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Guy S. Mitchell of Brook House, Grove Road, Totley Rise (later Miss Dorothy Trott's Girls' School), believed to be July 1912. The long demolished weir alongside Totley Rise Methodist Church fed water along the goit to Totley Rolling Mill (under Baslow Road the modern gas sub station). Reproduction is by permission of Julie Malam (Mitchell's granddaughter).

Totley Residents Association Update

I would like to thank Ian Clarke (Totley Independent Editor) and John Perkinson (Distribution and Advertising) who with Starprint produced the 300 Edition of the Independent. Many people have commented on an enjoyable read. Thanks of course to all the contributors.

We need to come up with ideas for the July / August edition to celebrate the beginning of Totley Residents Association in 1977. Any suggestions?

So to our celebrations, a small sub-committee is already hard at work organising the event.

TOTLEY FESTIVAL will be held in Green Oak Park on Sunday July 1st 1.00pm-5.00pm

There will be something for everyone:-

Active living activities, Craft stalls, a Brass band, the Sports van, Competitions, Climbing wall, Health taster sessions, a variety of stalls, bowls and much more. There will of course be refreshments. Our Community Police Constable Mark Wadsworth has the date in his diary. We are looking forward to seeing the police bike in the near future now the days are getting warmer. There is still a need for members of the community and local businesses to help to pay for the bike. We have not yet reached our target of £1802.00. The Halifax are ready to take cash or cheques towards the total.

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TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM WILL BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

Remember you can be active and healthy every Thursday afternoon in the Library between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. The Chairobics class has been running for over a year now. Everyone is welcome; we have a chat and a laugh as we try to keep ourselves active and supple. Sometimes our tutor gives us advice on what to eat to keep healthy, often with a recipe thrown in. We all work at our own pace, do what we can, enjoy ourselves and feel better for it. Do come and join us. It only costs £1. You need to bring a bottle of water.

The Green Oak Park Entrance saga continues. On January 30th The Parks and Woodlands Department organised the 3rd meeting at the Heatherfield Club. About 70 residents and our Ward Councillors attended, along with Gary Weatherall, Cabinet Adviser for Streetscene and Green Spaces and officers from Parks and Woodlands. The Director, Mary Bagley, chaired the meeting.

We were shown new plans for the entrance which still mean the lodge keeper will lose more of his garden, (no one seems to give much thought to the feelings of the lodge keeper and his family), the path is still on the wrong side and the entrance would be controlled by a gate, designed by an artist!

There were concerns for the oak tree. One resident had spent time on the internet and had printed off what could happen to the tree if the roots were damaged by excavations at the entrance.

This was passed round those present. In brief "Damage to the root system is potentially serious and will affect the health and safety of the whole tree, which may die slowly over the next few years. The fine roots just below the surface are important in obtaining nutrients, moisture and oxygen. Damage to these roots will affect the whole tree" Thanks to the resident who spent time looking up the information.

As Mary Bagley could not answer our questions and residents insisted on answers it was agreed there would be a meeting with the Planning and Legal Departments present to answer our queries.

As I write, arrangements for this meeting are under way. Please look out for notices in the usual places. We need as many as possible from all over Totley to attend this meeting.

It is our opportunity to put questions to those who made the decision to take away part of our public green space. If we do not stand up for ourselves now it could be too late and we could lose more of the park.

TRA Committee discussed the issue of the planning application for a wind turbine on the edge of Totley, at the last meeting. There was a lively discussion. It was decided that members of the Committee would make their own decision and write in to the planning department with their views.

Keep your eyes open for the notices about the Baslow Road / Mickley Lane junction. If all goes to plan, the proposed maps should be available in March. TRA will be meeting with an officer from the traffic section to look at the maps and make comments.

Please do write in with your suggestions. We live here and use the junction; it is up to us to tell the council officials what we feel. I know we all signed the petition but a letter carries more weight. Too late if we do nothing and the bus stop is moved or Baslow Road ends up like Chesterfield Road (Woodseats).

I already have daffodils coming out in my garden. We can all look forward to enjoying those we planted on Baslow Road. Lets hope they will bloom in peace and not be destroyed by cars, bikes or vandals. Streetforce have been told where they are planted so hopefully they should not be cut down too early this year!

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PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US ,COME AND HEAR WHAT THE COMMITTEE, ALL VOLUNTEERS HAVE

BEEN TRYING TO DO OVER THE LAST YEAR FOR THE TOTLEY COMMUNITY.WE WORK HARD BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT WHERE WE LIVE AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.

Avril Critchley, Chairman TRA

ON THE WILD SIDE

Concerned of Totley Rise!!! *Sheffield Star 25th February*

I get many enquiries about wildlife and local environmental problems, and try to respond helpfully when I can. Bear with me as it takes time and I have a day job!! An example was Avril Critchley writing from Totley Rise. She and her neighbours are concerned and frustrated that their local environment is threatened and nobody listening. Their splendid old Oak tree is under threat. A native hedge planted for wildlife was destroyed with Cherry and Almond trees, and locals were concerned about. I'm confident no roosts were affected; bats around them were feeding. However, Pipistrelle bats flying into an ivy-covered tree close by the Park sounds certain to be a roost with the tree and its immediate environment strictly protected; the same for buildings with bat roosts, even if bats aren't there. Bats use different sites through the year with winter hibernation and breeding roosts; all safeguarded. Bats flying and feeding gives no protection, it is the roosts that count.

Apparently there were two public meetings about problems of access and the entrance with City Council Chief Executive Bob Kerslake, Councillor Leader Jan Wilson and MP Nick Clegg visiting the site and agreeing that Consent should not have been granted. It is difficult to alter things retrospectively. Director of Parks and Countryside Mary Bagley apparently suggested widening the entrance to separate pedestrians and vehicles but residents oppose this because part of the Lodge Keeper's garden would be lost with a mature beech hedge and ornamental trees and hundreds of bulbs including native bluebells planted for spring 2007. Avril asks me if damage to Bluebells (protected species) was illegal and my answer is no. They are protected in the wild but not where recently planted; an ethical issue but not a legal one.

On the pavement alongside the proposed widening stands the Oak tree, originally planted with others now gone, about 150 years ago. Its impressive canopy stretches across the problem entrance and the garden. Locals feel this is of environmental and historical significance and I agree with them. According to Sheffield City Council the Oak has a fungal infection (normal for a middle-aged tree and not necessarily a problem); the tree has 'severe butt disease' (which sounds serious and painful!!). A local arboriculturalist (tree surgeon) found a bracket fungus called Ganoderma; the tree will compensate, so not much of a problem. However, root-damage from proposed entrance widening could make the tree unstable and in time kill it. Streetforce reported on the health of the tree and after test-drilling pronounced it safe but needing an annual check-up.

