

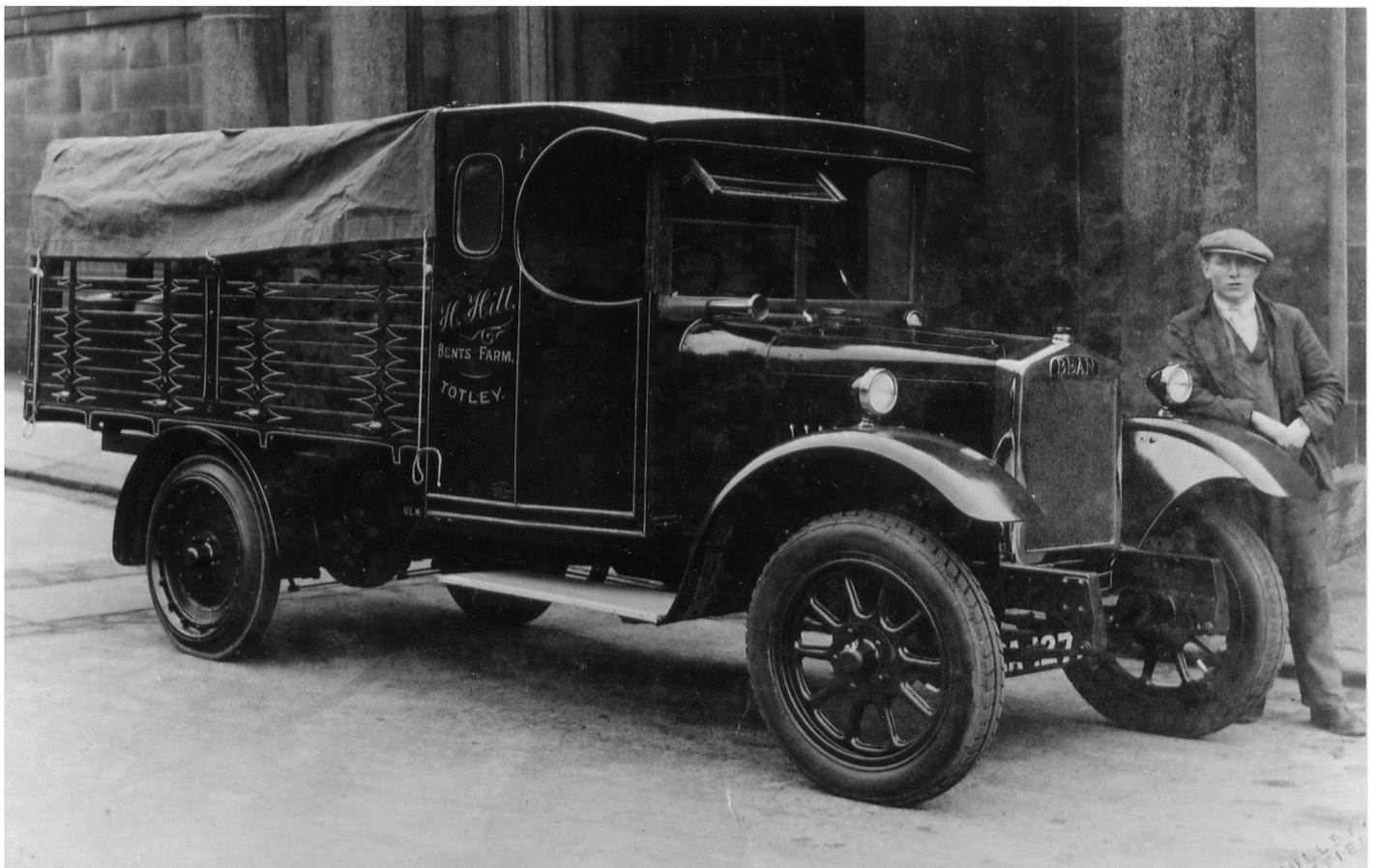
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Herbert Hill of Bents Farm, Totley Bents 1928 lorry which was used to collect pig swill from the restaurants and cafés around Sheffield. In the picture with the lorry is Herbert's cousin.

TRA UPDATE

Apologies for the lack of a TRA Update in the February Independent. This occurred due to a "mystery" in our communication procedure! Below is what you should have been able to read, along with any updates since January.

Remember the "Wish List" of a few years ago?

Remember the Public Meeting of last year, when over 400 people turned up?

Wheels turn slowly, but thanks to TRA things are beginning to happen in Totley. To make sure the momentum continues, we must ALL work together as a community and help each other. I realise people have busy lives, children to care for, work to go to, or feel they are too old. As Chairman of TRA and retired, I work much harder than when I was at work and barely have time to walk my dogs! So come on lets see what we can do to help Totley.

"Walk Round Totley" Monday January 16th This was arranged by the Multi- Agency Group set up after the public meeting. For 2 hours on Monday morning representatives from Streetforce, Sheffield Homes, the Parks Department, Local youth workers. Councillor Mike Waters, The South West Area Co-ordinator, her assistant and 3 TRA Committee members walked round most of Totley, pointing out our problems and concerns.

We were joined by some members of the community. Thank you for your support.

Our route took us from the Library to Totley Hall Park down to the Rise shops and back up to the Library.

The main concerns throughout the area are the state of verges and pavements, rubbish and leaves.

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Totley Residents Association

Annual General Meeting - 3 April in the Library at 7.30 pm

Mary Bagley on her visit to Totley was impressed with the community spirit she found. May I remind you all that all residents living and working within Totley are members of the TRA. The committee elected, at the AGM need ALL THE COMMUNITY to help.

Come along and hear what has been happening since April 2005. We look forward to meeting you.

Avril Critchley
Chairman, TRA

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The state of Totley Hall Park, water on Back Lane, maintenance of Council properties and planning permission granted in Totley, particularly the flats near the Shepley Spitfire and the house and road in Green Oak Park.

Results of the "walk round" are already coming to fruition. Streetforce have been seen cleaning drains. It is expected the leaves will be cleaned up in about a fortnight. I have a list where cleaning will take place.

Sheffield Homes are to provide us with a "Welcome to Totley" sign, which we hope will be put in position soon.

Update: Streetforce have issued a list of roads, gennels and footpaths which will be cleaned, swept or repaired in the near future. We will be keeping an eye on the progress of the work.

Tuesday January 17th Last December Janet Chapman and I attended an "Ask Jan and Bob" Session in the Town Hall. We invited them to visit Totley.

Time was limited so we took Council Leader Jan Wilson, Chief Executive Sir Bob Kerslake and Councillor Steve Jones down the Rise, round Back Lane, along Glover Road, to view the flats, then through Aldam Way and into Green Oak Park.

