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# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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**SNOW ON TOTLEY MOOR**

The Ford Prefect in this photograph belonged to Froggatt photographer Frank Sirret who had worked for the Sheffield Star before freelancing. He took many photographs of the area and some of his snow scenes are quite spectacular. This particular one of the 1960s is taken from the junction of the Owlter Bar to Fox House road with Stoney Ridge Road (locally known as the Flying Mile). In the middle distance is the well-known landmark - the Wooden Pole - and behind that is White Edge. The road here follows the Totley/Hathersage boundary believe it or not, and shows just how large Totley is. Around here is also a division of the water catchment area as shown on the OS map of 1920. In fact the actual marked line crosses the road almost exactly at this spot. To the right is the Trent catchment and to the left is that of the Yorkshire Ouse. Nowadays Severn Trent controls the whole area.

Brian Edwards

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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (TRA)

As I write, mid-November, the shops are full of Christmas goodies, reminding us we are coming to the end of another year.

During 2004 TRA, with the help of our local councillors and the South West Area Panel, have been involved with a wide variety of problems, including youth vandalism, litter, the state of our roads and pavements, late running buses, lack of bus shelters, Abbey Lane junction, Green Oak Park, Totley Hall Park and the loss of school places for Totley children. We welcome the return of the telephone box outside the Co-Op and the new that Green Oak View will remain open until Autumn 2005.

We have enjoyed the bulbs that brightened up Baslow Road (more have been planted for 2005), the Open Gardens event and Totley Show. We are pleased to welcome Mark Wadsworth as our Community Officer (any problems ring 2963680).

Once again I take the opportunity to thank the TRA Committee members and other Totley residents who give their time voluntarily to make our community a better place for everyone.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Totley Residents.

Avril Critchley

## CHANGES TO THE LIBRARY COFFEE MORNING

When the coffee mornings at the Library first started towards the end of 1990, we had 8 volunteers who willingly gave up a couple of hours once every four to five weeks to supply this service, although in many cases they were already doing other voluntary work at Lunch Clubs and Churches throughout the area. Although the Library lay-out wasn't really convenient, the staff put up with us pushing past them through their office to the kitchen, and in return any profit we made was handed over to the Library to help towards the cost of materials for the Junior Library and new books. We also funded the refreshments at the Nativity Plays which have been performed by Totley Primary School in the Junior Library each December. We fixed a realistic price of 25p for a cup of coffee or tea and today we charge 30p, so we didn't make a huge profit but over the fourteen years we have raised more than, £2,300. It has been a place where people could meet over a cup of coffee whilst choosing their Library books, and we have had many regular customers. However there have been many changes over this period, some of the helpers have stayed the distance but sadly others have passed away and some have had to give up due to ill health. We are all a lot older and it has become increasingly difficult to find any more volunteers. Also the advent of computers in the Library has rather restricted our space and made setting up and clearing away harder work.

SO FROM JANUARY 2005 COFFEE MORNINGS WILL BE SELF-SERVICE.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in any way over the last fourteen years, all our loyal customers, and last but not least the Library staff. I hope everyone will continue to support this facility in its new form.

EILEEN OGLEBY.

(on behalf of Coffee Morning Volunteers)

## Capturing Sheffield's wildlife (on film) for charity



Sheffield Wildlife Trust has announced that it will be running an exciting new environment & wildlife Photographic Competition. The competition aims to get more people outdoors to enjoy Sheffield's wildlife, open countryside and urban green spaces. The deadline for entries is January 31st 2005, giving people plenty of time to get out and about with their cameras.

The winning photographs will be displayed on supertrams and tram stops across the city. A selection from all photographs entered will be made into a short visual projection to be shown in the studio space at the Site Gallery, Sheffield's leading contemporary art gallery. Other prizes include free use of facilities at Site Gallery, a camera bag donated by Sheffield Photographic Centre and various wildlife & photography books.

The competition is being kindly sponsored by JW Northend Printers Ltd, and is supported by the Site Gallery, Supertram, Exposed magazine – Sheffield's ultimate entertainment guide, Sheffield Photographic Centre and SheffieldForum.co.uk.

The categories are:

- 1. Wild spaces, smiling faces** (families enjoying their local parks & woodlands, people exploring the nature reserves, children playing games in the environment etc.)
- 2. Landscape views, seasonal hues** (views across Sheffield & the Peak District showing the seasons, sunset/sunrise, your favourite country walk, etc.)
- 3. Wildlife creatures, animal features** (birds, bats, badgers etc. either close up - featured on an eye or tail, or the whole animal.)
- 4. Plants and flowers, at all hours** (Plants & flowers in all weathers & seasons, day or night)

Amy Nowell; SWT Publications & Media Officer says, "This is a fantastic competition and gives everyone a chance to explore their local green environment. Get out & about today with your camera!"

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages. Entry is free to Sheffield Wildlife Trust members and a suggested donation of £1 per photo for non-members.

To receive a competition entry pack, email your name, address & phone number to [a.nowell@wildsheffield.com](mailto:a.nowell@wildsheffield.com) with the subject 'photo mailing list'.

You can also write to Amy Nowell, Publications & Media Officer, Sheffield Wildlife Trust HQ, Victoria Hall, 37 Stafford Road, S2 2SF. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Or download an entry form from our website [www.wildsheffield.com](http://www.wildsheffield.com)



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## **Whisperer**

Last month's edition of  
Totley Independent  
reported on major sewerage  
works in Totley and that  
the Aldam Road area is  
causing problems because

the site is so small. To alleviate the problems two storage  
areas have been provided off-site, from where materials can  
be called as required. Aggregate is being stored in one of  
Edwin Pocock's fields on Baslow Road below the  
Brickworks; large diameter concrete pipes are being stored in  
the lay-by adjacent to Thickwood Lodge.

The stile on Baslow Road at the top of the path which leads  
down to Monnybrook is now being repaired. It has been  
unusable for many months.

Good progress is being made on rebuilding the stone wall on  
the right-hand side of the track that runs from Strawberry Lee  
Lane to Moss Road.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that the bungalows on the Grove were  
originally built in the 1920s as holiday homes for people in  
Sheffield? Totley was of course at that time, a village in  
Derbyshire.