Avril asks how this fits Sheffield's slogan 'GREENER CLEANER SAFER?' and quotes: 'Man can cut down oaks or destroy them. When he does so he destroys not just a tree but the world of numerous other creatures. Oak trees take much longer to replace than to cut down'. The residents of Totley hope I can help save the tree and Green Oak Park itself. Sheffield City Council created a precedent by allowing development and residents feel this is the tip of the iceberg, the future Park lost to housing. A meeting this week addressed these issues hopefully something positive emerged. Locals feel that digging under the canopy may kill the Oak tree. Where would that leave City Council policies as the 'greenest city' in Europe? With Al Gore just visiting our region, what do you think?

Dr. Ian D. Rotherham

Dr Rotherham Directs the Tourism and Environmental Change Research Unit at Sheffield Hallam University

Totley Yard Sale

Sunday 22nd April

10-2pm

Please note that the charge is £5 per participant, because this money is going towards Totley Festival expenses.

Book your place and pay your charge to Jennie Street, Tel. 236-2302 email: jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk
16 The Grove.



Transport 17

The Annual General Meeting for shareholders will be held at 7pm on Monday 26th March in Totley Library. There will be refreshments served at the conclusion of business. Totley Library can be reached from Baslow Road or Lemont Road.

If you require transport for the event, please ring the office on 2362962. The bus cannot run for just 1 or 2 people, so please don't be afraid to ask us for help.

We closed for a few days during February. The roads were usable in places but many pavements were very icy. The decision is made by Michael Finn, our Manager, or the organisers of the clubs themselves. Passengers will be told of cancellations by either of the above.

Take care.

Margaret Barlow

Historic Totley

As part of this years Totley celebrations the TRA will be producing for sale a calendar (for 2008) of rarely seen photographs of Totley, old and new. This will be launched on sale at the Totley Festival on 1, July 2007 - so come along, enjoy a good day out and buy your copy then.

We are always on the look out for pictures, drawings or stories about Totley. If you have any please let us know. We will be happy to copy and return any items to you.

Usual contacts on back cover or else Avril Critchley 236 1568 or Duncan Froggatt 235 2197.

Historical Group

We would like to set up a Historical Group to cover the History of Totley by local people, we appear to have a great deal in Totley and this seems to be the only area where there is no Group. I feel the history which we have here needs to be kept alight for future generations to appreciate. We have a great number of local people whom we could call on for information.

If anyone is interested in helping to organise a Historical Group, or would just like to join one.

Please contact. Mrs. M. Marshall on 0114 2351005.

TOTLEY FESTIVAL

Totley's biggest event
ever on

Sunday 1st July
1.00-5.00 pm

Something for everyone -
active living activities,
craft stalls, brass band,
Sports Van and competitions,
Battle of the Bands,
climbing wall, tug-of-war,
Children's Corner,
health care taster sessions,
Salsa dancing, Pets Corner,
speciality foods and drinks.

More details from: 236-1568
avril.critchley@btopenworld.com

T.O.A.D.S. SPRING PLAY

Our next production is another good comedy. We know you like them, and our aim is to keep you happy.

"The Other Fellow's Oats", by James Pattison and Peter Clapham, is set in a London flat. The owner, Charles, has lent it out to his friend Desmond while he, Charles, is on a two week holiday abroad. Of course, things never work out the way you expect them to, and chaos ensues. Bad news for the occupants, but good news for the audience.

You can take part in the fun at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Totley, Wednesday to Saturday, May 16th to 19th at 7.30pm. Tickets are still £3.50, or £3 concessions available from any TOADS Member, or from me, Kate Reynolds, on 2366891.

Red and white wine, coffee and orange will be on sale in the interval, so why not come along and enjoy the entertainment.

1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for January 2007

1st Prize No 40
A carousel with jars
of 20 different herbs
Mr and Mrs Pearson
Green Oak Road

2nd Prize No 79
£10 Voucher
Miss Hughes
Aldam Road

Peter Casson

Bluebell Wood, Children's Hospice.

The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan is sponsoring an evening at Abbeydale Sports Club, to encourage anyone in the S 17 district, to come along and hear about the good work being done for very sick children, by the Hospice. The Rotary Club are supporting the charity, and wish to gain support from the local Community as well. Speakers will give a presentation on the work that it does, and will also suggest ways in which we can all help with funding. This area gave tremendous support to St. Lukes Hospice, and we, in Rotary, hope that you will join with us in helping Bluebell Wood. The event is **on Wednesday 25 April, 2007 at 7-00p.m.**, in the upstairs room of the pavilion (there is a lift). Beverages & biscuits will be provided. Please advise attendance by telephone or email. Roger Hart, 2367034 or roger@rogerhart.co.uk.

The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan welcomes new members, of either sex. We meet on Tuesday evenings, in the upstairs room of the pavilion, at Abbeydale Sports Club, at 6-15 for a two course meal, at 6-30. (We do not meet immediately following a Bank Holiday). We usually have a speaker and also discuss projects which we are involved in, such as planting trees at Concord, raising money and resources for a school in Zanzibar (working with Silverdale School), organising walks, carol concerts, visits to places of interest, public speaking competition for pupils of Silverdale, labouring for St. Lukes Fair, our own Golf day and District Quiz competition. Our annual raffle has helped Transport 17 with funding. If you are interested, give me a call, details above, & I will give you any more information and invite you to a meeting. Roger Hart



Bovine help steps in to save Blacka Moor

The controversy over the management of Blacka Moor has culminated in the decision to use the

traditional form of managing heathland, which is to graze the heathland. Consultation was initiated by Sheffield Wildlife Trust, and has taken place with conservation agencies, local interest groups, representatives of recreation users, and individuals. About 15 Highland cattle will be introduced in the spring to help conserve the heathland, by controlling the birch through browsing seedlings and saplings. The birch threatens to smother the bilberry and heather, which is so valued by people and wildlife alike, and its continued encroachment would lead to the loss of the heathland and its wildlife. The cattle will also help control the spread of bracken, which also threatens the heathland.

The grazing will take place as a trial for 5 years initially, with monitoring of the effects on the plants and birds being undertaken throughout that period. This is also a great opportunity for local people to get involved in surveys so they can really get to know the nature reserve intimately.

Cattle grazing is also being used in other parts of the Peak District to restore moorland, and the results are positive. Native breeds of hardy cattle, unlike sheep, do not have a tendency to eat flowers, heather or bilberry, but prefer the coarser grasses. The origins of heathland stem from woodland clearance and grazing so the return to this traditional method is highly desirable.



Come and enjoy an evening of riotous laughter

When the ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's' Guild Dramatic Society give of their best in another riotous comedy written by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr - The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle - which is to be performed in the Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Hall on Totley Brook Road, March 21st - 24th.