They were impressed with the lovely views and the nearness of the countryside, but were unimpressed by the state of Back Lane and the grass verges. When they saw the flats and the house and the road into Green Oak Park they were speechless. Seeing for themselves what planning permission has done to our area, they now understand our concerns on safety and the environment. Jan Wilson said planning permission should not have been granted in the park.

The end of the visit was rushed so they had to forgo the "cuppa" which had been planned.

As a response to the visit. The South West Area Co-ordinator and the Parks and Countryside Department have been asked to deal with the problem in Green Oak Park. I know there are concerns among many Totley residents that as a result of the road into the park, more of our green space in the park, could be lost to further development. These concerns have been put to the Director of Parks and Countryside.

Update to Green Oak Park: Following the visit of Council Leader Jan Wilson, Chief Executive Sir Bob Kerslake and Councillor Steve Jones, a meeting was requested with Mary Bagley, the Director of Parks and Countryside. Mary met a group of concerned residents on site, on Friday, 10 February. She spent over an hour looking at the problems and listening to the complaints, concerns and suggestions of local residents. We gave her the list of questions (some below†) and await her reply. It was interesting to read in The Star (9 February) "planners are keen to develop, protect and improve green areas, parks, woodlands and countryside". So why a road into Green Oak Park?

Chairobics The experiment before Christmas was so successful, I applied to Sheffield First for Health for a grant so we could continue with the class and pay a tutor.

I am delighted to tell you we have been awarded £600 to pay the fees of our new tutor Emma Waters. Members of the group will be making a weekly contribution of £1.00 to help with expenses. The class is held in the Library on Thursday from 2.00- 3.00pm. Do come and join us.

FREE COURSE FOR TOTLEY PEOPLE This course is to help us to help ourselves.

We are always complaining there is nothing for young people to do in Totley, so here is an opportunity for us to do something about it.

Update: The course "Community Volunteering" began in the library on 13 February 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm and runs for 16

weeks. I am pleased to report that 10 people attended. Well done.

The multi-games area on the old tennis court is now under construction.

Multi-Sports Coaching Sessions These sessions are held in Green Oak Park every Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon until 25 March and are FREE.

Police Presence The police team continue to patrol our area. Their presence has made a difference, but we must continue to be vigilant. Remember to ring 2963187 / 2963184 with any concerns, or visit the surgeries in the Library. The police are doing their best and need our help. If we do not use them we will lose them.

Avril Critchley Chairman TRA



Steve Jones, Jan Wilson & Avril Critchley

† Would you please oblige us by replying to the following questions, in writing by the end of February.

1. Who made the initial decision to sell the garden of the lodge keepers house, in the park in 2000/2001? Why?
2. How was the land sold ie Private sale. Auction and was it advertised in the media? How much was it sold for ?
3. What has happened to the money? Will the money be used to refurbish the buildings presently leased by the bowling club - football team? refurbishment would mean an extension in its current use and provide a much needed community facility for Totley.
4. Was the land sold with access through the park, who made the decision to grant the access road a private road to the back of the property, thus violating the green space and creating a precedent? Why?
5. Residents have been unable to obtain All copies of the planning documents for the development, some are reported to be missing. Why are they missing?
6. Why did the Planning Dept ignore the concerns of local residents and Councillors (56 letters and a petition 143 signatories) and a spokes person at the Planning Meeting? The dangers we are experiencing now were pointed out at the time and ignored by the Planners. Originally a bungalow, now a large house, the property does not come under the U.D.P. What is being done about this?.
7. Why has the strip of OUR PARK (the road) been extended past the entrance of the garage of the property, to the edge of the park? Vehicles coming and going and parked on this roadway will have a detrimental impact on the open character of our park. What effect will this have on the existing football pitch?
8. Is there to be a boundary fence or hedge for the house, if so where will it be sighted?
9. Why have the Council created a shared pedestrian/vehicular path into the park and how do Parks and Countryside propose to deal with the Health and Safety issues that have been created? The present arrangements during Construction are NOT satisfactory, notices placed by Parks are NOT adhered to.
10. How will any arrangements for pedestrian safety, once the house is occupied be monitored satisfactorily?

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

UPDATE ON TOTLEY YOUTH NUISANCE

In addition to the provision of increased Police resources (which are already in place), and improvements to the local environment and community (many of which are already underway); the Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan seeks to provide increased activities for young people in the area.

This is an important element of the Action Plan and probably the most difficult to arrange. The Multi Agency Group considered this at its latest meeting and action in hand is as follows –

1. Sheffield Futures (the Youth Service) will now operate in Totley on a permanent basis - usually on Monday evenings.
2. A training course for volunteers interested in working with young people is taking place on Monday evenings in the Totley Library and many thanks to the 11 people who have signed up so far (details from Andrea or Naomi on 2922191).
3. Seb is organising a group for the older youths who are 15 plus and this is planned to be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Totley Rise.
4. Activity Sheffield and Sheffield Futures (together with local groups) are hoping to hold a summer youth activity day in Geenoak Park.

The provision of more activities for children and young people in the Totley area is the long term objective. This cannot happen overnight, but a good start has been made.

Councillor Anne Smith

Councillor Michael Waters

Baslow Road - Roadworks

Good News! At last something seems to be going to happen! But am I correct in thinking that in true "Manning" tradition, they are going to be "over-egged"? The opening question at the meeting last June was for double yellow lines to be painted at the Baslow Rd/Mickley Lane junction, to give a better line of sight due to parked cars on the outward carriageway. This to my mind was quite reasonable and would give an instant answer and relief to that problem. The meeting went on to expand the question of crossings at relevant points, with perhaps the ultimate benefit of controlled lights.

The preliminary report of "build outs, wider central verges and pedestrian refuges" infers narrower roadways and a lot of diggings up and kerb laying, resulting with the crazy situation that we have at the top of Twentywell Lane/Bradway Rd. (What a place to put a crossing! Have you experienced trying to turn right?) or the expensive fiasco at Beauchief lights. I cannot see that all these proposed road workings (whatever or wherever they are to be installed) can be more beneficial/cheaper than controlled lights so why not go for them in the first place - say 2007/2008?

I am delighted to hear that this problem has started to be addressed, but before the Planners waste any of their time in feasibility studies, they should perhaps talk to local people/Councillors who could advise what would be acceptable to them. May I suggest a similar meeting be arranged for this topic?

Tony Reynolds.

Disabled Facilities

In these modern days of new laws and planning applications, when anyone now applies for planning permission for something, our planning department insists on most things being done to cater for the disabled which costs small businesses and pubs and clubs a lot more expense.

