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The above photograph is at the end of Totley Brook Road, looking from the footpath that leads through to Hillfoot Road by the side of Totley Grove House and the stream.

T.R.A. Update

Green Oak Park

Plans have been received from the Council showing the proposed playground improvements. These indicate a traditional roundabout with safety matting, a cycling roundabout with safety surface and a trim trail. The swings, slide and climbing frame are to be retained for the time being. TRA Committee liked the idea of the trim trail, but unfortunately the Council Officer dealing with the improvements seems unaware that the area chose for the trail floods. This fact has been brought to her attention. Obviously the problem must be solved before the money is spent on new equipment.

Totley Post Office – Still Closed

Lisa Blake, committee member, is still awaiting a reply from Post Office Counters in response to her letter and the petition.

Planning

Nothing to report on the application for apartments at the bottom of White's Lane/Mickley Lane, opposite "The Shepley Spitfire". An application has been received Hall Lane Farm, see page 2 for more details.

Bus Shelters

Janet Chapman, committee member, has finally convinced the SYPT that Totley residents need more bus shelters. It is hoped there will be one at the Baslow Road/Glover Road junction and another outside the Co-Op sometime in the not too distant future. Thanks to Janet.

The Future in Totley

As mentioned in the last Independent TRA Committee has been thinking about "a wish list" for the area.

We need your ideas about what you would like to see happening. It is important we hear opinions of all ages, young and old - we all live in Totley. Arrangements have been made for suggestion boxes to be placed in the Library and Totley Rise Post Office. Please think about what you would like to be done to improve Totley for you and your family. Write your ideas down and put them in these boxes. It does not matter how small the idea, just tell us. TRA will categorise the suggestions, try to deal with them

with the relevant authorities.

Here are a few suggestions received so far:-

- 1 Pelican crossing/traffic lights at the Co-Op/Busy Bee junction.
- 2 Traffic calming – Green Oak Road/Mickley Lane and Green Oak Road/Glover Road.
- 3 Policing the area needs improving.
- 4 Community Centre – Somewhere for all ages to meet.
- 5 Footpath maintenance required on many roads.
- 6 Frequent emptying of the one dog bin in the area and more bins are required.

Which brings me to dog fouling. As dog owners, my husband and I regularly walk the area. We are annoyed to see that some dog owners do not clear up after their pets. This is an offence and could mean a fine. It is also very unfair to the majority of dog owners who do obey the law and keep the park and pavements clean. At the same time can we ask that people do not drop litter. There are plenty of bins or it can always be taken home and disposed of properly. There are Totley people who tidy up their patch on a regular basis. Thank you to them.

Finally, while crossing Baslow Road on 15 January I noticed the bulbs beginning to come through on the central reservation, spring is on the way.

Avril Critchley

Totley Hall Park - Update

Kevin Walker met with Ernest Brewin (Sheffield City Council drainage specialist) on a frosty Thursday morning at 8pm in Mid December to discuss the progress (or lack of it) on completing the park and reinstating the football pitch.

Ernest who has always been very supportive about the park explained that due to several reasons some political and some practical he had not been able to pass the football pitch surface as playable by the planned start of September.

The main problem is completing the drainage, as the contractor will not risk driving the heavy equipment across the field until it drains off for fear of getting stuck or damaging what they have already done.

So far:

- 100 tonnes of sand with grass seed has been spread on the surface
- Deep drain slots / pipes have been installed at 40mcentres. Running at 90° across these trenches are gravel filled
- slits at 1m centres.
- However, a second set of gravel filled slots at 400mm centres running at 90° to the first set has yet to be cut and filled.

Confused? Its quite simple really, just imagine a tartan rug laid on the floor, the lines go one way then the other and get closer together and that's what the drainage system looks like on the drawings, porridge!

Regardless. Ernest 'McBrewin' as we will now call him has monitored the surface through November and is prepared to cut the grass, roll the ground, mark out the pitch and install the goalposts during the first 2 weeks of January. When the ground on the first half of the park is firm enough for the equipment to drive on the final slots will be cut and gravel filled. This work will be completed by spring.

To confound matters Kevin Walker and Jane Spedding have been successful in supporting the Sports Council to win another £19,000 grant from the Football Association to make further improvements to the drainage. These additional funds will allow Ernest Brewin to extend the drainage gravel slot

system across the park towards the Lowfield estate and across between the play areas which are still quite wet.

Ernest has also promised funds to install two fixed practice nets (possibly with basketball and cricket practice facilities) by the summer of 2003.

As most people are aware the frames for the swings and anchors for the rope mountain have been installed, however, they can't be completed with the dangly bits until the drainage is complete and the safety matting is installed.

For our younger viewers all we can say is *'hang in there, you will be swinging by summer'*.

It's been eight years since I (and my merry band of parents) took petrol mowers, shears and a white lining machine to an overgrown meadow we now call Totley Hall Park. With the support of the Totlev Residents Association, Sheffield and Hallam University and Dyson Refractories who have all helped at some time during that sometimes difficult eight years we are close to getting a decent safe play and recreation area for the youth of Totley.

So thanks to all of those who physically helped or just supported the scheme, to everyone else and to the new residents of Totley I would like to say enjoy the facility and look after it. Please don't allow dogs to foul the grass and lets keep the litter in the bins, this is and should remain a safe place for the young people of Totley.

Kevin Walker

Green Oak Park

Have you walked through Green Oak Park recently?

If you have then you will have noticed the deteriorating state of the playground facility. As a local mother and regular user of the playground I decided to contact the Council regarding its' dangerous condition. Further to a successful petition of over 150 signatures from local people who also share this concern, I was invited to address a full Council Meeting to present my concerns.

My presentation was well received and I was given the impression from one local councillor that funding was earmarked for the park but this has not been forthcoming! If you, like myself, want to see our local park restored to a safe and pleasant environment then please contact Councillor Ann Smith on 2620273 or Councillor Keith Hill on 2352289.