Information from Geoff Salt, now 85, a Totleyite living in  
Devon:

In the days of outside toilets and no sewers in Totley, the  
toilets were known as middens. They had to be emptied  
periodically. In the 1920s, I remember the man who emptied  
middens was known as a "shit diver". This was because he  
would put a big chew of tobacco in his mouth and dive in!!  
Frank Taylor and Joe Otter emptied middens when I was a  
child. Another man, Mr Coates, used to get in trouble with  
local farmers, because he had nowhere to tip his load. So he  
used to take his tipper cart and just open a gate to a field  
somewhere, quickly tip his load, and go.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER 'LITTLE KNOWN FACTS'  
ABOUT TOTLEY? - WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU



## **'Journey to Bethlehem'** **Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** **at Totley Rise Methodist**

This holiday season we invite you on a  
journey back in time...the year AD1, the  
place Bethlehem.

In parties of 10, you'll be taken on a 30-  
minute tour led by a Roman Centurion.  
You'll encounter the sights, smells &  
sounds of the time of Jesus' birth.  
You'll visit the Market Place with Bible-  
time baking & sweets to taste, and  
Bible-time crafts for the children to  
make.

Hebrew dancers, a crowded inn,  
shepherds in their field and finally the  
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special programme is for the whole  
family and entry is free.

To book your place & tour-time call Gill  
Hutchinson on 236-1635. Tours run from  
**4:30pm to 7pm Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## PINFOLDS & FINDERS IN TOTLEY

According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary, a pinfold is derived from the Old English pundfald (pund POUND + fald FOLD). A pinfold (sometimes called a pound or even a poundfould) is an enclosure in which stray cattle and other animals were impounded and released on the payment of a fine. A manorial or parish officer was in charge and he was sometimes referred to as a Poundkeeper, Pinherd or Punder, although in this area it was more likely Pinder. Sometimes he would also be the parish constable and then would be responsible for the maintenance, repairing walls, gates and 'gravelling' the ground of the pinfold in addition to the usual work of a constable. As can be expected he was often an unpopular man.

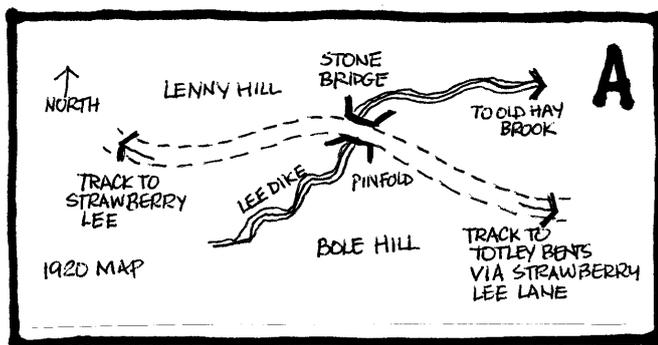
### IN COURT

The family name of Pinder was derived from the job title; I have records of the Totley branch dating back to 11th May 1715 when Peter Pinder appeared, as was his duty as a tenant farmer, at the Cort Leet and Great Cort Baron. The Cort Leet (courts) were regular six monthly meetings to deal with petty offences - ditch repair, not making bread or ale of the correct consistency, and so on. Every male over 16 was obliged to attend and elected the constable, aletaster, pinder etc. The Cort Baron met usually at the same time and enforced the customs of the manor etc., appointing men to collect the dues to the Lord of the Manor and to look after the common land and so on. Those who did not have sufficient excuse not to attend were fined. A Joseph Pinder of Totley Bents was buried in 1766 having been lost on Totley Moor in a 'remarkable great snow'. James Pinder fared better in March 1889 when he was caught in another snowstorm on the way back from Hathersage. The family seem to have moved away from Totley in the early 1900s.

### THREE PINFOLDS

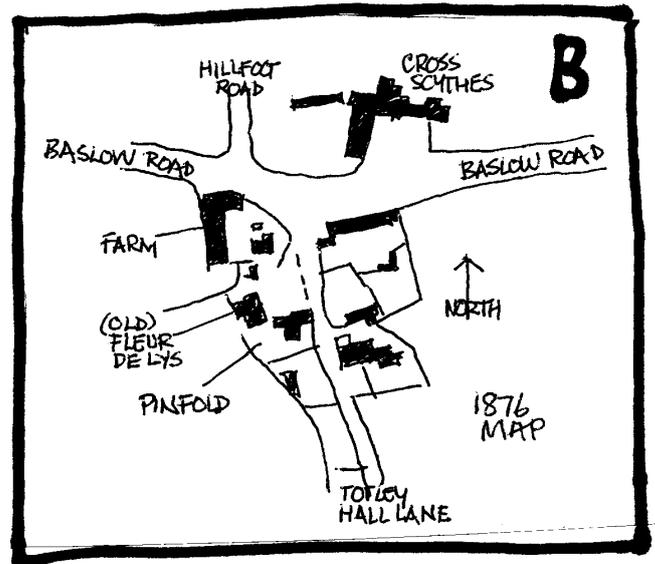
As far as Totley is concerned there have been three pinfolds.

A) The 1920 OS map shows a pinfold near the river bridge on Strawberry Lee Lane before the track climbs steeply up to the moor. Incidentally this river is the Lee Dike, one of the tributaries of the Old Hay Brook, the boundary river between Totley and Dore. It is likely that this particular pinfold was in use centuries ago when all this area was part of the huge common.

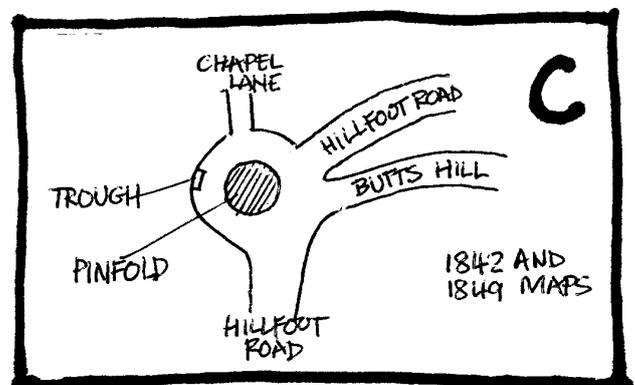


B) In the survey of cottages taken from the waste which paid 'acknowledgement' to the Right Honourable Lord Middleton as Lord of the Manor c1830: item 155 is given as a pinfold with the tenancy under the Parish Officers and in the occupation of a Pinder (name not given). The size noted is 2 perches (60.50 sq.yds). The position of this pinfold was on Totley Hall Lane almost opposite Toft House. It is also marked on pages 52 and 55 of Fairbanks Survey of Totley Copies in B.E. ring binder marked MAPS, which date back to c1832. By 1876 this survey is not shown on the OS map and

seems to have vanished (in deference to the one on Hillfoot Road (see below). I am quite certain that this was the original and very ancient pinfold, being in the centre of the village, close by the village green, the cross, the main well and the stocks.