Is it not time our council got their own back yard in order - for instance the cobbled footpath that leads down Chapel Lane to Totley Bents - this path is quite steep in places. There used to be a fence on one side to get hold of but that vanished years ago. At this time of the year especially when it is wet and slippery there is nothing to grab hold of if you slip, if you do slip your down the steep bank side. I understand the Residents Association have asked for it to be looked at on numerous occasions.

Also the council owned allotments on Baslow Road. The steep drive down to the gardens are rather dodgy with yet again no hand rails.

Most of the people who use these allotments are older people and one or two are disabled, until recently this drive was full of deep ruts until one tenant went to the trouble to concrete them in.

With election time creeping up could one of our local councillors have a look at these areas?

Litter and dog mess

In the local press last week a Totley woman was fined £75 for letting her dog foul the pavement. It is about time they clamped down on people in the area. It is bad on lots of paths in and around, especially the top end of Main Avenue and down the main Road to the library. It seems to be the same dog walkers on this stretch.

Also someone in Totley does a good job of cleaning up after their dog, puts it in little plastic bags - mostly pink plastic bags - and then throws it back onto the ground or into the hedges which looks even worse and does not rot away and is then there for ever more. The same person does the chapel walk trip and decorates the hedges down there with pink bags.

PUZZLE CORNER

Cricket scores

In my earlier days I played for a local cricket team. One match I was caught in the slips off the first ball of the match. Fortunately the rest of the team played well and the innings was declared closed after 41 completed overs with a score of 151. The amazing thing was that when we declared each of the seven windows on the scoreboard showed a PRIME number. The windows (labelled A - G for reference) showed ; A and B the number in the batting order of the men at the crease, C and D their individual scores; E the innings total; F the number of wickets fallen; G the extras. Use the following clues to identify the number in each window. Even more remarkably, I found out each of the scores of my team mates were also prime numbers. Neither man batting at the close was out. One of them had the highest score which was 22 higher than the other one, the second highest scorer. Only one man scored more than 50 and my opening partner was the only other batter not to reach double figures. Addition of the numbers in A, D and G gives the number of overs completed when the innings was closed. Can you also suggest what the other scores may have been?



Transport 17

The Annual General Meeting for shareholders will be on Monday, 27th March. This will be at 7 pm in Totley Library, Baslow Road. Refreshments will be served after business is completed. If you need transport, please ring the office on 2362962. You can be a shareholder for £1. This entitles you to attend the 2 General Meetings a year and, of course, the money helps to keep our 3 buses working and our passengers transported.

Bill Glossop is very involved at the United Reformed Church as well as being a great helper with Judy, his wife, and Val Simpson, in running the Dorcas Monday Lunch Club. He has not been 100% lately but the latest news is that he is on the road to recovery. We wish him all the best. I know he will be getting on with growing his sweet peas apart from anything else.

Ray Brown, one of our drivers, is also feeling a bit fragile. We hope he will be fit and strong soon and back telling his jokes!

We would like to congratulate Mary Crosland on reaching a very special age. I won't say how old she is, but it is well past retirement! Mary has supported Transport 17 in many ways, for a long time, including helping to run Monday Club with Irene Wells, until it closed last year.

Best wishes.

Margaret Barlow

Toads Spring Play

Just when you thought it was safe, they are back!!! Those indomitable ladies of the Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild are back, under the guise of TOADS members of course. The actual title of the play is "They Came from Mars and Landed Outside the Farndale Avenue Church Hall in Time for the Townswomen's Guild Coffee Morning". Needless to say the tickets will have to be a bit larger to accommodate the words!

The ladies, and their long suffering stage manager, attempt lift-off with their unique production of this sci-fi thriller. But, needless to say, high tech effects (that have some reassuringly homely touches), coupled with the inability and disability of certain members of the group, ensure that the cast remain firmly on the ground. All I can say is that the tear jerking ending will have the hysterical audience on the edge of their seats!!

So, come and have a good laugh at St John's Church Hall, Wednesday to Saturday, 10 to 13 May at 7.30 pm. Tickets £3.50 or £3 concessions from Kate Reynolds, telephone 0114 2366891. Wine (and you will probably need it) and coffee and orange on sale as usual.

Concessions for Senior Citizens at City Hall Concerts

Following requests from local Totley and Bradway residents and with the support of Sheffield Elders Congress, we have asked the Council and the City Hall management to reconsider concessionary rates for senior citizens at in house concerts (eg the philharmonic series) at the refurbished City Hall.

Concessions are available for children and students and they should also be available for senior citizens.

The Council Cabinet member responsible for this subject will now ask the Board of Sheffield International Venues, who run the City Hall, to review the policy on concessions.

CLlr Michael Waters

Special Services at St John the Evangelist Church this Spring

The choir at St John's, along with other singers from the area will be offering special music at 2 services this Easter and Ascensiontide

Sunday, 2 April (Passion Sunday) at 6.30 pm. A service of anthems, hymns, and readings for Passiontide. The music will include:-

Miserere – Allegrì

He Trusted in God and Behold the Lamb of God – from the

Messiah by Handel

Christus Factus est – Felice Anerio

O Vos Omnes – T L de Victor

Sunday, 14 May at 6.30 pm – A Celebration of Easter and Ascension

The music at this service will include:-

Te Deum – Haydn

Hear My Prayer – Mendelssohn

O Thou the Central Orb – Wood

Blessed be the God and Father – Wesley

We welcome everyone to these choral services and also to our Easter services.

Good Friday, 14 April 10.00 am A family service especially suitable for children

2.00 pm Devotional hour by the Cross

Easter Sunday, 16 April 8.00 am Holy Communion BCP Service

10.00 am Easter Family Communion

Phyllis Glossop

Friends of Greenoak Park

The new Multigames area (to be known as MUGA) will be opened officially on the 25th of March 2006, by coincidence nearly 82 years to the day after Greenoak Park was first opened on the 23rd March 1924 and at that time was named Totley Recreational Park. We know that Totley Recreational Park was opened in 1924, but we do not know why and when the Park was renamed, if anyone has any information about this or any other historical events about Greenoak Park please contact Sylvia Ruddle - 2365499.

As reported in the last Totley Independent the grand opening of MUGA will be on Saturday 25th March 2006. Unfortunately the full details are still to be finalised, and will not be available before this issue of the independent goes to print. Posters will be displayed around the park with full details nearer to the date. Please join us for what should be a great day.

Please note that Golfing is banned in the Park Grounds and the Council will be posting notices shortly to confirm this.

