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Photo: Stuart Greenhoff

The brickworks in the mid-1950's with one of the once-familiar Pickford Holland lorries being loaded that used to thunder up and down Baslow Road, though tiny compared to the transporters of today.

Totley Residents Association Update

Green Oak Park

As you are all aware, Totley Residents Association asked if they could take over the buildings in the park sometime ago, so they could be refurbished. A meeting between the TRA Committee and Nick Slater from the Community Buildings Team took place in March 2007. Before moving ahead it was necessary to receive the assent of Parks and Countryside as they have responsibility for the park. After many meetings behind the scenes between Totley Residents Association, Mary Bagley and members of the Parks and Countryside Team, organised by Anne Smith, we are now moving forward.

As a result of Anne's hard work, a directive from John Mothersole, then Executive Director, now Interim Chief Executive, suggested a Project Group be set up between the local Community and Parks and Countryside, by Mary Bagley.

Phone conversations between Mary and me have resulted in the way ahead.

A Project Team has been convened, Stuart Turner (Project Leader) Ian Mitchell (Project Manager), Karen Wood (Community Partnership Officer) Mark Lowe (Management and Maintenance) Ian Stanyon (Environmental Planning, landscape architect) and Sarah Smith (independent consultation expert) make up the initial team.

WE, THE COMMUNITY ARE THE KEY PLAYERS.

It is our park, we use it and know what we want, all local groups and organisations will be consulted and have the chance to put forward ideas. Everyone will have the opportunity to have their say at the Parks Department stand at the Totley Festival on 22 June. The more local people who get involved means the park will be supported for future years.

It will be necessary to find funding for the regeneration of the whole park.

The stronger the community involvement the better opportunity for funding.

It is necessary to produce a Master Plan, a drawing of ideas .This is needed to give an idea of the amount of fundraising that will be necessary.

Some TRA members have already had a walk round the park, with Ian Mitchell, Sarah and Ian Stanyon.

This was very constructive and useful to both sides.

By the time you read this, the second meeting between the Community and Parks will have taken place.

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Totley Festival - 22 June - Greenoak Park – 11am-5pm

Totley Festival 22nd June, will give everyone a further opportunity to put forward ideas and suggestions for the future of our park.

Please take the time to think about what you would like and bring your thoughts to the Festival.

I spoke to Andy Godson recently about the bus shelters and informed him the gas works have been completed, so there should now be no problem with work on the bus shelters.

The Marstone Crescent / Baslow Road shelter will be turned round, a new shelter will be erected, at Glover Road / Baslow Road, but the shelter opposite Laverdene Road has gone to another department for discussion!

I mentioned the shelter near the Methodist Church is also the wrong way round, and Main Avenue would be better turned round as well.

All these points will be discussed at a meeting to be held on 23rd May.

We will just have to wait for the outcome of the meeting.

Marlene Marshall has been re appointed as Deputy Chairman of the TRA.

Ken Filleul has had a further response from the Bus Compliance Northern Investigation Team in Scotland. There has been an investigation into the missing 97 buses. The non appearance was apparently caused by traffic congestion.

At least they did look into the problems and if further difficulties occur they can be reported to the Bus Compliance Manager.

Avril Critchley
Chairman

Totley Show Sat 20th Sept in Totley Primary School

- ✓ Do you bake cakes, buns or bread?
- ✓ Do you make jam, marmalade or chutney?
- ✓ Do your children enjoy making models?
- ✓ Do you like taking photographs?
- ✓ Do you paint?
- ✓ Do you embroider or sew?
- ✓ Do you knit?
- ✓ Do you grow vegetables?
- ✓ Do you grow fruit?
- ✓ Do you like flower arranging?
- ✓ Do you do woodwork or metalwork?
- ✓ Do you sculpt or do junk art?
- ✓ Do you do computer art?
- ✓ Do you work with paper and card?

Totley Show is the chance for Totley residents to showcase their talents in a variety of ways – culinary, crafts, art, photography, and gardening.

We are not just a produce show, but a gallery for all the wonderful, imaginative, simple, abstract, surprising, huge or delicious things that Totley people create in the year.

Why not join in this year? You don't have to be an expert, just enjoy taking part and making something.

There will be good prizes for all areas, with cups for overall winners. The list of classes will be published in the July/August issue of Totley Independent. Look out for the exciting new classes.

When you come to the Show you can also meet friends and neighbours, have some delicious food, listen to the band, buy from the stalls on display and finally, get a chance to buy some of the produce that was in the Show at our bargain auction with Rony Robinson.

This is YOUR Show – come and take part, even if only in the auction!

Farming Scene

Although many farmers 'up in the hills', the Peak District, North Yorkshire Moors and the Lake District for instance, will still be in lambing mode, most lowland farmers will have finished lambing by the beginning of May. At Totley Hall Farm the last of the in lamb Texel ewes produced a lamb on May 10th much to our relief as we could now stop inspecting them at ridiculous times like 12 o'clock at night and 6a.m. in the morning. These ewes and lambs are all out in the fields now, and hopefully, putting on lots of weight as they thrive on the recent very warm weather and lots of grass. This is a change from April, which was one of the coldest and wettest Aprils we have ever had. Fortunately the warm weather in February and March produced good grass growth which kept the sheep fed during April. I don't think I have ever seen grass grow as quickly as it did during the first two weeks of May.