Trish Dearden

Hall Lane Farm, Totley

An application for full planning permission (No. 02/03885/FUL) has been received in respect of the immediate environs of Hall Lane Farm farmhouse. It is proposed that the existing stone barn be extended and altered to provide 3 dwellings and also that 3 houses be erected.

Drawings can be examined at Howden House, Union Street, Sheffield. A notice displayed on local lamp-posts states that the date for receipt of comments on the proposal, which affects the character of Totley Conservation Area, was 13th January 2003.

Totley Residents have objected to the proposal; a copy of the objection, dated 27th December 2002 is reproduced in full:

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above planning reference we would like to raise the following objections to the application:

1. The application relates to the development of a working tenants farmyard that is in a conservation area. If permission was given for the proposed development the farm would become unworkable for the following reasons:

a. Access to the fields with cattle trucks, tractors, land rover etc would be impossible as one of the new dwellings is to built across the farm track.

b. Extracting livestock from the fields would be impossible for the same reason stated in a. above.

c. The proposed building work will require the demolition of the barn used for fodder. Bats that are protected inhabit this barn.

d. The proposed building work proposes the conversion of the existing cattle parlour to dwellings. Although this building is no longer used for milking it is used for rearing calves, which is a major source of income to the farm.

e. Although the applicant states that no trees will be removed we believe that the proposed building work would require the removal of at least one tree on the boundary with the Council Tenant farm.

The application states that there is no application to alter highways and/or footpaths. This being the case the farm is cut off from its land and we understand this is against planning regulations for agricultural businesses.

If additional access were to be requested, the only feasible place would be off Baslow Road. Last year an application for the farmer to access his field was turned down mainly on the grounds that access from Baslow Road at this point was too dangerous.

Additionally, if the application was approved the farmer would need to erect new buildings to replace the lost buildings at or near the top of his farm track. However, it is our understanding that such buildings cannot be erected within 200 metres of dwellings. Following the completion of the Highfield site this would prevent the farmer from putting up the buildings he needs to sustain his business.

2. The proposed buildings will create a dangerous access on to a section of Toley Hall Lane that has been the subject of many previous objections as it is on the part that narrows down to a single width.

3. It is our understanding that car-parking provision is required at a rate of one space per bedroom minus one. As the dwellings are proposed without garages this would mean that the conversions would require at least thirteen parking spaces. From the plans it would appear that far fewer are proposed. Additionally, as a working farm/business the farm-yard (that will be reduced to a small drive) is continually full of trucks, employees cars, tractors, bailers etc. It would appear the needs of the tenant farmer have been ignored.

4. No provisions for public safety have been proposed to prevent accidents with cars/people in the working farm-yard.

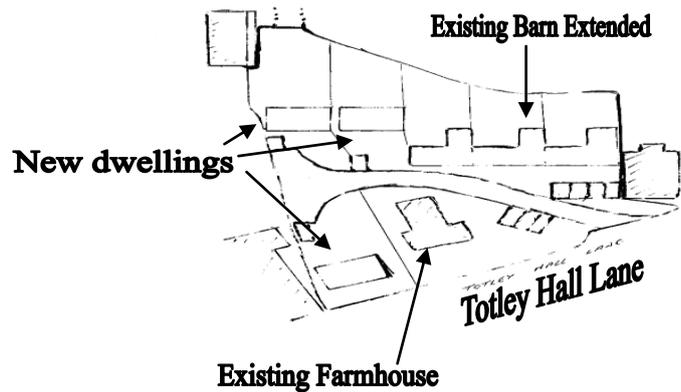
We believe the application only strives to 'test the water' on how the council will react to evicting a tenant farmer from his business, putting him and his young family on the street, closing a working farm with the job losses of his siblings and local people just to profit from property speculation. The timing of the proposals and the short period to raise objections suggests this application has been submitted at a time to avoid objections over the Christmas / New Year period.

Additionally, we believe that this is a pre-emptive strike at requesting planning permission to get access to an area that is landlocked between Baslow Road and the Stocks Green estate prior to the UDP review. This issue has already been raised at the UDP meeting held in March 2002 and assurances were given that this strip of land would be considered for inclusion to the Green Belt.

Based on the above we would request that the plans are rejected outright and that the rights of the tenant farmer are

given priority over urban sprawl, land infill and the profit making development of rural land intended for farming.

Kevin Walker



Transport 17

First of all I hope that 2003 is being kind to you and that you have not had the "dreaded lurgy"!

Our telephone number is 2362962 if you need to get in touch with us for any reason. I know that some people do not like answerphones but we haven't the personnel to man the office all day long. Just speak after the long tone. If you ring about 9.30 am it could that you speak to an actual person.

This year, as most of you know, is the 20th anniversary of Transport 17 and we are hoping to be able to purchase a new bus. This is to replace one of the other 3.

On Monday, 9 June there is a day trip to Southport. This is run by Irene Wells of Monday Club and T17. The minibuses can pick passengers up if needed. We have a Gordon's commercial coach with a side lift for this trip so anyone in a wheelchair or who cannot manage steps is well catered for. These trips are usually very enjoyable and open to everyone. The cost is £7 each. This does not include the minibus if you are not a regular passenger of ours. Monday Club members have special rates. We look forward to hearing from you on 2362962, 2360602 or 2365063.

Margaret Barlow

Have you got a warm front?

Did you know that it is possible to get a grant to help you keep warm? This only applies to limited categories of people:-

- Families with children under 16, or who are pregnant
- People aged 60 or over on low incomes
- People who receive disability benefits

Anyone in these categories can apply for grants to cover one or more items which will help to keep the home warm. Items included are insulation of lofts, cavity walls or hot water tanks, draught proofing, low energy lamps or various heating arrangements. Grants are available to homeowners or tenants of private landlords. The scheme is organised by Sheffield City Council in conjunction with the "Warm Front Team" which is a Government funded initiative.

If you want to know more ring the Grants Line 0800 9521555 between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday. The Grants Co-Ordinator is Trudie Ward on 0114 2736294.

