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CROSS SCYTHES MOTORS

Proprietor Alec Jepson



The 1950's photo at the top shows the garage operated by Alec Jepson on the site now occupied by the small development adjacent to the Cross Scythes. The lower pictures are later, does anyone have memories of Cross Scythes Motors – do write in and let us know. The lower left photo shows Colin Pinder and on the right shows:
Back row L to R:- Jack Buxton Sales manager, Colin Pinder sales , Marjorie ?
Front row L to R:- Ruth Ibbotson, Paddy Reid, Mrs Bell

WARD FORUM

Totley Library - Wednesday 9th March 7.30pm

Friends of Green Oak Park

After a meeting with interested residents in May 2003, which I attended, the inaugural AGM was held on 20th of November 2003. The constitution was adopted and the Management Committee formed. Members, Councillor Colin Ross and council officers worked hard to acquire funding for the park. The old tennis court was replaced with the Multi Games Area (the MUGA).

By 2006 the original group had disintegrated, only Sylvia Ruddle, the chairman was left.

As the constitutions of TRA and the Friends group were very similar, it was agreed at the Topley Residents Association (TRA) AGM that the Friends would come under the umbrella of TRA until such time as interested residents came forward to re-instate the group. Sylvia became a committee member of TRA.

In 2008 after detailed consultation with Topley residents by Parks and Countryside, the Masterplan was put into place. Since then, several residents have been holding regular meetings with Parks and Countryside and working alongside council gardening teams to implement the Masterplan.

Although registered as a Friends Group on the Council website for some time, we were still under the umbrella of TRA; it was decided we should re-instate the group.

Discussions with Joanne Buck, Assistant Community Partnership Officer from Parks and Countryside resulted in two public meetings on 25th January and 14th February. At the first public meeting the new constitution was discussed and volunteers who had been working in the park for the last two years put their names forward to become members of the management committee.

At the second public meeting the constitution was adopted and the management committee were elected unanimously by show of hands.

Chairman Avril Critchley,
Secretary Betty Higgins,
Treasurer Russell Hague

Management Committee Members:-

Janet Chapman, Marlene Marshall, Malcolm Hague, Jim Higgins, Edward Russell, Sylvia Ruddle (representing the bowling club)

Kathryn Higgins will be in charge of fund raising and we will be setting up a website.

Both public meetings gave those present (30 and 33) the opportunity to express their concerns about the consultation process regarding the idea of a youth shelter in the park. Some residents backing onto the park have NOT been consulted. Other park users, those living in Topley and using the park daily, for shopping or dog walking and visitors to the area, having heard on the grape vine, felt they had been ignored and had not had the chance to join in the debate. As promised at the meeting, Councillor Colin Ross has looked into the latest information on the shelter, which is:- If the shelter were to be placed in the park for a trial period, there must first be an agreed plan with Parks and Countryside to look after it.

Other matters:-

The March edition of Yorkshire Life turns the spotlight on Topley and Dore. There is a portrait of both villages, showing both old and new.

Friends of Green Oak Park met the writer of the article in the park. He took a number of photographs of work in progress and noted our future aims.

A resident reported that the rubbish bin which has been outside Cross Scythes for years had disappeared. I contacted Streetforce who have removed it to the bus terminus because they had received complaints of rubbish in the area. It has been pointed out to them we need a bin in the Cross Scythes vicinity as it is a thoroughfare for local schools. Hopefully we will get a new bin sometime.

There is also a problem with the notice board just beyond Cross Scythes. It is falling to bits and has been chained to the wall for safety reasons. This has also been reported, to the Community Assembly. It is my understanding notice boards throughout the South West are being examined. We will probably need to wait until the new financial year before we see a new board and bin.

The next Ward Forum meeting, organised by local groups, will be held on Wednesday 9th March 7.30 pm Topley Library. This is your opportunity to speak to your local councillors.

The next Community Assembly meeting will be held on 31st March 7.00pm at Taptan School.

Avril Critchley
Chair TRA

Topley Residents Association Update

A Special General Meeting was held on 21st February to discuss the future of the TRA.

Over 100 Topley residents turned out on a dark and dreary February evening at the library. Following a lively discussion, contributed to by around 20 members, a vote was proposed and carried to put a temporary TRA Chair in place to direct the committee through to the AGM in April. Richard Frost then volunteered to be the temporary chair, we wish him every success in his role. The remaining TRA committee, including Avril, will continue to work for the benefit of Topley and will as is normal consider standing for election again at the next AGM.

Special thanks were proposed for Avril Critchley for her dedication and hard work as chair for the last 8 years.

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

Following two very successful open days which were held last April attracting a total of 23 new members to join the Club, it has been decided to repeat the events this year.

The Club will therefore be holding two OPEN MORNINGS on Saturday 2nd April and Saturday 9th April between 10 am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at CROWN GREEN BOWLING.

Previous experience is not necessary as instruction will be given.

The Bowls Pavilion is situated at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Club site where ample car parking is available. The Club is a mixed club with the number of lady members rapidly approaching the number of male members.

Please come along to the Green with suitable footwear (flat with no heels) and you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment will be provided.

If you require any further information please contact John Hall (Hon Sec) Tel: 236 7174



Transport 17

Our AGM will be on Monday, 28th March in

Totley library, Baslow Road at 7 pm.

This is for shareholders and associated members. Notices will have already gone out. If anyone needs transport to the AGM would they please ring the office on 236 2962.

We had to cancel our Christmas coffee morning because of bad weather. We will be having a spring one (we hope!), on Saturday, 9th April. This will be at the office at 172 Baslow Road, Totley from 10 am to 12 noon. Gifts, books, raffle, bric-a-brac as well as coffee, tea and hot cross buns will be on offer. Please come and support us.

We take many passengers to their clubs every day. We try very hard to be on time and get them to their lunch and social events also in good time. Sometimes we run up against emergencies, such as lost keys or, perhaps, forgetfulness (we all know about that!). This can delay us and it is like a set of dominos going down.

Please bear with us. We are doing our best. It could be you who are locked out or haven't let us know that you are not coming that day. We are all only human, but we are doing our best.

Thank you.

Take care.

Margaret Barlow

Starlight Walk

IT'S just a walk in the park...but it means so much for St Luke's Hospice!

Sheffield's only hospice celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and one of the major highlights of the birthday fun will be a Starlight Walk through one of the city's most popular parks.

The evening event takes place on 21st May and will see participants walking the five kilometres from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam and back - and hopefully boosting hospice funds by a marvellous £50,000.

"This is a fantastic way for our many supporters across the city to raise money to help us care for Sheffield people with life-limiting illnesses," said St Luke's Director of Fundraising and Communications Una Moran.

"You can walk in memory of someone who was close to you, walk for someone you know who has been helped by St Luke's or just walk for fun and fitness.

"Less than a third of our funding comes from the NHS and this year we need to raise at least £4 million just to keep on doing what we do."

Proceedings will begin with live entertainment in Endcliffe Park from 6.30pm, with the walk itself starting at 8.45pm, giving participants the chance to see the celebrated park and woodland in all the beauty of twilight.

Even the youngest, oldest or most leisurely walker is expected to complete the full marshalled course in less than two hours.

It's a walk that is suitable for people of all abilities but don't worry if you don't feel up to the challenge - simply come along to the park, enjoy the party and cheer our participants as they set off and then cross the finishing line!

To register for the Starlight Walk online visit www.stlukeshospice.org.uk or call 0114 235 7594 for further information.

Gillfield Wood

Do you use our local wood? And is it Gillfield or Gillyfield? Hard G or soft G? No-one can quite agree - but what many of us in Totley do agree on is how lovely it is to have such a wood in which to walk. Most of the trees deep in the wood - certainly on the Sheffield side of the Totley Brook - are mainly American oak and larch, planted in the 1960's. But the wonderful wood anemones and bluebells of Spring help to indicate that Gillfield is yet another of Sheffield's marvellous "Ancient Woods" - that is a wood which existed before 1600 - even if we didn't have the documentation to prove it.

I am part of the newly formed "Friends of Gillfield Wood" group and have also been attending a number of workshops for volunteers on investigating the history, archaeology and ecology of woodland. As I am also part of the Totley History Group who are now embarking on carrying out oral history interviews, I would also really like to interview people on their memories of the wood and the surrounding fields. Maybe you have a story about the wood? Did you play there as a child, swim in the pool that used to be there? Maybe you remember the replanting of the wood in the 60's, or even what it was like before the replanting? And what do you call it?