Having got the Texel lambing out of the way, we are now preparing to put the Tups into our Poll Dorset flock so that they lamb from mid November through to the end of December. We hardly finish one lot of lambing before we have to prepare for the next! The Dorset lambs we have retained from last year's lambing are now all out in the field. Surprisingly, nearly 2/3 of the lambs born were females. Normally it would be almost exactly a ½ and ½ split between the sexes. This is in contrast to the Texels, where the majority were Tup lambs, which was a bit annoying as we were looking to retain quite a few ewe lambs for breeding from amongst these.

There have been a number of additions to our Dorset flock this year, and in total we will have around 120 ewes to put to the Tup, double last years total. Some of these have come long distances to make Totley Hall Farm their new home. Ewes have come from Poole in Dorset, Warminster in Wiltshire, Cullompton in Devon and Coldstream in Scotland. To help look after these young ladies, a prize winning Tup has come from Bristol via the Breed society show and sale at Exeter. They all seem to be getting on well together and I have yet to hear any complaints about the Yorkshire air or the 'standoffishness' of the immigrants from the south!

The mass vaccination of sheep and cattle against blue tongue is now in full swing. The initial areas to be treated were the south east and eastern areas of England where outbreaks had already been identified. As vaccine becomes available, adjacent counties will be treated until all of England and Wales have been covered. Currently this is a voluntary programme with farmers being urged to vaccinate their stock rather than being forced to. 90% appear to be eager at the cost of £1 to £2 per animal rather than suffer the consequences of infection. Apart from huge labour and vet bills to combat the disease, approximately 20% of infected animals die. Many others fail to grow and thrive and the fertility of both ewes and rams is seriously affected. It will cost us in the region of £500 to vaccinate our sheep but I consider it very worth while considering the consequences of a midge induced disease outbreak here. This is a case of complete role reversal. Normally people who go abroad are vaccinated against diseases they are likely to come into contact with whilst there. Now we are having to vaccinate livestock against a disease that has come from southern Europe and North Africa to this country. All down to climate change and mild winters I am told.

Edwin Pocock



Transport 17

for, once again, supporting us through their Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings event. It is always a very sociable local get together.

"Totley Open Gardens" have also decided that some of their proceeds will go to Transport 17. I know a little of how much effort goes into all these fund raisings. The kindness is much appreciated.

We take over 200 people to their lunches, clubs, etc. every week. You must get weary of us asking for money, but if Social Services or the Council had to provide transport, meals and social activities for these passengers, it would cost them a fortune. We do get some funding from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. Without our volunteers and those who cook for and run all the clubs, there would be no socialising for some people. So please bear with our begging. It could be you, or your family or neighbours needing our help in the future.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Totley Festival on 22nd June. We are going to fill one of our buses with balloons and a prize will be won by the person who guesses how many there are. There will be a great deal of work needed in the park on the day.

I am sure the Festival Committee would be very glad if any of you could give a hand.

Here's to a good summer.

Margaret Barlow

Totley Townswomen's Guild

During our meeting in March this year flowers were presented to Mrs Eileen Marsh on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs Marsh continues to organise our Rambling Group and our Exercise Class. She has written a poem which she read to us, and which is printed below:-

So I've reached the age of "90"
What difference does it make?
I've had a special meal with friends
Complete with birthday cake
Do I feel any older?
I can't say that I do
But what difference does a day make
Just between me and you

I'm told that as you get older
Muscles crumble in your face
I won't think too much about this
Just hope it stays in place
Of course these things do happen
I call them "outside forces"
But I don't want to go out one day
And frighten all the horses

However, it is not within my power
To alter anything
So thank you all for coming
It makes my old heart sing
So I'll do my best and carry on
Eat things that are good for me
And hope that in 2018
Your faces again I'll see

We hope to have a photograph in the next issue of The Totley Independent.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 17 June 2008 at 10.00am in The Methodist Church Hall, Totley Rise when the speaker will be Mrs A Holmes on flower arranging.
Do come along, visitors are always welcome.

I start by thanking English Martyrs Church and Outreach

THANK YOU ANNE

I realise that the Totley Independent is a non Political magazine but I feel I have to put pen to paper and say a big thank you to Anne Smith for all the hard work which did when she was a councillor in this area, without her help and knowledge some things would never have been achieved. Anne was always there if someone needed help, and I know from talking to people in Totley she will be missed. All the best for the future Anne.

I cannot see Anne sitting at home knitting, no doubt she will find a new venture; so good luck.

And once again a BIG thank you for all you did for Totley.
Marlene Marshall.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF GREEN OAK PARK

Come along to the Totley Festival on Sunday 22nd June between 11am and 5pm and put forward your views about Green Oak Park. We want to hear about problems in the park and suggestions you have to improve the park. Find our tent and tell us what you think.

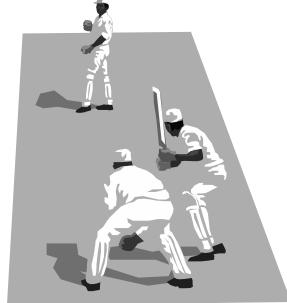
All ideas will be feedback and carefully considered at a prioritisation meeting in Totley Primary School at 7.30pm on July 15th. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate at both these events.

The outcomes of the public consultation will help to develop a masterplan. This will guide future improvements for the park and help to secure funding.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sheffield Cricket Lovers' Society

Charity Cricket Day - Monday 23rd June 2008 at Abbeydale Sports Ground.