The ladies of Farndale Avenue are no strangers to Dore & Totley, of course, and this time they make yet another spectacle of themselves, complete with harassed producer and some extremely vigorous sound effects guaranteed to bring the house down - or at least a substantial part of the set! Versatile as ever, the company is led by Thelma (playing the juvenile lead) with spirited support by a man smuggled in as a new recruit by the effulgent Guild. And, as a special treat for the audience, the annual Farndale Laureate will be chosen from the three finalists in the Poetry Reading Competition - a most moving experience. All in all, it is an evening no one dare miss.

Tickets available from the Box Office on 0114 245 4166, or members of the Dore & Totley URC Dramatic Society.

TOTLEY CHILDREN

Kevin Walker has a small excess of money that was raised through sponsorship, raffles etc to benefit local sports/activity groups for children in the Totley area. More was raised than needed and this excess (£900) is available provided that:

1. it is for the benefit children e.g. equipment, hire of facilities etc
2. it must be a Totley based group or
3. it is for a child with particular needs

because the money was given to benefit children in the Totley area through sport and social activity. If you believe you may be eligible, please contact Kevin on 235 1862.

PUZZLE CORNER

Here is a puzzle which illustrates my lack of knowledge of gardening reality.

How to grow Vegetables.

A class of horticultural students were asked how they could grow six different vegetables in a 6x6 plot so that all rows in E to W and N to S directions contain all six vegetables. Artichokes, Beans, Carrots, Leeks, Peas, Sprouts.

I have entered one of each type of vegetable in the solution the students offered. Can you fill in how you would arrange the rest?

A					
		C			
					B
		L			
				S	
	P				

The Day I Met My Waterloo

The period was October 1945 and I was stationed at RAF Llanbedr near Harlech with the first mountain rescue unit. Previously we had moved from RAF Llandwrog during the summer, as this latter station, near Caernarfon closed down for the flying training of aircrew and I, as technically a flight mechanic by trade, would have normally been posted to the south of England. However my good luck prevailed, as my medical officer, Flt Lt Tom Scudamore requested for my services to continue with the mountain rescue team, so we all moved with the Station Sick Quarters staff to the village of Llanbedr for the rest of the war period. Nineteen forty four had proved to be a busy period for the team as we attended many aircraft crashes in the Snowdonia Hills, often in grim and atrocious weather conditions. Our last crash attendance from Llandwrog was a USAAF Flying Fortress ferrying 20 G.I's from RAF Valley, en route for the USA and demob back home. This aircraft crashed on the slopes of Calder Idris, a sad day, all the crew and passengers died.

Fortunately things quietened down as the war ended and flying training eased off around the Welsh coast. One of my extra duties was to service the mountain transmitters (known in RAF jargon as "squeakers"). These radio beacons were positioned on the summits of Foel Grach at 3195ft in the Conway Valley range and Craig-Cwm Silyn, 2408ft, in the Nantlle Hills. Their purpose was to warn low flying aircraft of the dangers of the hills. Every two weeks, batteries which weighed around 45 lbs, had to be carried up the mountain. No one seemed keen to hump the loads over the high ground, so I volunteered for these extra duties as I simply loved tramping the hills.

Normally two of us would drive out in a jeep, making the outing last a full day. The distance by road to Foel Grach was about 40 miles, which included a 5 mile bounce up the mountain track Cwm Silyn was about a 17 mile drive. On this October Saturday the Cwm Silyn trip was due for a service, unfortunately the jeep was unserviceable and in the garage for repair. Our transport for the mountain rescue service was normally two jeeps and a 4wheel drive Humber ambulance, but the medical officer could not release the second jeep in case of a crash call-out, so he asked for alternative transport from the main camp. All they had was the second HGV, an Albion van. I had no licence to drive this vehicle so along came a driver, a warrant officer, ex-aircrew and his friend a flight sergeant, also ex-aircrew. These two young men had flown in Wellingtons and Lancaster bombers from earlier days and were simply riding out their last days of service life before demob. The other HGV van was always used for the liberty run to Barmouth, for fun and games on a Saturday nights. The 2 aircrew boys were not interested in walking the hills so they stayed around the transport for a smoke and reading magazines.

After my climb I took them along to the farm of the Hughes family which I often used to call on after the Cwm Silyn trips. We left the hospitality of the farm around 2.0 pm, the aircrew NCO's said "let's make a day of the outing" and could I recommend a good little town where there was some night life. I replied we are supposed to return to camp around 7.0 pm or could be in trouble. "Don't worry we'll carry the can" they replied, so I recommended the slate quarry town of Blaeau Ffestiniog, which was not far off our return route. They said they had never even heard of the place but it sounded great for a change from busy Barmouth, which was always crowded with Royal Marines from nearby Llwyngwriil army training camp. I replied that I would co-operate with this new venue if they would break the journey so that I could

climb to the summit of Moelwym Bach at 2380 ft, one last peak I had missed in the Snowdonia range over the years at Llandwrog.

I tackled this mountain from the Vale of Maentwrog, a grand range of hills which includes the Welsh Matterhorn, Cnicht and Moelwyn Mawr, taking around 3 hours for the trip. The two aircrew boys must have thought I was mad, we were on a different wavelength on what pure pleasure was about, so once again they stayed in the valley whilst I enjoyed my climb. We continued on our quest for the night of fun and games at Blaenau Ffestiniog. After a wash and brush-up at the nearby pub, we went to the local dance hall, where the two NCO's were in real demand with the girls, finishing up a grand night with a trip to the fish and chip shop, finally arriving back at Llanbedra camp around 11.0 pm.

Then trouble was in store for the three of us. The night duty sergeant at SSQ greeted me with the words " You are in real hot water this time LAC Barrows, the MO has only sent a search party out, thinking you all were missing in the mountains." Fortunately Tom Scudamore had called in to the Hughes farm where they said we had left around 2.0 pm. It appeared that the liberty van for the Saturday night trip to Barmouth had also broken down and the panic button was pressed when we had not returned at a reasonable hour.

The next morning, before the dressing down by the MO, I made the lame excuse that we had had a puncture on the drive back to camp, but the officer knew I was telling fibs and was too much of a gentleman to prolong the interview. I felt really ashamed of my actions even though the warrant officer who had driven our transport had a severe reprimand from the commanding officer of the station. The situation was cooled down with a handshake, for all three of us were equally to blame. After this episode I offered to do all the extra duties around sick quarter to make amends.

Doctor Tom Scudamore, now retired, still lives at Sandiacre, Nottingham, aged 88 and we still keep in touch. He deserved a medal for his services to the Mountain Rescue Unit, for it was not an easy task to take the responsibility of medical officer to the station plus call-outs to crashed aircraft at all hours.

I lived for climbing the mountains and this was my hobby. Later in 1946, Dr Scudamore was promoted to the rank of squadron leader, which he fully deserved. His final days in the RAF were as medical officer at RAF Middleton St. George, Co. Durham. Before his days at Llandwrog and Llanbedr; he had never climbed a mountain in his life. and he still loves a round of golf. I will recall another adventure story in a later episode of the Totley Independent.