If you are willing to be interviewed, please contact me, Sally Goldsmith on 0779 063 7016 or email me on goldsally@gmail.com and we can sort out an hour or so. Many thanks - really looking forward to it!

Totley History Group is awarded a Grassroots Grant

The Totley History Group has recently received a huge boost from the Sheffield Community Fund, Grassroots Fund. A grant for £1000 was awarded to its Oral History Project for the purchase of recording equipment to make and store local oral history recordings.

Our Oral History Project has been underway for a while with the use of borrowed equipment, so we already have a number of recordings of local people talking about their lives in Totley stored in the Totley History Group archive. People talk about whatever they please; locals have remembered childhood friendships, the games they played and the mischief they got up to, as well as more serious and upsetting recollections of 2nd WW and the Sheffield Blitz.

We are interested in recording anybody who has connections with Totley. If you want to know more, or would like to be part of the project as an interviewer or an interviewee, just mention it to any member of the Totley History Group or phone Ann Lee on 236 0743 or Christine Shimell on 236 1631.

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 p.m., Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore Contact details: telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk, colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TRA Website:- www.totley.org.uk

Run for ALL Life 2011

Did you make a resolution to get fitter this year? Why not get fit and also raise money for a good cause by joining in this year's off road 'Run for ALL Life' on 21st May 2011 in the beautiful Ecclesall Woods. Last year, Sheffield's first Run for ALL Life was held to raise money for the Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Medical Research, the UK's leading medical research charity that funds and promotes the development of techniques to replace the use of animals in medical research and testing.

According to the latest Home Office statistics, over 3.5 million animals are still being used annually in experimental procedures in the UK. This includes 3,564 pigs, 4,129 dogs, and 2,815 non-human primates.

Besides the pain of the procedures, the captivity, fear, handling and often solitary confinement, animal research is now known to be fundamentally flawed due to the different results obtained between different species. Many potential therapies that pass animal studies prove either too toxic or ineffective for humans.

In addition, there is still not enough commitment to researching and using humane alternatives. The Dr Hadwen Trust has been a leader and advocate for humane research since it was set up in 1970 in honour of Dr Walter Hadwen. Funded solely by charitable donations, the DHT has now awarded grants to over 140 research projects for some of the most advanced and successful human-related techniques in areas of medical research including cancer, Alzheimer's, asthma, kidney, heart and liver disease and diabetes, to name only a few.

The bluebells should be out in May and an instructor from Pure Gym will again be at this year's event to lead a warm up routine at the start. Dore Co-op will donate water. The run can be taken seriously with some runners being timed to complete either one lap (5k) or two laps (10k) or it can be shared between runners as a relay, be walked, done in fancy dress or completed in other inventive ways! Dogs are very welcome to join in the fun as long as they are under control. Children under 16 are also welcome, if a responsible adult accompanies them.

If any shops or offices would like to collect in the months leading up to the run please contact me, also anyone interested in taking part can contact me at Hadwen.Run@gmail.com or you can phone 0114 235 6907. For further information about the Dr Hadwen Trust go to www.drhadwentrust.org
Dawn Biram

Totley Brook Road

Your article on Totley Brook Road brought back memories to 1962-3, a very severe winter when as a site foreman we developed the left hand side. The houses were built on concrete rafts over excavations deposited from the railway cutting. Most of the external bricks came from Woodside Brick Company now the site of Homebase on Chesterfield Road. It was my company's first development not to have chimney stacks and last to use lead waste pipes. My first customer has his house compulsory purchased for the construction of the M1 Motorway.
Sid Wetherill

Digital Switchover

Analogue TV channels are being switched off in 2 stages this year, 10th August BBC2 is switched off and 24th August the remaining analogue TV channels are switched off, after which the digital TV signals will be given additional power.

If you've not already done so, now is the ideal time to get ready for the switchover; after the Christmas rush and ahead of the switchover itself. Doing nothing could leave you without a TV signal after switchover dates.

Things to think about

How many TVs in your house do you want to continue watching after switchover?

Does your existing TV have a SCART socket? This will help you decide if you need a box with a SCART socket or an RF-modulator. An RF modulator, is a device that enables TVs without a SCART socket to be converted to digital, providing you have an aerial socket.

Do you record one channel while you are watching another? If so, you should think about buying a digital TV recorder that will also convert your TV

Do you need a new aerial? If you are eligible and take up the Help Scheme, they can explain all your digital options and help you to choose the way to switch that suits you best.

TV/radio adverts and literature are appearing now to help decide and much more information is available online at www.digitaluk.co.uk.



Art Exhibition

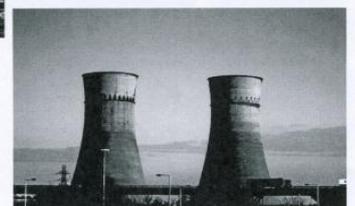
By local artists **Christine Walker**

Simon Deeks

St Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd.

Sat 16th April 2011,

10.30am-3.30pm



Refreshments
available

Free admission

WEATHER REPORT

2010 started with snow which lay for 21 days and finished in the same manner with snow lying for 33 days with just the last 3 days clear. To top it all we awoke on the 1st of April to find it had snowed overnight - luckily it didn't last long. Maybe it was the weather's idea of an April Fools joke.

We recorded 63 days of lying snow as against 35 at Weston Park (WP). It has certainly been on the cold side temperature wise at times, January served up 9 days and nights and December 8 days and nights consecutively being 0C or under. There were 17 nights in January, 19 nights in February and 10 nights in March (which was exceptional) and 21 nights in December at 0c or below. Mid-March temperatures rose to be closer to the average and a warm spring followed. June was a month of extremes with the temperatures some days being almost half the average but 12 days rising to 20C or above. July also produced 2 very cold days for the time of year with August being cooler than average with only 2 days of 20C which were the last for the year. The coldest temperature WP -8.7C and -10C Tootley (T) was recorded on the 20th December with the hottest WP 27.7C 23rd of May and 24.5C T on the 27th of June.

The year was drier with regards to the amount of rainfall but wetter with the number of days when the rain fell. The wettest day being 6th of September 31ml WP and 31.5ml T. Tootley was consistently wetter than WP month by month which was to a greater degree in April and November.

Weston Park recorded 15.2hrs of sun on 17th of June and 1491.5hrs during the year as against an average of 1380hrs. Seven months had more than the monthly average and 2 months less. March, April and June having many more hours and July much less than average.

	Tootley	Weston Park
Rain for the Year		
2010	866.3mm	633.9mm
2009	1041.0mm	927.0mm
2008	1170.1mm	981.2mm
Coldest Night		
2010	-10.0C	-8.7C
2009	-5.5C	-4.7C
2008	-6.5C	-6.7C
Wettest Day		
2010	31.5mm	31.0mm
2009	33.4mm	88.8mm
2008	47.0mm	39.2mm
Hottest Day		
2010	24.5C	27.7C
2009	27.5C	28.0C
2008	26.5C	27.4C

Vivien Filleul

PUZZLE CORNER

How Far?

Two trains enter opposite ends of a 6 mile long tunnel simultaneously. The express travels at a constant 90 m.p.h. and the other train also constant but slower speed. The two trains pass each other 2 1/2 minutes after entering the tunnel. How far will the express travel outside the tunnel by the time the slower train emerges ?

Don Ashford

St John's Church Abbeydale



9th March Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion to include imposition of ashes

17th April Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion to include blessing of the palms

21st April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion

22nd April Good Friday

10am Family Service

2pm An Hour by the cross

24th April EASTER SUNDAY

8am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Communion

8th May ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICES

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Prayer - Uniformed organisations service - baptism

Woodland Work for Wild Birds

(During Feb/March 2011)

Research by the RSPB and Forestry Commission has shown that there's been an alarming decline

of woodland birds in the last 25 years in the UK. This is attributed to the lack of woodland management as there is less variety of tree species and sizes. The Forestry Commission is helping to rejuvenate woodlands for 15 bird species.

The woods here are fairly good for birds, but there are areas that could be improved. We've secured funding for thinning, group fells (glade creation) in 2 areas, coppicing and rhododendron control. We'll also be creating some standing deadwood to encourage the development of nest holes and deadwood insects.

The trees being removed are sycamores (a non-native species). Their canopy casts deep shade and they can dominate. Removing a few trees will open up the canopy and let light onto the woodland floor, so tree seeds can establish, saplings and trees can grow, and areas of bluebells will have enough light to flower and seed. The work is making the most of natural processes.