Even if you personally are not eligible or do not need further help, it may be that you know someone who needs the form of protection that this scheme offers. Keeping out the cold is a priority for people with health problems.

Maurice Snowdon

VIEWS FROM OWLER BAR

Early in December, I visited a pub 4 miles to the South-West of Chesterfield. The owner was justifiably proud of the view and mentioned that he had seen Lincoln Cathedral that morning from the pub car park. He also said that occasionally he could see one of the towers of the Humber Bridge. I was rather inclined to put his second comment down to an overactive imagination but could readily accept his sighting of Lincoln Cathedral, even though when we spoke together at lunchtime no cathedral was visible.

Why accept his first statement? Because two miles up the road from Totley, at Owler Bar, is a greater panorama, which is crowned on days of excellent visibility by the sighting of Lincoln Cathedral, over 40 miles away. The view also includes Bolsover Castle, Hardwick Hall and the Crooked Spire. If you do not feel energetic or you are not wearing footwear appropriate for a short moorland walk, the best viewpoint from which to see the cathedral is adjacent the first lay-by on the road from Owler Bar roundabout to the Longshaw Estate. Look on the far horizon over and beyond Holmesfield Church. In my opinion the number of days of excellent visibility, and hence the opportunity to see Lincoln Cathedral, has reduced since the volcanic eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State U.S.A. in 1980. The nuclear disaster in 1986 at Chernobyl in Belarus threw more dust into the atmosphere.

From Owler Bar roundabout itself, on days of good visibility, you can see 7 power stations on the horizon. All are coal-fired. The number of cooling towers at each power station you can see from Owler Bar is dependent upon their configuration on site. Due to the local topography and the speed of the traffic on the roundabout it is difficult to find one spot at the roadside from which you are able to see all 7. (To do this you need to walk onto Totley Moss.) Thus, rather than use features in the middle distance from which to project your eyes onto individual power stations, it is perhaps simpler to consider them as two groups and identify them by their relative position within each group. The first group of 4 stands in the Northeast sector; from Owler Bar look over and beyond Sheffield. The second group of 3 is almost due east, from Owler Bar look over Apperknowle, to the left of the Unstone TV booster mast.

Over and beyond Sheffield City Centre, to the right of the of the Crosspool TV booster mast, is Ferrybridge power station, located near the intersection of the M62 Motorway and the A1, and over 30 miles away. There are 8 cooling towers. In 1965 3 newly constructed cooling towers collapsed. If I remember correctly, the resulting inquiry found wind turbulence to be responsible and the cooling towers had to be redesigned, relocated and rebuilt. When I am heading south on the A1 amongst heavy traffic and pass the cooling towers. I console myself with the thought that I am literally within sight of home.

The next power station on the right is Eggborough a couple of miles north of the M62, and like Ferrybridge over 30 miles away. Both stand on the River Aire. Eggborough also has 8 cooling towers. The distinguishing feature between the two, even at this distance, is the number of chimneystacks: Ferrybridge has 2 whereas Eggborough has 1. Looking slightly further round to the east (the right) you see Drax power station. Drax is the largest coal fired generator in Western Europe and one of

the largest in the world. It stands on the River Ouse, a few miles to the northwest of the termination of the M18 with the M62, over 35 miles from Owler Bar as the crow flies. There are 12 cooling towers and 1 main chimney, which is 259m high x 26m external diameter; at the centre of the stack, between the 3 elliptical flues, a passenger lift is provided to facilitate inspection and servicing of aircraft warning lights. The cooling towers are a mere 115m high. Following privatisation of the electricity industry, Drax is now owned by an American company.

Slightly further to the right, over 25 miles away, is Thorpe Marsh power station. No plumes of water vapour will be seen rising from any of its 6 cooling towers as it has been disused for the last two years or so. However it still stands on the River Don, 6 miles southwest of Thorne. This is the one you may notice straight ahead as you drive down the road from Owler Bar and exit the last bend before crossing the boundary into Totley.

When you face due East 3 power stations can be seen. The one on the left is West Burton with 8 cooling towers; the centre one (over and beyond Apperknowle) is Cottam with 8 cooling towers; and the right-hand one is High Marnham with 5 cooling towers. They stand on the River Trent over 30 miles from Owler Bar, a few miles either side of Dunham toll bridge. It is slightly to the left of High Marnham power station that you look for Lincoln Cathedral.

When did I last see Lincoln Cathedral? 13 years ago when I was last in Lincoln on business!

How many counties can you see from Owler Bar? I propose 6: Derbys, Notts, Lincs (Cathedral), S.Yorks, N.Yorks (Eggborough & Drax) and W.Yorks (Ferrybridge).

When there are few clouds in the sky, the view from Owler Bar at night is also brilliant. Away from light pollution you can gaze at the stars, identify the planets and keep watch for meteors and comets.

Peter W Davis

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

On Monday 14 April, at 7:30 pm there will be an illustrated lecture in the Totley Library by Alan Faulkner Taylor.

Alan's slides will include: birds in his garden, barn owl, little owl, and kingfisher in Rivelin Valley, tawny owls in various locations; curlew and dipper in the Peak District; Montagu's harrier, water rail, nightingale and bittern in Norfolk. Other birds, taken from a hide, include buzzard and turtle dove. Also included will be mammals, such as Scottish wildcat, weasel, and stoat. Alan will also take you to East Africa, where he will show some of his photographs of lions, cheetah, wildebeest, several members of the antelope family, and flamingo's, etcetera.

It should be noted that Alan is a Fellow of The Royal Photographic Society, and was awarded the Society's Medal for natural history photography in 1954. Possibly some of you will remember his films being shown on two of the BBC's 'Look' programmes in the mid 1950's, with the late Sir Peter Scott?

Alan will be signing and selling two of his latest books: *Naturalist's Third Eye*: reduced from £22.00 to £12.00. *Memoirs of a Bird Photographer*: £6.50.