John Campion Barrows

Sheffield Botanical Gardens Gardening and Wildlife Book Day

April 21st 2007 11.00am -3.30pm
in the Demonstration Centre ,Thompson Road
Entrance.

Author, Dr Ken Thompson will be signing his
new books .

There will a selection of Gardening Books
published by Dorling and Kingsley.
Organised by Rhyme and Reason Bookshop.

PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

3 and 4 March

Antique and Collectors Fair

Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Telephone 01298 23114

4 March

Castleton Farmers Market

10am to 3pm

The Village Hall, Castleton, Telephone 01433 620679

24 March

Regional Food Fair

Free admission, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Telephone 01298 23114

25 March

Book Fair

Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Telephone 01298 23114

Rhododendron/Woodland Clearance

Carsington Water, Near Ashbourne

Have a go at clearing the non-native rhododendron that is invading the woodlands or try thinning the trees.

Booking essential, telephone 01538 483577

31 March to 15 April

Polish Your Own Blue John Stone

Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton

Telephone 01433 620571

All the above, plus many more events, can be found in "Peak District and surrounding areas" the National Parks Free Guide. www.visitpeakdistrict.com

LOCAL STREET NAMES

Green Oak Avenue, Crescent, Drive, Grove, Road, View

After the Green Oak Inn which was built about 1820 on the then new turnpike road from Sheffield to Baslow. It was offered for sale, with 2 closes of land and a blacksmith's shop adjoining, in the Sheffield Independent of 1 December 1821, when it was described as newly built. There was also a toll bar nearby called the Green Oak bar.

The Green

One of a group of definitives, along with The Grove, The Crescent, The Quadrant.

Grove Road

Was once the access to a house called Totley Grove, which was built in the late 17th century and was enlarged and altered several times. When the nearby Midland Railway line was built the road no longer led to the house but it retained its old name.

Haybrook Court

From the nearby stream, the Old Hay Brook, recorded in 18th century and said to come from the ancient words, ald haeg, meaning old fence, or enclosure.

Heather Lea Avenue, Place,

From an old field name. When the site was offered for sale as building land in July 1910 it was described as four closes of freehold land known as Heather Lea, containing a total of 11 acres fronting Causeway Head Road.

Hillfoot Road

Near the bottom of a hill.

Extracts from STREET NAMES OF SHEFFIELD by Peter Harvey, Sheaf Publishing, ISBN 1 85048 025 7 £17.95

A Big Thank You

Due to having a minor operation in January, I was unable to walk my very active dog (Jasper) and then along came a life saver by the name of Avril who offered to walk him nearly every day after she had taken her two dogs out. I cannot thank her enough, to some people this may not seem an issue, but to me the thought of my dog not getting out for a walk every day worried me greatly. So once again a big thank you to Avril Critchley.
Marlene Marshall.

Mary Marsh

We are very sad to inform you all about the loss of Mrs Mary B Marsh who died so suddenly. She formed our Tuesday Craft Group at the library. Her very words were 'it would be a shame to lose our arts and craft skills'. She wanted them to carry on to the next generation, and how we all agreed with her.

Mary always contributed to the Totley Show, Children in Need, the RSPCA and many other charities. She knitted for Jessops Hospital.

We are sure she will be a great loss to Totley and all people who have known her.

Prayers and blessings to all her family.

From the ladies of Tuesday Craft Group.

Anyone interested in joining our group just turn up any Tuesday 2-4pm, Totley Library, whatever your skill. We will be pleased to meet you.

Royal Mail Opt out Forms

Since the article in February's TI, opt out forms are now available from Totley Library. Fill one out and send to the FREEPOST address to stop all unaddressed mail that comes through your letterbox with the postman.

SEZ-YOU!

ADSUM. I've had some, thank you.

ADVERTISING. A means of getting rid of anything except your troubles

AGE. That period of life when we revile those sins we no longer have any desire to commit.

AGONY COLUMN. The column in the newspaper that gives the results of the two o'clock, two-thirty, three o'clock, three-thirty, four o'clock, and four-thirty.

AHA ! An exclamation indicating dirty work ahead. It was first used by the Devil when he espied Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Discovered by Jim Biggin. From 'Sez-You!' compiled by H.Owler (Emetic Professor of English at Popplethwistle Night-School). 1942.

Solution to PUZZLE CORNER

How to Grow Vegetables

A	L	P	B	C	S
P	B	C	S	A	L
C	S	A	L	P	B
S	C	L	A	B	P
L	A	B	P	S	C
B	P	S	C	L	A

I do not claim this is the only solution.

Don Ashford

OLD TOTLEY by Jo Rundle

I knew little about football, having watched only occasionally when my brother was playing, and had little empathy with the remarks of some of the females on the side-lines, who seemed more interested in the bodies of the players than the game itself, cheering when the ball happened to land where it wasn't supposed to. But then, a thirteen year old girl wasn't supposed to be interested in such things, was she! The day arrived and I was told to play centre-forward but I hadn't a clue what I was supposed to do, except kick the ball when I could get near it. The men were very supportive and the match had attracted a big crowd, and I wasn't happy until one of our neighbours took pity on me, "Don't thee worry lass" he whispered, "all tha's got to do is kick t'ball in't net as often as tha' can an tha' be alreet". I followed his instructions, not always hitting the goal and it was fun. The match was deemed a success by the men, and so, in the summer of 1930 a cricket match was organised between 'The Bing Boys' the cricket team attached to the Hallamshire Harriers.

This didn't seem to bother anybody until the day the team turned up fully dressed in all whites, with black caps and looking everything like a professional team and I, for one was scared stiff, and not without reason. I had watched three or four of the older players, one in particular, Tiss Andrews, for she had the stature and confidence of a man and handled the bat like a man and I knew that I was nowhere near as confident and just wanted to go home. But you can't do that when you're in a team and eventually my turn came. I knew a little more about cricket than football having played on Blackpool sands with the rest of the family, but we had played with a tennis ball and I knew that this one would be very hard. My turn to bat arrived and I stood in the crease, bat at the ready when I saw the ball coming straight at me; I shut my eyes, landed out with my bat and prayed. Stumps flew off, there was a cheer, and I was unhurt, my prayers had been answered. However, there was more to come for I had been told the week before that I would be one of the bowlers and I hadn't a clue how to bowl overhand like Maurice Johnson and the other regular players. However, I had a brother who could give me a few lessons, and although I stretched his patience to the limit, I wasn't too worried, after all we weren't supposed to be professionals were we? The other bowler finished her Over and it was my turn. The first ball landed nowhere near the wicket but the batter managed to hit it almost to the brook before it was stopped by a fielder. The second was a bit nearer but still earned another two runs, and my arm ached, my shoulder wasn't used to this over-arm bowling; then I remembered reading somewhere that in the early days of the game the bowling was done underhand, and this just fit in nicely with the bowling that my Father had taught me on the Bowling-green at the Cross Scythes. The ball left my hand and went straight for the stumps much slower than the player expected. Obviously uncertain she stood for a moment, then lifted her bat, got the timing wrong, and the ball landed straight on the stumps. The cheers from the crowd were encouraging as another player took to the crease, and again miscalculating the speed as her colleague had done.