We're using a heavy horse for moving logs within the woods to reduce the impact on the ground. Archaeological features such as charcoal platforms, white coal kilns, spoil tips, banks and hollow ways are all evidence of the ways in which the woods have been utilised, and horses would've been used. The woodlands were probably far busier than they are today!

Access in parts of the woods will be affected for short periods of the day (it'll be made clear on site), but paths won't be closed. There's more information about the woodland work at www.wildsheffield.com, or email/phone. Please get in touch to find out when and where the horse will be working in the woods.

Annabelle Kennedy (Reserves Manager) 0114 263 4335, or email a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com



Sheffield & Rotherham



Farming Scene or Up Corn Down Horn!

Winter certainly came early this time! Not only early but it was exceptionally cold and the snow was "deep and even". This sort of weather always adds to the stress and workload on a livestock farm. For us it came at a very busy time. We had just started lambing and we were in the midst of our series of Nativity Plays for local schools. Fortunately it did not seriously affect the outcome of a very successful lambing session but it did disrupt our plays and we lost a full week of school visits due to the snow. We had a few less schools booked for a visit this year and family performances were 25% down on last year. Is this due to the novelty wearing off or are schools/families feeling the pinch and reducing their non-essential spending??

We had a record breaking number of lambs born to our Dorset ewes this year. After pre and post lambing losses, we have reared nearly 1.9 lambs per ewe. These lambs have now all been weaned in fact some of the fastest growing ones have already been sold at Bakewell Market for the "new season" lamb trade. The ewes have been dried off, had their hooves trimmed and are now back out in the fields having rest and recuperation before being put to the tups again in late June. As they go out so our Texel flock is nearing lambing and will be brought inside by mid March ready to give birth.

The deep snow and sharp frosts have caused major delays to the sugarbeet harvest. Some growers in Notts and Lincs areas have lost part or all of their crops due to frost damage. Apart from the major financial loss they will incur as a result they also have the problem of how to dispose of the unlifted crops in a way that will not seriously affect the following cereal crop. Many acres that would have been planted with wheat by now will instead have to be replanted with an alternate sown crop of spring barley which will produce less grain and less income. From the consumer's point of view this is also bad news as the reduction in sugar production will exacerbate the current worldwide trend in rising sugar prices.

Similarly, grain prices are at record highs due to reduced harvests and rising consumption worldwide. Crops have been hit by drought, floods, hurricanes, wildfires and frost damage in various parts of the world. Russia, China, USA and Australia have all seen harvest yields reduced by weather affect crops. Is this a result of Global warming and a sign of the food supply difficulties that will be common place in the world in 10 years time?? Maybe it is because biofuel production is using millions of tonnes of wheat every year to reduce road fuel carbon emissions.

Vegetable oil and protein crops have also suffered and there is currently a very tight market for both of them. Watch out, cooking oils and margarines will become more expensive over the coming months as these problems feed through into increased retail prices.

All these increases are very good news for crop growing farmers, but very bad news for livestock farmers as they are having to pay substantially more for the grain/protein based feedstuffs they are using. May sectors, particularly pig and poultry enterprises, where feeds is the main cost are losing money on every product they sell. The old adage "up corn, down horn" (roughly translated - when grain farmers are doing well, livestock producers are suffering) is certainly true at the moment. Maybe next year or the year after it will become "down corn up horn", who can tell.

Edwin Pocock

Counting On You

The ten-yearly census will take place on 27th March. It provides vital information about the population, enabling central and local government, health authorities and others to identify the level of need for housing, education, health and transport and other services.



The questionnaire envelope is marked by a purple 2011 Census logo. On the front of the form will be your personal internet access code so that you can choose to complete the questionnaire online.

If the form is completed and returned on time, no one from the census will visit, unless you have asked for help or you live in a communal establishment like a residential care home. Census staff will all have a photo identity card. More information is available at: www.census.gov.uk

KESA presents

MASKED BALL



18th March 7 pm - 1am

Baldwin's Omega
5 course dinner
Live band & Disco
Masks & black tie optional

Booking & reservations Call Josée on 236 2481
Or Visit www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk

DO YOU NEED HELP?

-In coping with worry, depression, addiction or illness (physical, mental or spiritual)

Christians believe, through Jesus, God can and does, comfort, heal and bring peace of mind, in response to prayer.

Members from All Saints and Totley Rise Methodist churches are currently offering to pray in confidence for anyone who would like to come to:

TOTLEY LIBRARY BUILDING ON SATURDAYS

between 12.30 and 2.30pm

and

HEATHERFIELD CLUB (BASLOW ROAD) on WEDNESDAYS between 2 and 3pm

For information ring Brian 07877 303709

T.O.A.D.S.
 present
"DEADLY NIGHTCAP"
 by Francis Durbridge

Deadly Nightcap, written by Francis Durbridge, is the title of the next play to be performed by TOADS. The dates are Wednesday 11th May to Saturday 14th May, and the venue is as usual, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, at 7.30pm.

Murder and mystery abound in this ingenious play from the master of the genre! Is our heroine really going out of her mind, or is there something more sinister afoot? Of course there is!

Deadly Nightcap marks the debut of four new TOADS members, who are delighted to be treading the boards for the first time in this great thriller.

Call 235 1206 to reserve your ticket - £4, or £3.50 for concessions - or contact any TOADS member.

The Peak District's 60th Birthday Charity Walk

Join Friends of the Peak Districts fantastic charity walk on 16th April to celebrate the 60th birthday of the UK's first national park! Starting from the stunning Thornbridge Hall, there is a choice of two circular routes along the beautiful Monsal Trail - either the more challenging 15 miles (starting at 8.30am) or a more leisurely 7.5 miles (starting at 11.30am). Both walks return you to Thornbridge Hall where you can then rest your weary feet, enjoy a nice piece of birthday cake and help celebrate 60 years since the Peak District gained its national park status. Cost: adults £13.50, children £6.00 (all proceeds to Friends of the Peak District). We also ask if you can help raise sponsorship towards our work protecting Peak District landscapes.



Friends of the Peak District

Registration form available at www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk. OR phone 0114 266 5822 OR email danny@friendsofthepeak.org.uk



LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY, MICKLEY HALL

THURSDAY MARCH 17TH, 7PM

St. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

FREE ENTRY

IRISH THEMED MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT £5.00

Music in the Gardens

Music in the Gardens, is run by Sheffield Rotary Clubs, in the Botanical gardens. Last year it raised £45,000 for charity. Planning of this years event is going well & tickets should be available on the internet at www.musicinthegardens.co.uk.

Appearing on June 29th will be Keith Peters Big Band, with the Battle of Britain Spitfire fly past (weather & other conditions being favourable). On June 30th will be Sheffield's own Paul Carrick, on Friday July 1st will be Courtney Pine & Omar Puente, who are making this part of their European Tour, after release of a new album in March. On Saturday 2nd July will be Dodworth Colliery Band & Sheffield Philharmonic (the last half will be like "Last Night of the Proms").

Food can be ordered online, for collection at the event, as well as there being a variety of food stalls. The bar, we are assured, will be charging pub prices. Roger Hart



Meditation and Relaxation Classes at Totley Library

There will be a new evening class starting at Totley Library. Initially we will run the class for three evenings from Thursdays 17th/24th/3rd March from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

The class will include guided instructions on how to calm and relax the mind through ancient, simple techniques that anyone can use.

Gyaltsabje Centre
 0114 266 1142

Photo Restoration



Some of the photos we get into the Totley Independent are in a pretty sorry state. The photo on the front issue of this month's issue had had a particularly hard life and we got it as above - it bears little resemblance to the post-production photo on the front cover. We use Batsys Systems, based near Buxton to restore our photos, they can be contacted on 01298 85074 or at www.batsys.com/restoration.html

PUZZLE CORNER

Answer to How Far?

The express travels 10 miles in the time the slower train travels through the 6 mile long tunnel.- therefore 4 miles beyond the tunnel. Don Ashford.

Spring Food Fair

Totley based food events company Hartingtons is putting on a Spring Food Fair at Baslow Village Hall on the 2nd & 3rd of April. In early December last year the newly formed company had organised their first ever event, a Christmas Food Fair, on 3rd and 4th of December but like many other events that weekend it had to be cancelled due to the unprecedented snowfall in Sheffield.

Chris Horne, Director of Hartingtons, comments: "We were absolutely devastated when we had to call it off. After the hard work of organising the event and getting such a great line up of local food producers I'll be honest.....there were more than a few tears shed in Totley that weekend!"