C) In the Enclosure Award of 1839 (B.E. copy) it says 'No person shall graze or keep any sort of beast or cattle in or upon any of the roads or ways which the Commissioners shall set out, which shall be fenced both sides for the space of seven years after the Award, and any owner of land, his servants and labourers and also pinder, peace officer and parish officers are empowered to take and impound any such beast or cattle which shall be found so grazing'. The well-respected George Sanderson of Mansfield was the official Surveyor for the Enclosures. Without going into more detail (which I have), the Award states 'All that allotment or parcel of land called Dore Lane Common containing 10 perches (30.25 sq.yds) no. 62 on plan, and we do order that the fences on the East side thereof shall be made and forever maintained by the said Surveyors (local men) and their Successors. Which said allotment we have thought necessary to be set out, allotted and awarded as a Public Watering Place for cattle and a pinfold for the impounding of cattle. 1842 and 1849 maps show a clear circular shape for this pinfold being surrounded by roads. As the All Saint's School was built in 1875/6, it is likely that the roadway to the rear of the pinfold was absorbed into the school land. Different notable surveyors, Sanderson and Fowler, drew these maps.



### A LOAD OF RUBBISH

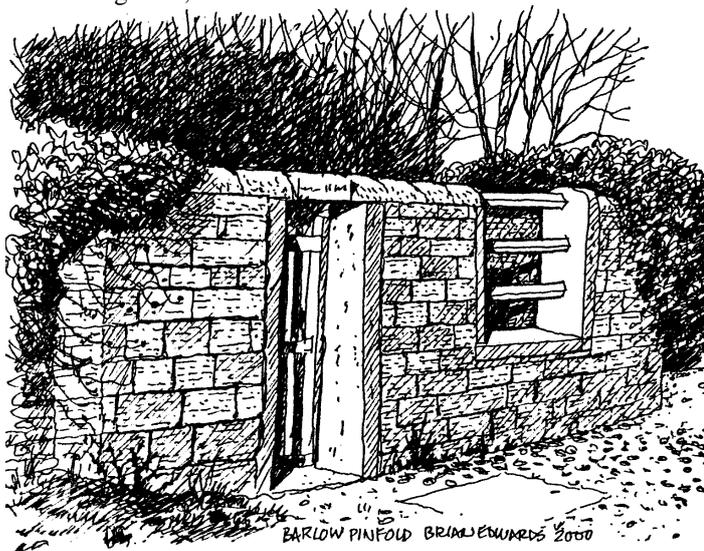
At the Totley Parish Council meeting of 10th March 1932, it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health, the Totley Pinfold be handed over to the Managers of the Church of England School Totley, provided that it be used only for the purpose of extending the children's

playground. There was no reply that year and I don't think it could have been carried out. Various other minutes discussed permission to put a manhole in the pinfold and also the question of dumping rubbish there.

#### RESTORATION

For many years the pinfold was used as a dump and weed covered car park. In 1980 the Totley & District Environment Society, leader Stan Bingham, proposed to reinstate the pinfold; they knew that there were some troughs at a much lower level. The result was very good although it had no resemblance to the actual pinfold thanks to the hard work of Stan and his volunteers. Incidentally the natural watercourse coming down from the present allotments area would have fed the troughs. Obviously, over the centuries there have been many references to pinfolds and Finders in deeds, documents and in the Totley Independent, but space does not allow much detail, much of which has little interest for the layman.

There are many remaining examples of pinfolds e.g. Curbar, Little Longstone, Barlow.



BRIAN EDWARDS 6/11/2004

### Seasons Gallery

A brand-new addition to Dore and Totley's shopping scene opens in a few weeks time on Abbeydale Road South. Seasons Gallery will offer visitors ideas for gifts, including ceramics, art, glassware and jewellery with the added bonus of being able to enjoy a relaxing coffee and snack in the new conservatory coffee shop.

Situated near the bottom of Bushey Wood Road in Jim Martin's old newsagent's shop, the enterprise will, as its name suggests, essentially have a seasonal theme. Changing accents of colour within the gallery will mark the changing seasons and the coffee shop will serve seasonal snacks and beverages.

One of the first artists to be featured at Seasons will be David Humphries, whose work has previously been exhibited in galleries in York, Hull and Leeds. Local artists Michael Claxton, Pat Horscroft and jeweller Naomi Cam will also have work on show.

Jane and Howard Clay are the driving forces behind this new venture being joined by their son Adam, a graphic designer and illustrator, who will manage the gallery. Adam's brother Robin, a graphic designer in London, has also been involved in the design work including the shop frontage, making this a true family venture.

### Allotment Sequel

As a result on my article on Totley Allotments printed in the October issue, I was phoned by Geoff Salt. He is now 85 and lives in Devon, but as a Totley expatriate of many decades, still receives his copy of Totley Independent monthly.

This is the additional information he provided about the allotments:

"I was born in 1920 and brought up in 320, Baslow Road, which in the photo of the All Saints schoolboys on the allotment, is the ivy-covered house nearest the allotment. My father had three allotments and used to make my brother and I work on them. On Easter morning every year he'd take us down to the allotment at 8 or 8.30am and we had to dig from one end to the other ready for the potatoes, before we then went home and changed for church.

The water for the allotments came down through the back yard of our house.

My father used to put the contents of our midden on his allotment! My father was an ardent rose and dahlia man, and never went down Totley without a rose in his buttonhole.

I remember the rivalry on the allotments, it was extremely competitive, even though the main object was to grow vegetables to feed the family, because money was very tight.

I started at Totley All Saints School in 1925, and I remember that the school had 10 or 20 small square allotments for use by the pupils. When a boy rose to the ranks of Standard 7, the top class, (and aged about 14), he was given a plot to work.

