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OAKS ON BRADWAY BANK,

Brian Edwards 1996

The woods on Bradway Bank are a delight with occasional views through the oak trees of Dore and Abbeydale. This path leading from Totley Rise eventually skirts around above the Bradway Tunnel, past the now defunct Twentywell Brickyard and emerges by the Castle Inn.

ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

Continuing on from April article, here are further Nicknames, again all are in current use within the Sheffield area. Where possible I have given an early date and in some cases an alternative.

CALOW, CALLOW. Old English Calu, Middle English Calewe (Bald) A saying of unfledged birds 1070.
GARDEN. Old French Cardon Thistle. An obstinate, stubborn person 1086. Also place name in Cheshire.
CARELESS, CARLESS. Old English Carleas Free from care, unconcerned 1141.
CASBOLT Middle English Casbalde, Bald head. 1327
CHANCE Old French Cheance Fortune, Luck, By chance 1209 believed to have gambler association.
CHEEK Old English Ceace, Jaw bone, One with a prominent jaw 1095.
CHOPPEN, CHOPPING Old French Chopine - an old measure. A parisien half pint. A nickname for a tippler 1219.
CHUBB Middle English Clater, Noisy talk, gabble, babler 1327.
COCKAYNE Old French Coquaigne. The name of an imaginary country which was the abode of luxury and idleness. One whose behaviour suggested he came from such a place 1193.
COAD, CODE. Middle English Code, Pitch, Cobblers wax, nickname for a cobbler 1182.
CONY Middle English Conig, a rabbit 1296. A timid person, also believed to refer to a dealer in rabbit skins.
COSTER Round headed from Costard, Costerd ann apple 1273. Costerd-Mongers were apple sellers now known as Costermongers.
COXHEAD. One who resembled such 1424, also possibly place name head of the river sock, or name of an inn.
CRABB Old English Crabba, a crab, one whose walk resembled a crab. Middle English Crabbe, a wild apple, an ill tempered person 1188.
CRASKE Latin crasses, thick, gross. A fat lusty person in good health and highspirits. 1197.
CROW, CROWE Old English Crawe, a crow 1180. Also can be an abbreviation of a place name Crowhurst, Crowland, Crowborough etc.

CRUICKSHANKS Old Norse Krokr, bent. Old English Sceanca, shank, a person with crooked legs 1296. In Scotland may also mean a bend on the hill, also a leg of the river Cruick in Kincardineshire.
CRUMP Old English Crump, bent, crooked. A crippled person 1176.
CURL Middle English curle, curly one with curly hair 1202 or from Anglo Saxon Ceorl a free man, one no longer bound to a master.
CURR Middle English Curre a dog 1180, may also be an abbreviation of Curran, Curry etc. or a mis-spelling of Kerr.
DAFT Middle English Daffte, Foolish, stupid 1230, also thought to mean deaf or hard of hearing.
DARLING, DEARLING, DORLING, DURLING. Old English Deorling Dear one, Dearly loved. 1100.
DEARLOVE Old English Doer Lufa, dear love, expression of affection 1379.
DEAVES Old English deaf, Middle English deaf. The deaf 1251.
DOMAN Old English Dom Mann, Doom-Man. Old English Dema a judge. 1327.
DORMER. French Dormeur, a sleeper, sluggard 1327.
DOUCE, DOWSE, DUCE. Middle English Douce, Dowce, Old French Dous, Doux, sweet, pleasant 1219.
DOUGHTY, DUFTY. Old English Dohtig, valiant, strong 1247.
DOVE Old English Dufe Old Norse Dufa. One gentle as a Dove 1175.
DOWSETT Middle English Doucet, sweet to eye or ear, pleasing 1315.
DREWERT, DREWRY, DRURY. Old French Druirie, love, friendship, sweetheart 1200.
DUFFETT A corruption of Dovefote (Dovefoot) 1301, Dowfhed (Dovehead) 1355.
DUTCH A name referring to immigrant Dutch weavers 1360.
EAGLE Old French Aigle, an eagle a sharp eyed person, 1230 also an abbreviation of a place name such as Eaglescliffe, Eaglesfield, Eaglesham etc.
FAIRBAIRN, FAIRCHILD. Old English Bearn, beautiful child 1297.
FAIRFAX Old English Faeger, Feax. Fairhair. 1195.

NINE

Whilst I was out jogging early one morning I came to Pockocks field and counted 18 sheep all on the path in front of me "1+8 = 9". How many did he have?