It was too much to hope for a repeat from my last ball as cries "Go for it!" "Get a hat-trick!" came from the crowd, and the player was on guard and better prepared so it called for precision and a steady hand. Perhaps more by luck than management, because by now I was growing a little nervous myself, the ball left my hand a little slower than the previous two, straight for the middle stump, and the player missed, leaving me very relieved and thankful amongst the cheering at the thought that I had possibly wiped out some of the embarrassment of my batting fiasco.

Of course we didn't win the match, for these excellent women players soon found a way around my slow bowling and we hadn't expected winning anyway, they were far too good for us, and it was fun! This was the year 1930 that saw the end of the

Social Club as it had been known, for Mr. Foulstone decided to retire and live in Bakewell. His invaluable services to Totley and the Church were celebrated by a huge party in Greenoak Hall when, according to the huge crowd who attended there were very few who stayed at home, such was his popularity. It was not the end of the Social Club for Archie Thomas became the secretary in 1930 and continued until 1938 when there were too few men to keep the snooker tables busy, and the possibility of war was imminent. The women were allowed to take over and a few years later the club closed.

For a number of years Mr. Foulstone's daughter Freda had taught standards two and three at the Church School was leaving Totley to marry a butcher whose shop was in the square at Bakewell but, before the family left she followed in her Father's footsteps and started a Youth Club that met in the school on Saturday evenings where members played games, learned to dance, did a little drama and organised their own functions. I remember one concert when the Pearson Brothers caused great hilarity as Egyptians with arms, hands and heads nodding like oversize ducks across the stage and back again keeping time to the music with shuffling feet on the layer of sand on the boards. The new enthusiasm for dancing had been encouraged by Elva, the younger daughter of Mr. Scott, the landlord of the Cross Scythes who had recently returned home after training as a dancing teacher in London and started to hold dancing classes for children; the usual Tap and Ballet. When the rumour spread that dances were going to be held in the new Labour Hall at Green Oak, the young women, who had danced around the maypole, tapped their feet through Morris and Country dancing at school and entertained the crowds on the lawn at Totley Hall at the May Queen crownings, knew how to move around to the music and put their feet in the right positions, and were only too ready to show the youths what to do. By the end of 1932 when the dances in the Labour Hall had become an established Saturday night out they were ready.

The Dance Band came from Sheffield and brought with them a regular following of experienced dancers who soon became popular with the ladies and many romances were fostered at the Totley Saturday night dances. The price for entry to the dance-hall was 6d not a lot, but sometimes difficult to raise, however, my friend Ida always called it just a 'Sneck-lifter' because we knew that if we could get in somebody would buy the coffee and chocolate biscuits at the interval. The youths of Totley were a great bunch of lads, sometimes with a bit of bantering and teasing, and occasionally 'Testing the water!' but there were occasions when everybody, of all ages and sexes joined together having fun.

From November we could expect snow and as soon as it was deep enough out would come the sledges, irons polished, brakes in order, and down Hall Lane we tramped to Mr. Tym's field (Where the College was built in 1957). There was no particular order in loading the sledges; some had their own singles, or bigger ones to carry two persons, and some of the youths had larger ones for four riders. Norman Taylor's was the largest with a huge platform on which six girls, young boys, anybody who didn't have a sledge, could squeeze together behind Norman, provided all feet were kept firmly on the sledge or wrapped round the person in front. Safety was important as the heavy sledge travelled fast towards the stream and the hedge at the bottom of the field. Sometimes a young boy or girl fell off a sledge or someone else got in the way causing Norman to make a quick change in direction, and the sledge would turn over landing us all in a heap and added to the excitement. I remember the exhilaration and sheer happiness on those walks back home with half the village, in the dark or sometimes in bright moonlight. To be continued.

Gardening Tips

The time has come the walrus said ("to think of many things") I know just how he feels, this month is one of the busiest of the year, planning what to sow and when, wondering what the weather is going to do, will I have time to dig over the rest of my veg plot, is the compost ready for spreading on the garden, are we going to see the sunshine for any length of time, so that we can sow a few seeds soon as the soil warms up, I suppose I am getting a bit impatient now that I have fully retired, I am looking forward to sitting in the garden in the warm weather with a good book or with a long hoe tackling the weeds. They always seem to grow better or quicker than the plants I put in, I've just come in from the garden, the sun is shining, it is a bit blowey, very spring like. We have some colour around, snowdrops, primulas, one or two shrubs are in flowers, the daffodils are poking through, it makes you feel like doing some seed planting and stuff. But! I don't let the weather kid me on, it could be snowing tomorrow or old jack frost could rear his ugly head so us gardeners have to content ourselves with pottering, either in the greenhouse or tidying around and there is always plenty of that to do, the seed catalogues have arrived and very tempting they are to. They make gardening a bit easier (although a bit more expensive) If you don't fancy all that pricking out you can buy mini plants and bring them on in the greenhouse, I used to enjoy pricking out, it was always good to see all the seeds that have germinated and wonder where I was going to put them all. We are having a rest from opening our garden this year, there are quite a few new enthusiasts to visit so we thought that change for you was in order and it gives us time to consolidate, ruminate and digest what we would like to do to make a few changes for you to look at next year.

I hope you are ruminating about what you will be showing at The Totley Show on 15 September, make a note of the date, so that you don't book your holidays on that date or you will miss my scones and Dundee cake. I might have a go at an apple pie and Christine will be producing some lemon curd. I understand from a reliable source that people were fighting over it at the last show after the auction, so you see that is worth coming for. That's not all of course, all the other exhibits are worth making the effort to attend and you could always enter your efforts and you may come away with a prize or a cup even.

March is a busy month for gardeners, tidying up and painting fences, huts etc, preparing beds ready for planting out next month, buying new plants, trees, shrubs, before they are all picked over in the garden centres. Watch out for pot bound specimens they very often take quite a while to establish, so check them out carefully, ask the assistant to knock out the plant to make sure the roots are OK. You may, if you are lucky, get a reduction if you are prepared to take on a plant that is pot bound and with a bit of TLC could give you a decent plant. The forecasters are telling us that the summer is going to be a scorcher (we have heard it all before) so get your water butts cleaned out and your tanks and baths filled up. Although there should not be a water shortage after all the rain we have had recently.

