferguson, on behalf of Churches Together in S17.

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## COUNCIL TENANTS

Several volunteers are required to represent the interests of local Council Tenants on the committee of Totley Residents' Association. (The volunteers must themselves be Council Tenants or a member of their family).

This is an opportunity to be party to and influence decisions made by the City Council that will affect and benefit the Council Tenants, their families and neighbours in Totley.

Please come along to the Annual General Meeting at Totley Library on Monday 27th April at 7.30pm. Do not feel under any obligation, but if you are able to spare a couple of hours, for one evening every month, you could help yourself and the community at large.

Mike Williamson

## Totley Brick

During one of my recent strolls around the Totley Bents and Moss Road area, I got chatting to Lynda Campey at 'Bank View' Farm. She showed me a most interesting carved house brick which had been found in the corner of their field.

Inscribed was the maker's name of Chadwick Barker and Co, Totley, Sheffield. Could Brian Edwards or any local resident have any knowledge of this unusual find.

I knew of the history of the Twentywell Brick Company above Poynton Woods, but the name of Chadwick Barker escapes me. Maybe some connection with Dyson's Refractories, who knows? Always interested in local history.

John (Campy) Barrows.

## CHAPEL LANE FOOTPATH

I welcome plans to restore the Chapel Lane footpath to its original condition (Independent February), seeing it as an opportunity to address one of Totley's growing menaces. I refer to fouling by dogs on every pathway in this district.

As part of the improvements, signs warning dog owners of the penalties of fouling public areas could be displayed at top and bottom of the footpath. Meanwhile may we, the readers of this splendid publication, remind owners of their responsibility for ensuring that their pets are not allowed to defecate where others are entitled to walk.

Yours sincerely,  
J. Barber.

## ENVIRONMENT .

### CHAPEL WALK.

We are waiting to hear if our application to the Council's Public Rights of Way Unit for a grant has been successful. Once this has been agreed, we will fix a date for a community work day for anyone who wishes to help clear back the brambles and overgrown grass from Chapel Walk.

### GREENOAK PARK.

Totley Residents Association Environment Group is to apply to the Council for a grant of a few hundred pounds to make improvements to Greenoak Park. Several suggestions have already been received from park users. These are:-

- put in more seats
- plant bulbs on the bank between the bowling green and sports field.
- plant more trees
- install a dog toilet/bin
- remove litter.

We are carrying out a survey to find out your reaction to these ideas and to seek other suggestions for improvements to the Park. Survey forms are available in Totley Library.

### TOTLEY SPRING CLEAN.

10a.m. to 1p.m. on Saturday 28 March.

Come and help Totley Residents' Association and Sheffield Wildlife Trust to give Totley a Spring Clean.

Meet in Totley Library car park. Gloves, bags and litter pickers provided.

Everyone welcome, including children, if accompanied.

Please come, even if you can only spare an hour.  
Ros Stokes

## OBERAMMERGAU 2000

One way of celebrating the Millenium! It is hoped to arrange a visit in the spring of 2000 from this area.

A Meeting for all interested will be held at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm.

The meeting is open to members of all the churches and any others who would like to join in. All will be most welcome, and a decision will be made regarding cost, length of stay, mode of travel and whether to combine the holiday with a stay in Austria, Switzerland, Germany or Italy.

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Totley Residents' Association are having a Craft Exhibition and Demonstrations afternoon. This is on Saturday 28th March at Totley Rise Methodist Church from 2.30 to 4.p.m. They have kindly said that we can have a room for fund-raising. We will have books, records, bric-a-brac, plants and anything else that we can muster. Please support them and us. It sounds as if it is going to be a very pleasant event. If you need transport please ring our office - 2362962.

We are always glad of goods to sell but please - no jumble, electrical goods or large items. If your goods need collecting ring 2365063.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday 30th March at 7.30pm. also at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Official business will be followed by coffee or tea and biscuits. Once again, let us know if you need transport. Don't forget to become a Transport 17 shareholder only costs £1. Some of our staff, present and past have not been too well recently. Please remember them in your prayers. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and cards to me recently. Life is good!

Margaret Barlow.



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"Rags and Razzmatazz" featuring scenes from 'Oliver' and 'Bugsy Malone' is the latest production from Jackie Collins School of Drama.

Students from the school, many of whom are local children with ages ranging from 6 -16 years, will be performing in the show.

Much of the proceeds will go to a charity group specifically from this area to support the local community.

"Rags and Razzmatazz" is being performed on Friday 24th April and Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South.

Tickets priced £2.50 each (£2.00 concessions).