16 + 15 + 3 + 15 + 3 + 11 = 63 & "6+3=9"
 P O C O C K

I also passed

T O T L E Y W A R M E M O R I A L
 20+15+20+12+ 5+25 23+1+18 13+ 5+13+15+18+ 9+ 1+12
 = 97 + 42 + 86
 = 225 and "2+2+5=9"

numerically speaking.

The wreath on the top was a scout one. Be Prepared is their motto.

B E P R E P A R E D
 2+ 5 16+18+ 5+16+ 1+18+ 5+ 4
 7 + 83 = 90

and "9+0=9"

Notice TOTLEY above isn't that the bus number.
 John Russell

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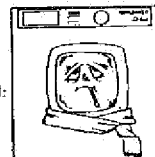
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FAIRHEAD Old English Faeger, Heafod, fair headed 1279.
FARQUHAR Gaelic Fearchar, very dear one. 1178.
FAY FEY Old French Fae, fairy 1194, also a French place name.
FENDER An abbreviation of Defender, one who defended, also considered a trade name, one who made fenders and fences for defence
FIRMAN. FIRMIN Latin Firminus. Firm strong. 1086.
FOLLETT. Old French Fort, strong, a strong person. 1200 also place name one who lived near or by a freond, Fortwilliam.
FRIEND. Old English Freond a friend 1166.
FRY Old English Frig, free 1195, one given freedom as freeman.
FULLELOVE. French Pleyn d'Amour, full of love. 1327.
FUNKE Middle English Funke, a spark of fire, fiery, hot headed. 1314.
 Terry Peckett. FFA.

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO: 1697

Weather up at Strawberry Lee was said to be frightful making it difficult to dig coal on nearby Totley Moor. Mr. Pegge of Beauchief Hall complained to Lord Middleton, the then Lord of the Manor of Totley, that his tenant George Greaves had also been 'prevented from coal getting by the activities of local people.' They were up in arms over the enclosure of land on Totley common and this led to many years of dispute.

And in 1697 inhabitants of Totley were becoming accustomed to the window tax which had been first imposed the previous year. If their houses had less than 10 windows they paid 2 shillings (10 pence) 10-20 windows, 6 shillings and 10 shillings for more than 20 windows. This of course led to the blocking up of windows particularly those in large houses.

Brian Edwards

TOTLEY'S HERITAGE

Look around on this spring-like morning, for Totley is certainly a grand place to live. A heritage of scenic delights of nearby Blacka Moor, Totley Moss, plus the woodland and field path walks towards Holmesfield. Certainly drastic changes are being planned with the forthcoming closure of the Totley College. Although it is only just over 30 years since the dormitory Tower Block and class room extensions were built, next year should see the complex pulled down and houses built along Totley Hall Lane. I remember the pre-Second World War days when you walked along the lane passing the cottages, Totley Hall and farm where it petered out into a narrow path and straight into Gillfield woods. I for one will not mourn the closing of the College. It is always a puzzle where all the money comes from to keep making all these alterations. Let us hope that the planners do not spoil this area with too much housing.

Look south from the lane and we see the lovely old Halls of Fanshawe Gate and Woodthorpe, both steeped in historical interest. The former hall has a delightful field path route from the strawberry fields crossing the white bridge over the Totley Brook into glorious pastures towards the imposing tithe barn. Built in the period years of 1536 to 1539 this old world barn commands a glorious outlook across the whole valley. Dove Cotes complete the picture. Let us hope this setting will never be spoilt with any future building alterations. Rambling Clubs always enjoy weekend strolls passing the barn and on to Fanshawe Lane. The owners of this Fanshawe Hall, Mr & Mrs. Ramsden keep the gardens in lovely order. It is a pleasure just to walk in this grand setting. Save our Totley Heritage.

John C. Barrows.

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WHY CALL IT THE PEAK DISTRICT?

By Alan Faulkner Taylor.

Why call it the Peak District, when the highest ground - Kinder Scout (2088ft) - can hardly be called a peak? It's a plateau four and a half miles long, averaging about one mile across. Some walkers consider there to be only two hills to qualify as 'peaks': Parkhouse Hill and Chrome Hill, near the source of the Dove, some 3 miles south of the outskirts of Buxton.

How did it come by its name? The Old English name *peac* referred to any kind of hill. Samuel Johnson, in his dictionary, described a 'peak' as a hill with a pointed summit. However, if we turn back the pages of history further than Dr Johnson, we are faced with a 'which came first, the hen or the egg' situation. There was a tribe called *Peccaetan* recorded as inhabiting a region north of the Trent in the 7th century. So - did these folk derive their name from the district in which they lived, or did the district take its name from the tribe? We may never discover the answer.