The Professional Cricketers Association hold coaching sessions for local schools in the morning, there is a lunch, and then at 2.00pm a match between a team from the P.C.A (which usually includes some former test and county players) and one provided by Yorkshire C.C.C. A dinner in the evening rounds off the day.

All monies raised will benefit the PCA Benevolent Fund and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service Charity.

For any further details please contact:- David Drabble 01246-416145 or Bryan Turner – 0114-236-7085

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

TOTLEY FESTIVAL

is coming very soon!

Sunday 22nd June, 11-5pm

Greenoak Park

TOTLEY FESTIVAL is going to be a fun-filled event on an environmental theme with activities for all ages.

For the environmental theme there will be displays and stalls on solar panels, willow weaving, plastic bag making, water conservation, composting, biofuels, green roofs, woodturning and car-sharing. The Park Rangers, Wildlife Watch, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Ecclesall Saw Mills, Recycling Revolution, and Friends of the Earth will all also be present. And you can also calculate your own carbon footprint. There will also be a plant stall and seed swap.



The Climbing Wall at Totley Festival
2007



Escafeld Brass Band play in the
marquee Totley Festival 2007

In addition, there will be sports races, rounders matches, the Climbing Wall, the Scout Trolley, toddlers corner, painting competition, archery, basketball and bowling coaching, the Music Truck for teenagers to showcase their rock bands, Norfolk Park majorettes, Escafeld brass band, ice cream van, face painting, henna painting, Shetland ponies from Millhouse Animal Sanctuary, lambs and piglets from Whirlow Farm, and Sheffield Fire Service fire tender.

There will also be lots of stalls selling arts and crafts, including handmade cards, paper, jewellery and organic clothing. There will be a Fair Trade products stall and Whirlow Farm will be selling fresh farm produce.

A barbecue, a cake stall as well as tea, coffee, juices and Victorian lemonade will all add to the enjoyment. And Jill Turner of Sheffield Community Radio will be the MC for the day.



Watching a band playing from the
Music Truck

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR EVERYONE!!

For more information contact:

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Do we really want this happening in Totley?

IF YOU used a piece of land where the ecology of the fields was rich in biodiversity, and where the bushes were used by many different species of bird – blackcaps, willow warblers and chiffchaffs and especially migrating birds - and other wildlife, would you destroy those habitats?



IF YOU used a piece of land where an ancient stream ran through, would you cause problems for the water flow?

IF YOU kept horses would

you leave them on water meadows month after month until there was no grass left on the meadow and the horses faced health problems in the deep mud (in particular mud fever) they created out of a meadow that once had rare orchids growing on it?

IF YOU used land with a rich diverse ecology would you build a horse exercising yard using tons of rubble dumped by builders, without the planning permission that is always required for such construction, and to the utter disregard for the environment?

IF YOU – like most people with a sense of responsibility to the environment – reply “Of course not”, you need to go and look at the damage to the fields



either side of Needham's Dyke beside Penny Lane, near the Cricket Inn – all for the sake of keeping pet horses.

When you see what has been done you will not be surprised to know that the Council Planning Dept has placed a STOP! Notice on the construction work, the RSPCA is investigating the welfare of the horses, and the Ecology Officer of Sheffield City Council, the Environment Agency, The Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Sheffield Wildlife Trust are all concerned about the damage to the environment there.

A planning application must be submitted for retrospective permission for the horse exercising area, work on the culvert and drainage.

Do we really want someone in Totley doing this to our environment?

IF YOU are concerned about this damage, contact Totley Residents Association and be ready to respond to the Planning Application that will be submitted for more “improvements” to this land.

Anonymous

A Night at the Music Hall.

Hello again! Well, that's those out of the way, and in the nicest way, I'm glad that they are behind us! Not that anything nasty or serious went wrong with the show, - it was the heat! Boy, it was hot in the dressing room, and we all had four or five costume changes, (sometimes putting back on a soaking wet item that had been discarded previously). I reckon that Saturday night was the wettest/warmest that I have ever been on a stage. One of the cast later informed us that she lost 3lbs in weight on both nights, so some good came of it I suppose!

However, the comments made both immediately after the show and in subsequent days were very kind and complimentary, which confirms to us that we have succeeded in getting a balanced format for our future Productions. On a more serious/important topic, we are having to search for another pianist! This is because the present "Professor" (always referred to as such remember?) has given us his "long-term" notice to leave. So, if there is anyone reading this, who thinks they, or any of their circle of friends/family, (from young prodigy to a more mature virtuoso), would be interested in taking over his reins, please give me a call. I can assure you that you will be made most welcome into a lively, humorous, and enthusiastic Society (also the tea and buns at rehearsals are to die for!!).

Just to remind you, our next two shows are:

The Gatty Hall Theatre, Ecclesfield. Sat 7th June at 8.00pm
The Christian Science Church, Severn Rd. Thu 12th June at 7.30pm (part of the Broomhill Festival. Tickets available on ph 268 3749

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It's History Jim, But Not As We Know It.

What do you do at this history group then?

We pay a pound and sit in a circle.

We talk about what we remember. Then we try to remember what our mums remembered. And we try to remember what we've looked up in books and archives ourselves.

And then you remember it afterwards?

We try. Oh and it's all about Totley, forgot to say that.

Where do you do it?

Where Pearson's greenhouses were, where Totley Library is, at the top of Lemont Road.