Undaunted by this setback Hartingtons are putting on a series of nine Food Fairs in the village hall in Baslow during 2011. The first takes place on the 2nd and 3rd of April and will feature some of the area's finest and most interesting food producers.

Just to give you a flavour of the event.....there will be over 20 exhibitors including Roneys of Sharrow Vale doing a mini hog roast on Sunday, Yee Kwans oriental inspired ice creams, artisan chocolates, Italian sauces, deli products, Easter eggs and cakes from Tindalls of Tideswell. Also delicious desserts from Heavenly Cheesecakes, organic vegetables, artisan bread from the Welbeck Bakehouse, Mediterranean olives, nuts and baklava, local honey, freshly milled flour and savoury and sweet muffins.

The FREE event is on from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Chris Horne of Hartingtons wryly adds. "We have made sure we have booked sunshine not snow this time! It's in such a great spot right next door to Chatsworth House we know it's going to be a great weekend!"

To find out more go to www.hartingtons.net



LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY, MICKLEY HALL

SUNDAY APRIL 3RD, FROM 12 NOON

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH

£4.00

Kate Rusby in concert at The Buxton Opera House

Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm

Box Office: 0845 1272190

www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk

www.katerusby.com

The defining voice of contemporary English Folk Music, Kate Rusby's exquisite interpretations of traditional songs and finely wrought self-penned tunes have won her an audience that reaches beyond the genre. A rare achievement for a folk artist but entirely understandable given Rusby's expressive vocals that invest whatever she sings with irresistible emotional depth.

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Christmas 1940

After reading Don Ashford's account of his Christmas in 1940, it made me think of our unusual Christmas that year.

I was 8 years old and my sister was 5. Our father was in the army and was stationed near Bournemouth.

The idea was that we (that is mum, Pat and me) would travel down by train to Bournemouth, spend a week by the sea, then we would all travel home together when dad's leave was due.

The "big" grey case was packed and granddad drove us down to Sheffield Midland Station. (We came across this case not so long ago as we were sorting out mum's possessions and we were surprised at how small it was, how on earth did we pack enough for the 3 of us into it!)

The day we travelled was only a few days after the Sheffield Blitz and I can remember the firemen's hoses laid across the road and people everywhere searching amongst the mountains of rubble. The station was full of broken glass though I can remember seeing the railway lines clear of all the debris.

The train ride seemed to take forever and being December it was dark when we arrived and were met by dad who took us to a café where all they could offer was a bowl of pea soup, this was the first and last time I ever tasted pea soup.

From the café we were taken (on foot) to our accommodation. This was with a family with 4 little boys who to my astonishment were all sat by the fire knitting.

Despite the efforts of my mother and my grandma I had never fathomed the art of knitting but during our stay in Bournemouth I learned to knit.

I do not remember seeing any air raid shelters there but the houses where we stayed all had brick walls built about 3 feet away from the downstairs windows, presumably to divert the blast from any bombs or shells.

The space under the stairs was reinforced with sandbags.

Dad's leave was postponed and postponed again. My mother tried to get us into school there but because it was uncertain when we would be going home we were not accepted (much to my relief).

The boys used to take us for walks through some woodland to where they knew the soldiers were billeted so we would often walk out to see our dad. The cook there would give us pieces of dried apple which we considered to be a great treat.

On his day off dad would join us and we would walk out as a family along the promenade but the sands were all covered in barbed wire and it was cold.

Christmas came and went and miraculously Father Christmas knew where we were and we both had a stocking full of presents.

The lady who kept the shop near to where we were staying used to keep us talking so that other customers could chat with us ... "don't they talk lovely" she would say. We wondered why, we didn't realise that we spoke differently to anyone else.

When we did eventually get back to Totley, there was a really deep snow and there had been a burst pipe at our house and the living room ceiling was down, what a home coming!!!

Jean Smithson
(formerly Creswick)

Scout Lottery

**Winners of the 1st Totley Scout Lottery
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Peter Casson

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Saturday, 26th March from 10am. For a table or further details contact Ken Jay 236 8612

Abbeydale Picture House

It has been an extremely busy couple of months for me and Abbeydale that I've not had chance to do an article before now so I must apologise.

2010 was a very busy year at Abbeydale Picture House with regular events, projects with the Sheffield Amateur scene and a change of management. A very busy time indeed but now we are once again we are the start of another year and more opportunities for this grand and much loved building.

I would like to say thank you to Abbeydale Picture House who are currently helping me in my search for props and sets for two productions I am involved in; a play called "Suitcase City" by kind permission from Richard Hurford and Sheffield Theatres which I am doing as part of my performing arts studies, and the popular musical "Cabaret" set in 1930's Berlin which I am performing at School in April. If anyone thinks they have any 1930's artefacts or furniture that I could perhaps borrow for these productions please let me know by emailing me at leigh.ben@virgin.net

Visit www.abbeydalepicturehouse.co.uk, follow us on facebook and flickr, ring our box office 07775966106 or come down to one of our coffee mornings for more details on all of our productions and information on how to become a friend of Abbeydale Picture House. This includes FREE membership to Abbey Snooker, Sheffield's premier snooker club in the heart of the ex - 1920's ballroom.

Upcoming Events in 2011:

Coffee In the Foyer - Every Saturday morning (except Bank Holiday weekends) 10:30am - 12:30pm. Enjoy a homemade scone with tea and coffee in the foyer of this once opulent building. The perfect place to catch up with friends, or just embrace the world of the thespians that visit regularly at a credit crunching price. Proceeds to the Abbeydale Restoration Project.

Jazz at the Picture House - Monday 7th March 2011. MARK CHANDLER QUINTET debuts with his new group in Bar Abbey, Sheffield's newest and hottest live jazz venue; playing a mixture of music from modern jazz, funk and fusion to be-bop. This is an event not to be missed. £3 entry - BAR ABBEY 0114 2580141 for details.

Northern Soul - Tuesday 8th March 2011. BAR ABBEY call 0114 2580414 for details.

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Ben Miller

Celebrating St Patrick's Day

Ideas and activities for celebrating St Patrick's Day at home from members of All Saints Church, Totley

St Patrick's Day

This patron saint of Ireland was born in the 4th century. His parents were wealthy Romano-British but at the age of 16 he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave, looking after sheep for 6 years. He escaped, returned to Britain and then trained as a priest in France, later returning to Ireland for thirty years.

Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, converting pagan warrior chiefs and baptising them and their followers in the "Holy Wells" that still bear his name.

He used the shamrock with its three part leaf to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, showing that although there was but one stem, as there is but one God, there are three parts to the Christian faith, namely the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since then his followers have adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day of March 17th this being the day he died in 461 after 30 years.

Since then, the Irish have travelled the world and taken their history and celebrations with them. The first St Patrick's day parade was in the US in 1762 in New York city. It helped the Irish soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots as well as with fellow Irish serving in the English army. There are now more than 100 parades in the US each year as well as others in the world when people gather together to celebrate Patrick, wear green, eat, drink, dance and make merry! Some places dye their rivers green notably Chicago!

This festival takes place a few days before the first day of Spring on March 20th. This is when the sun shines on the equator, making day and night nearly equal all over the world, and for us in Britain being the time when British Summer Time begins (at the following weekend).

A Prayer for St Patrick's Day

Heavenly Father, we thank you for St Patrick. Let us remember and celebrate his life and love for you and the people of Ireland. Amen.



Services for March at All Saints

6 th	10am	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	Holy Communion
9 th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
13 th	10am	Baptism
	6.30pm	at Totley Rise Methodist Church OPEN TO GOD Joint service
20 th	10am	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer
27 th	10am	All Ages All Together
	4.30pm	Holy Communion

Psalm Sunday April 17th

10am Musical presentation of PHAROAH TO FREEDOM will be performed in the context of the morning service. All welcome.



Gay Riley and Kate Caroe

OUR DAILY BREAD

On the radio recently I heard an item about defining or redefining a large loaf and a small loaf of bread. I suppose I could have dismissed this as just another bit of European bureaucracy, but for some reason it stuck and set me thinking about bread. One of my earliest memories is not about bread at home but at my grandmother's house in the 1920s. I have three memories of her kitchen; a dark red stone sink with a pump for the water and a high shelf with a metal bin at one end. This held the white flour from which the loaves of bread were made. The third memory is of her cutting down the vertical edge of the loaf to give a "Toblerone" shaped crust which she loaded with butter for me to chew and enjoy.