Letter from Sheffield City Council, Libraries, Archives and Libraries

Dear Jennie Street

On behalf of the staff of Totley Library, I wish to thank you and everyone involved in the Open Gardens project for the very kind donation of over £1,000 for purchase of books for the library. A great many people in the Totley area will benefit from this donation. It was very kind of you all to consider the local library as the beneficiaries of the funds raised by the event.

I am now able to say that we have, appropriately, used some of the money to buy gardening books, which the library would not otherwise have been able to purchase. However, the bulk of the money is being used to buy talking books for the library. These are very expensive items and consequently are in quite short supply. They are invaluable for people who have difficulty in reading even large print but they are also used by people who like to listen to a story and will thus appeal to quite a number of people.

I must say we were very surprised at how much money was raised by the event and very gratified. I hope everyone involved really enjoyed it.

I know that the people who use the books and tapes will really appreciate them. Thank you once again for all your efforts in arranging the event which has so generously benefited the library.

Pauline Rosser

Community Librarian Weather Report for 2002

The funniest occurrence with regard to the weather this year was towards the end of a thunderstorm on the 9th September when while on the telephone I saw something flap up to the glass porch in the front door. After a few times I realised that the object had legs, it then dawned on me it as a spread-eagled frog who was obviously trying to get in. When I looked out later it was sheltering on the doorstep tucked into the corner against the wall. Now if frogs get fed up with the rain what chance have we got? This day produced 33.9mm rain and a temperature of only 12C at 4.00pm, although the top temperature for the day was 15C. Totley had more rain every month than Weston Park (WP). January, March, June and September had less rain than WP's average but most of the other months more than made up for it, February having more than 3 times the average and almost 3 times as much in July, with May and November having around double. 9 days produced more than an inch of rain during the year. September had the longest dry spell (9 days) and February had only 3 dry days. The wettest day was 30 July with 50.9mm WP and 63.8mm, nearly 2.5 inches in Totley. The average rainfall being 825mm WP for the year whereas the total was 1042.8mm WP and 1320.6 for Totley. The wettest month was February (173.9mm WP, 208.5 Totley) with October, November and December all producing over 150mm. Totley had 219 days of rain as against WP's 188. Totley had 8 days of lying snow as against 4 for WP and a lot of fog in November and December. Both WP and Totley had 2 thunderstorms.

The coldest night was 3 January, -6°C WP and -9°C Totley. There were 30 nights of frost and the hottest day was 17 August, 28.6°C WP and 27C Totley. 56 days had temperatures of 20°C or over. Christmas Eve produced the remarkable temperature of 10.5°C. The temperature for 3

consecutive days and nights in December varied only between 0°C and 3°C (12th to 14th).

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| Rain for the year | | |
| 2002 | 1320.6mm | 1042.8mm |
| 2001 | 892.6mm | 762.4mm |
| 2000 | 1362.6mm | 1086.9mm |
| Wettest day | | |
| 2002 | 63.8mm | 50.9mm |
| 2001 | 46.0mm | 37.0mm |
| 2000 | 49.8mm | 45.8mm |
| Coldest night | | |
| 2002 | -9°C | -6°C |
| 2001 | -7.5°C | 5.5°C |
| 2000 | -5°C | 3.4°C |
| Hottest day | | |
| 2002 | 7°C | 28.6°C |
| 2001 | 7°C | 28.6°C |
| 2000 | 8.5°C | 30.7°C |
| Sun Hours – Weston Park Only | | |
| 2002 | 1397.6 | |
| 2001 | 1430.7 | |
| 2000 | 1400.3 | |

RSPCA Sheffield Animal Shelter

Many thanks to everyone who donated items to feed the dogs and cats at the Spring Street Shelter during the Christmas Food Appeal. We are also very grateful to "Co-Op Late Shop" and Totley Library for acting as collection points. The Christmas Appeal is a special effort, but both the above collection points very kindly allow us to collect all the year round. The problem of unwanted and badly treated animals is unfortunately always with us and if anyone can spare a tin or 2 of biscuits at any time it all helps the food bill until hopefully some animals can be re-homed and given a new life.

Again many thanks
Mrs D Styles

You are invited to a

Quiet Day

At All Saints' Church, Totley Hall Lane
On Saturday 29th March 10am to 4pm
Led by Meg Dixon

**This will be a day of reflective meditation and drawing
near to God**

Drinks will be provided, plus a simple lunch of soup, bread
and fruit

Feel free to bring other food if you wish
The cost will be £3.50 per person to cover lunch and
materials

Contact Sheila Eke, 27 Mercia Drive, S17 3QF, telephone
2367457
Or Pauline Perkinton, 2 Main Avenue, S17 4FG, telephone
2361601

Unsolicited Mail in 2002

Being aware of the amount of this which comes through our letterbox, we kept a list under 3 headings. The result for a year is quite startling.

Credit Card Invitations

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| January | Royal Bank of Scotland Guild of Experienced Motorists |
| February | MBNA Platinum Plus Citibank Nat West Gold |
| April | Capital One Shell |
| May | MBNA Platinum Plus |
| June | Lloyds TSB Nat West |
| August | Barclays American Express Sainsburys |
| September | Thomas Cook (by telephone call) Providian Halifax Platinum Morgan Stanley |
| October | Thomas Cook Providian Nat West Shell |
| November | Barclays |
| December | American Express |

We've never heard of many of these companies! Use of a credit card is a form of borrowing money to be repaid later in order to obtain goods now without waiting. In the last 12 months my wife and I have been invited to take out no less than 23 credit cards! For some people the temptation is irresistible. Is it any wonder that so many people land themselves with an unpayable burden of debt? Who then is responsible? The user of the credit card or the company that invitingly flaunts their card?

Clothes etc Collections

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| January | British Heart Foundation PDSA |
| February | Great Ormond Street Hospital People of Eastern Europe |
| March | Merckoe Textiles Recycling Help the Aged Cancer Research (UK) |
| April | Great Ormond Street Hospital British Heart Foundation Salvation Army Barnardos |
| July | Cerebral Palsy British Heart Foundation |
| August | Lugira Ltd |
| October | Red Cross Great Ormond Street Hospital |
| November | Totley All Saints' Parent and Toddler Group G.V. Clothing for Eastern Europe British Heart Foundation |
| December | Help the Aged |

My concern is that long before I filled all these 20 bags as requested I would have nothing left to wear myself! And some organisations ask for my clothes more than once a year.