And in the Second World War, the people who lived on Lemont Road included the Roes and Miss Hodgkin at number 1, and they were chauffeur and dressmaker, then there were Princes at 3, 11 and 26, and Cooks at 9 and 23. There were gardeners, railway workers, lorry drivers, butchers, brick moulderers, and Joseph Mather the dairyman who was at number 34.

And there's something funny about the grates on Lemont, and Chas E Turner at number 33 was an ivory fluter.

What's one of those when he's at home?

No idea.

And this is history?

It is now.

And you just sit and remember, in your history group?

No. We touch things as well.

Tiny little books of walks and poems and old adverts in the Clarion Ramblers handbooks of the great Totley rambler Bert Ward.

We stroke Ossy the Octopus, found off Aldam Road.

We keep taking out our Brian Edwardses.

And all the censuses from 1841 to 1901, and fading press cuttings, and a fat geographical study of Dore and Totley done by a student in Totley when there used to be students in Totley, and pictures of our end of Mickley Lane in 195-

What you talking about, octopuses in Totley?

He's 300 million years old.

A 300 million year old octopus in Totley and you touched him? Pull the other one.

We did. Only he's not an octopus really. He's a 40 feet fern uncovered in 2004 when they were mucking about with the drains on Totley brook, off Aldam Rd.

People who're not in the History Group think the Totley Brook is on Totley Brook, but it's not.

And Tinkers Corner isn't where the tinkers used to gather, either, while we're at it...

That helps. But what was it like at our end of Mickley Lane in 195-?

It was like- King, Ellis, Tym, Warburton, Ellis, Wilkinson, Hargreaves then Dr McCormack at 134.

Thought there was reckoned to be a pub?

There was, in the ironing parlour, and Rosie's, but in 1839. You could get beer on draught at Marrisons before Grattons, though. And at the hotel where Dr Igoe now flosses your teeth on Baslow Road.

There were shackle yards down at the Crown, whatever they were. Probably so you could have a sleep while John pulled you a pint.

And there were Americans recuperating in the Cross 60 years ago, just like now, when they should have been recuperating in Fairthorn.

And Joe Cocker sang in the Fleur before he was Joe Cocker.

Any news of Nanny Jessop the midwife of Lemont who delivered everybody?

She didn't live on Lemont.

But she did deliver Vic Martin's little boy Jim, above the Spar shop at the end of Bushey Wood, only it isn't because it's bushy that it's Bushey

Jim's leading the History Walk #1(see below). He's a Wint as well and the Wints had shops all over including next door to Nanny Jessop's opposite Hawthorn Cottages, and in the Chip Shop on the Rise before it was, and even before it was Davey's.

But why haven't you asked about the lizards and the rhubarb?

What about the lizards, and the rhubarb?

And the crocodiles of Mickley? And Samuel Hill? And Miss Page?

And them too?

There were lizards everywhere in the hot sun when little Averill came out to Totley from the smoggy city and wanted to live happily here ever after when she wasn't so little. And did.

There's a rhubarb triangle on the Laverdene.

The crocodile was the shaven orphans going back to Cherrytree every school dinner time, from All Saints, because Miss Clareborough of the County School wouldn't have them And Samuel Hill's time is probably up, because he was making his famous Totley Clocks, in 1770.

If you're getting so clever with your history, answer me this. If you wanted to buy a new house on Stonecroft in 1952, how much would you pay?

£1600.

You could have wooden floors for that and sliding doors and a Rayburn, and a coal man with sacks on his back.

The street names there came from Mr Marcroft and Mr Stone who built them, or so someone's mother says.

There were humps to run up and down round the big trees opposite Jim Thompson's Marstone Garage, which was the Animal Hospital, then wasn't, and which was a village green where the Methodists used to be primitive until a thunderstorm drove them into Back Lane. Back Lane itself does some funny things, too, if you know where to look.

And what's this about the trains not tooting when they go into Totley tunnel any more?

It's because of the terrorist threat...

In Totley!

Oh Totley's had its troubles.

What about the Communists growing apples and making boots at St George's farm off Mickley, by the Cheshire Home?

Or the rampaging girls from Dame Trot's school on Grove Road tipping their boaters at the wrinkled retainer in the signal box, and then going off on nature walks up to the aqueduct? And the Battle of Bonfire Night? And that trouble down Totley Bents?

If you know so much, to you know where Doctor Pressley is now, and what was there before he was, and if he is related to Elvis Presley?

There were the Harpers, man and wife, doing hair in the doctor's waiting room. Then Daveys, Evans the Greengrocer, Purdy's and Griffiths the fishmonger.

And no Peter Casson?

No

You mean there was a time before this time when there wasn't a Peter Casson?

Unbelievable isn't it? But history is.

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No, history's 1066 and all that

It can be. We've looked at Doomsday Book ourselves, and got perplexed by 4 bovates to the guld
Bet you didn't know Totley was worth 10 shillings in 1086, and the Dore nobs were worth a pound?

History should be about Kings and Queens.

Well, Mr King had a shop next to where the Catholic church is, where the pump used to be and may still be and we're going to see if is, on Jim's walk .

And there's Queen Victoria of course.

What about her?

Funny things have always happened up Queen Victoria. They had an allotment society there, and were all set out in plots, in 1873 odd, and it was to do with Tedbar Tinker, who owned the brickworks on Mickley-.

Tedbar Tinker? What kind of name's that? And I bet you're going to tell me he's why Tinker's Corner was called Tinker's Corner, even if it isn't any more?