Sylvia Ruddle

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

Welcome new members male and female. You are able to play 7 days a week April to October. If interested please contact the following members for details on how to join.

John Perkinson Captain 0114 236 1601

John Hall Secretary 0114 236 7174

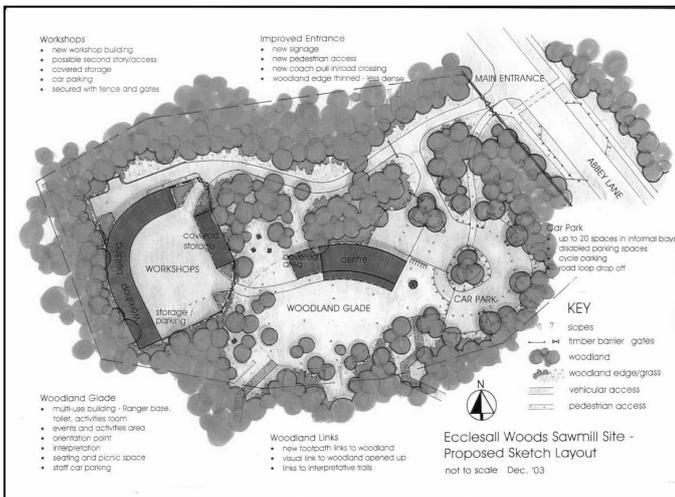
Malcolm Stobbs Chairman 0114 236 8888

Ecclesall Woods

As you may know, the sawmill site at Ecclesall Woods is now back in full Council control. Since the New Year, the City Council has been concentrating on tidying the site, improving the health and safety of the buildings, and installing new site signage on Abbey Lane.

Ted Talbot (who was Ranger Service Manager at Parks and Countryside until a few years ago), has been appointed as the Woodlands Project Officer for the Ecclesall Woods sawmill site. He will be working part-time on a 3 year contract, part funded by European Objective 1 monies (via the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Team).

His role is to act as Champion for the proposed transformation of Ecclesall Woods sawmill site into a multi-purpose facility, involving potentially: small-scale visitor facilities; workshops for wood-related businesses; a retail outlet and "shop window" for wood products, a base for site related staff; and a "gateway" for education, interpretation and training programmes and materials associated with the surrounding woodland.



One of the key aims is helping to re-connect people with woodlands, trees and wood products.

Ted will also be co-ordinating the planning and implementation of the project in conjunction with stakeholders and partners and help to attract and manage the funding and other resources required.

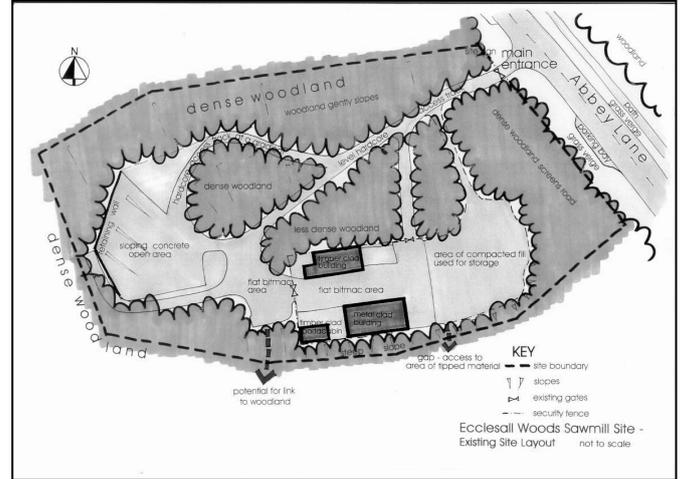
This project is at an early stage. As the year progresses, there will be further chance for the public to hear more about and influence the proposals. Various volunteer opportunities will also be coming up over the coming months.



CD Shelf

One of the first projects related to the sawmill site is a gallery, **Gallery 37**, which opened in mid-

February (at weekends only) where examples of locally produced hand-crafted bespoke wood furniture are on display to the public within one of the buildings in the sawmill site. The furniture has been produced by local craftspersons of national and international repute from Sheffield and North Derbyshire. Furniture will also be available for sale. This is a joint project with the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Team, and Working Woodlands Limited, a local social enterprise involving local furniture makers and woodcrafts persons.



Turning to other matters in the woodland, the proposed project with Ruskin Mill Educational Trust (Freeman College in Sheffield) is progressing. The Trust provides specialist education facilities and services for young people aged between 16 and 25 with learning difficulties. A vital part of the educational programme offered is the "ancient and sustainable technology" curriculum. This curriculum enables students to take part in green wood work, and other woodland crafts, and to experience craft activities in a context that is affected by the natural cycles of the seasons and the weather. As part of this it is planned, later this year, to develop a small woodland camp, with temporary wooden shelters, for 3-5 students initially, focusing on green wood turning. It is hoped this will start in autumn 2006, but watch out for further information and publicity.

Elsewhere in the woodlands, the Rangers are busy repairing benches, digging ditches, and undertaking a whole host of other maintenance tasks and small-scale improvements as part of routine repairs and preparation for this year's round of Green Flag, which the site successfully retained in 2005.

A recent allocation of "planning gain" monies to the woodland for path improvements means we will be undertaking some priority path improvements in Wood Three, between Abbey Lane and Dore Road over the coming year. Work near the Limb Brook has recently been completed, around the top of the bird sanctuary.

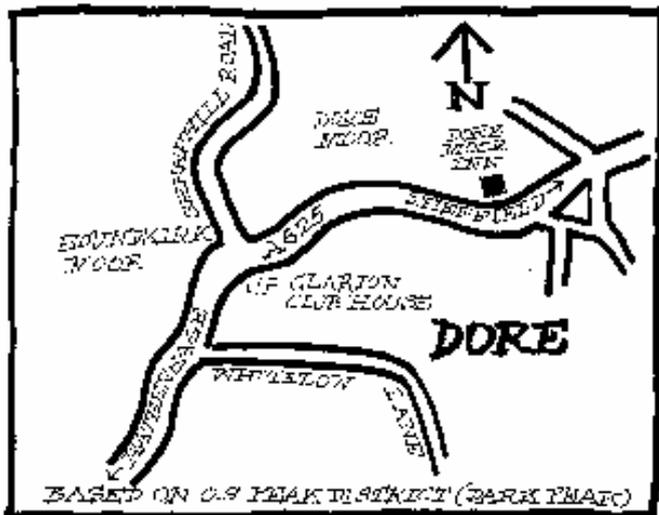
Over the coming year, the current management plan for the woodland will be reviewed and a new five year work programme will be developed, following public and other consultation. In addition we will be working with the Friends of Ecclesall Woods over the spring and summer to help launch the recently produced schools education pack for the woods, funded by a Local Heritage Initiative grant the Friends attracted. This will involve a range of events and activities with school children.