Appeals for Money

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| January | Amnesty International (plus free biro) Camphill Friends British Heart Foundation |
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| February | Bible Lands Research into Ageing |
| March | Totley Church Hall Roof Oxfam (plus free biro) Christian Aid (plus free biro) Cancer Research (UK) Compassion in World Farming Mental Health Foundation |
| April | Christian Aid |
| May | Christian Aid Cancer Research (UK) (plus free biro) |
| June | Children with Leukaemia Christian Aid Amnesty International (plus free biro) MacMillan Cancer Relief (plus free biro) |
| July | Cancer Research (UK) (plus free biro) |
| October | Cancer Research (UK) (plus free biro) RNLI Oxfam (plus free biro) Foot and Mouth Painting Artists |
| November | British Red Cross Cancer Research (UK) (plus free biro) Research into Ageing |
| December | Christian Aid |

For all our married life my wife and I have allocated a percentage of our income to give to charities and organisations which we deem it right to support. Of course there is always something leftover so that we can go the extra mile for any particular need that arises. But here is a list of 27 unsolicited requests for money that came through our letterbox in 2002. One agency has asked us 5 times. Some try persuasion (blackmail?) with a free biro, we've got a pot of them now! If everyone is afflicted like this, is it any wonder that people are now speaking of "compassion fatigue"?

Rev Canon John N Collie

Liverpool lads



Two Scousers are riding along the M62 from Manchester to Liverpool on a motorbike. They break down and start hitching a lift. A friendly trucker stops to see if he can help and the Scousers ask him for a lift. He tells them that he has no room in the wagon as he is carrying 20,000 bowling balls but will take a look at the bike for them. He tries everything he knows but is unable to repair it. Time is getting on now and he's late for his delivery so he tells the Scousers he has to leave. The Scousers put it to the driver that if they can manage to fit in the back with the 20,000 bowling balls, will he take them, so he agrees. They manage to squeeze themselves and their motorbike into the back of the wagon so the driver shuts the doors and gets off on his way.

By this time he is really late and so puts his foot down. Sure enough, PC Plod of Greater Manchester Police pulls him up for speeding. The good officer asks the driver what he is carrying to which he replies with sarcasm "Scouse eggs". The policeman obviously doesn't believe this so wants to take a look. He opens the back door and quickly shuts it again, and locks it. He rushes back to his cruiser and gets onto his radio and calls for immediate backup from as many officers as possible. The dispatcher asks what emergency he has that he requires so many officers.

"I've got a wagon with 20,000 Scouse eggs in it - 2 have already hatched and they have managed to nick a motorbike already."

Please Don't Block the View

The duties of a Peak District National Park Ranger can be interesting, varied and even humorous. The unexpected incident is always around the corner. Tact, firmness and an open mind must prevail. Nostalgia brings back a quiet chuckle when one recalls the early days.

I remember one particularly amusing delicate situation during the summer of 1962, the place, the Langsett Moors access area. In those days we were known as wardens and worked under the direction and capable leadership of Head Warden, Mr Tom Tomlinson. The key problem of the area was litter alongside the A628 road, followed by poaching for game and removal of the moorland peat. I was Assistant Warden to the region at this period. The patrol wardens were covering their routes around the Cut Gate Track and the Little Don Valley. My duties for the day were to check all the roadside lay-bys from Salters Brook Bridge, The Flouch Inn crossroads and back to Langsett. One large open space known as the big lay-by seemed to be the dumping ground for all the rubbish in the district. Between Stone Rucks Moss and Fiddlers Green lorries and coaches often used this parking area to let their engines cool down after negotiating the A628 road, especially on a Sunday when coach loads of pleasure seeking gentlemen often had a furtive rendezvous with a certain working men's club in the Rotherham area. Their motive to behold the female form in the strip shows during the lunchtime licensing hours. Around 3.00 pm was always the time when the coach driver would stop at the lay-by and let his boisterous passengers alight to cool their heels and allow the engine to reduce temperature before proceeding back to the Lancashire border towns and to consume further drinks on their own doorstep. Maybe irate housewives would have cracked their men folk with a rolling pin if they had known their destination. On previous occasions having requested these parties not to leave empty bottles around the countryside I was prepared once again to tackle this invasion of the home going revellers. I had just left the Lady Cross Track and driven up to the Fiddlers Green lay-by when I noticed a coach parked in the usual spot yet there was no sign of the occupants. Maybe our pleasure going friends had mended their ways and succumbed to the magic of the hills, so I proceeded to investigate. I headed for the style and the direction of Cabin Hill, which breaks away behind the parking lot. At that identical moment a car pulled into the lay-by and a most refined looking middle aged lady remarked to her driver husband, "I'm just walking over that style to have a look at the view George", "OK, don't be long dear", he replied. I clambered over the style whilst bidding good afternoon to the lady. Over the brow of the hill we came to a startled and abrupt halt and gazed in sheer amazement at the sight which confronted us. For there in complete echelon were 40 cloth capped gentlemen communicating with Mother Nature. The poor unfortunate lady had a bemused and incredulous look as she scuttled back over the style as if the demons of the hills were after her. Her husband saw the funny side and was rocking with laughter as they hurriedly drove away to fresh vantage points, where this time one could only hope they would not have their view spoilt. These coach outings died a natural death shortly after this period when the variety club went out of business.

John C Barrows

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire lifetime to forget them.

Totley Athletic Club

Totley A.C. is a social club, which caters for runners of all abilities. In the recent Percy Pud 10K at Stannington we had runners from 35 minutes through to 65 minutes for the 6.2 mile race and then 25 of us went to the New Barrack Tavern for Sunday lunch and a refurbishment of lost fluids. We at present have 110 members ranging in age from 22 through to 68, with the majority being female. In November there was a women92s team competing in the High Peak Relay from Cromford.