Johnny Woods, the headteacher, personally supervised us on the allotments and was very strict. We just grew basic things like radishes, potatoes, peas and cabbages. We could take what we grew home with us. Only boys got to do gardening, the girls did needlework.

I think the man to the left of the photo is Johnny Woods. I think this photo must have been taken before 1920, as I do not remember anyone in my time wearing such 'choirboy' collars."

Jennie Street

### Advent and Christmas at St John's Church

**28 November** – Advent Sunday – 6.30 pm Advent Carol Service. A special service of readings and carols with special music led by St John's Church Choir.

**19 December** – 10.00 am – A Family Service of preparation for Christmas.

**19 December** - 6.30 pm – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight – Join in with some well loved carols and listen to some new ones sung by the church choir. The readings tell the Christmas story in the well loved words from the bible. All welcome.

**24 December** – Christmas Eve – The Christingle Service will take place at 5.00 pm. The popular service for the whole family will include the lighting of the Christmas tree and the Christingles and popular carols. All welcome.

**24 December** – Christmas Eve – Midnight Communion 11.30 pm – The first communion of Christmas and the blessing of the crib with music led by the choir.

**25 December** – Christmas Day – A family communion with carols at 9.30 am.

All are welcome at any of our services during the Christmas period.

## A Special Footballer's Hero

The media loves to report about today's footballing stars and the hero worship of the Manchester United and Arsenal players knows no bounds. Many of the players of yester year must feel rather puzzled at the present state of the game with the massive transfer fees and high wages. I certainly feel rather sorry for the supporters having to pay such large gate money to often see tempers uncontrolled on the field of play. My next-door neighbour played on the wing with the great Sir Tom Finney. His name is Bob Foster and he was a star with Preston North End in the mid 1950s. This team was in the First Division and won many honours. Their wages were around £15 per week. I had a late uncle who played for Nottingham Forest, period 1919-1922. In those early days they were only part-time players and had to often work down the pit or local factory to supplement their wages. How times have changed! But to get down to the real nitty gritty I want to write about my special footballing hero, the late Ted Croker. His playing career started with Headington United (now known as Oxford United) in the 1950s. Later he moved to play for Charlton Athletic. A great organiser and after his playing career he was appointed as General Secretary to the Football League and in private life a most successful businessman in manufacturing industry.

Prior to this period he was called up to do his duty for King and Country and joined the Royal Airforce in the mid 1940s. His real special courage was tested on the fateful day of Friday, 28 December 1945. After his training flights on single engine aircraft in South Africa he was posted back to Blighty to train on twin-engine planes along with Flying Officer John Douthwaite. Flying Officer Ted Croker was given his final map reading tests by the navigation pilot instructor, Warrant Officer George (Robbie) Robinson. They boarded their aircraft, an air speed Oxford advanced flying unit RAF Seighford, Near Stafford, at 1330 hours for a short round trip of some 140 miles over the Peak District area. The flight would be at low level so they only wore battle dress uniform instead of heavy winter clothing, a decision later to regret. As they flew over the plateau of Kinder Scout Ted Croker remarked, "we seem to be losing too much height". Robinson replied "do not worry I know these hills like the back of my hand. He hailed from the Handsworth area of Sheffield and had done some rambles around Edale in his spare time. Suddenly the weather worsened and the old Oxford trainer struggled as ice started to build up on the wings, the air speed rev counters were not responding and they failed to maintain a steady climb at around 100 miles per hour. They skimmed clear of Kinder, Low and Crowden towers and then the Oxford struck the top of Brown Knoll, bouncing across the moor and coming to rest some 150 feet from point of impact. The time was now about 1430 hours, all the crew were knocked unconscious for a short period. Ted Croker was the first to recover, and realised his friends were more seriously injured. Robinson's jaw was broken and he had leg and internal wounds. A few feet away Douthwaite had a badly smashed left leg. Croker managed to find the parachutes amongst the twisted metal and wood, and wrapped up his companions to keep out the cold. He thought it was all a bad dream, but realised he had to get help or they would all perish. He was badly bruised, both his ankles hurt

(later found to be fractured) but he had to get off that desolate moor.

They all discussed which route to take. Should he head across sloping ground towards Hayfield, which was over 3 miles away? Fate decided that he chose an easterly direction. As darkness approached he struggled through the swirling mist and peat bogs. It was certainly a divine hand that helped make the epic crawl towards the steep line of Jacobs Ladder and the hamlet of Upper Booth. Soaking wet he crawled on hands and knees and could hardly bear the pain in his ankles. He came to the crest of the moor. The valley loomed ahead and he slithered along a stream on his backside when he noticed smoke from 2 buildings. He inched his aching body out of the streambed and up the final bank and collapsed at the front door of Lee House. He hammered away with frozen hands where the owner of the farmstead, Mrs Shirt, gasped in amazement to find a bedraggled figure on her doorstep. Ted Croker asked for simply a bowl of hot water for his poor feet, he then finally passed out in the warm kitchen. Mrs Shirt had then to run down to the village of Edale to raise the alarm. There were no telephones in Upper Booth; the 2 injured aircrew suffered a night of pain and terror as they still lay back on the icy moor. In the middle of the night the RAF Mountain Rescue Service Team from Harpur Hill at Buxton were called out for the search. Ted Croker finally recovered and was able to tell the rescuers the rough direction of the crash area. For several hours the search parties scoured the hillsides and still were unable to find the Oxford aircraft. They decided to resume the search at first light and called for planes to fly across the area where the wreckage was finally spotted at approximately 1030 hours.

After 20 hours of being stranded in icy conditions on the desolate moor Robbie Robinson and John Douthwaite were stretchered off Brown Knoll and were taken to the RAF hospital at Wilmslow, Cheshire. Warrant Officer Robinson, because of frostbite, and loss of blood had to have a leg amputated. Ted Croker was a special hero for if his epic crawl had been towards Hayfield none of the crew would have survived, as the distance would have been too great to raise the alarm.

Ted Croker finished his RAF service as a pilot instructor and was awarded the Kings Commendation for brave conduct in the 1947 New Year's Honours List. He left the RAF in 1953 to start his career as a professional footballer and set a standard to be proud of in the game.

The years have since rolled on and these 3 special gentlemen have moved to a higher calling. The RAF Mountain Rescue Service continues in its good work, only 5 units operate around Great Britain today, RAF Leeming, RAF Stafford, Kinloss, St Athans and Leuchars.