Yes.

It all seems a bit of a muddle

History is. Come on the walk on June 11th and get into a bit of a muddle yourself.

What are you going to do with all this stuff anyway?

Keep collecting it. Interviewing people. Probably putting it on DVDs and websites and books, and doing exhibitions and performances and...all sorts. No rush. History can take a long time.

So, you coming on the walk?

Drinks on Jim after?

Oh, cheers! And what happened to Miss Page?

Suspicious circumstances did. Tell you on the walk, if we remember.

Rony Robinson

Totley History Walk # 1

**led by Jim Martin and
Rony Robinson**

**7.30 Wednesday June 11 starting
and finishing at Totley Library**

**An easy stroll down to Bushey Wood
and back. Cost £1.**

**Everyone is very welcome. If it
snows we shall go on a virtual walk
in the library instead. Drinks
afterwards for those who wish.**

Don't forget to try the Totley Features Quiz
Available from Totley Library or from

jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

The winner will receive free entry to Totley
Open Gardens 12-13th July.
Deadline for quiz: 30th June.

Earthworks

The Three Sisters

At this point in the growing season I begin to feel that I'm in a frantic race against Nature. All around me the weeds are taking over; dandelions are in full flower and the mare's tail has sent up its weird little umbrella flowers, both ready to spread new weed havoc amongst my flowers and veg. And it's not just the weeds that are on the move. The vegetables and flowers sown into pots in the greenhouse have grown into healthy little plantlets that are now desperate to leave their protected space and spread their roots into real soil. The list in my head of all the things I need to do can serious challenge my resolve to step out of the rut in which life is reduced to a series of jobs to be ticked off. I gave up full time work to get away from that task driven existence. So, to counter the pull to the list mentality, I stand in the middle of my garden and marvel at the vigour and exuberance of all the plants around me. The present moment floods in and the panic subsides.

The squash and courgettes seeds I sowed 10 days ago are nosing their way through the compost and into the light and in 3 or 4 weeks time, when they are sturdy little plants with at least two mature leaves, I'll be planting them out into the last bit of rough and ready ground on the allotment. Squashes are my main plant ally in the conversion of my heavy, wet clay soil to a more workable and friendly environment for plants and their gardener. They have roots like pneumatic drills and can break up clods of earth that defy even a sharp spade.

The squash plant is one of the Three Sisters named so by the North American Indians probably because of their compatibility as growing companions and their interdependent manner of growing. The other two sisters are sweetcorn (maize) and climbing beans. The seeds of all three are robust and easily transported – essential for the roaming lifestyle the Indians led.

I've had success growing these plants together although I've never had the courage to try the radical Three Sisters – growing the beans up the sweetcorn. When all three sisters are grown together, the squashes trail around the feet of the corn and the beans, preserving moisture and suppressing weeds. The corn grows up through the squash plants and provides vertical support for the beans. I suspect that the corn varieties the Indians grew was far more vigorous than the types we have in Northern Europe. Our varieties grow no taller than 4 or 5 feet and would be flattened by even a baby squash plant.

There's no need to risk toppled corn and ground trailing beans to have a go at growing these crops together. Beans or sweetcorn with squash works very well if you get the timing right. The little sweetcorn and bean plants have to be vigorous enough when plated out to get up and away quickly before the squash leaves crowd them out. Get them in too late and they are smothered by the squash leaves and never really recover. All three sisters are heavy feeders and like lots of muck and compost around their roots. They can all tolerate roughly dug and newly cleared land.

When it comes to cooking squash, forget Pumpkin Pie! Roasted with cinnamon is the best way to eat it! Cut off the skin and remove the seeds (dry and save them for next year's crop and to swap and give away), and cut the squash into hefty chunks. In a nice, big ovenproof dish add generous amounts of garlic, (whole cloves unpeeled works well) and sprinkle the whole lots with a little olive oil, salt and pepper and a good lot of ground cinnamon. Cook in a hot oven for about 45 minutes. Delicious! If picked when ripe, squashes store well and so you can have this treat all through the winter if you grow enough of them.

Christine Shimell

GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

Our garden is a bit neglected at the moment, Christine cannot help just now as she is waiting for a hip replacement (by the time you read this she will hopefully be recovering from the operation) so things in the garden have had to be put on the back burner. I have managed to get the runner beans planted and the onions and leeks are coming on a treat. The weeds are also in abundance, the spell of hot weather we have had recently made them shoot up; I will have to tackle them as soon as possible. The lawn is the best I have ever seen it, the bit of TLC I gave it earlier has really paid dividends. The ponds are a bit clogged up with duck and blanket weed. I have been combing as much as possible. I find that is best for clearing the pond weed. Most of the bedding plants are almost ready for putting out; the hanging baskets will need a bit more time in the greenhouse. The cold snap we are in at the moment (17 May) is not bringing them on very fast. They should be ready for hanging out in a week or so. My hut is not finished yet, I hope to have it completed by the time you read this. I think I said that last month so we live in hope. The old hut is a bit crowded. I have come in from the garden; I think the heron has paid us a visit. I could not see any fish in the pond so it looks like the frogs will have it to themselves unless the heron eats them as well. If he eats them all he will not be able to take off as there are quite a lot of them. My veg patch is now ready for more plants. I will be adding lettuce, radishes and other catch crops between the rows of the slower growing veg. I try to spread out the sowing of these but very often they seem to catch up with one another so we get a glut. I will have to space them out a bit more (time wise).