Events our members have taken part in include marathons here and abroad, the Karrimor International Mountain Marathon, Fell races and road races as well as the local cross country and five mile league meetings. However some people who are members of Totley A.C. only run as a means of staying fit or are using it as an excuse to get out of the house. That is all right as the club was originally formed twenty or so years ago as a way to recover from a Saturday night session at The Crown. Totley A.C. is a nomadic running club that meets in various locations at different times of the year. The Cricket Inn is our summer base as we can run up the hill and onto the moors from there but in the winter we run from different locations which after Christmas will be Thursday92s (from 2nd January) 6.30 pin by the Cafe entrance in Millhouses Park and Tuesday92s (from the 7~.) will be 6.30 pin from the rear Car Park at Norton College.

As a club we also organise the Tigers Race series, the first two are from the Tigers Rugby Club Ground in February and May and the other three fell races are from the Cricket Inn during the summer. The profit from these events goes back into the club in the form of subsidised kit and weekends away in the Lake District or the Yorkshire Dales and is also given to local charities.

For further information please contact either Pat Corrigan 283-9276. William Alves 235-2041 or Brian Marshall 236-4334 or visit our web site at www.totleyac.org or just turn up at 6.30 one evening.

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The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked. The front of the church fills first." The young priest nodded and the old one continued, "And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church?, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. We are packed to the balcony." "Thank you, Father," answered the young priest, "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "Well", said the elderly priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru Confessional." "But Father," protested the young priest. "My confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!" "I know son," replied the old man. "But that flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell', can't stay on the church roof."

February Gardening Tips

As I write we have a flurry of snow on the go, don't knock it, snow acts like an insulation layer and prevents the frost getting deep down and knobbling your perennials, especially the tender ones like penstemon and fuchsias. The frost is not all bad, it can kill off some of the nasties which have increased during the summer, slugs and snails do not like it much and woodlice are reduced somewhat so we can be thankful for that. It is seed planting time, though onions which are destined for The Totley Show on 6 September should be on their way, mine are one inch or so high now so get them in pronto or you will only come second. I hope your New Year resolution included an effort to enter the Show. This year the organisers have already been working hard on the preparations so please make a special effort to make their work worthwhile. No matter how well it is organised it still needs people to enter the many categories to make the show a success. You could win a cup or a certificate and entering can be a bit of fun, especially for the kiddies, and you know by entering you are keeping up the traditional village goings on which would otherwise be lost.

As I said before it is seed planting time. When buying seeds read the back of the packets to make sure you have the means to propagate them, it will avoid a lot of disappointment later. At this time they need a lot of light when they have germinated (not direct sunlight, this would "draw" them and make them weak). If you use a windowsill keep turning them round so that they do not pull over to one side. The idea is to encourage a bushy plant in the main. If you have a greenhouse make sure the temperature is kept fairly constant, particularly at night, if you do not have any heat in your greenhouse plant the seeds later, or in the house. When planting seeds a good rule of thumb is to plant them fairly well spaced and cover them with a depth of compost equivalent to twice the thickness of the seeds. In case of very tiny seeds like poppies, busy lizzy and lobelia, just press the seeds onto the surface of the moist compost. Cover the seed trays with glass and newspaper to keep in the moisture and to exclude light, place them in a warm place, 100F, or as indicated on the packet. As soon as they show signs of germination bring them into the light. As soon as they are large enough to handle (usually with 2 true leaves) prick them out into pots or trays with spacing to allow them to develop better.

FLOWERS

Clean-up borders, removing leaves and debris, cut back viola plants to the crowns. Keep a wary eye on those dahlia tubers in store, discard the ones which have rotted, or cut out small rotted areas, and dust with flowers of sulphur. Fill in any gaps in wallflower beds before the plants start growing actively, subject to the weather perennials can be moved now. Prepare the soil well with plenty of well-rotted compost or manure. Clean-up rockeries and top-dress with potty compost and chipping. Cut back any winter flowering heathers when they have finished flowering. Plant anemones and ranunculus, anemones need to be about 2.5 to 3 inches deep and ranunculus 1.5 to 2 inches deep. Plant them with the claws downward; you will see what I mean when you see the seeds. Prune clematis jackmanii and others that carry flowers after midsummer, cut all stems back to a pair of strong buds near the base, this will give you larger flowers. Watch out for slugs and snails on warmer days and eradicate them. They will be after the delphinium shoots and other succulent growth. Work a balanced fertilizer into the flowerbeds. Growmore is ideal or use bonemeal with well-rotted manure. For ericaceous plots use purpose made compost and given them a tonic of sequestrine. See the instructions on the pack for dilution rate.

VEGETABLES

Clear and dig over vegetable plots as soon as crops have finished. Leave clods large so that the frost can get in to break them down. Given spring cabbage and broccoli a top dressing with nitro chalk or other nitrogenous fertilizer, check Ph levels of soil and add lime where necessary and according to what you are going to plant. The onion patch needs a bit more special attention. They like a really rich soil with

plenty of organic matter plus bonemeal and hoof and horn and if you want real whoppers (for the Show) sit out every evening after watering and sing or talk to them. They will really enjoy that and will give off their best I am sure. If you have got a greenhouse empty !!X? why not try a few French beans, lettuce or radishes grown in boxes or growbags. It is nice to have a few early fresh vegetables home grown (I don't think I could squeeze much more in my greenhouses just now).