To book tickets contact Jackie Collins School of Drama. Tel: 2363467.

## DORE & TOTLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our next production sees a welcome return to costume drama in the Church Hall on Totley Brook Rd.

EDWINA BLACK is set in 1895 and one could easily imagine a large Victorian house on Dore Road being the setting for the psychological melodrama that unfolds. Wealth, intrigue and scandal are woven into the plot, originally entitled "The Late Edwina Black" and written by William Dinner and William Morum for a first production at the Ambassador Theatre in London in 1949. Time has not weakened in any way the complexities or credibilities of the characters caught up in this web of deceit and you can be sure of a good night's entertainment.

The play will be in the Church Hall 25th-28th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Box Office 236 4440, Martin's shop or members of the Society.

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## EARLY CAMPING DAYS

Spring is just round the corner and thoughts turn to the call of the great outdoors. Walking and camping days in the Peak District, Lakeland and Yorkshire Moors and Dales should delight many youngsters.

I recall one early camping holiday back in 1935. Pleasures were simple in those pre-war days. I was a member of the 191st Beauchief Scout Troop and had a passion for hill walking and exploring the Peak District. During that grand season we used to join forces with the St. Oswald Scouts for weekend hikes. Came the school holidays their troop organised a camping week at Whitby. They offered me a place to join them on a grand adventure. 14 of us piled into the back of a coal lorry, the owner a Mr. Wood, Coal Merchant based at the Little London Road depot, had scrubbed out the wagon for our transport to Whitby. The Scout Master was Reg Davies, who gave us a holiday to treasure. The all-in cost for each person was £1.50 per week. Our camp site was a huge field overlooking the Esk Valley at Larpool about one and a half miles outside of Whitby. We slept in Stormhaven tents, cooked on open fires. Porridge, bacon and eggs every morning and always plenty of good grub. Hiking trips were organised to visit the waterfalls of Falling Foss and the moors above the Esk valley, and the Heartbeat country. We joined the trawlers for fishing trips out to sea, with fresh mackerel on our menu. Two scouts were always on full duty each day as cooks and bottle washers, a chore that no one complained about, for it left six days for pleasures such as boating and rowing on the River Esk at Ruswarp.

Mr. Wood and his son came back to Whitby on the final Saturday and decided to join us all for a second weeks holiday. Reg Davies set the price for the extra rations of food at the sum of £1 per head. Once again we tucked into wholesome grub. Mr. Wood had never been under canvas before but joined in the fun and adventures with great relish. Scout Master Reg Davies had organised a holiday never to be forgotten. This site has since been developed and now a school commands the view across Airy Hill and Larpool. I do believe that the St. Oswald scout group are still going strong. 191st Beauchief scouts have long been disbanded. The nearest group to that area of Abbey Lane is now the St. Chad's pack. A fortnight's holiday to look back on with sheer delight. The mind boggles at the price of £2.50.

How times have changed. John Barrows.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY OF ECCLESALL WOODS

This book published in July 1997 by Wildtrack Publishing is a summary of several aspects of the subject. It starts off with a history of the management of the woods over the last three centuries and then deals in turn with bird life, lichens, fungi, bryophytes and sphagnum. Since we are privileged to live so close to these woods, it cannot fail to be of some interest to everyone living in this area.

It is however more likely to appeal to the specialist rather than to the mere novice. The need to be accurate and precise means that a lot of words not in common use are included. In one sense this contributes to the value of the book, but it may limit its readership. One interesting fact is quoted - that in 1996 there were 150 Friends of Ecclesall Woods. There must be many more people who enjoy walking through and using the woods for recreation.

It is a pity that the maps are not scaled and orientated because they are difficult to follow but the Bob Warburton line drawings are as good as we have come to expect.

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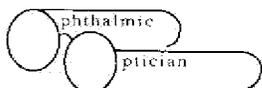
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## PROTECT THE PEAK DISTRICT.

### SAVE LONGSTONE EDGE.

Campaign Group applauds planners' action to compel quarry giant to toe the line. Call on RMC Roadstone to accept decision and cease quarrying.

The Peak District National Park Authority has today served an enforcement notice on RMC Roadstone requiring it to operate within its planning permission at Backdale, Longstone Edge. The stop notice, also issued, will compel RMC to comply immediately. By extracting large quantities of limestone as well as fluorspar for which it has consent, RMC has been operating outside the terms of its permission. The quantity of limestone has been so great that, if the company were to carry out its plans for the site over the next 44 years, it could gouge out a crater large enough to swallow up the town of Bakewell. Destruction in a National Park on such a massive scale is of national concern.