The greenhouse is looking busy; I will be planting the tomatoes in their final position shortly. They are looking good, strong, healthy plants. I look forward to a tasting in July. I plant mainly sungold; they are lovely and sweet with an old fashioned flavour.

I bought some small orange plum tomatoes from the greengrocer the other day and they were really so I am drying one out to see if I can grow the seeds, if it is an F1 hybrid then I might not be successful but it is worth a try, nothing ventured nothing gained as they say.

The sun is coming out so I will have to get cracking, the lawn needs a trim, the paths are untidy, the summer house needs a spring clean. Always something to do – never a dull moment in a garden. I hope you enjoy yours.

PS – Don't forget The Totley Show, 20 September.

FLOWERS Make sure all plants, especially recently planted ones, are kept well watered and fed on a regular basis, containers need an extra careful watch over as they can soon dry out in the lovely sunshine! Thin out seedlings which have been sown in borders. Stake and tie the taller plants such as lilies, gladioli, delphiniums etc.; dead head all flowers as they fade, this will encourage further flushes to enhance your borders. Perennials and biennials can be sown now, they will make good sturdy plants for placing in their flowering positions in the Autumn these include Canterbury Bells; Wallflowers, Verbascom, Sweet William, Lupines, Hollyhocks, Delphiniums etc.. Place chrysanthemums in their summer position; divide auricular, polyanthus and primroses growing in the open. Cut back aubrietas, arabis, and perennial candytuft quite drastically after flowering, this will prevent them spreading too far. If you lift your spring bulbs, now is the time to do it, store them in a light airy place until all the greenery has died back then store in a dark, cool place until required for planting out later, watch out for all the nasties, like aphids, mildew etc.. and deal with them straight away before they get out of control. As alpine plants finish flowering cut them back, this will keep the plants neat and compact and encourage them to make new growth for next year. Cuttings can be taken at this time this will give you extra alpine plants to fill in any gaps you may have, root them in a good sandy compost.

VEGETABLES Plant marrows now, plant them in a well prepared bed of rich compost raised up a foot or so, I put mine between two bales of straw with compost between them, this helps to retain the moisture, and keep them off the ground, they should be just right for the show in September. Thin out carrots and beetroot sown earlier, plant out celery plants and keep them well watered. To keep onions growing sturdily, water when soil is dry and give a nitrogenous feed, once a week until the end of July, then change to a feed high in phosphate until they are ready (for the show of course). Plant out leeks, make a hole with a dibber or pointed stick about 6" or so deep about 12" to 18" apart. Drop the leek in each hole, then water them, as you water let it carry in a little soil, enough to cover the roots, no more filling is necessary. Plant out runner beans, watch out for slugs and put out traps for them. Earth up potatoes, support peas as they grow, plant out outdoor tomato plants, also sweet corn and ridge

cucumbers. Plant out cauliflowers, cabbage, and sprouts for autumn use and Savoy's and winter broccoli, for winter and spring. Make successional sowings of vegetables such as beet, carrot, dwarf beans, peas, lettuce, salad onions and radish. Pinch out the tips of broad beans when they have set about four clusters, this helps prevent black fly and encourages the development of the pods. Start picking herbs for drying and freezing. To help rhubarb build up a good crown remove any flower stalks and keep them watered and well fed.

TREES, SHRUBS and FRUIT Keep fruit trees clear of weeds and grass. Remove unwanted strawberry runners and surplus or weak raspberry canes.

Continue to spray apples, pears and soft fruit against aphids, blackfly and mildew. Spray raspberries 10 days after flowering with a fungicide to prevent cane spot. Cut out badly cankered apple branches, summer prime gooseberries, grapevines and white currants. At the end of the month stop picking rhubarb to give it a chance to recover for next year. Keep all newly planted trees and shrubs well watered and weed free. If azaleas, rhododendrons, camellia or hydrangeas are yellowing apply sequestrine or sulphate of iron to bring back the colour, and make the plants stronger. Remove suckers from roses and give them a feed after the first flush of flowers, spray with fungicide to prevent black spot and mildew. It's a good time to take cuttings from many shrubs to increase your stock or to pass on to friends or give to charity events; they can be rooted in a frame or on a window sill. Don't forget to remove laburnum pods from your tree, and on the ground, especially if you have children in your garden, they are poisonous and are attractive to youngsters as they do look like miniature peas.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Your greenhouse should now be a picture of health and vigour with all the flowers and plants put in earlier. Feed flowering and fruiting plants, stand pots on damp pebbles to maintain humidity; pot up rooted cuttings taken in May, take leaf cuttings of African violets, begonia rex and echeveria. Cuttings, to increase your stock, can be taken now from busy lizzy; fuchsia heliotrope, plumbago etc. Watch out for white fly, aphids, mildew etc. and spray as soon as they are spotted, otherwise they will take over and spoil all your hard work. Sow calceolarias, busy lizzy and indoor primulas to use as pot plants. Train and feed

melon and cucumbers, don't over water they soon rot at the base, if you do. Do not allow tomatoes to dry out as the weather gets warmer. If you see signs of green back where the hard skin forms at the top of the fruit, water with a solution of 1ozs. of sulphate of potash in 1 gallon of water (or the metric equivalent), that should help them get over it. Be very wary of the weather, watch your ventilation, June nights can be a bit unpredictable.