I was saying to my plants in the greenhouse the other day that they will soon be able to be put outside and have a bit of fresh air, it is amazing how much healthier they look when they have been out for a while, they did not make any comments, I suppose they were glad I didn't sing to them, that would set them back a bit.

I hope you enjoy your gardening, lots to do, so get cracking.

Flowers The seedlings of bedding plants, sown last month, should be showing through get them pricked out as soon as a true leaf is formed, sow seeds of French and Africa marigolds and other fast germinating bedding plants etc. Herbaceous perennials may be planted now, try to plan your borders before planning and plant in groups for maximum colour effect, single plants tend to look a bit messy. Towards the end of the month (unless the snow forecast is correct) sow seeds of hardy annuals they should be sown thinly where they are to flower, they will need thinning out when the seedlings have formed according to the variety. Make sure the soil is in an ideal condition for sowing, it should be drying on the surface and nice and crumbly so that it can be raked into a fine tilth. A good idea when planning your beds is to mark each patch in the border with irregular lines of sand, like old Titchmarsh does on the telly then label each patch, so that you are not too surprised as to what comes up. Bulbs which have finished flowering indoors can either be tipped out of

their pots or bowls and heeled in a spare bit of ground to transplant later or can be planted between shrubs or any other place where they can grow permanently. March/April is a good time to prune hybrid tea roses, for general gardening purposes it is not necessary to prune too hard and good shorts can be left with 5 or 6 buds, cut back any weak looking ones to 2 or 3 buds. You could plant a few gladioli corms for early flowering, do not plant them all at once, better to spread them over a period. Sweet peas can be sown outdoors, be prepared to have cloches ready in case of a cold snap or a plague of pigeons. I bring mine on in the greenhouse, 10 to a large pot. I find I do not lose too many this way, they do need hardening off like bedding plants before planting out permanently. Pinch out the tips as soon as 4 or 5 pairs of leaves show, the side growth gives much better flowers than the main stem. Complete the planting out of wallflowers, forget-me-nots, Canterbury bells, polyanthus etc if you did not manage it last year.

Vegetables If you haven't got your onion seeds in by now they will be a bit behind the winners of The Totley Show, that should not put you off entering them. I have known the judges give first prize to much smaller onions because the big ones did not match or were not as ripe, so everyone has a good chance of winning. But I would get them in as soon as possible; also leeks should be on their way by now. Time now to start chitting potatoes, i.e. exposing the buds to light so that they form short sturdy shoots prior to planting out. They need to be in a frost free place. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered spot. Make a small sowing now and more later. Prepare the vegetable plot ready for planting later, test the soil and correct any imbalance in the pH to suit the vegetables which are to be planted. Dig your runner bean trench and gradually fill it with plenty of moisture retaining humus, i.e. well rotted compost, a few old newspapers, Daily Mail seems to work quite well!!! If you haven't already done so broad beans can be planted now, have your cloches ready in case old Jack Frost is still about. Mice can also be a bit of a pest, they enjoy a bean feast, you could plant the broad bean seeds in pots in the greenhouse and plant them out later, and there is less chance of losing them this way. It is a good time to plant mint or to move the bed to a new plot. If you haven't got any most gardeners will let you have a few roots, because they are quite invasive therefore need to be kept in check. Divide the roots up and spread them out evenly over the selected site which should be in a reasonably open space and cover with finely broken soil, water them in and stand well back!

Trees Shrubs and Fruit The first week in March is about as late as possible for spraying fruit trees with tar oil winter

wash, earlier would be better, however, choose a calm day and make sure you cover the whole of the tree or shrub. If you have plants below, cover them with old newspaper. Where fruit trees have been recently planted in grass make sure you leave at least 2 or 3 feet clear around the stem, otherwise they will suffer from lack of nitrogen and make little new growth. Mulch between raspberries with well rotted manure, compost, this will give the roots which are very near the surface a good feed and just as important keep them moist. A good general fertilizer or special fruit fertilizer can be sprinkled between rows of strawberries and around the plants, but be careful to keep it off the leaves and crowns. Whilst you are doing this pick off any dead leaves and prick over the beds lightly with a fork. Watch out for big bud mite on blackcurrants, these little devils can be quite a nuisance and need to be dealt with as soon as you spot them. Pick off any large buds and burn them and spray over with insecticide of your choice. Make sure your grease bands and ties are up to scratch and give the trees a spray if caterpillars and aphids are about.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants This is the time of year when ventilation and shading is most important as young seedlings emerge. They need plenty of light but hot sun can be devastating so careful shading is a must. Gradually increase watering and feed actively growing plants, tomato fertilizer is ideal at this time or chempac no 2 is better until the buds are forming then change to no 4. Top dress plants such as ferns and aspidistras with fresh potting compost. Check over plants which should be growing well and pinch out the ones which need to be bushy. Planting of bulbs, corms and tubers can begin in earnest now, bring on the plants which have been resting over winter, water them sparingly at first until growth is seen then give a weak fertilizer to give them a kick start. Any cacti which need repotting should be done towards the end of the month. Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants, fuchsia, pelargonium's, heliotrope etc, sow aubergine and capsicum for cultivation under glass, you will need to maintain a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees F for these to germinate. Sow outdoor tomatoes about the third week in March they will make good sturdy plants for planting out in June. Sow cucumbers in heated frame or greenhouse. Take leaf cuttings of plants like African violets and Cape primrose. Houseplants like maidenhair fern and spider plants can be divided and repotted. Towards the end of the month put in tomato seeds in a heated greenhouse, try a different variety this year. I am told there are something like 400 varieties so you have plenty of choice. Remember we can still have frosts at this time so keep your heaters clean and ready for any cold snaps which can easily destroy all the good work you have done in one night of frost.

Lawns Deal with any bare patches, repair edges by returfing or seeding, aerate and spike compacted areas, top dress with a sandy compost if you have not done already, keep last season's newly turfed or seeded lawns well watered. New lawns can be turfed or seeded at the end of the month, weather permitting. The Totley Show is in September so plan now for those wonderful exhibits both horticultural and artistic and make the show even better than last year.

Cheerio for now
Tom

THE DEVIL WITH YAWNING!



I FORGOT TO GO TO THE DENTIST!

A well-bred man puts a hand over his mouth when yawning, but not one well-bred man in ten thousand knows why. Four or five hundred years ago there was a superstition common in Europe that the devil lay in wait to enter a person's body and take possession of that person. Satan generally went in by the mouth, but when he had waited a reasonable time and the person did not open his mouth, the devil would make him yawn, and while the mouth was open Satan would leap in. So many cases of this kind occurred that folk learned to make the sign of a cross over their mouths in order to scare away the devil who crept into a nearby cavity.

BRIAN EDWARDS

WIND TURBINE

Letter to the *Sheffield Telegraph*

We live very close to proposed site and after reading your article dated 09.02.07 I would like to respond to Mr Renshaw-Smiths comments about our objections being rubbish, pathetic etc.