If you would like further information, or have any comments and views on the above, please feel free to contact me on 0114 2736387.

Nick Sellwood, Woodlands Manager
Parks and Countryside, Sheffield City Council

CLARION CYCLING CLUB HUT

In the 1960s I can remember a derelict hut on a field opposite the junction of Sheephill Road with the A625 Sheffield to Hathersage Road, on the outskirts of Dore, Sheffield. It is still marked on the current O.S. map The Peak District Dark Peak Area, yet after becoming derelict it was sold and dismantled somewhere between 1955 and 1960. Nowadays the site is used for grazing. The other day I got around to thinking what was the hut for and when did it vanish?



There were a number of such huts throughout the country and, in the nearby Cordwell Valley between Owlbar and Barlow, there was also a hut offering accommodation and a campsite.

The Clarion Cycling Club founded in 1894, inspired by a socialist weekly newspaper called *The Clarion*, edited in Manchester, by Robert Blatchford. A core of young labour supporters started the Cycling Club with the aim of 'combining the pleasures of cycling with the propaganda of socialism'. The weekly had been started in 1891 and it is astonishing to hear that the first issue circulation was 40000 and that this number doubled within a short time. Soon there were two hundred sections in the Cycling Club, with up to 150 members each, who met and sold political pamphlets. There was an upsurge in popularity between the Wars and cyclists abounded. There were regular club runs and races. The Club gradually became less political and more recreational. Apart from 1918 (for obvious reasons) members have come together each year for an Easter Meet.



In 1920 large parts of the Duke of Rutland's Derbyshire Estate were sold off and I note that Lot 351 comprised four enclosures of grazing land near Houndkirk Moor, Dore, consisting of 11 acres, 1 rood and 25 perches, and was sold for £420 to Mr. Hayshan on behalf of the Sheffield Clarion

Cycling Club. The money was raised by selling £1 shares, which meant that a majority was required for major decisions. However as the cycling craze fell away so did the huts for there were fewer people to maintain them and new health regulations to cope with. Today, up north, there is one remaining hut, maintained by the Yorkshire Clarion Cycling Club. We do know that in 1955 there was a mass ride organised by Manchester Clarion and 50 cyclists took part in the run from Chelford in Cheshire to the Dore hut, and all finishers received a certificate. Today there are about 500 members nationally in twenty sections and there appears to be optimistic grounds for the future of the club. I would like to see a photo of the Dore club hut if anybody has one, or perhaps you have memories to share. By coincidence I came across the accompanying photograph. The picture and the caption - *Sheffield Clarion Clubhouse, foundation stone laying by Archbishop Munslow* - tend to confuse. There was a Clarion Ramblers Club in Sheffield at that time and these people look more like hikers with no cycle in sight. Was there a joint venture? However the date of the event does tie up with that of the purchase of the land. I have appealed for any further information.

Brian Edwards 2006

Two Stones, Mires Lane, Great Longstone, Derbyshire DE45 1NP Tel: 01629 640752

Nicola Farnon Swings at St. Giles

St Giles Church, Great Longstone, near Bakewell

Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm

Humphrey Littleton said on a radio broadcast in October - "At a concert recently Nicola was our supporting act and I learnt that she's a remarkable performer on stage, a fine singer and an outstandingly swinging and propulsive player with an outgoing personality to match... I declare that she is a class act who should be on every jazz festival in the land... a sure fire hit!"



Her uncle is the acclaimed arranger and composer Robert Farnon (arranger for Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra amongst others) and his talent has certainly passed over to Nicola, a fine vocalist and double bassist. Chris Walker will be taking time off from major jazz festivals up and down the country and running his own jazz club in Sheffield to revisit St. Giles with his renowned guitar playing.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, tickets £6 from Brian Edwards 01629 640752 or Alan Grant 01629 640132. If the lines are busy leave a message and we'll ring back.

Proceeds will go towards the church upkeep.

THE RETURN OF THE MAGNIFICENT SIX!

By overwhelming demand, Friday 17th March will see the return of the Walkers and friends, jazzing it up in St. Giles Church, Great Longstone, near Bakewell.

Their last visit in July was nothing short of sensational, their professionalism produced an evening to remember and the audience immediately pounced on organiser Brian Edwards with pleas for a repeat performance.



The Sheffield born Walkers are Chris, Kevin and Howard - what a talented family! are joined by Bob Ludlam, Ian Maclean and Gary Lewis. Bob Ludlam entertains superbly with his humour and Louis Armstrong impersonations and yet his music has followed a varied and successful career covering brass band, orchestral work, TV jingles and of course jazz.

Book early! Tickets available from Brian Edwards 01629 640752 or Alan Grant 01629 640132. If you can't get through, please leave a message and we'll get back to ASAP. Concert starts at 7.30 on Friday 17th March 2006

Proceeds towards the church upkeep.

Wheelie Bins at 5.30am

I read with interest the article 'Wheelie Bins at 5.30am'. Jennie Street doesn't say where she lives but I may inadvertently be the cause of the problem.

She referred to a previous piece on this subject & it may be a letter I wrote some time ago. I complained about our bins being emptied before 7.00 a.m. and Onyx said it shouldn't happen and the crew would be subjected to formal disciplinary action. I now wonder if this ever took place and all I seem to have achieved is to move the problem from one part of Totley to another.

I suspect the crew have other jobs to go to which is why they are emptying the bins ridiculously early. I also believe someone at the depot must know when the lorry is leaving.

So please if you are disturbed by the bins being emptied too early, do as Jennie says, i.e. complain!

Steve Wiles
Glover Road

Joan Watson

It is with sadness that I wish to report to Totley Independent that my mother, Joan Watson, passed away peacefully in Walton hospital, Chesterfield on Feb. 2nd aged 83 years.

Mum and my late father, Alec Watson. were formerly of Green Oak Avenue and later Lemont Road. They were both active members of the community and of All Saints church from 1960 to 1991, as well as supporting Totley Independent from the very start.

Mum's funeral was held at Hutcliffe Wood Road on Feb. 10th and was conducted by Rev. Chris Kirk. The service was well attended by family, members of staff from Rutland Lodge residential home and several of Mum's friends all of whom are resident in Totley.

Afterwards we all repaired to the Crown Inn in Totley to celebrate Mum's life and times in a place where she always enjoyed socialising with Alec and their circle of friends. The whole day seemed a fitting tribute.