At home I have no particular memory of bread though I do remember going to the "comer shop" to fetch it. In those days of course it was easy enough to send a child for bread as there was no bewildering variety of colours, shapes, sizes and flavours as seen on modern displays. You asked for a loaf and what you got was a standard white loaf. It was always wrapped in white or cream tissue paper secured by twisting the ends - no plastic bags and sellotape!

Towards the end of the 1930s a school friend invited me to spend a holiday with him at his aunt's house in rural Wales. We were well fed but again I have no recollection of his aunt's bread. However I do remember bread at a nearby farm. The farmer had either 9 or 11 daughters but no sons. One evening we were all invited to a meal in the huge farmhouse kitchen. All I remember about it is the bread. One daughter stood at a side table continually cutting half slices of bread and butter there. Yes, half slices - the loaf was so big one round off it was the size of two normal slices.

Of course in sixty years of marriage we have had to get accustomed to increases in food costs through the years. It is only when a sudden big increase occurs that we really notice it.

One such event I remember was in 1973 on a caravan holiday in Germany. We had pulled into a camp site near Cologne and needed some bread. One of our daughters had studied German at A level and completed her first year at university also doing German. She was asked to do the shopping and came back with a large, very dark "cob" of bread saying it was all that was left in the shop. When on holiday abroad I always had in mind the English money equivalent of cost - in this case nearly forty years ago 15 shillings for the cob!

My second sharp rise event was in January this year in Great Longstone in Derbyshire. We called in at the

village for a pub lunch with six other walking friends. One of our party decided to have soup which was served with a small hunk of bread. Having eaten the bread before the soup was finished, she asked the waitress if she could have more bread. The waitress said yes but she would have to charge for it. As no rolls were immediately available and the soup was rapidly cooling the lady said a slice of bread would do instead. The cost of the slice of bread - £1.20! The bread we usually have for our breakfast toast has an average content per loaf of 20 slices. By my reckoning the equivalent cost of a loaf in Great Longstone would be £24! Is this high cost considered necessary because this reflects general costs in the village or because the newly surfaced car parking area at the pub has to be paid for? Or perhaps it means lowly walkers were not to be encouraged in spite of our party spending around £50 - possibly more than the only two other customers seen at the time.

Don Ashford

Archaeology group

Are you interested in archaeology? A small local group has now been formed calling itself the 'Time Travellers'. Eleven members took part in the first event in January, a guided field trip looking at the archaeology of Ecclesall Woods. There are two more field trips in early March, a visit and guided tour of Manor Lodge and recent excavations on the 17th March, with lots more activities planned for the summer. The group aims to share enthusiasm/information/ideas but eventually to research, develop and pull together a record of what we know about the surrounding area. Would you, or anyone living locally who you know, be interested? If so please contact John Baker on 236 9025 or Dorne Coggins 236 5769 to find out more

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH 2011

I've decided to get on with my gardening tips this morning as the forecast was for rain, so what bit of gardening I could do was a no no, guess what! The sun is coming out, I suppose I had better finish it now that I've started. The recent wind (early Feb.) sounded really bad during the night but thankfully, looking round we haven't had much damage even the old rickety fence has survived, the lower temperatures recently have killed off a few greenhouse plants especially geraniums which is to be expected, I suppose as I have cut down on the paraffin heaters the fuel cost is more than the cost of new plants. I have a leak in one of my ponds; I accidentally cut the liner when dealing with the ice, so gave myself another job to do. I was thinking of extending it a bit and putting a little stream at one end so this idea will have to be brought forward so that relining will kill two birds with one sheet of Butyl, not looking forward to this messy job. I will have to wait until the fish are a bit livelier before moving them, I don't like disturbing them whilst they are a bit dormant, end of the month should be o.k. unless the snow or low temperatures return. I suppose the frogs will be starting their yearly orgy round about this time, that will be fun and games when they find the pond low and dry, the fish in the other pond will be really crowded if we have as many frogs as last year. I fear that the recent very low temperatures may have killed quite a few of them. My leek and onion seedlings are looking healthy and ready for potting on, cabbage and lettuce seedlings are ready for pricking out and it is seed planting time coming up, I've got cosmos, two types, they always give a good show and fill the garden along with the self sown nasturtiums which can grow 6ft or more along the ground or trained up trellis or through bushes. I'm holding up planting runner beans, I planted too early last year and they struggled a bit, they were a bit slow setting and the ones that I planted later caught them up and gave us a good crop, so it does not always pay to be earlier, the tomatoes bear this out as I have cut down on the heating in the greenhouse, I plant tomatoes a bit later than usual but they soon catch up and produce crops nearly as soon as the earlier plantings used to. The tidying up of the garden has started in earnest in between showers. I've given the fountain/filters their annual service, I cannot praise the hoselock people enough they are really good at giving advice and very quick at sending spares some at no cost, it's nice to see a company that still gives customer satisfaction, not many about these days. The fences need a coat of preservative, must get cracking with these before the plants get to big and in the way, can't have them covered with preservative they would not like it at all. I still have a lot of tree pruning to do, I must get on with this before they get to big to manage, the Acer grew 5-6 ft. after pruning last year so I will have to be a bit more drastic this time, it may have to come down as I have found out that it could grow to 50 ft. it was only supposed to grow up to 15-20 ft. So much for labels on garden centre trees, I guess my soil is very fertile. There's lots of activity in the flower beds the snowdrops are looking good daffodils and iris are peeping though and the leaves on one or two shrubs are showing signs of life so the keen frosts we had earlier didn't kill off these plants. Mother Nature never ceases to amaze me. Must get cracking lots to do

Flowers

If you have not sown your annuals already do so now, or you will be running a bit late. Early March is a good time for potting particularly summer and autumn flowering ones and also those which are grown for their foliage. Winter flowering plants are a different matter and are best repotted as soon as they have finished flowering. Sow herbaceous perennials and rock plants, these are quite easy to grow and include delphiniums, lupins, gypsophilas and many more too numerous to list. Towards the end of the month plant gladioli and monbretias make successional sowings over a month to 6-week period. This will lengthen the flowering time. Work in a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore around herbaceous plants. Weed other beds and start hoeing if weather permits. Dead head daffodils. Lift, split up and replant overcrowded clumps of snowdrops. At the end of the month sow hardy annuals where they are to flower in borders. Lift and divide herbaceous perennials such as golden rod, michaelmas daisy and yarrow when clumps become overcrowded.

Vegetables

Prepare early seed potatoes by exposing them to light in a cool frost-free place (chitting) ready for planting out later in the month. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered place, make a small sowing now and more later. Sow lettuce outdoors unless the weather is very bad, choose a cabbage or cos type, sow seeds thinly. Sow broad beans and peas outdoors, choose an open cultivated plot.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

Feed cane and tree fruits with balanced fertilizer, give blackcurrants a feed of nitro chalk. Make sure newly planted fruits are firm in the ground and mulch well. Towards end of month prune roses height down to 6

inches or so off the ground. Floribundas 12 inches minimum depending on the type. Plant new raspberry canes and strawberries, complete the planting of tree and bush fruit early in the month.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

If your greenhouse is empty (what a waste!) give it a good clean inside and wash down with disinfectant if it has plants in then wait for a fine day to do this. Clear all of the plants out, most of them will not tolerate even the smallest amount of disinfectant. The greenhouse should be filling up with seedlings and rooted cuttings. These must have plenty of light and air and temperature maintained around 13 to 16C (55 to 60F) for the majority of popular plants. Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants such as heliotrope, fuchsias, pelargoniums (geraniums) as soon as they are long enough, around 3 inches for geranium and 3 inches for fuchsia and heliotrope. Cucumber and melon could be sown now in a warm greenhouse, I generally wait until the end of the month. Gradually increase watering of indoor plants, feed actively growing plants with potash, liquid feed tomato fertilizer is ideal. Put a bit of potting compost on plants such as ferns and aspidistras. Repot cacti towards the end of the month. Sow summer annuals for planting into pots for a late show in the greenhouse such as cigar plant, busy lizzie, stocks, schianthus etc. Houseplants such as maidenhair fern, button fern, and spider plant can be divided and repotted.

Lawns

Deal with bare patches by turfing or reseeding. Aerate and spike compacted areas. Prepare areas for seeding or turfing next month.

Do not forget the Totley Show in September - Now is the time to make plans.

Cheerio for now, Tom

Royal Shrovetide Football

The Royal Shrovetide Football Match occurs annually on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in the town of Ashbourne in Derbyshire, England. It has been played since at least the 12th century, though the exact origins of the game are unknown due to a fire at the Royal Shrovetide Committee office in the 1890s which destroyed the earliest records. However, one of the most popular origin theories suggests the macabre notion that the 'ball' was originally a severed head tossed into the waiting crowd following an execution.