LAWNS Continue regular mowing and edging, if it turns hot, we hope, raise the cutters on your mower. New lawns should be rolled and very lightly trimmed at first. Dig up weeds or apply selective or spot weed killer as they appear. That's a bit to be going on with. Cheerio for now. TOM

Chickens in Totley

I can think of at least 8 homes in Totley that now keep chickens in the back garden. And the number seems to be growing.

So much so that at Totley Show on 20th September there will now be one new class for "3 eggs on a plate" to encourage more home hen-keeping.

Given the rising interest in keeping chickens this will be a regular column. I am no expert, as I have only been keeping hens for a year now, although when I was a child we had a lot of chickens – both bantams and large hens. But since I am a recent beginner I'm aware of the many questions that need an answer when you are thinking of starting to keep hens.

Over the next months I will suggest some good breeds, local suppliers for birds, coops and feed, and look at what is involved in the daily care, as well as reporting on my own 3 biddies.

Though the economics of keeping hens doesn't stack up, the pleasure of keeping hens far outweighs this. They are great characters and quickly become part of family life. The daily ritual of feeding them and collecting the eggs brings its own peaceful rhythm. And there is nothing tastier than a free range egg straight from the nest box.

Before getting my hens I made an agreement with my neighbours not to get a cock, because of the exhausting early morning announcements he would make! You only need a cock if you want the eggs to be fertile in order to breed from them.

Of my three hens, Vera and Martha are hybrid Black Rocks, and Dora is an Araucana with speckled plumage. I bought Dora as a Plymouth Rock, for brown eggs, but to my surprise her eggs came out bluey-green. When I asked the poultry breeder who sold her to me, he said he must have made a mistake and Dora would have been £23, not the £7 he charged me, as she is a rarer breed from South America! Her eggs are delicious nevertheless and she is incredibly 'talkative' constantly making lots of different sounds.

If you want friendlier, less flighty hens, the hybrid breeds are both tame and prolific layers. Black Rocks are a lovely chunky bird and their beautiful plumage glistens with a green shine. They are one of the best layers, supposedly with about 280 eggs per year. Some breeds are poor layers, some have a reputation for going broody and some do not mix well together.

There are some fabulous breeds around but you need to visit breeders to decide which to choose. Or of course, you can rescue hens from a battery farm, on which more in later articles. It's better to start with a couple of hens, as they lay best in their first year, and you don't want to end up with a lot of elderly matrons barely laying an egg between them. You can get another one of two each year to maintain the egg production.

Jennie Street

Next month: what sort of coop and run for your chickens?

Just a Snippet from Totley Primary School.

I had the pleasure of going with reception class to Cannon Hall Farm at the end of April. It was a fantastic day. The children got to milk the two artificial cows and also got to see and feed loads of animals. During the breaks they played on the adventure playground, which they thought, was great. We had a guided tour by a lovely lady called Linda, which made the day very informative to both old and young. A definite recommendation for a good day out.



Year one class and I have planted eight trees near our hen run. All in all that makes 34 new trees planted by the children this year. We seem to be breeding eco warriors!

Two personal points I'd like to share with you; firstly I wish to thank Edwin and Jenny Pocock for their support during the last few years. They always help me when I

need it and are an asset to the community. Secondly I would like to see TOADS continue to play the National Anthem after each performance. Each day, in each little way we seem to be losing our "Englishness", our traditions and respect for each other. No longer do we play the National Anthem or fly St George's Day flags. If we are born English, no matter what colour or religion let's get some pride back in our country.

Our PTA is buying some playground equipment for the junior years. Hopefully, it will be challenging and fun for them.

We have been preparing for the school gardening club, which will start next week now we have hopefully seen the last of the bad weather. We have been preparing the paths and beds for the classes. Both Martin Farmer and Malcolm Rogers have helped with the last of the paths. We have just got the fence posts and wire mesh fence to buy and fit now. It's a pity we couldn't get funding like Dobcroft Infant School. £500 would have got us a lot of equipment!

Cheers for now

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor



UPDATE ON STRAY DOG CHANGES

This follows on from the last Totley Independent. Anyone finding a stray dog during the day can either telephone the Dog Wardens on 0114 2037410 to pick up the stray or they can take the dog directly down to the Spring Street Kennels where all the strays are taken, that is the easy bit. The problem is at night, since the Sheffield City Council have taken over the responsibility of the strays, there policy now is that out of hours strays can either be taken directly (by the finder) to the kennels, this would only be up to 9.30pm at night that is if you wish to take a frightened, nervous dog into your car.? Or the other alternative is to keep the dog over night on your premises and contact the Dog Wardens the next day to pick the stray up, what a choice. Out of hours if you telephone the above number you will receive advice on what to do, but this does not help the finder of the dog. The situation seems a bit mish-mash at the moment but watch this space, I will try to find out more information for the next Totley Independent.

Marlene Marshall.

Cheshire Chat

WANTED

As many people as possible to come to our summer fete at Mickley Hall on Saturday, 28 June. This year's fete is special as it is the 60th anniversary of The Leonard Cheshire Foundation and the 40th anniversary of being at Mickley Hall. We have the popular Yorkshire TV presenter Ian Clayton of "My Yorkshire" fame to open for us. Another exciting first for us this year is the Samuel Ridge Re-Enact Society.