Chris Watson

PARENTS COUNT

After working as a welder for 35 years and also as the father of a 13 year old boy, my only contact with a school environment was to drop off or collect my son from school, shifts permitting. My wife helped at his primary school on a voluntary basis, as lots of parents do, with reading and craft work.

In my four years as Buildings Supervisor at Totley Primary School I have worked alongside the Board of Governors and PTA, all of whom work tirelessly with the staff to make this school one of the best in Sheffield.

I wondered if anyone would be able to support the school by setting aside one, two or three days in the summer holiday to help with decorating or gardening around the school site so that the children will have a fresh, clean and bright environment to work in.

As you may know we have recently had a full re-wire in the school and new windows to all classrooms; thousands of bulbs have been planted by myself and Martin Farmer, Chair of Governors, who, along with the Headteacher works tirelessly for the improvement of the school.

Spring is a great time for anyone to offer to help towards making your child's school shine. Please contact the school if you think you can spare the time.

Thank you. Allen Miller, Buildings Supervisor 236 4482

Cottage DIY Projects

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Gardening Tips for March

I have just been up to the greenhouses for a little chat to my seedlings to see whether they are comfortable or not. They have not said anything so I presume they are OK (when they start answering back is when the white or is it green van comes to take me away). March is a busy month in the greenhouse and garden, watching the weather is important as the new growth starts to show, this is when the plants are at their most vulnerable and old jack frost can wreck havoc, so have the heaters primed and the fleece ready, if the forecast is bad. There is a bit of colour in the garden, the winter jasmine is looking nice and bright, one or two primulas are showing a bit of colour and the daffodils are well on their way. I have managed to get most of my veg plot dug over. I have to do it in small doses these days, the old back is not what it used to be, mustn't grumble though. My sister sent me a version of a hymn which was in their church magazine, I thought it just about sums up what us gardeners have to put up with, I hope it gives you a bit of a smile. Enjoy your gardening, in spite of all the nasties.

Flowers

As usual tidy up borders, cut off any leggy growth. Make sure the fast growing and invasive plants are not smothering the other plants. At the end of the month, take away straw or sheltering material around tender plants unless the forecast is still not suitable. Harden off any plants over wintering in the cold frame or greenhouse. Work in a good quality balanced fertiliser such as growmore around herbaceous plants. If the plants are overcrowded they can be split up and replanted, use the newer growth from round the edge of the clump. Watch out for slug damage on emerging shoots and deal with them before they scoff the lot. Make sowings of annuals and summer bedding plants in warmth. If the ground is warm enough summer annuals can be sown in the borders. Pot up any self-sown seedlings to be found under established plants such as helibors, primulas etc. Give your roses a last prune at the end of the month. Plant gladioli bulbs at least (4") 100 mm deep. Dig up and burn any mouldy or yellowing daffodil and tulip bulbs before any disease can spread. Take cuttings of early flowering chrysanthemums and dahlias, root in warmth.

Vegetables

Clear up old crops and prepare area for salads and new vegetables. Towards the end of the month plant out onion sets, garlic and Jerusalem artichokes. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. If you have not already done so, also brussel sprouts. Sow spinach in a sheltered space where they will get plenty of sunshine. Sow broad beans and celery in boxes with a little heat. Dig trench ready for runner bean planting later, fill with compost, old newspapers anything that will hold moisture.

Trees, Shrubs, Fruit

Plant out weather permitting raspberries, strawberries, complete the planting of trees and bush fruit, early in the month. Prune newly planted bushes and cane fruits. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars and deal with them as soon as they are spotted. Give all trees and fruit a general feed. Blackcurrants would benefit from a dressing nitro chalk. Plant out heathers and deciduous shrubs. Leave conifers, evergreen and hedging plants towards the end of the month. Cut off the hydrangea flower heads that have been left on to protect the plants over the winter. Prune hardy fuchsias, buddlea, davidii and other summer flowering shrubs hard to produce new growth.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

Keep a wary eye out on the weather and adjust your ventilators accordingly, make sure you close them in late afternoon. Shade all seedlings, young plants and those established plants which require shading from strong sunlight. Gradually increase watering on over wintering plants and give the actively growing ones a feed. Pot up cyclamen seedlings and rooted offsets of houseplants. Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants. When your seedlings of annual bedding plants have reached the two true leaf stage, it is time to prick them out into trays of compost, pot a few up for adding a bit of summer colour in your

greenhouse. If you are wanting more herbaceous plants such as lupins, delphinium, coloured primroses and polyanthus etc, now is the time to sow seeds in an unheated greenhouse or cold frame, do not let them dry out and do not over water. Take leaf cuttings of African violets and cape primrose, these plants need ericaceous compost (ie no lime). House plants which are bursting out of their pots should be divided and repotted. If you have not planted your tomato seed yet now is as good a time as any. Try a new variety there are lots of them to choose from and you might find one that you like better than the ones you grow regularly. I still have not found a better small tomato than Sungold, it really is tasty and sweet. If you like to grow cucumbers plant now, use an all female variety, they do not need as much attention as the Long Male/Female type and they are more digestible (no burps).

Lawns

This is a good month for turf laying and also for repairing bald patches in your lawn. Choose a dry day, make sure the turf is well pressed down on the prepared soil by rolling in one direction and then at right angles to your first roll, use a light roller. Trim round the edges of established lawns, this makes them look smart and cared for. Keep newly turfed lawn well watered.

If you are seeding a new lawn allow the ground to settle and wait until the end of the month before applying the seed. Do not forget watch the weather carefully. I hope you are preparing all those goodies for The Totley Show in September, lets make it a good one.