Ted Croker wrote his autobiography in 1987, the title was "The First Voice You'll Hear".

Lee House at Upper Booth was the original Youth Hostel for the Edale Valley area.

The full epic story of the Oxford crash site on Brown Knoll was recounted in the book "Dark Peak Wrecks", 1982 by Ron Collier, the aviation historian. I wish him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

All that is left of the fated Oxford crash site is a few bits of metal. The 2 engines have since been removed and now housed in a museum in the Manchester area.

John C Barrows.

## PUZZLE CORNER

### Hidden Proverbs

Can you find a hidden proverb in each of the following passages?

A smell of petrol lingered in the air as the car accelerated quickly. "Hey presto" Ned said, " We are going at her super speed". "No" said Amos," slow down or you'll get us both killed.

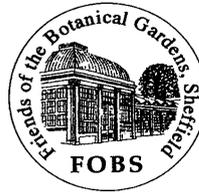
From a NY perspective scotch and soda seem a keen inflight alternative to chow or kola.

Moreover a police officer has terrible pressure put on him to resign for any transgression of the law, including traffic offences. Nevertheless in todays world even moderate speeding above the limit cannot be accepted.

I must admit that whenever I read a story about a ghost it chills me in my bones, so that I mean to give up the reading. I'm sure it's a vestige of pleasurable pain in excitement which urges me to carry on.

In Victorian times most ordinary houses had only an outside loo. Kitchens before the widespread use of electricity, were really outsize by comparison with these of a modem semi. It would be interesting to see reactions of our forebears if they could see modern houses with their multiple appliances.

Don Ashford



# CAROL CONCERT

*To be held in the Sheffield Botanical Gardens  
in front of the restored pavilions*

**Wednesday 15th December 2004  
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IT'S NOT ME THAT'S 'JUST MARRIED' IT'S  
RUDOLPH!

## Gardening Tips for December and January

Gardening in December and January can be a pretty miserable activity unless you are tucked up in your armchair dreaming of things to come. My garden is looking very untidy at the moment, I think I have mentioned before I am in the midst of redesigning one of my garden rooms (as these makeover people call them). It is coming along quite nicely, however, this retirement business does not leave a lot of time for these sort of projects. Holidays, birthdays, nights out, weekend breaks etc etc, all "interfere" with the serious planning and execution of garden development. The removal and storage of my favourite perennials is always a worry. The sooner the basic layout is finished the sooner they can all be replanted in their new plots along with some more new varieties. I am certainly looking forward to that, let's hope we get a few fine days to complete the job. Christmas is coming, I hope you have kept a few fine vegetables to complement the turkey (or whatever seasonal dish you have). There is nothing like home grown vegetables for taste and flavour. I hope you have made your Christmas list a gardening one, a new fork, a heater for the greenhouse so that you can bring on those seedlings a bit earlier so they are in perfect condition for the Totley Show. Do not forget the traditional day for planting onion seeds (to get the real whoppers) is boxing day! Mine will be in by then (holidays, breaks etc permitting). I am told that gardening is the new (??) health fad and that it keeps you fit and gives you healthy fresh vegetables. I have been gardening a few years now and you know what a fine figure of a man I am so take note.

**Flowers** – If you have not pruned the roses yet cut them back by half so that the wind does not rock them too much final pruning in March April. Improve your soil structure in your flower beds by adding humus, compost, leaf mould, spent hops, all ideal. These can be worked in during the winter, keep an eye out for slugs and put down bait to prevent too big an infestation later. Prune clematis *Jackmanii* and the many hybrids from it down to 3 or 4 ft from the ground. Pruning to a good well developed bud.

Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rot and dust with flowers of sulphur. Remove all leaves and dead foliage from your borders. This will prevent any disease affecting your plants later. If you are planning to move or reduce the size of your herbaceous perennials, lift out the whole of the plants and place them together covered with straw or dead leaves. They will be OK for some time. This will enable you to dig over the beds at least one spare depth adding well rotted compost or manure and a good handful of bonemeal per square yard. This preparation is really worthwhile because once replanted most perennials will remain undisturbed for at least 3 years. To increase your stocks of rhododendrum and azaleas peg down firmly to the ground in a mixture of peat and sand.

**Vegetables** – To be ready for the Totley Show you need to plant seeds of onions on Boxing Day or thereabouts. They will be just about right to plant out in late March/early April. Dig the plot where they are to grow adding plenty of manure or compost. They really enjoy a good rich soil. Any plots where brassicas are to grow need a soil test to make sure the ground is not too acid, add lime if necessary. Prepare bean trenches dig around 2 ft deep adding compost, kitchen scraps, newspaper and covering with soil as you go. Anything that retains moisture will be beneficial. Late January herbs such as sage and thyme can be replanted and large clumps can be pulled apart into small pieces with roots attached. Cut down sage to within 9 inches from the ground, this will encourage young shoots from the base. As soon as brussel sprouts have finished clear the stalks and prepare the ground for the alternative crops.

**Trees, Shrubs and Fruit** – Firm in any newly planted trees or bushes if they have been loosened by frost. Knock any snow off branches of all trees and bushes to prevent breakage. Give winter wash on a calm dry day if not already done. Pick off and burn any large globular buds from blackcurrants. Make sure you do not miss any. Fork in lightly some manure or compost around established trees, be careful not to damage the roots near the surface. Make sure stakes and ties are all firm and strong. Inspect grease bands and review if necessary, remove any leaves sticking to them.

**Greenhouse and Indoor Plants** – Make sure the insulation in your greenhouse is sound and the glass is clean to give maximum light. Bring in bulbs to flower later. Start

chrysanthemum cuttings. The best cuttings are taken from the shoots coming from the root cut just below soil level and insert them in sandy soil, give a little heat. Make sure the greenhouse is given ventilation. Choose fine days, this will help prevent mildew etc getting a hold. If you have heat on you could start begonia and gloxinia tubers. They will need 55 degrees F or a bit more for gloxinias. Water indoor plants sparingly except those in flower. Watch the heat, most indoor plants are troubled if the atmosphere is hot and dry. 65 degrees F maximum 50-60 humidity is just right. Try to maintain an even temperature, big variations can seriously effect the health of your plants.