TREE, SHRUBS and FRUIT

Finish planting trees, shrubs and fruit as early as possible, prime autumn fruiting raspberries to within 6 inches of the soil, if strawberries have been grown in the pots being a few into the greenhouse now, temperature needs to be 50-60F. Give trees and shrubs a feed, especially newly planted ones, prune autumn flowering shrubs which flower on the tips of new growth, i.e. spirea buddlia and hardy fuchsias, if hard frost is still around leave it for a week or 2. Finish pruning and spraying top fruit as soon as possible and cut out any diseased and crossing branches if you have not already done, inspect stored fruit, discard any showing signs of rot.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS

Time to start tidying up if not done before, prior to the busy time starting soon. Sow mustard & cress & radishes & your favourite veg. Pollinate & train early vines. Pot up annuals for the greenhouse, which were sown earlier, Start Achimenes in shallow boxes half filled with a light sandy compost. You could try planting a few cucumber seeds for an early crop though they do like to be kept warm, germinate at 75 F and 60 or so thereafter. The principal half-hardy annuals to be sown now are Begonia Semperflorens, Statice Lobelia, Snaps, Ageratum, Nicotina, Nemesia, Schizanthus etc. etc. you need temperatures around 55 to 60 for these. Pot early Begonias & Gloxinia tubers; don't let the roots get tangled up with one another. Bring Clivias and Vallotas into growth now increase the watering and a little more warmth 55 - 60 unless you want earlier flowers then increase temp. to 60 - 70. Prepare seed trays, pots etc. ready for planting bedding plant seeds.

LAWNS

Keep off if frosty and keep it clean, if you are bothered with cats, you could try the tip a gardener gave me some time ago, put half filled (with water) plastic pop bottles around with space around them, the cats never seemed to be in his garden and he swore by it. I haven't tried it yet; I am rather fond of the moggie around my plot.

TOM,

Busy Bee

Who's Who

Percy says "I am the same relation to your son as Jack is to you".

"That's right" said Fred, "and you are the same relation to me as Jack is to you.

What is the relationship between Fred and Jack? See page 11.

What It Means To Be Poor

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh Yeah" said the son. "So what did you learn from the trip" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front garden and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

With this the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

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ROUND THE WORLD IN 92 DAYS

by Alan Faulkner Taylor Chapter 4

Our next port of call was Singapore, where we met a friend of my wife's - a retired Gynaecologist/obstetrician called Yvonne Salmon. My wife had originally met Yvonne at The Jessop Hospital for Women many years earlier. We met her at The Pan Pacific Hotel, where it cost us the equivalent of £10 each per pot of tea!

Writing about gynaecologists reminds me of a talk given on *Oriana* by one of the lecturers - Professor Harvey Mann, whose title was an honorary one - awarded for his articles written in *The National Geographical Magazine* about the mountain gorillas in Rwanda. Harvey told us during one of his lectures in the USA, a lady had come up to him and asked if she could talk to him in private about a personal matter. One must appreciate, that as a fellow of The Royal Geographical Society, Harvey is entitled to use the initials FRGS after his name. The lady thought he was a surgeon and could be consulted about her medical problem; she had thought FRGS meant FRCOS! A mistake easily made!

Our next port of call was Hong Kong - or to be more precise - Kowloon. This being the Chinese 'year of the horse', many of the shops displayed horses, particularly one, which had an animated illuminated sign, shining brightly at night.

On the second morning of our two-day stay, we were taken around the bay in a so-called junk. I write so-called, because there is only one genuine junk remaining in Hong Kong, and this only sails on Saturday afternoons - starting at 2pm. We left Kowloon at noon, and therefore missed seeing the real junk. That's life!

That's me! I completely forgot to mention that we had visited Da Nang - a small port in Vietnam. Two days previous to the visit, it had been announced in *Oriana Today* that a charge of £10 for a visa for those passengers to go ashore in Da Nang; not wishing to go ashore, my wife and I had not applied for a visa. On the morning of our visit to Da Nang we watched, through binoculars, the off-loading of salt from a small ship - putting the salt into sacks and placing them onto a lorry. On the day following the visit, we received our on-board account and found that we had both been charged £7 for a visa. Why were we not informed beforehand? It would have been interesting to walk around Da Nang and see the salt being off-loaded. Just before leaving Da Nang we were delighted to watch a number of small fishing boats being rowed below that aft end of *Oriana* - the men waved and shouted to us in a friendly way.

Manila, in the Philippines, was our next port of call. Yet another lapse in my memory! When *Oriana* was berthed in Kowloon, we were treated to a troupe Chinese dancers: when it came to the highlight of the performance - two men inside a dragon running up one of the theatre's aisles, I reached for my camera - only to find that the purse contained my binoculars! In my defence - the two purses, both with slots for attaching to one's belt, and somewhat similar.

There are two launderettes on *Oriana*, my wife washed our clothes in our cabin - using one of the launderettes for ironing. She'd been told by a man that he called the laundrette 'the war zone' - because of constant arguments. The day before arriving at Manila one woman had a black eye! We were told, on the day after leaving Manila, that two women had been put ashore and told to make their own arrangements to return to Britain - for fighting in one of the launderettes!

Further about Manila: there is dreadful poverty - women and their children sheltering under trees, with a single chicken; some of the children were begging for food.

Public transport vehicles are very strange! People jump onto the rear end, and presumably the driver when they get off?

Our next port of call was Darwin, in Australia's Northern Territory. My wife, not wishing to take the excursion to see the 'jumping crocks', opted to visit a stud farm; here she saw Andrew Lloyd Webber's stallion called Killimanjaro; unfortunately, due to an ankle injury he was in his stall. Two of the foals were let out of their stalls - for people to fondle them while their mares watched anxiously; my wife stroked the foals.

I went on the jumping crocks' excursion. Our party was taken by coach to the Adelaide River: we then boarded a double-decker boat, and were taken along the river. When we arrived at the first crocodile a young lady, about 24 years old, dangled a chunk of meat from the end of a pole: the boat's owner has a name for each of the crocodiles - the first being called Bogart. Within a few minutes a flock of six whistling kites arrived, and when small chunks of meat were thrown into the water they dived down and snatched them up. This was my first sighting of whistling kites, and I was surprised to discover that they whistled constantly while in flight.



Fig. 1: A number of the quaint public transport buses in Manila. Fig. 2: One of the jumping crocodiles.



Spotlight on

Les Firth



How long have you lived or worked in Totley?