Cheerio for now

Tom, Busy Bee

The Gardener's Hymn

All things bright and beautiful	
All creatures great and small	The drought that kills the fuschias
All things wise and wonderful	The frost that nips the buds
The Lord God made them all	The rain that drowns the seedlings
	The blight that hits the spuds
But what we never mention	The midges and mosquitoes
Though gardeners know it's true	The nettles and the weeds
Is when He made the goodies	The pigeons in the green stuff
He made the baddies too	The sparrows on the seeds
All things spray and swattable	
Disasters great and small	The fly that gets the carrots
All things paraquatable	The wasp that eats the plums
The Lord God made them all	How black the gardener's outlook
	Though green may be his thumb
The greenfly on the roses	But still we gardeners labour
The maggots in the peas	midst vegetables and flowers
Manure that fills our noses	And pray what hits our neighbours
He also gave us these	will somehow bypass ours
The fungus on the goose-gogs	
The club root on the greens	All things bright and beautiful
The slugs that eat the lettuce
And chew the aubergines	

The Magic of Fairholmes and the Upper Derwent Valley

Spring is just around the corner and thoughts turn to the invasion of the great outdoors. Our own Peak District National Park certainly has scenery to whet the appetite for every taste. Maybe your favourite region could be the limestone dales, ie Monsal, Millers, Dove and Manifold or the stately homes of Chatsworth and Haddon Hall or even the bustling spa town of Matlock. For the keen hillwalker Kinder Scout and the ridges above Castleton and the Hope Valley. My own favourite region is the so called Sheffield Lake District which covers the wild moorlands beyond Bradfield, Ewden Valley, Strines and the lovely scenery around the Upper Derwent Valley. Travel by car or bus to Fairholmes for a grand day's outing but be sure to come early for the main car park at the head of the Ladybower Dam soon gets busy at the weekends. Here are first class amenities to attract the tourists, the Peak Park Planning Board in partnership with Severn Trent Water have done a grand job in providing the facilities for the visitors. The Head Ranger for the area is Paul Wetton, ably assisted by his deputy Martin Winder and are both dedicated to their interesting vocation. Maybe these 2 young gentlemen have a close affinity with these distant scenic delights such as the charming village of Wetton situated above the Manifold Valley or even the shapely hill called Winder which dominates the olde world town of Sedbergh (Cumbria N.Yorks border) in the Howgill Range. In company with the full-time staff are also a team of part-time weekend patrol rangers, Peter Draycott who used to hail from Totley Bents, Kevin, Bob and Margaret are just a few keen volunteers who do a sterling job at the Fairholmes Centre. There is an information point also open daily manned by David Ashton and Peter Jackson, maps guide books, outdoor clothing and gifts are sold by these 2 stalwart characters who have a sound knowledge of the area. Adjacent to this building is the little café kiosk where Gina and her attractive young ladies serve mouthwatering snacks and hot and cold beverages for the visitors.

Close by is the cycle hire building where the manager Ray and his team of Rick and John do a grand job of pedal power. In the West Tower of Derwent Dam is housed the 617 squadron Dambusters exhibition. This is always a popular venue, in attendance you will meet Vic Hallam. This tower is open most Sundays. I recall the magic day in May 1993 when the 50th anniversary of Dambusters had the fly over with the Lancaster and Red Arrows and many other types of aircraft. The special guest was the film actor Richard Todd plus the veterans of 617 squadron, the whole valley was bursting at the seams with the huge crowds on that eventful day. This region which I describe as "God's own country" has so much to offer for the lover of the great outdoors and can cater for every type of pursuit, ie hillwalking, rockclimbing, bird watching, historical interest, mountain biking, permit fishing in Ladybower reservoir, even tracing sites of 2nd World War aircraft that crashed in these hills. There are approximately 80 square miles of upland to explore. We owe a lot to the pioneer ramblers and bog trotters who braved the wrath of the gamekeepers to fight for access back in the 1920s. Now you can enjoy almost full access, but always remember to observe The Country Code. The ranger staff lead guided walks on many weekends. For if in doubt on your capability on the high ground join such as Kevin, Peter and Bob for a grand outing. Also, among their other duties to perform are footpath maintenance, first aid for they often attend to cycling accidents along the trails, plus on

hand with mountain rescue incidents. I recommend you to purchase the 2.5 inch to the mile OS map of the Dark Peak and always carry a compass for the high ground, always be ready for changes in the weather conditions, so lace up your rambling boots and step into the magic of God's own country. John C Barrows

PS- Remember the Ducks around the car park, they have an enormous car park

Who'd believe it?

A British magazine supposedly held a competition recently, inviting its readers to submit new scientific theories on ANY subject. Below is the winner, on the subject of perpetual motion: When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands buttered side down. Therefore, if a slice of toast is strapped to a cat's back, buttered side up, and the animal is then dropped, the two opposing forces will cause it to hover, spinning inches above the ground. If enough toast-laden felines were used, they could form the basis of a high-speed monorail system. The magazine then got this letter in reply from one of the recipients:

I've been thinking about this cat/toast business for a while. In the buttered toast case, it's the butter that causes it to land buttered side down - it doesn't have to be toast, the theory works equally well with Jacob's crackers. So to save money you just miss out the toast - and butter the cats. Also, should there be an imbalance between the effects of cat and butter, there are other substances that have a stronger affinity for carpet.

Probability of carpet impact is determined by the following simple formula:

$$p = s * t(t)/t(c)$$

where p is the probability of carpet impact, and s is the "stain" value of the toast-covering substance - an indicator of the effectiveness of the toast topping in permanently staining the carpet. Chicken Tikka Masala, for example, has a very high s value, while the s value of water is zero. t(c) and t(t) indicate the tone of the carpet and topping - the value of p being strongly related to the relationship between the colour of the carpet and topping, as even Chicken Tikka Masala won't cause a permanent and obvious stain if the carpet is the same colour.

So it is obvious that the probability of carpet impact is maximized if you use Chicken Tikka Masala and a white carpet - in fact this combination gives a "p" value of one, which is the same as the probability of a cat landing on its feet.

Therefore a cat with Chicken Tikka Masala on its back will be certain to hover in mid air, while there could be problems with buttered toast as the toast may fall off the cat, causing a terrible monorail crash resulting in nauseating images of members of the royal family visiting accident victims in hospital, and politicians saying it wouldn't have happened if their party was in power as there would have been more investment in cat-toast glue research. It is in the interests not only of public safety but also public sanity if the buttered toast on cats idea is scrapped, to be replaced by a monorail powered by cats smeared with Chicken Tikka Masala floating above a rail made from white shag pile carpet.

PUZZLE CORNER - Solution to Cricket Scores

A =3; B=7; C=53; D=31; E=151; F=5; G=7.

From this the rest of the team must have scored 151-53-31-7 = 60 This must be the total of the 4 other batsmen, all prime numbers and only one below 10. Could be 5, 13, 19, 23, or 7, 11, 19, 23 or 7, 13, 17, 23.

Don Ashford.

London Road Gallery Update

The London Road Gallery has just completed its first full year of trading, and we are delighted to report that the reputation of the Gallery is going from strength to strength. In addition to the wide range of arts and crafts produced by local artists that we have for sale, the Gallery is continuing with its regular Featured Artist exhibitions.