**Lawns** – Keep them clean and keep off in frosty weather. Have a happy and joyful Christmas and a healthy gardening year to you all.  
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Tom, Busy Bee

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## Farming Scene



Many amateur weather forecasters have recently told us how we are in for a "hard" winter this year. It seems years since we had what I call a "proper" winter, with regular snowfall over the November to February period. What snow has fallen has tended to be short-lived due to the absence of prolonged frosty weather. In fact, I cannot remember us having a decent frost at all last winter. However, it is certainly beginning to look as if we could be in for a long winter this year. The trees and hedgerow bushes have all had an exceptional amount of acorns, berries and nuts on them, a usual indication that nature is gearing up to provide food for animals and birds alike during a severe winter. Today, 19 November, we have had 4-5 inches of snow overnight, probably more than we had all last winter. A 6 degree Celsius frost is forecast tonight, again as severe as we had all last winter. Maybe, just maybe, the forecasters have got it right this year!

Most of the potato harvest and the sowing of winter cereals has, thankfully, been accomplished now, so arable farmers can put their gear away in the sheds and relax a bit until crops start to wake up a bit in March.

For livestock farmers the winter-feeding of sheep and cattle is getting underway, so they are quite busy at the moment. Here at Totley Hall Farm the rams have nearly finished tugging the ewes in our TEXEL flock. The first of these should start lambing on 28 February, with the last lambs being born around the end of April. Late nights, and early mornings, will be the order of the day over this period as we try to minimise the number of lambs lost due to unattended, difficult lambings overnight. By the end of April we really will be asking ourselves "Is it really worth it"??

The pedigree Dorset flock has started to lamb today, right on schedule. Both ewes have had good, strong, equal sized twins, which from a shepherd's point of view "is as good as it gets", long may it continue! We had a disappointment on Tuesday, a heavily in-lamb ewe rolled onto her back and was unable to roll back onto her feet. This is not an uncommon occurrence and normally they will endure several hours like this until we find them on our daily inspections, and roll them back over. This was the second time in a month, when a fox, a very brave or hungry fox, has attacked a ewe stranded on its back, killed and partially eaten it. I have never before in the 20 years we have been here had this happen.

Those of you who regularly use the footpath through our land will have noticed that Sunbeam, our Hereford cow, gave birth to another daughter, Starlight, back in August. You will also probably have noticed that Moonlight, the older daughter, has recently been missing from the family group. Sad to say, she recently reached her mature weight and consequently made her first and final visit to the abattoir in Mansfield. She will be missed.

On a happier note, all our P.Y.O. soft fruit canes and bushes have been destaked, dewired and subsequently cut into little pieces by our hedgecutter. This in itself has changed the view over our fields. These had been in place between 10 and 20 years and seemingly became a permanent part of the scenery. We shall certainly not miss spending most of the winter, in all weathers, pruning these ready for the next season. Maybe we are getting "soft" in our old age! However, lambing ewes and playing the parts of narrator and Father Christmas in dry warm sheds seems a much more existing and amenable winter occupation these days.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Edwin Pocock

## TOTLEY ALLOTMENTS

In response to the article by Jennie Street regarding the Totley Allotments, (November issue of Totley Independent) I offer the following.

Totley was certainly in the Parish of Dronfield for ecclesiastical purposes until All Saints Church was built in 1924, but, until the Boundaries Commission moved the County Boundary in 1934 when Totley and Dore became outer suburbs of Sheffield, it was in the Parliamentary District of Norton, and the Norton District Council was the administrative authority for Highways, Planning, etc., whilst Totley Parish Council was responsible for all local services such as sewage, waste collection, welfare, school, local police, etc. even, on occasions of sudden death, holding inquests, and inquiries and, if and when necessary, approving weekly allowances to the widows and children of the deceased?. The land that is now the Allotments is shown on Valuation and Tithe Maps as 'Chapel Lands', therefore, in 1965 when the Allotments were purchased by Sheffield Education Committee to safeguard the land for the use of All Saint's School, (Known as 'Totley Church of England School' before All Saint's Church was built,) negotiating had to be done through the owners of the land, namely the Church. The original owners, the Abbot and Monks of Beauchief Abbey it might be assumed, gave the names to various parts of their extensive land. We know that Strawberry Lea Farm belonged to the Abbey, and that the 'Gardening Monks' walked across the wide expanse of countryside in a direct line from the Abbey to tend their gardens at Strawberry Lea, arriving on what is now called 'Butts Hill', and imagine their surprise and delight when first setting eyes on such a spectacular view of fields, distant mountains and trees. What more appropriate name could be given to the fields than that of St. Francis who called the sun "Brother", The Moon "Sister" and birds and all living things were his family.

Another Francis was Francis Burton, descendant of Richard Burton Steward to John the first Earl of Shrewsbury in 1432 when he was taken prisoner by Joan of Arc at the battle of 'Patey'. Richard was the Father of John Burton who lived in Totley in 1511. Four generations later Francis Burton, bought Dronfield in the middle of the 17C and became Sheriff in 1669, the third Sheriff in the Burton family, Thomas 1628, & and Michael 1647.

There is one more Francis, born in 1635 who bought Dronfield from the Morewoods, and were Lords Middleton since 1711. Many older Totley residents will remember hearing about Lord Middleton a descendant of Francis, who sold Totley and its surrounding lands and buildings to the Tenants in the 19C when John Green bought the old 'Fleur De Lys' Public house, and many other houses, farms, and land were bought by the Tenants. One co-incidence is that this Francis was Nature lover, a Natural Historian, of Trinity College, Cambridge, author of many natural history works about eg. 'Wasps' 'Bees' and 'Fishes'. He would be an appropriate candidate for 'Francis Fields', bringing the Middletons right up into the 20C.

Yes, I remember the woman who raided the Allotments on Sunday Morning. We had a good view from our cottage window at Lane Head every Sunday about 10am of a furtive female (No names no packdrill) as she scrambled over the wall from Summer Lane into the Allotments and deftly squeezed the cabbages until she find a good firm one, then quickly to scutter back over the wall to prepare it for the pot. Oh Happy days!