The game is played over two days on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, starting each day at 2pm and lasting until 10pm. If the goal is scored (in local parlance, the ball is goaled) before 5pm a new ball is released and play restarts from the town centre, otherwise play ends for the day. Despite the name, the ball is rarely kicked, though it is legal to kick, carry or throw it. Instead it generally moves through the town in a series of hugs, like a giant scrum in rugby, made up of dozens if not hundreds of people.

The two teams that play the game are known as the Up'Ards and the Down'Ards. Up'Ards traditionally are those town members born north of Henmore Brook, which runs through the town, and Down'Ards are those born south of the river. There are two goal posts 3 miles apart, one at Sturston Mill (where the Up'Ards attempt to score), the other at Clifton Mill (where the Down'Ards score). Although the Mills have long since been demolished part of their mill stones still stand on the bank of the river at each location and indeed themselves once served as the scoring posts. In 1996 the scoring posts were replaced once again by new smaller mill stones mounted onto purpose-built stone structures, which are still in use to this day and require the players to actually be in the river in order to 'goal' a ball, as this was seen as more challenging.

The actual process of 'goaling' a ball requires a player to hit it against the mill stone three successive times. This is not a purely random event however, as the eventual scorer is elected en route to the goal and would typically be someone who lives in Ashbourne or at least whose family is well known to the community. The chances of a 'tourist' goaling a ball is very remote, though they are welcome to join in the effort to reach the goal. When a ball is 'goaled' that particular game ends.

The game is played through the town with no limit on number of players or playing area. Thus shops in the town are boarded up during the game, and people are encouraged to park their cars away from the main streets. The game is started from a special plinth in the town centre where the ball is thrown to the players (or turned-up in the local parlance), often by a visiting dignitary. Before the ball is turned-up, the assembled crowd sing Auld Lang Syne followed by God Save the Queen. The starting point has not changed in many years, although the town has changed around it; as a consequence, the starting podium is currently located in the town's main car park, which is named Shaw Croft, this being the ancient name of the field in which it stands.

The game has been known as Royal since the then Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) turned-up in 1928. The Prince suffered a bloody nose. The game received 'Royal Assent' for a second time in 2003, when the game was once again started by the Prince of Wales, in this instance HRH Prince Charles. On this occasion, the Prince threw the ball into play from a raised plinth.

The game is played with a special ball, larger than a standard football, which is filled with Portuguese cork to help the ball float when it inevitably ends up in the river. It is hand-painted by local craftsmen specially for the occasion, and the design is usually related to the dignitary who will be turning-up the ball. Once a ball is goaled it is repainted with the name and in the design of the scorer and is theirs to keep. If a ball is not goaled it is repainted in the design of the dignitary that turned it up and given back to them to keep. Many of the balls are put on display in the local pubs during the game for the public to view; traditionally these pubs are divided by team (the Wheel Inn being a popular Down'Ard base for example).

Shrove Tuesday this year is the 8th March.

Ward Forum

The Forum scheduled for 30th November 2010 at Bradway Primary School unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. The debate on progress to date and the need for any changes that might be necessary will instead form part of the agenda for the next meeting on Wednesday 9th March in Totley Library at 7.30pm.

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ARCHIE HERBERT THOMAS Part 2

There was another good pool in the Cricket Wood, made by Caprons of Greenoak House, and further improved by the sons of Pearsons of St Georges Farm. The pool made by Milners in Gillfield was too cold – it got full of dead leaves – but was cleared by the lads of the village around 1932, the main worker being Fred Hoole.

As schoolboys we were all in the choir, the services then being held in the school at Hillfoot Road. The school lent itself to this use at the classroom, with the large doors at the end of the big room was used as a vestry. The preacher was Captain Nicholls. Later preachers were Captain Fogarty of the Church Army and of course Mr A J Foulstone, a great man of boundless energy who did more for Topley than any other person before or since. He took us camping, and cooked breakfast for all of us. He had a bible class every Sunday morning. There was a "reading room" (as it was called in those days) which had 2 quarter sized billiard tables. When the reading room became defunct, one of the tables went to the Gill brothers and the other to Bill, Percy and Victor Crooks. Under the guidance of Mr A J Foulstone this club, the Cricket Club and the football club were merged about 1921 and became the Topley Sports and Social Club with a club room in what had been a British Legion Club in Hillfoot Road. It had 2 full sized billiard tables, 2 cricket teams, 2 football teams and a library of over 1,000 books with every bound edition of Punch from the first issue. I was Honorary Secretary for almost 15 years. We have had dances in the Labour Hall (now the Conservative Club!) and have taken £14 at the door at 1/- a time. Topley Club could have purchased that building for £1,000 but we missed our chance.

As mentioned earlier we were all in the choir but far from "little angels" – we did the most daring apples scrumping - Tom Wright and my brother Ern always last there but first back!

Our most serious escapade was one Sunday afternoon at the start of the building of the Heatherfield Estate. One of the first things the contractors did was to put down a light railway with small trucks to push material around. 4 of these trucks were chocked up at the top of a gradient that ran from about where the corner of Terry Road and The Grove now cross. We pulled the chocks out for a ride, but things got out of hand and the 4 trucks raced down the line towards the wood, through the wall, and down the wood into the stream below.

It was Constable Bagshawe who at that time always started investigations into what he called "the usual trio" – Thomas, Gill and Pearson (Willis).

One winter's evening Edgar Gill, Tom Reynolds and I went to Dore and congregated with the Dore lads at the corner of the Vicarage Lane and Savage Lane where there was a gas lamp. An argument broke out and then a fight. It was Dore v Topley, and we 3 were getting the worst of it. Then "sharp Alex" (me) pulled up a grass sod that was growing between the bottom of the wall and stone pavement and put it through the gas lamp. Everybody scarpereed; we didn't stop running until we got to Topley. The next day the Dore Constable was at our house. Fortunately, my father was at home. I think it was the fact that he was butler to the local JP that saved our bacon that time!

(There was another occasion – later in life – where the same applied. I had had to work the Sunday on a new service at Atkinsons steel works behind their Moor shop and had arranged not to meet Dot from Church; so Frank Taylor, Edgar Gill and I went for a Sunday evening stroll intending to go to The Robin Hood for a drink. (Beer was then 5p a pint!). When we got to the end of Moorwoods Lane we slipped the dog under the gate and nonchalantly walked up the hill. When we reached the corner of Fanshawe Gate Lane, the Keeper for Wilsons, Henry Helliwell, and the chauffeur Idra Parr, were waiting with guns under their arm. They were out for an evening's shooting. Of course, we said that the dog had gone on his own accord. Frank and they got into a heated argument then who should come around the corner but the constable from Holmesfield – Birch. I think we would have got away with it but Frank Taylor poked Constable Birch in the chest saying "Don't thee come here calling me a poacher, Birch". That did it! Names, addresses, age, occupation etc. We didn't go

to The Robin Hood. Now Mrs Wilson, before her marriage, was Miss Marjorie Milner so, once again dad was instrumental in getting us off the hook.)

I left Topley Church of England School at 13 years of age and commenced work at Topley Hall as stable boy – black boots, leggings, and britches. My duties consisted of caring for 2 retired hunters, one a bay gelding and another a beautiful dapple grey mare named Nipper and Polly. Feeding and watering, mucking out (and you had to pick up the droppings off the clean straw) grooming and exercising and the same for 2 dogs, one a French poodle and another a wired hair terrier, and also anything else the chauffeur John Holding told me to do. (His nephew John Walter had been stable boy before me and, by coincidence, we both later spent 50 years of our lives in the electrical industry).

The saddle room was a very comfortable little room with a coal burning stove with oven, a wash bowl and 2 upright wooden arm chairs. 2 sides of the room consisted of sliding glass doors from floor to ceiling behind which the carriage double harness, saddles and bridles were kept for sentimental reasons; but it all had to be kept clean. The Milner crest was a horse's head with just a scroll underneath. I feel sure they were silver and were on the blinkers, saddles and bridles. It was 1916 and the Great War had been on for 2 years. Master Roy, the youngest son, was killed in the first fortnight; Major Wilson had managed to get himself taken prisoner. His wife (formally Miss Marjorie Milner) and their only child at that time lived at Topley Hall during this period. This made more work for me as she had a beautiful pony and dog cart with a foot operated bell in the floor, which she used to operate when trotting down Hall Lane; and when she got to the lodge I was supposed to fly down to open the gate by the time she arrived. Mrs Wilson also kept the Barlow Hunt going all through the war and used to use one of the horses in my care to go to Horsley Gate Hall, or straight to the Meet, where her own groom would be waiting with a hunter. Some days she would go to her own home for dinner and I would be waiting for the return of the horse up to 10 o'clock at night! Her own groom had been finished hours earlier.