So - I extract bits from my little book 'Peakland Rockscapes' amplifying in parts, to write a series about the geology of the Peak District, I promise to try and keep it simple and understandable.

Let's first go back 345 million years to the start of the Carboniferous Period, when there was only one land mass in the World; the rest was water. The area that is now the Peak District was astride the Equator; its early rocks were covered by a shallow tropical lagoon. For 25 million years limestone rock was laid down - as finely ground particles of the shells of countless marine creatures; in some parts complete shells and corals were encapsulated. We now recognise this area as the White Peak and I shall write about it in a later edition.

Then one or two large rivers started to flow into the lagoon from the north-east, carrying immense quantities of decaying granite. This silt; a mixture of quartz, mica and feldspar, was deposited as a large delta on top of the limestone. The process continued for 40 million years. These deposits eventually became hard rock; mudstones, shales, sandstones and Millstone Grit.

Then came an era of folding, faulting and uplifting - the Peak District became a dome. At the same time the land that was to become the British Isles drifted slowly northwards.

In the meantime the surface rocks were being eroded by weathering. Then one and a half million years ago came the Ice Ages, eroding the surface of the land further. It was probably the scouring by ice that removed some of the rocks of the delta to reveal the underlying limestone, the area now called the White Peak. However thicknesses of hundreds of feet of shales, sandstones and Millstone Grit remained intact - the Dark Peak - to surround the White Peak in the shape of a large horseshoe to the west, north and east.

Rather than speculating that there were either three or four Ice Ages, it is better to think that there were several



Wheel Stones (Coach and Horses)

advances and retreats. The final advance took place 18000 years ago, but it was halted just north of Kinder Scout and Bleaklow (east of Kinder and only just lower), although it extended both to the west and east of the Peak District. It was then that erosion started which was responsible for the surface appearance of the Dark Peak rocks.

THE DARK PEAK.

When we travel by car our first impressions of Millstone Grit rocks are the edges. The mechanism of their development is simple in some respects, but a full explanation is better postponed for the next issue.

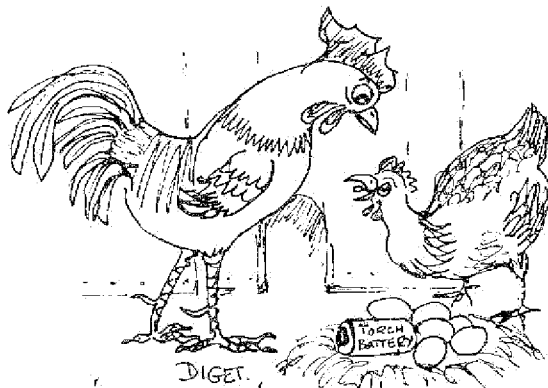
So - why not first consider how some of the fascinating shapes in rock were formed? People who rely entirely on the car will know Toad's Mouth, between Fox House and The Surprise; or before you reach The Surprise look up to your right and see Mother Cap in the middle of the moor, or look to your left and see the group called Owl's Top (strictly for Wednesday fans!) Then when you travel from Moscar towards Ladybower, you see a group of rocks on the distant skyline. We all call them Coach and Horses, but the mapmakers call them Wheel Stones. When you are close you know why. Those of you who walk the high ground will know Noe Stool, Pym Chair, Moat Stone, Punch's Nose, Rocking Stones, Barrow Stones and many more.

The shaping was caused by erosion - attack by frost, rain, high gales and blown sand - all during the last 18000 years. But why are some of the shapes so complex? We have to try and imagine what happened during those millions of years whilst the silts were being laid down within the delta. Changing climate and fluctuating water levels affected the consistency of the sediments, therefore when these became rock some layers were harder than others.

The varying degrees of hardness can be seen by the depth of erosion into the horizontal bedding planes. The vertical cracks occurred much earlier resulting from shrinkage during the original solidification process. These were later enlarged by the penetration of snow and water, which would freeze and expand.

What a pity the method printing of T.I. does not permit reproduction of photographs, so just look again when you motor, then walk in the Peak District. Hopefully I may have helped you understand how these shapes came to be. Next month I will tell you how the edges were formed.

I have a few copies of 'Peakland Rockscapes' left from the 2000 I had printed. The price is now reduced to £3 and all you need do is to phone 2365979 (better after 6p.m.)