My twelve year old son Christian has been ill for the past eight years and also suffers from photo sensitive epilepsy. The strobe effect caused by the propellers on a wind turbine is proven to be a trigger for a seizure in sufferers of this type of epilepsy.

As a mother I have worried for Christian's health every day for the last eight years and endured many hospital stays with him following seizures.

I have spent days on end simply lying on his bed with him coping with the after effects of seizures. Unfortunately once they are triggered they come thick and fast leaving Christian feeling very ill.

As a family we have finally got this condition under control mainly by avoiding known triggers. For instance we have replaced our television and computer monitor with LCD screens because Christian has a seizure if he looks at a normal television, this also means that we even have to be careful where we shop (a walk through the television department in John Lewis has proved disastrous in the past).

We cannot drive down roads like Hillfoot in Totley on a

sunny day because the flicker of the sun coming through the trees has also caused a seizure. Admittedly as Christian gets older he can be told cover his eyes in such situations - however his illness has left him with learning difficulties and therefore he doesn't always follow instructions.

Therefore if the Wind Turbine were to go ahead Christian would not be able to go into our garden at all. This in my opinion creates unacceptable living conditions for us as nearby residents. The council spokesman is clearly quoted as saying that alternative energy sources will only be allowed if this is not the case.

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GLOBALISATION

We often hear the word "globalisation" in news bulletins, usually when there is a massive take-over of some business enterprise by another one. It sometimes makes me wish I had studied areas other than science, to better understand such events.

I suppose all of us have witnessed the growth of some aspects of this type of development in our own experience. Some 80 years ago, when I was a small boy, not all town centres looked the same. The majority of shops belonged to different owners so shop fronts were not as identical as army uniforms. My earliest memory of this development was the realisation that all the Woolworth's stores had identical red frontages. Later I became aware that, even locally, shops like Davys , Gallons and the Co-op all had easily recognisable frontages. I am fairly sure in my own mind that the main motivation for a one man business to open another branch was to make more money. I am equally sure that such is the motivation today, so is it any different except in scale?

Another, slightly older example, of the "take over", is that of public transport by local authorities. Here, I would argue, the main motivation was different - it was to make the operation unified and more efficient. I suppose the same could be argued for other utilities such as water, gas, electricity, fire service and telephones, though most of these were not fully managed by local authorities. My view is that, generally speaking, customers benefited from such changes. Logically, I suppose, further combination and coordination might be expected to lead to more customer benefits, but does it? The railway system has undergone two amalgamations during my lifetime. The first in 1922, too early for me to remember, was the incorporation of many independent operators into four major systems, the GWR, the SR, the LMSR and the LNER, all of which gave customers similar types of service and conditions. In general, though some rivalries persisted, there was good cooperation and customers could expect similar service throughout. More recently, these four operators were integrated into one system BR, "owned" by the nation - an extension to a bigger scale of local authority "owning" local transport. Of course there were many critics of public ownership, usually relating to cost and supposed inefficiency. Isn't it largely a question of cost? I am under the impression that railways were starved of investment for most of my lifetime despite performing public services such as food, milk and postal distribution services, as well as keeping carriage of bulk materials off the roads. I have the impression that train operators receive more government subsidy since they returned to shareholders than they ever did under BR.

Hence my dilemma - integration of smaller service providers into larger combinations seems to benefit customers to begin with. Further integration into much larger units seems more to the benefit of the operators than the customer.

Competition, we are continually told, will lead to reduced prices and better service, This I find hard to believe. Costs of most public utilities increase more rapidly than inflation, always with some proffered excuse. Water charges to pay for new pipes and sewers, despite the losses by unrepaired leaks. Electricity generators importing coal, increased postal charges despite the loss of the majority of collections and deliveries. It is not unusual for my first (only?) delivery to be after lunch. In the 1950s we lived in Doncaster. Neither we nor our friends had telephones, but we could post an invitation to come to tea, first collection in the morning, and they never failed to receive it early enough to come.

We could go to virtually any train station to obtain information and tickets without telephoning an individual train operator for weeks on end to buy a cheaper fare and still not getting it. Telephone businesses must be laughing all the way to the bank through additional revenue generated by this sort of procedure,

augmented yet again by television invitations to win a prize by phoning the answer to some trivial question "No call will be charged more than a pound.!" I remember when, from a call box on the north coast of Scotland, my wife rang her sister in Sheffield - cost 2d. (old pence).

I suppose the thoughts I have are naive and many apparent reversal of integration is just politically motivated - break up of coal board, rail services, gas and electricity suppliers, water authority, postal services and soon.

Is the police service still in the integration mode and the NHS about to enter the "split up" phase? As I say I do not understand all these things. On a happier note about stores presenting the same fronts no matter where situated, whenever we stopped for food supplies during our caravan touring, my wife could detect an M&S front at 300 yards even abroad in Reims! D.F.Ashford.

Winning Wildlife Photos Announced

Sheffield Wildlife Trust has just announced the results of its recent Environment & Wildlife Photographic Competition. The overall winner is Roger Butterfield with his photo titled 'Blacka Moor in autumn'. The competition was a fantastic success receiving over 580 entries! Various things have been happening to encourage people to enter the competition, including BBC South Yorkshire running free photographic workshops on the Trust reserves, and the BBC bus going to Rotherham centre to teach people how to upload their photos to the competition website.



Roger Butterfield, overall winner says, "I was so surprised to hear that I was the winner! I visit the Blacka Moor reserve every now and then and it was a nice bright autumn day so I just followed my nose!"

All entries, and winners can be viewed in the galleries on the main competition website - www.swtphoto.com

In the background is Totley from Blackamoor.

IMAGINE

Imagine – you are a 24 hours a day carer for a disabled relative and it is 9.30 in the morning and the Trinity Day Care Trust minibus has just pulled up outside to take your relative to their Physio class for the morning. What are you going to do for the next 4 hours while they are away? Luxuriate in a hot bath for an hour – without interruption? Go shopping for – yourself? The hairdresser? The possibilities are endless – all the time you will be concerned that the person you care for will be looked after – that is only natural – but confident that they will return refreshed after a change of scenery, company and different TLC.

Imagine – difficult though it may be – that you are that disabled person and this is one of the few times in the week that you can leave the house with confidence that you will be able to enjoy a different view, see more of the world about you, meet old friends, stretch those aching limbs with expert help, or maybe it's your art class that you are going to where you can exercise your imagination and artistic side, or a relaxation and gentle exercise class, or maybe a day trip to Whitby, Scarborough or a host of other places, the possibilities are endless - when you are able to feel enabled not disabled which is infinitely preferable to being stuck in the same chair staring at the same walls.