One day Mr Holding was out for the day with the car, usually a trip to Manchester for a Board Meeting, as the boss was a Director of Williams Deacons Bank. For some reason her ladyship walked up the stable yard and I was sat just inside the saddle room reading The Scout. The next day I was called to the boss's window and asked what I did when John was out with

the car. I said I groomed the horses or brushed the dogs, or chopped sticks for Mr Holding and my mother (for we lived house, coal and light free). His reply was "well, in future, would I see Lewis and he would find me a job in the gardens". Well "Uncle David" knew how I hated gardening and I usually ended up washing plant pots or if it was a wet day Harry Prince would be up in the wood shed splitting logs. This was great fun for "Prinny" and I always got on well together.

Another thing that rankled with me was seeing the gardeners going home at 6 o'clock and me either waiting for, or washing the car. I can only remember one occasion when Mr Holding put the car away without it being washed. It was 9 o'clock at night and he must have had a tiring day.

This was the period in my life when I had my first realisation of "the great divide". They expected me, a 15 year old youth, to work for 7 shillings a week, whereas our patriotic gentry had those beautiful stables, loose boxes filled from floor to ceiling with coke, fuel for the boiler house that heated the house and the greenhouses, oh yes! Those greenhouses had to be kept going full blast and all they produced was exotic plants and a few grapes!

I complained to my father. Well! I wished I had never spoken. "Most disrespectful boy - My duty to do was what I was told". You would have thought I had committed murder.

They gave me a new suit for Christmas 1917 and I gave in my notice. I got a job at a silversmiths in Barkers Pool soldering fuse tapes for shells. The first week's pay I received was 28/-. When I handed it to my mother she was aghast. I was think it was more than my father received but, of course, he had all his meals at the Hall and we lived house, coal and light free. Also, the decorating was done when required.

In 1917 my father and Mr Lewis, the head gardener, were directed to work of National importance - both to the Sheffield Corporation Electricity Department. My father was sent to Neepsend Power Station on shift work as boiler house labourer. This meant he had to find lodgings nearby. Mr Lewis was sent to the Mains Department Stores at Commercial Street where he could use the trains to and fro and this enabled him to keep eye on those precious glasshouses. At the termination of the war my father received a letter from his former employers enclosing a £5 note and informing him that his services would no longer be required when he finished work in Sheffield. They had decided to cease entertaining and to dispense with the services of a butler and page boy and just manage with a parlour maid.

Dad stayed with the Electricity Department but was transferred to the meter stores at Commercial Street. Shortly after the Armistice of 1918 I obtained a job in the Chemical Yard, Topley Rise, about 200 yards from where I now live. A Mr Pell, who lived at the corner of Terry Road and The Grove, had been directed to Sheffield in charge of Ministry of Munitions. He was a director of the South of England Agricultural Machine Co of Tunbridge Wells and wanted to develop an invention of his before returning South. It was a small grist mill, operated by hand or power - most ingenious - and could grind grain to any size required from split corn to flour. George Green and I were the only locals employed there. (By coincidence George Green and I later became stepbrothers).

When this project was completed I was offered a position with the main Company at Tonbridge Wells,

but I declined because Dot and I were secretly meeting by this time.

I went to work for the Butcher, Colin Thompson (it was always referred to as Colin's). I was very happy there and drove a beautiful little strawberry roan cob. He could out-trot all the other butchers' floats on Abbeydale. I delivered meat to Dore Shop, Dore Road, all around Topley, Holmesfield, Cartledge, Cordwell and Horsleygate. Mondays the shop was washed out. Tuesdays I was on my bike for the Holmesfield orders. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Topley Brook Road, King Ecgbert, Devonshire, Dore Road, Topley Village. There was a farm attached with a couple of wooden cow sheds on the Back Lane and the main building in the top corner of Marstone estate, for Colin owned all the land on which that estate is built, and all the land the Corporation estate is built on, from Baslow Road to the stream which, by the way, is Topley Brook; the other stream which is parallel to Topley Brook Road is Old Hay stream. The two streams meet at Poynton woodend become the Sheaf - hence Sheffield - and run into the Don at Castlegate.

The farm man at Colin's was Sam Mather. Bill Mather also worked there. During the inclement weather Sam drifted into the slaughtering side, and then the shop, and I could see he was a more useful employee than I, a sixteen year old youth. He was married and had served in France with the Derbyshire Yeomanry. A new farm man was engaged - Tom Derwent, so my father found me a job at the Sheffield Corporation Electricity in the Meter Department, where I stayed for 49 years. Sam stayed at Colin's all his working life, and his son, Vernon, is now a partner in the business and manager of the Dore shop.

Whilst at Colin's I found I could run faster than the average youth. My first success was at Topley Village Sports in 1919. In the afternoon I won the mile, then had to go back to work to milk a couple of cows, and as I drove them from the field (now Marstone) 'Old' Colin met me and said "Whose won the mile, Archie?" and I replied "I have, and I'm going back to win the chase". Well, he was delighted. "Get this lad some steak" he said, but I declined and Elsie, the maid, made me a light tea and I DID go back and win the chase! The cup was 10" cup of solid silver, beautifully chased and engraved, given by the financier of the Heatherfield estate, with the proviso that if won on three successive occasions, it became the property of the winner. This I accomplished (it had previously been won by Nevil Marshall, Fred Marshall, Bill Mather and Herbert Crowther. Later in life, when I was President of the Hope Valley Football League I gave it to the League and it is competed for annually and given to the League Champions. By coincidence I believe Topley won it the first year for which it was competed, and it was a great pleasure to see it displayed in the Cross Scythes.

I joined Sheffield United Harriers and was in the winning team of the Yorkshire and the Northern Junior Championship team in 1924. I am the proud possessor of a Yorkshire Gold for Cross Country. My best time for the mile was 4 minutes 28 seconds, which sounds very slow by today's standards. I won the mile at the Sheffield Corporation Tramways ground at Meadow Head with that time. The record then was 4 minutes 22 seconds.

Frank Taylor was my personal trainer and minder, and he nursed me. We all called him "Raitch" because his father's name was Horatio. He had the natural ability

to train winners, be they runners, footballers or pigeons, and I enjoyed his friendship for over 60 years. His father was a great Totley character and craftsman and stone-mason. He worked on the building of All Saints Church, Totley, and another fine example of his work is between Martins and the Bridge Garage. He told me they were only half an inch out to the Architect's specifications, on reaching the top.

I was Hon. Secretary of Totley Sports Club from 1930 until 1938 when I became Chairman. With the advent of the war, from having two football teams we were unable to raise over a solo table of men and so the ladies took over, very ably led by Mrs. Roscoe and Mrs. Haigh. The proceeds of all solo and whist drives were used to send parcels to the boys. After the war an element took over who used the money for outings etc, of their own although the club was providing all facilities so Mrs. Roscoe quietly transferred to Abbeydale Hall and that was the commencement of the Good Companions which is running today. John Hassell took over as Hon. Secretary; they made me a Life Member, and Percy Scott (Monty) took over the chairmanship which he held up to the loss of the clubroom when the owner converted it into a dwelling house.

Through my representing Totley Sports, I was invited to become a Committee member of the Hope Valley Football League and went right through the offices to President, and was finally made a Life Member so my connections with the League amount, at present, to 59 years.

In 1926 I purchased a motor cycle. It cost 69 gns new. I crashed at about 50 m.p.h and was lucky to get away with an injured ankle, but it was the end of my athletic career. My father did not care for pillion riding so I got a sidecar, costing 20 gns - 4 speed 4 overhead valve bike, and a yellow and black torpedo sidecar - a real Sports job. My father and I used it daily to and from work but, unfortunately, in November 1929 I had an accident on Abbeydale Road, at the corner of Abbeydale Park Rise, from which my father died in February, 1930

My mother later married Mr Herbert Green, who had three sons, Albert, George and Roy, the latter being the only one still at home. And here I would like to try and express my admiration and grateful thanks to him - a perfect gentleman who did more for my mother than a lot of daughters would be capable of. He and I are the only two, out of the five of us, still living.