Every month, a local artist puts on an exhibition of work on our back wall. These are in different media and styles. To start 2006, we had the vibrant paintings of Annie Anthony, who drew on her mixed European and Asian heritage to produce colourful and dynamic acrylic and collage works. Then, in February, Myfanwy Williams displayed photographs entitled 'Bruised Works', showing images of the decaying cutlery industry in Sheffield, which she likens to the breakdown of society. Yet amid all the dereliction, the human spirit survives, shining through in the rich colour of her photos.

In March, it will be the turn of Jane Blake, a talented textile artist who is also a member of the Gallery Co-operative and a college teacher. Her work consists mainly of wall hangings of ethereal quality and fineness. She will be holding an Open Evening on 3rd March, 6pm to 8pm, to which all are welcome to come and chat with her, or just admire the work while enjoying a complimentary glass of wine!

If anyone feels inspired by seeing her work to try something similar, Jane is running a workshop on 11th March at the Gallery. It is one of a series that will be offered throughout the spring. Details are listed below or contact our website for further information www.londonroadgallery.co.uk

The Gallery is always looking for new local artists to come forward, so if you have hidden talents and would like to try selling your work, why not give us a call on 0114 201 0630 or call in to 100 London Road S2 4LR and find out more about us. We exist to promote local artists and craftspeople and would also welcome new members to join the Co-operative.

Many thanks to all who supported us over the past year.
Doreen

Workshops Spring 2006

Beyond Garter Stitch

Saturday 18th February

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tutor: Helen Neale

Learn knitting techniques and variations for scarves and shawls, semi-circular shawls and symmetrical scarves, fringing and lace edges. Cost £25

Exploring Sculptural Bead Making

Saturday 11th March

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tutor: Jane Blake.

Make your own unique sculptural beads to use as decoration, or to use in jewellery making, using Tyvek papers and bondable fabrics. Cost £25

Unique Earrings

Saturday 8th April

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tutor: Louise Maxey.

Discover how to make your own unique earrings, design them to complement that special outfit, or give them as special gifts. Cost £25

Portable weaving

Saturday 20th May

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tutors: Sarah Williams and Karen Graham

An exploration of basic weaving techniques which can be utilized to construct fabric strips. These can then be used as belts or sewn together to make larger pieces.

Felt Making for Beginners

Saturday 10th June

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tutor: Jane Blake

Discover the amazing world of felt making, and learn techniques which will open the doors to endless possibilities

No adult is this creative!

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mum breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mum why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said. "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mum goodnight. "I love you so much, that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."

BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a painkiller. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mum explained it was a childproof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

DI (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his Mum asked what was troubling him, he replied, "I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?"

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mum knew. Tammy looked at her for awhile and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

The Sermon I think this Mum will never forget...

This particular Sunday sermon..."Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. "Without you, we are but dust." He would have continued but at that Moment my very obedient daughter (who was listening!) leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little girl voice, "Mum, what is butt dust?"

Q: What's the difference between an Optimist and a pessimist?

A: An optimist invented the aero plane; A pessimist invented seat belts.

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EDUCATION

Since I am no longer able to read the newspapers I am largely dependent on radio and television programmes for news, particularly "Today" and "Newsnight". However, both annoy me intensely because of the hostile, not to say rude, approaches of most of the interviewers. Instead of a sensible discussion of problems we get continual interruptions of invited speakers many of whom are politicians, who never fail to introduce criticism of parliamentary colleagues from opposition parties.

Two recurrent themes over the last few weeks as I write have been the election of a new leader of the Liberal Democrat party and the proposals for the Education Bill. The former have been dominated by reference to the scandals exposed for some candidates and virtually no discussion of proposed policies. Similarly, when the new Conservative leader was the news item, more time seemed to be devoted to hypothetical affects on Mr Blair and Mr Brown than on ideas which might be to the general good. Again for education, more time has been devoted to the possibility of a Commons defeat for the government and removal of the Prime Minister and/or Education Minister than merits or otherwise of much of the Bill.

Reference to education leads to a mention of the recent newsletter from the changed King Egbert School. I don't think any readers could fail to be impressed by the magnificent facilities provided and the range of opportunities offered to the students, many of whom have shown a deep interest and skill in the tasks they have undertaken. Naturally, in trying to be objective about things, I had to bear in mind the reports by university academics about the poor ability of many new students in numeracy and ability to express themselves both verbally and in writing.

Naturally, not being in the first flush of youth, I have been reminiscing to myself, about my own experiences of changes in education ranging from starting primary school in 1927 to retiring from lecturing at the then Polytechnic nearly 24 years ago. Of course over virtually 80 years it is expected there would be changes, but it is the recent rapid rate of change which is different and which many teachers must have found so difficult to cope with.

It so happened that when I was looking at the above mentioned King Egbert newsletter one of my daughters telephoned. She has two daughters. Grace at secondary school and Jessica still in primary school.

My daughter did not follow her older sister to King Egberts but I knew she would be interested. I said that among things mentioned was that there were 570 PC's and 80 laptops all with flat screens. I also mentioned all classrooms having the white boards. "I suppose Grace has them at her school" I said. "Oh yes" was the reply, "and so does Jess". Not to be outdone I commented that when I retired from the "Poly" we were getting some white boards but had to use coloured pens for writing on them. "Oh no, even Jess's are interactive with the teacher writing on a laptop computer". And Jess is at a small village church school! When I retired no members of the teaching staff had a PC on their desk though the office staff used them instead of typewriters.

I wonder if children these days have so much new technology to deal with - PC's and the internet, digital photography, DVD recorders, mobile 'phones etc. - they scarcely have time for mundane things like mathematics and good written work. I wonder if some of the university entrants have suffered for this reason - if so, the system should be blamed, not the student's achievements denigrated each time GCE results are announced.

I am aware of and have been amazed at the standard of work by five grandchildren. So far they have experienced six schools between them excluding nursery schools, and even the youngest now writes nice neat letters to us when the occasions arise. Maybe we are viewing them through grandparents spectacles. Come to think of it, they don't often write letters now - text messages on mobile 'phones seem to be in favour.

I for one have no doubt that several aspects of education for many children and those in higher education can be improved. Discussion of how this may be done needs to be above party political bickering and how proposed changes affect students instead of ministers.

Don Ashford



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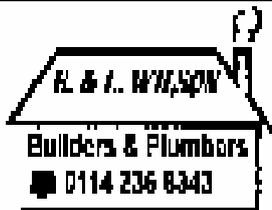
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TUES. 21st TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, A.G.M, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.
THU 23rd TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, Bessie Renwick
 'Tales of the A.T.S.' Totley Methodist Church, Grove Road,11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
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TUES. 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Janet Taylor, 'Kinder Mountain Rescue', Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.
SAT 22nd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Jon Clifford. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.8-30 pm. Non members welcome.
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