Jo. Rundle/Salt

Past Chairman of Sheffield & District Family History Society

## Early Days (Continued)

I left school aged fifteen in the course of that glorious summer of 1947 when the Middlesex twins, Compton and Edrich, set batting records that may never be surpassed and I took employment as office boy to a firm of chartered accountants. Their offices lay in Paradise Square near to the cathedral in the centre of Sheffield. The Georgian buildings, facing the centre of the cobble-stoned square, were in use as offices for solicitors, accountants, architects, surveyors and estate agents.

My ultimate aim was to qualify as a member of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors. The Society was well respected though less so than the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. However, no premium had to be paid by byelaw students as articulated clerks had to and I was to start at a salary of £1 per week.

My mother's financial position had not improved and the salary, modest though it seemed later, was essential to our needs. At the time I thought it was a small fortune and what a delight it was to feel the coins jingling in my trouser pocket. Later, when I had read Dickens, I always related this time to Mr. Micawber's maxim 'Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds, nineteen shillings and sixpence - result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure, twenty pounds, no shillings and sixpence - result misery. My own gross annual income amounted to fifty-two pounds and my annual expenditure could not exceed this, as I was not in the habit of borrowing money - even supposing someone might lend me some.

This was the first time I had had earnings of my own apart from a brief spell of three weeks delivering newspapers while still at school. My pride knew no bounds when handing over fifteen shillings to my mother each Friday evening towards my board and upkeep. I felt like a man at last - at least in that respect.

On my first morning, clad in a brown suit purchased for the occasion, I made my way down the steep pavement of the Square to number eight and surveyed the building. Originally red, the bricks were now a dirty grey as a result of sulphur emissions from the steelworks. On the ground floor two large windows were evident alongside the large door at the entrance. Here a plaque bore the inscription, Amos Dilks & Sons, chartered accountants. Iron railings at the front prevented any careless or inebriate passer-by from falling down to the level of the cellar. On the first floor three large windows were to be seen. The second floor had three smaller windows below the sloping slates of the roof on which sat a group of chimney pots.

A tall, slim, fair-haired youth with a fresh face and blue eyes emerged through the entrance door to greet me. "You must be Hugh Percival!" he exclaimed pleasantly while holding out his right hand. "Yes sir" I replied with a nervous stutter as we shook hands. The youth exploded into laughter. "Hallo. I've never been called 'Sir' before in my life. My name's Derek Hardy. I'm the senior office boy. Please call me Derek. Come inside."

He led the way into the general office where another youth was sitting while perusing a newspaper and smoking a cigarette. This personage had a benign expression on his fresh face, green eyes, hair cut short, back and sides and a vivid scar on his forehead. His medium-build figure was clothed in a crumpled grey suit splashed with cigarette ash. "Hugh - meet Harry Hewson the other office boy. Harry- this is Hugh Percival our new colleague" Derek announced in his amiable way. "Pleased to meet you Hugh" Harry said earnestly as he arose from his chair, put the newspaper on the desk and

shook my hand warmly. "You're from Nether Edge aren't you?", "Yes" I replied. "Your face seems familiar.", "I went to Nether Edge myself - left a year ago," replied Harry after taking a drag from his cigarette. ""We shall be able to talk about schooldays.", "All in good time Harry. There's work to do," Derek intervened pleasantly enough.

The buzzer on the telephone sounded and Derek picked up the receiver and had a brief conversation, "Harry - take the postbag up to Frank's room will you" he said after replacing the receiver.

Harry picked up the postbag and left the room in some haste. "That was Frank Manning. He's the third partner - the brains behind the firm. He's a stickler for discipline - so watch out when he's about." Derek advised me in sincere tones.

A while later an august gentleman in a dark pinstriped suit and crowned with a homburg entered the office. He wore spectacles and his ruddy face and red nose suggested a regular consumption of alcohol.

Derek sprang to his feet. "Good morning Mr. Dilks," he said deferentially. "Any messages Hardy?" the gentleman enquired abruptly. "No sir" replied Derek. Mr. Dilks gave a grunt. "Sir - this is Percival the new office boy," Derek announced.

The senior partner gave me a cool look. "How do you do Percival. Be punctual, submissive, attentive and diligent and your stay with us will be prolonged and be-beneficial" he remarked in pompous tones before he left the room through an inner door to his own office facing the Square.

"Don't worry young 'un" Derek said with a pleasant laugh. "Mr. John's not a bad old stick when you get to know him". Mr. John Dilks was a grandson of Amos Dilks the founder of the firm in the previous century.

My first day was hectic and made tolerable only by the amiable, helpful Derek Hardy who was diplomacy itself. He explained lucidly and pleasantly the duties I had to perform: the making and punctual delivery of coffee and tea to partners and staff; the delivery of letters to offices in the neighbourhood; the calling over and casting of typed accounts and schedules; the use of the telephone; the recording of incoming and outgoing post and the typing of envelopes for the outgoing post.

The telephone was a mystery to me. At lunchtime Derek and Harry went home to lunch and, rather unwisely, left me alone in charge. Within five minutes of their departure the eye of the telephone blinked. I picked up the receiver nervously.

"Amos Dilks & Sons" I stuttered. "Mr. Moore if you please" said a voice at the other end. "Thank you sir. I'll put you through" I said and pressed the button for Mr. Moore's room. "Yes" was the reply in a gruff voice. "There's a call for you Mr. Moore" I said. "Who is it?" asked Mr. Moore. I had not as yet met the senior accountant.

"Oh dear. I forgot to ask" I stuttered. "Never mind. Put the call through" the voice grunted in exasperation.

I did so and replaced the receiver. Moments later a loud noise erupted in the office above to be followed by the sound of hurried footsteps on the stairs. The general office door sprang open and an elderly gentleman ran into sight. His demeanour was aggressive and I shuddered with apprehension. I withdrew my gaze but not before noting the wild look in his eyes and the unruly state of the few strands of hair that lay on his near baldhead.

"Where is Hardy?" barked the irate gentleman. "At lunch sir" I stammered. "And Hewson?" he asked in a resigned manner that seemed to anticipate my reply. "At lunch sir" I confirmed. "What happened to my call?" Mr. Moore shouted in my ear.

"I put it through sir" I stuttered. "I never received it. The line was dead. Don't you know how to use the phone?" the old man asked fiercely. "Perhaps I made a mistake." I suggested meekly. "This is my first day".