I had just lived here long enough to be accepted in the 'Tap Room' of the Cricket Inn but they then closed it for refurbishment. Up to now 36.5 years.

What do you most like about this area?

The good mix of people in the area and the closeness to the Peak District for superb scenery and walking.

What would you change if you could?

People's attitude to tidiness and the general inability to be more tolerant of each other.

What do consider to have been your greatest achievement so far?

Not a lot. I have been on the Totley Residents association for 20 years or more and also helped to start Transport 17.

I have also been editing the Totley Independent for 10.5 years.

Have you any regrets or disappointments?

Yes, the loss of our youngest daughter, Alison, in 1992.

What makes you angry?

Intolerance between religion and races.

What gives you hope and encouragement?

Dorothy Firth.

If you ruled the world...

Ban politics and try to introduce common sense.

What is your treasured possession?

My wife, our daughter, my health and my sight etc.

What famous person would you like to meet?

Oscar Peterson, the pianist.

Who had the most influence on your life?

Having a family all be it a small one.

What was your childhood like?

Fairly quiet up to my first birthday when Hitler sent some parcels over to Sheffield that went with a bang.

My father had a car for his business and thus we were able to travel into Derbyshire which may well have been quite an influence on me.

How do you spend your spare time?

Editing the Totley independent, bird watching, walking, helping to run the Heatherfield club, playing badminton, playing the piano (badly) and cooking.

What was your best holiday?

Probably our family holidays in Yugoslavia otherwise the next one.

Where in the world would you most like to visit?

Where ever I go to next. (New Zealand is excellent but I would like to keep that a secret).

What is your favourite Book and music?

I quite enjoyed John Steinbeck's novels but only seem to spend time reading when on holiday.

As far as music is concerned I enjoy piano music from jazz to classical.

What skills do you wish you had?

Better piano skills.

If you could change your career what would you choose?

If I could have I would have loved to be involved in the music business but as things are I am quite happy learning about retirement.

A GOOD PUN IS ITS OWN REWORD

Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.

If electricity comes from electrons... does that mean that morality comes from morons?

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Banning the bra was a big flop.

Sea captains don't like crew cuts.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumour.

Without geometry, life is pointless.

When you dream in colour, it's a pigment of your imagination.

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading whilst sunbathing makes you well-red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

Alarms: What an octopus is.

Crick: The sound that a Japanese camera makes.

Dockyard: A physician's garden.

Incongruous: Where bills are passed.

Khakis: What you need to start the car in Boston.

Oboe: An English tramp.

Pasteurise: Too far to see.

Propaganda: A gentlemanly goose.

Toboggan: Why we go to an auction.

Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.

Answer to Who's Who from Page 8

Generations go:

Jack

Percy

Fred

Fred's son

Jack is Fred's grandfather - Percy is Fred's son's grandfather.

Jack is Percy's father - Percy is Fred's father





**SHEFFIELD RSPB
CELEBRATES ITS 21st.
BIRTHDAY**

Sheffield local group of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds celebrated its 21st birthday in November 2002.

The highlight of the group's ongoing birthday celebrations will be a bird identification workshop, entitled "What's that bird?" led by the well-known ornithologist, lecturer and raconteur, John Wyatt. The day will be based around slides and sound recordings and is aimed at all categories of birdwatchers from beginners to the experienced birder. It will be light-hearted with some audience participation. The workshop will be held on Saturday 29 March 2003 at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road (near Twentywell Lane), commencing at 10.30am with doors open at 10-00am. The day's activities will finish at around 4.00pm. The price of the tickets is £10 per person, which includes admission, a buffet lunch and tea and coffee during the day. Come and join us for a day of education and entertainment. You will not be disappointed! Tickets are available from John Badger (247 6622) and Hilary Sills (235 6598).

Sheffield local group, which has a membership of 470 throughout Sheffield, has a strong representation in Totley. There is a regular programme of monthly midweek local bird watching walks from September to June and these cater for

all ages and experience. Everyone is welcome to join us and share the pleasure of not only our local birds but also our varied natural history. The walks are usually followed by a sociable lunch at a local hostelry when we reminisce about what we have seen or might have seen! It is all very friendly and informal.

For our more intrepid travelers, the group organises monthly field trips by coach to bird reserves or locations further afield. Again the atmosphere is relaxed with the emphasis on seeing birds well, rather than seeing vast numbers, although the more serious birdwatchers have the chance to do their own thing.

By far the most popular of the group's activities is the monthly indoor meeting when we are entertained by a guest speaker with slides, usually (but not always) with a "birdie" theme. Many times we have been transported to far-flung parts of the world to enjoy and marvel at the flora and fauna of places we can only dream of.

A copy of the group's full programme of activities, the latest newsletter and any other information may be obtained from the Group Leader, John Badger (2476622), the Membership Secretary, Peter Wingfield (2398155) or the Field Trips Organiser, Hilary Sills (2356598) or visit our website at www.rspb-sheffield.org.uk Give us a try - we do enjoy ourselves.

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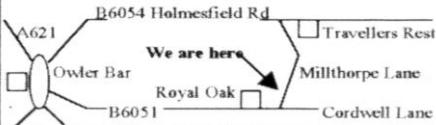
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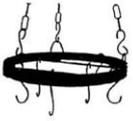




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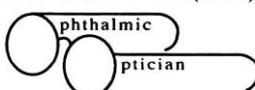
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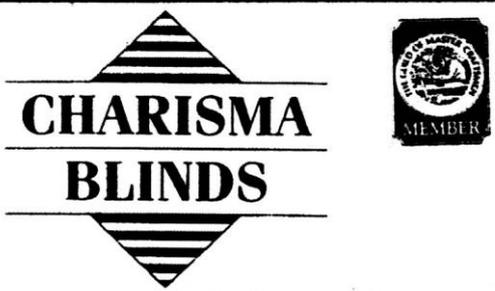
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- THURS. 10th.** HEBREW PRAISE DANCING. 8 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church.
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Jennie Street

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