Trinity Day Care Trust tries – through its army of volunteers – to enable these things to happen on a daily, weekly and monthly basis throughout the year. Unfortunately these things do not just materialize – for free. Small charges are made to members to defray some of the costs but the Trust has to fund the majority of the expenses through donations and fund raising as it receives no government help either locally or nationally.

To become a member you must be an adult under 65 years of age with a physical disability, you can refer yourself or be referred by a family member. There follows an assessment programme in conjunction with your G.P. to establish that your disability is such that you would benefit from the services provided. Once accepted there is a small annual membership fee, and a weekly admission fee (£3 includes tea and biscuits!)

Fund raising takes many forms from a summer garden party at the Bishop of Sheffield's home Bishopscroft to a 'Spot the Ball' contest weekly at a group meeting. All efforts are gratefully received and nothing is too big or small.

This year, one of our events will be a 'Bits and Pieces' sale at Dore Masonic Hall sponsored by Amadeus Lodge on **31st March 2007 starting at 11 a.m.** and will consist of sales of unwanted new or nearly new items, e.g. clothes, shoes, handbags, cakes, plants, sweets, toys, china and glass, bric a brac and books, toiletries and gifts.

Please support this important event by bringing your family and friends to the sale at the Masonic Hall, it is on the left 50 yards up Dore Road – behind the Alms Houses: you will be made very welcome (refreshments available) and assist in raising much needed funds for this worthy cause. Please put the date in your diary NOW.

If you can help in a small (or large) way by donating any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact Veronica or Mike Teanby on 0114 2350796, drop items off at 68 Laverdene Avenue Totley or email us on miketeanby@talktalk.net, and we will be delighted to hear from you.

Wind Turbine

Farmland behind Overcroft Rise

The intention of this project is to produce at the very least, sufficient electricity to power two large properties (one of which includes a farmers barn for storing and maintaining equipment). By installing a slightly larger model it is hoped that the excess capacity can be used to power heat pumps which would allow us to virtually eliminate two properties carbon footprints. This would save in the region of 80-90 tonnes per property of carbon per annum over a period of 25-30 years (the minimum expected lifespan of a modern wind turbine) – a 40 tonne saving on electricity and a further 40+ tonnes when heat pumps are installed. Small electric cars are also being investigated for local commuting.

Some facts to enable Totley residents to gain a clear understanding :

- The Eoltec 25kw turbine does not have a gearbox and therefore does not rotate as quickly as older designs, making it inherently safer and quieter. The same design and engineering techniques are applied as those used by the aerospace industry.
- The noise from the masthead will decay to a level of less than 20dba (the ambient noise level found in most bedrooms according to the Environmental Department of Sheffield City Council) at around 30 metres distance. [The B&Q 1.5kw turbine intended for mounting on a property's roof generates 50+dba and would be a matter of feet away from adjacent buildings and would create a dramatically larger visual footprint]
- Much has been muted regarding the turbine being installed for commercial, profit making purposes. Commercial wind turbines start at a capacity of 700-750 kw and may have a capacity of several megawatts.
- Via "grid connection" surplus electricity will be sold to the grid for around 4p/kw hr and on days with no wind, bought back at over 11p/kw hr. Therefore it can be seen that the surplus generation is actually subsidising the rest of the community and from a green, renewable source. Currently it is possible to close the deficit by applying for a ROC certificate which returns between 3 and 3.6p/kw hr. for generators of renewable energy (this is to encourage the take-up of renewable generation)
- Many factories and commercial buildings have numerous electric motors of 25kw or more running at full capacity all day a few inches or feet from staff and operatives, the turbine is basically a 25kw motor in reverse – there is no risk from electromagnetic radiation at the mast foot, let alone 100 to 200 metres away.
- A single magpie can account for the loss of dozens of songbirds a year. A wind turbine might be responsible for the loss of one a year going on current data.
- Both properties are built to modern energy saving standards and have had additional investment in extra insulation and hardwood windows with gas filled double glazing units. Where possible low energy light bulbs have already been installed and both properties use sustainable log burning stoves to supplement the 98% efficient gas fired condensing boilers running the central heating.
- After some three years of research it has been found that PV solar panels are, by comparison, extremely poor in their power generation and massively more expensive. Solar water heating is very efficient but still only scratches the surface by comparison.

Anyone who would like further information on this project, perhaps having read misleading and rather disingenuous articles stating this is a commercial venture purely to make profit, may contact me.

J Ward

Community Talks on Hypnotherapy

Paul Peace and Karen Bartle are running a series of free talks for the public on the subject of 'hypnosis'.

Hypnotherapist Paul Peace said, "Our experience as we talk to people about hypnosis is that it divides people strongly. Some people see it as a powerful tool for personal change, a fascinating subject matter and they have had wonderful, life changing experiences. Some people even overestimate the power of hypnosis, e.g. thinking hypnosis is a 'miracle cure' requiring no will power.

At the other end of the scale are people who don't believe they could ever be hypnotised and they are very sceptical. Questions we are often asked are: 'Is it safe?' 'Will I lose control?' 'Can anyone go into a trance?' 'Could I get stuck in a trance?' 'If it can make people 'dance like a chicken' during stage hypnosis, what could happen in the therapy room?!' 'Does it work?'

We decided to run the talks to provide quality information and demystify hypnosis. We are looking forward to getting out into the community, meeting people and answering their questions."

The following talks are to be held at Sharrow Community Hall (John St, off Bramall Lane) at 7:30pm on the following Thursdays in March:

- 8 March - Lose Weight
- 15 March - Stop Smoking 22 March - Manage Stress
- 29 March - Overcome a Fear/Phobia

Anyone who is interested in attending any of the above events should contact Paul Peace or Karen Bartle on 0114 2351985.

Paul and Karen are qualified hypnotherapists with backgrounds in psychology. They have a website at www.sheffieldhypnosis.co.uk Paul Peace and Karen Bartle

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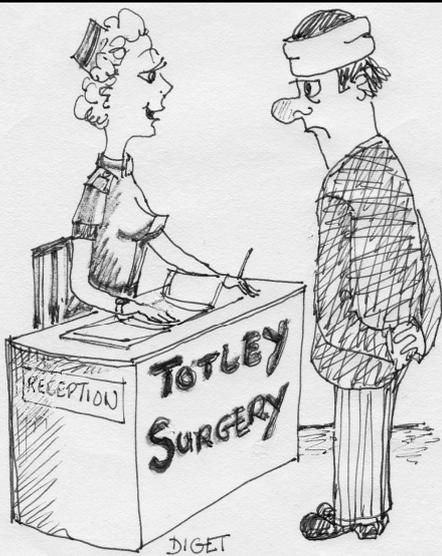
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4. Accept that you will have ups and downs in your weight loss journey, and be forgiving of yourself if you hit a difficult patch.
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6. Keep up your interest in your healthy eating plan by trying new 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.
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