To my relief a smile of acceptance lit up the senior accountants face. At this point the telephone eye blinked again and Mr. Moore answered it. It was the same caller and Mr. Moore dealt amicably like a lamb with the client and replaced the receiver. He then proceeded to give me a thorough lesson in the use of the instrument.

"Ask Hardy to see me when he returns" the old man said ominously before returning to his office. I reported the incident to Derek when he returned from lunch.

"Don't worry. Mr. Moore's bark is worse than his bite," the senior office boy said nonchalantly. Nevertheless he made his way to the senior accountant's office in great haste. He returned a while later suitably contrite and as a matter of priority gave me further instruction in the use of the telephone.

At six o'clock Harry Hewson took me over to the general post office to deliver the bulging postbag. In future it would be my job to collect the postbag in the mornings and return it to the post office each evening. Harry and I bade each other a cheerful farewell at the post office entrance and made our separate ways to our own tramstops. Harry lived at Woodseats.

I felt quite relieved that my first day in the profession was over. The telephone mishap had been a nightmare but the rest of the day had passed by quickly with scarcely an untoward moment. I gave thanks in my thoughts to the amiable, obliging Derek Hardy and, as an afterthought, to Harry Hewson, simple, easygoing and chain-smoking. Good prospects for my future career as I told my mother at tea when giving her a loquacious account of the day's novel activities.

Hugh Percival

## Christmas is Remembering by Hilda Butler Farr

Christmas is remembering  
The road to Santa Claus  
The blessed time of childhood  
That meant so much....because  
It held the tinselled magic  
Of fairlyand array,  
When all the world was laughter...  
And life was only play

Christmas is remembering  
A tree ablaze with light,  
The family gathered closely  
And knowing deep delight  
Exchanging gifts and sharing,  
The gaiety and song  
That star the festive season...  
Each time it comes along

Christmas is remembering...  
Our friends who're far and near,  
By giving and receiving  
A season always dear.  
The mistletoe and holly,  
As scarlet tapers glow,  
The Christ Child in a manger...  
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## Transport 17

We hope to have the new minibus in service in the Spring of 2005.

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The "New Deal" driver Mark had gone on to other things, Alan Braddock and David Hewitt had, sadly, had to finish with us due to personal and work commitments. Alan and David had been with us for many years and our passengers really appreciated their kindness and patience and the time they gave to them. We wish Alan and his wife Anne and David all the best and many thanks.

Our thanks go to everyone who gave money and support to us during 2004. The lunch and social clubs, churches and various associations are very good to us. Special thanks must go to Cheshire Home, the Totley Library and, of course, Totley Residents Association, Busy Bee and other local shops for their help.

Transport 17 will close on 17<sup>th</sup> December and re-open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2005.

If you have any problems or need to get in touch with us at any time our number is 236 2962 and our office is at 172 Baslow Road, Totley.

May I personally thank everyone at Totley Independent for their editorial skills.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2005.

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Margaret Barlow

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## Bottle Banks - reply

I should like to reply to the letter from Danny Barlow in the November issue, about the withdrawal of the bottle bank in Totley Rise. Mr. Barlow obviously views this matter from his own standpoint, but there is another equally valid view.

While most people nowadays wish to support recycling efforts in the community, these should surely not be carried out to the detriment of other inhabitants of Totley. I would guess that Mr. Barlow does not live near a bottle bank, and does not have to listen to the merry smashing of glass bottles during the day and even late at night.

Although planning permission is required for the siting of bottle banks, no one asked us, or told us that we should have to put up with this nuisance. Perhaps Mr. Barlow's employers should show a little more care and concern for the amenity of neighbours when applying for sites for their business.

Ian Taylor

Terrible pressure put on him to resign for any transgression of the law, including traffic offences.

NevertheLESS in todays world even moderate SPEEDing above the limit cannot be accepted.

I must admit that whenever I read A story about a ghoST IT Chills me INmy bones so thaT I MEan to give up the reading. I'm sure it'S A VESTige of pleasurable paiN IN Excitement which urges me to carry on.

In Victorian times most ordinary houses had only an outside LOO. Kitchens BEFORE the widespread use of electricity were really Outsize by comparison with these of a modem semi. It would be interesting to see reactions of our forebears if they could see modem houses with their multiPLE APpliances.

Don Ashford.

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## MISTAKES

The following are genuine mistakes from church bulletins:

20. The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in
19. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
18. The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
17. Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
16. Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
15. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
14. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
13. bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
12. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

11. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
10. The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy."
9. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when A. B. Doe supplied our pulpit.
8. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
7. The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service, we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.
6. Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his private study.
5. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
4. The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
3. Don't let worry kill you -- let the church help.
2. Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the pastor.
1. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.



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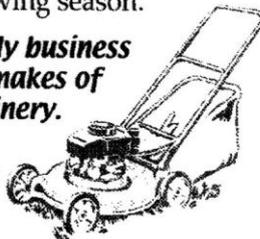
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**FRI. 3<sup>rd</sup> LIVE JAZZ**, 8-00 pm with the New Toledo Jazz Band. Non-members welcome. Free admission.

**SAT. 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Karen Beverley, Heatherfield Club Baslow Road 8-30 pm. Non Members Welcome. Entry £1-50

**SUN. 5<sup>th</sup>. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES –SANTA SPECIAL.** Abbeydale Road South, first train 11.00 am., last train 4.00 p.m., one price admission £4.00

**MON. 6<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY**, Sheffield Cathedral at 7.00 pm  
MESSIAH - see inside for ticket details

**WED. 8<sup>th</sup>.WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP**, Carols by Candlelight in the Church, 7.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

**WED 8<sup>th</sup>. VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE**, Leonard Cheshire Services at Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

**FRI. 10<sup>th</sup> LIVE JAZZ**, 8-00 pm with the New Toledo Jazz Band. Non-members welcome. Free admission.

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**WED 15<sup>th</sup>. LOXLEY SILVER BAND**, Leonard Cheshire Services at Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane 7.00 pm

**SAT. 18<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Heatherfield Club Baslow Road 8-30 pm. Non Members Welcome. Entry £1-50

**TUES. 21<sup>st</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, Christmas Meeting, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

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**FRI 24<sup>th</sup>. CHRISTMAS CAROLS**, Leonard Cheshire Services at Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane 11.00 am – 12.00 noon

### JANUARY 2005

**TUES. 18<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, "Christmas – Past and Present", Mrs Jean Henshaw, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.



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