Also, there will be a barbecue, cake stall, preserves, strawberries and cream, cocktails, craft stalls, children's games, face painting, plants and much more. There are some first class prizes in the raffle donated by local companies. Entrance fee is 50p and is from 2pm to 4.30 pm. All proceeds are for the service users. We rely on the generosity of the public to help pay for days out to the seaside etc and other treats that make for a better quality of life.

We are also hosting our Tea-ability Day on 20 June. This is an annual event where anyone can have a cup of tea and cake with friends and colleagues for a small contribution to raise money for Leonard Cheshire Disability. If anyone would like to have an event of their own during the week of 14 to 22 June there are promotional packs available from Stacey Lewis on 2369952.

So we look forward to seeing you at our events. Future events include a vintage car show, Scally Rally Car Event from Sheffield to Rimini (Italy) and 2nd Art Exhibition. Details to follow, or ring Mickley Hall.

Ann Lee, Volunteer Support Group

TOTLEY FESTIVAL – HELP NEEDED

Could you spare some time to help at Totley Festival? Just a couple of hours would be great. We need people to help with directing cars in the park, selling programmes, taking money and keeping the queue in order for the Climbing Wall, serving drinks, assisting with the Scout Trolley, setting out chairs and tables, helping on the Tombola and of course clearing up at the end of the afternoon.

If you can join us in making this a great event for Totley people, please contact Jennifer Burns Tel. 235-0071 email: jburnstotley@supanet.com

Summer Fair

St. John's Church, Abbeydale Rd. South is holding a Summer Fair in the Church Hall car park (or in the Hall if wet) on Saturday June 7th 2008 in the afternoon.

Admission is free and there will be many stalls including cakes, bric-a-brac, games, plants, books, etc. and we are hoping that it will be an enjoyable afternoon for all the family. Refreshments, including Cream Teas, tea, Coffee etc. will be available in the church hall.

The money raised is for St. John's Church funds (to help with major internal building improvements planned for this year); to enable our continuing support for the S17 Youth Project; and the Luncheon Club for the elderly in the Parish.

Please try to come if you are able and enjoy a pleasant afternoon out. (St. John's Social Committee)

Totley Open Gardens



**Sat. 12th and Sun. 13th July
1-5 pm**

We have some great new gardens and allotments - from woodland to vegetables - and with some unusual features. Cream teas in some, plants for sale in others, come along and get some gardening inspiration.

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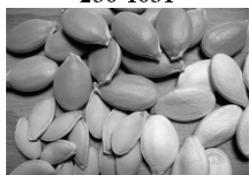
If you come along to Totley Festival in Greenoak Park on Sunday 22nd June, you might like to bring along some packets or bags of seeds that you have a surplus of.

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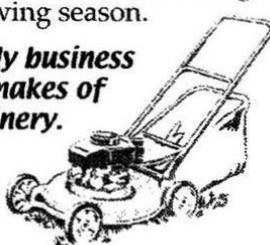
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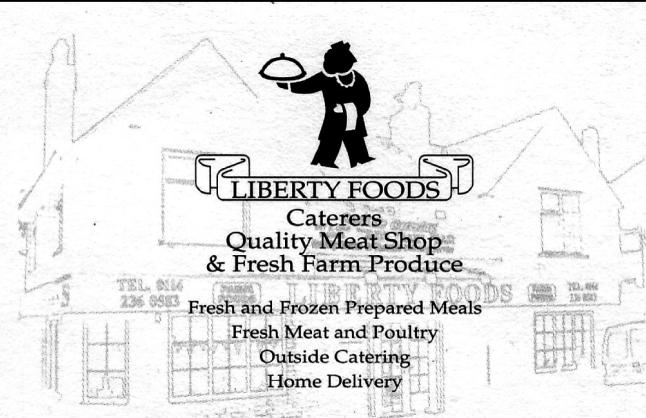
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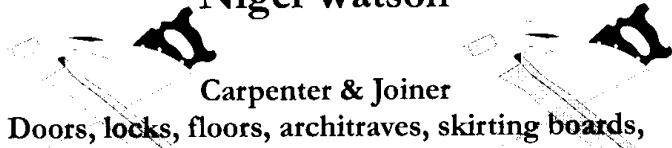
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WED 4th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, “From St Petersburg to Moscow by River”, Clifford Tompkins, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
SAT 7th SUMMER FAIR, St Johns Church car park (hall if wet) in the afternoon
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SAT 14th CHILDRENS FUN DAY, Botanical Gardens, 2-5pm, Adults £1 children free. www.broomhillfestival.org.uk
SAT 14th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Heatherfield Club, Viki France, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non-members welcome, small charge on door.
TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, ‘Flower Arranging’, Mrs.A.Holmes, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am
WED 18th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, “The History of Beauchief Abbey”, Geoffrey Carson, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
SUN 22nd TOTLEY FESTIVAL, 11am – 5pm, Greenoak Park
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SAT 28th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Heatherfield Club, Dennis Vincent, Baslow Road. 8-30 pm. Non-members welcome, small charge on door.

JULY 2008

WED 2nd WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, “Research in South Africa and FOIL AIDS”, Pauline & Peter Dibben, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
SAT 5th & SUN 6th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES OPEN DAYS, Abbeydale Road South, First train 1pm – last train 5pm (weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk
SAT 12th & SUN 13th TOTLEY OPEN GARDENS, 1–5pm, More details page 10
TUE 15th GREENOAK PARK PLANNING MEETING, Totley Primary School, 7.30pm, feedback of ideas to date and prioritisation. Everyone welcome.

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