When the war came and we hadn't a solo team at Totley Sports, I joined Beauchief Golf Club. I became Hon. Secretary - a job I did for ten years and they honoured me with Life Membership. I played golf until I was 74 years of age, when I had a coronary and have been in hospital five times since.

I thank God for an excellent life with a partner who was one in a million. Unfortunately my wife died in October, 1984 after 54 years of a very happy married life.

As already stated, I am a Life Member of Totley Sports, the Hope Valley Football League and Beauchief Golf Club - honours that are not bestowed on a man for sitting on his behind! I am also a member of Dore Club - a very happy and convivial fraternity.

To date, I am still able to live in the house Dot and I have made into a comfortable home, mainly because of the help I receive from good friends. Firstly, MARY BENJAMIN (better known by other locals as Mary

Wint). There is only one Mary and had I had a daughter she could not have done more for me. Also JOHN BELK who is most kind to me, and BARBARA McBRIDE who does my ironing and any little clothes repair jobs necessary. To the ladies of St. John's Church Luncheon Club. I am one of the founder members, my grateful thanks.

Archie H. Thomas, 13th October, 1988

The Wye Charity Walk

Saturday 14th May 2011

Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club is to hold their annual Wye Charity Walk in the scenic Derbyshire countryside on Saturday 14th May 2011. This is a sponsored round walk starting and ending at Lady Manners School, Shutts Lane, Bakewell DE 45 11A.

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Entry costs £6 per person, or £15 for a family, and walkers are encouraged to gain sponsorship for either St Luke's Hospice Sheffield or Ashgate Hospice Chesterfield.

Ample free parking and facilities are available at the Registration Point at Lady Manners School. Start times are between 9.00 and 10.30am for the full walk (16.5miles) or between 9.00 and 11.00am for the shorter walks. Entries must be in by Monday 9th May 2011.

All sponsorship money and donations together with Gift Aid pledged will go to either to St Lukes Hospice Sheffield or Ashgate Hospice Sheffield.

Full walk details will be provided on Registration and stewards will be available along the route to assist walkers.

Details, Entry Forms and Sponsorship Forms are available to download from the internet at the Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club website:

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If everyone in Sheffield quit using standby on their electrical appliances, we would save around 3000 tonnes of carbon dioxide and cut £8m from our annual energy bills - that's enough to pay the energy bills of 8000 homes, 3.5% of the total houses in Sheffield.

Mark Daly, Sheffield is My Planet coordinator, said: "Switch Off Sally is an icon for Sheffield and for energy saving. We don't want to romanticise the hardships of wartime, we all know how badly Sheffield suffered. Switch Off Sally is a reminder of what Sheffielders can achieve when we work together towards a common goal. She is strong, confident, and resourceful - just like Sheffielders."

The Switch Off and Save campaign is running through February and March. Organisations all over Sheffield are involved in the campaign by being part of the Energy Saving Challenge. The campaign closes in national Climate Week on the 25th March with a free low carbon showcase event and tea dance at Sheffield Town Hall.



BRADWAY SLIMMING WORLD GOES LARGE IN FABULOUS NEW VENUE!

Senior Slimming World consultant Alison Murphy at Bradway (formerly of the Bradway Annexe) is celebrating her 15 years with the company by moving venue due to fact that the size of her group keeps growing. Whilst members are losing weight more and more people need the help and support Slimming World can offer whilst following our family friendly Food Optimising plans. Alison remarks 'At Slimming World we pride ourselves on our member service; we always strive to make sure our standards are maintained. Therefore I feel the move to St Peter's at Greenhill is just what its needed to continue the group to grow, with its own car park which I know many of my members have in the past missed.

Alison is one of Slimming Worlds most established Consultants achieving Gold Standard 9 times in her career which is an absolute accolade and shows her determination to succeed driven by her first class support to members. Alison says "Our amazing food plans, buzzing friendly atmosphere, full support from the group and complete confidentiality has just helped the groups and its members go from strength to strength. Let's be honest, who wouldn't love to eat a full English breakfast, traditional Sunday roasts plus desserts and snacks in between, along with the occasional takeaway and still lose weight! Yes that's right... at Slimming World nothing is forbidden and YES we can!"

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New Blacka Bridleway



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We have secured funding for the new 'link' bridleway at Blacka Moor, between Stony Ridge car park to the Piper House entrance. We were originally approached by horse riders with the idea, so as to avoid the main road. It's only a short section (615 metres) but nevertheless will make a big difference. We've had it open as a concessionary bridleway through the summer months for about 4 years, but it'll soon become a statutory bridleway, open all the time.

As stipulated by Sheffield City Council, we must surface it at 2 metres width. This'll have quite an impact in the short term, and will look quite stark initially but over time the route will soften as the vegetation grows back around it. The long-term gains will outweigh the short term visual impact, and essentially make the link between existing bridleways far safer for horses, riders and mountain bikers.

Work will start in February or March 2011. Access and car parking will be affected but only for short periods of the day (it'll be made clear on site), and you'll still be able to walk in the area and park. It should only be a few days' work. Thank you to all the horse and bike riders and the walkers who have helped us, and of course to the Forestry Commission and Sheffield City Council for funding the work.

If you'd like more information about the work planned or anything else about Blacka Moor then please get in touch with Annabelle Kennedy (Sheffield Wildlife Trust), 0114 263 4335 or visit us at www.wildsheffield.com

Activity Sheffield - Active Adults sessions in the South West

- The below sessions are available to participants of all levels, i.e. new to exercise or a regular exerciser
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- There is no booking system.
- Remember to wear loose comfortable clothing and to bring a drink.

Activity	Venue	Day	Time	Cost
Tai-Chi	Dore & Totley Reformed church	Monday	11.30am - 12.30pm	£2.00
Tai-Chi	Fulwood Scout Hut 551 Fulwood Road	Monday	1.15pm - 2.15pm	£2.00
Golf Coaching	Moorview Golf Centre Bradway	Monday Starting 21 February	1.00pm - 2.00pm	£3.00
Adults Badminton Turn up and play	Silverdale School Sports Hall	Monday Starting 14 February	6.00pm - 7.30pm	£2.00
Jogging Club for All Abilities	Endcliffe Park Meet at the cafe	Monday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Free
'Health Walk'	Endcliffe Park Contact - 0114 203 9335	Tuesday	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Free
'Health Walk'	Totley Library Contact - 0114 203 9335	Wednesday	10.30am - 11.30pm	Free
Racketball for Beginners	Abbeylea Sports Club - Contact 0114 273 4266	Wednesday	10.30am - 12.00pm	First 2 sessions free, then 6 for £10
50+ Osteoporosis 2000	Endcliffe Methodist Church	Wednesday	12.30pm - 1.30pm	£2.50
50+ Multi-Sport	Westminster Estate Community Rooms	Wednesday (Fortnightly)	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Free for the games
'Live at Home' Chairiobics	Bannercross Methodist Church Contact 0114 273 4266	Thursday's (once a month)	11.30am - 12.30pm	Free
50+ Multi-sport	St Columba Church Crosspool	Thursday	11.00am - 12.00pm	£1.00
Chairiobics	Totley Library	Thursday	2.00pm-3.00pm	£1.00
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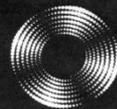
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5. Listen to your 'inner script' and make a conscious effort to talk to yourself in a positive, encouraging way.
6. Keep up your interest in your healthy eating plan by trying new foods, new recipes, and new ways of using your Sins. This will help you avoid getting in to a dieting rut which can be boring and demotivating.
7. Be honest with yourself about what you are expecting from your weight loss and how you are getting on with Food Optimising week by week. People who set unrealistic targets for weight loss or body shape are more likely to give up than those who set achievable targets and share their ups and downs.
8. Go back to your class even after (especially after) you've had a weight gain. You will not be judged, just helped and supported.
9. Keep setting new goals and rewarding yourself for milestones until you reach your target weight, and afterwards!
10. Don't put your life on hold until you've lost weight. You can still enjoy life and lose weight. Think of your dreams and ambitions and bring them to the fore. The positive feelings you get from starting to 'live a little' can only help your motivation and your weight loss.

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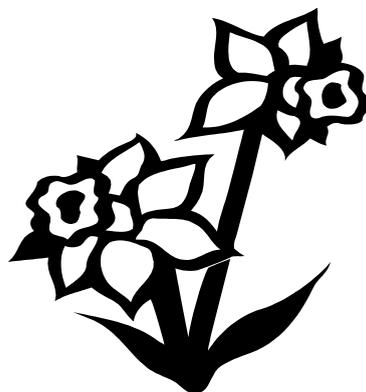
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