The 'Save Longstone Edge' Campaign Group applauds the Authority in its action which means that, should RMC appeal, further damage to the landscape is prevented during the lengthy appeals procedure.

But the Campaign Group goes further. RMC has a policy (see note 2) to accept environmental responsibilities in accord with its leading position in the construction industry. The Campaign Group calls on RMC to reflect on this and to recognise the irreparable damage its quarry would do to a National Park. It should not take the responsible course of accepting the decision now and withdrawing its plans for a quarry in Longstone Edge.

Peter Thompson, Chairman of the 'Save Longstone Edge' Group, says, 'We call on RMC to stop thinking about any further desecration of this beautiful part of the Peak National Park. They have now lost the arguments - environmental, legal and public opinion - and so should accept the decision gracefully and pull out from Longstone Edge'.

#### Notes

1. The 'Save Longstone Edge' Group was formed in September 1997 to fight RMC's proposals to quarry in Longstone Edge. Already more than 600 households have contributed, mostly local residents, but increasingly people from further afield are joining.

2. Extract from RMC Report and Accounts 1996: 'As one of the world's leading suppliers of construction materials, the Group accepts the environmental responsibilities such leadership brings'.

For other information, please contact Julian Tippett, Tel. 01433-631 624.

## SCOUT NEWS

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### THANKS TO THE INDEPENDENT.

In the February Issue, help with a Christmas card for Mrs. Timmins was given when a friend read that Totley Scouts were unable to deliver her post.

Mrs. Timmins duly phoned from Loxley to enable the last card to be delivered, thanks to her friend and the Totley Independent.

## BLIND APPEAL

TOTLEY PRIMARY PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. 'BLIND APPEAL'.

Further to the school's OFSTED inspection in sunny June 1997, one of the main recommendations was that the classrooms be fitted with window blinds. As all, bar one, face SW, the inspectors felt that the children should only be Blinded by Science - not by Sunlight! With this aim, the PTA has set about the task of trying to raise the necessary £2,500 before the height of summer!

To help us reach our goal, we have organised some further fund raising activities which we hope will be supported by the local community.

A Race Night - Friday 13th March 7.30pm. It's great fun, even if you've never done it before. Includes pie and peas supper. Further details at school.

A Table Top Sale - Saturday 28th March. 10.00am - 12 noon. Admission 20p. Children free. To book a table please contact PTA at the school.

The Summer Fair. Friday 3rd July 5pm - 8pm.

The Derbyshire Monuments Challenge Walk - Saturday 18th July.

Details about any or all of these events can be obtained by contacting either the school PTA direct or the PTA Chair, Stuart Manton on 0114 2352573.

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## FARMING SCENE

When is winter going to arrive? The hard winter that was forecast has yet to become reality, and the June-like temperatures of this last week (7 - 14 Feb) certainly indicate that Global Warming could already be upon us. Our climate certainly seems to be changing with all sorts of new records being reached. The incessant rainfall of November - January has been replaced by a really dry February, the month traditionally called 'February fill dike', due to its reservoir filling pattern.

This un-seasonal weather has allowed farmers to catch up on work previously not possible due to very wet field conditions. Early planted cereals have now all been sprayed to control over-wintering weeds, and fields where potatoes and sugar beet were late lifted, have been ploughed and planted. Muck spreaders have been going flat out, giving this years potato fields a good dressing before they are ploughed. The use of manure on potato land gives a significant yield (and flavour???) boost to the crop. If you 'muck' fields that are to grow sugar beet, or other similar root crops, it must be applied and the field ploughed, at least four months before planting. Otherwise the roots spit into double or treble 'fangs'. This applies as much to garden crops of carrots and parsnips etc. as it does to field crops.

Nitrogenous fertiliser has been applied to cereal crops that are either thin plant wise or stressed because of wet soil conditions, to maintain or increase tiller (stem) numbers. A cereal plant has a main stem, plus up to six ear producing tillers. It is therefore important to ensure that the optimum number of tillers per plant are produced and maintained in order to achieve optimum yields of grain. The recent very wet spell has caused many crops to look yellow instead of green, a sure sign that they are nitrogen deficient.

Many grassland farmers, particularly those in the 'earlier' southern and western areas, have also applied nitrogen to their fields, to encourage grass growth, leading to earlier livestock 'turnout' times, and increased yields of silage grass. Given a continuation of the current mild weather, most farmers will have significant supplies of hay and silage left over when their stock are back on 'self service' rations.

Many farmers will be into the lambing season shortly. We start officially on the 20th February, a period of short nights

and wrestling with ewes who can't lamb by themselves (particularly between the hours of 11pm and 6am!) lambs that can't suck and mothers that are determined to reject their second or third born!! Given that lamb prices are only 60% of what they were this time last year, many farmers will be wondering if its really worth it.

Edwin Pocock

## VODAFONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CELL SITE

Following on from the withdrawal of the application for a transmitter mast at the back of Totley Hall Farm, a period of consultation with all interested parties, has resulted in an alternative proposed site on land off Mickley Lane.

The position of the proposed mast, in a dip in the land and bounded by trees on the south and east sides, means that only the top half of the mast, if that, will be visible to Totley residents. The mast is to be constructed of light latticed steel work to give a 'see through' look, and finished in a matt green to blend in with the surrounding trees. This was considered to be the least visually intrusive mast type and position available, whilst giving the optimum transmission coverage of the Totley/Dore/Baslow Road areas.

This is one of twelve sites being considered by Vodafone in the Sheffield area. The introduction of digital mobile phones, plus the enormous increase in mobile and car phone users, has dictated the need for additional and closer spaced cell sites. Totley in particular is a very poor reception area at the moment, and therefore must have an improved service in order that Vodafone can both retain customers and fulfil its licence obligations.

Mobile phones have become essential equipment to many business people and also car owners, particularly lady drivers who fear a breakdown or attack when on their own. They do of course have a 'down side' in that they are imperative without the ground stations and masts to receive and transmit the messages. Once again, the enormous economic and social gains of technology cannot be achieved without some visual affects on the environment.

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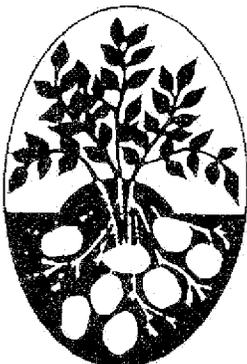
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 2363157 for further information  
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 SATURDAYS MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING, All Saints Church Hall, 7.30 pm to 10.00pm.  
 Second and fourth of each month.

### MARCH

- WED. 4th. WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE & the FITZWILLIAM ESTATES. by Roy Young 8pm. Totley  
 Rise Methodist Church, All welcome.  
 FRI. 6th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD A TALK ON CHINA by Mrs. Beryl Davis, St. John's  
 Church, Guild Room. 7-30 pm. New Members always welcome.  
 SAT. 7th. EXHIBITION & OPEN DAY Dore Village Society, Dore Old School. 9am to 1pm.  
 SAT. 7th. NEARLY NEW SALE Childrens Clothing 0-12 yrs. Equipment and toys. 11am to  
 1-30pm. United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd.  
 FRI. 13th. RACE NIGHT Totley County School, 7-30pm. Full details inside.  
 SAT. 14th. JUMBLE SALE K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, Admission 45p. 11am.  
 to 12 noon, 20p from 2-00pm. For jumble collection phone 236 2554  
 WED. 18th. MY LIFE AS A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR by Geoff Tomlinson, 8pm. Totley Rise  
 Methodist Church, All welcome.  
 THUR. 19th. COMMUNITY SKIP Library Car Park, 7-30 am. to 1-00pm.  
 WED. 25th. CHILDRENS NEARLY NEW SALE Totley Rise Methodist Playgroup, Grove Rd.  
 8-00pm. Admission 25p.  
 SAT. 28th. CRAFT DEMONSTRATION & EXHIBITION Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 2pm.  
 to 4-30pm. details inside.  
 SAT. 28th. TABLE TOP SALE Totley County School 10am to 12noon. Details inside.  
 SAT. 28th. TABLE TOP SALE Bradway Scout Centre, Bradway Drive, 10-30 am. to 1-30 pm.  
 Proceeds to Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign, more details phone 2368484.  
 SAT. 28th. MASS in B MINOR, BACH. Sheffield Cathedral. 7-30 pm. More details 2568257  
 SAT. 28th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR All Saints, Ecclesall. 7pm. Full details inside.  
 MON. 30th. TRANSPORT 17 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Totley Rise Methodist Church 7-30pm.

### APRIL

- WED. 1st. MUSIC & READINGS for EASTER Led by Dr. Marion Jepson. 8pm. Totley Rise  
 Methodist Church. All welcome.  
 FRI. 3rd. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD A TALK ON BRITISH RED  
 CROSS, St. John's Church, Guild Room. 7-30 pm.  
 FRI./SAT. 17th. & 18th. DORE ART GROUP EXHIBITION Full  
 details inside.  
 MON. 27th. TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL  
 MEETING Totley Library 7-30 pm. ALL WELCOME.

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