DIGET.
 "I DIDNT LAY IT, ITS THAT BATTERY HEN
 FROM TOTLEY YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING
 A TORCH FOR."

A PENNY PER MILE FOR TRANSPORT 17

In June I am off on another walk, not as long as the last one, only 90 miles this time, along Offa's Dyke, on the Welsh border.

If anyone would care to sponsor me a penny per mile, (though I could be persuaded to accept more), the proceeds will go to Transport 17's new bus, replacing the "G" registered one.

Sponsorship forms can be signed at T17 office or ask one of the committee members or ring the office on 236 2962.

Thanking you in anticipation
 Dorothy Firth

TOTLEY LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

The Library has recently been able to purchase more books through donations given by the public and by Totley Residents' Association. This time, there was £70 to spend and we were able to buy the following books:-

- Jostein Gaarder- Sophie's world.
- Nick Hornby - Fever Pitch. This has recently been made into a film starring Colin Firth.
- Lee Langley - A House in Pondicherry,
- John Le Carre - The Tailor of Panama.
- Judith Lennox - The Winter House.
- Peter O'Toole - Loitering with intent.
- Richard Pitman - Blood ties.
- Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the street.

The Library staff would like to thank everyone for their donations and the Residents' Association for doubling the amount available. We will continue to welcome donations of either books or money, as every year there is less and less available to spend on books.

FAX The Library now has a Fax which is available for use by the public to send or receive faxes. Charges on Application.

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TERROR IN THE HILLS

There is a strong case for the abolition of all hand guns. The recent grim events of tragedy have proved that only the Military and Police Forces should have control of weapons. But even things can go wrong in these specialised departments. I recount the following story from the Second World War days.

Summer 1944 proved to be a good spell of weather in the north Wales area. The R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team based at Llandwrog near Caernarfon has been kept busy in the earlier months of that year attending many high ground aircraft crashes. Their extra duties included weekly visits to the mountain summits of Craig-cwm-Sylin 2408ft and Foelgrach 3195ft. To service the Radio Beacons, known in the R.A.F. jargon as squeakers, these transmitters gave out a signal to low flying aircraft over the Snowdonia hills to keep well clear. 40lb wet batteries has to be humped up the mountain to keep the transmitters on full charge. Not everyone's choice of an easy day, but I did not mind carrying the heavy pack set for I simply loved being in the mountains. The approach to Cwm-Sylin was an easy 8 mile drive then bouncing up the track to the twin lakes of Cwm-Sylin in the Army Jeep. The trip to Foel Grach was a much longer day, for we had to drive right round the coast via Bangor and Conway right up the Conway Valley to the village of Tal-y-Bont then a distance of 5 miles up rough tracks to the Melynlyn Hut (Disused stone barn) to tackle the ascent of Foel-Grach. Altogether driving about 45 miles from camp. The Welsh Guards and other Army Units unfortunately used the Conway range of hills as a gunnery and bombing practice range, one would have thought that on a public Bank Holiday they would have given the war games a miss. But on approaching the last gate above Rowlyn farm the Army sentry was on duty with warning flags. The M.R.S. had a priority claim to service the squeakers and firing always ceased until we were well clear along the mountain track. But every time we did the Foel Grach run there was always an uneasy feeling, warning signs were posted around the scattered hill farms when shelling practice took place, but on this fateful day something must have gone terribly wrong, for as soon as we drove up to the last gate we had a frantic appeal for assistance from the army sentry. It

appeared that the mortar bombing gunnery team had just altered the range of fire and struck a party of hikers crossing the lower moor land slopes of Drum Mountain. This group of 12 hikers were on a walk from the C.H.A. Guest House at Llanfairfechan to a destination of Conway. The leader for their August Bank Holiday outing had seen the Army shelling and thinking they were safe so kept to the valley base. Suddenly without warning, the gunners altered the range and the walkers strayed right into the line of fire. Panic was everywhere, three of the party were badly injured as we joined the Army officer to the rescue. One young lady was hit in the breast, one male had shrapnel in his chest, the other had his left arm almost severed. We only had emergency First Aid and had to use a piece of wire as a tourniquet to stem the flow of blood. The whole episode was a heart breaking experience. Our two medical orderlies Sgt. Gregory (Mick) McTigue and Corporal Ernie Jackson drove one of the injured males back down the valley to Tal-y-Bont to the awaiting ambulance for a rendezvous at Llandudno Hospital, the Army truck took the other two injured party. It must have been a nightmare trip bouncing down the rough track. I stayed behind and tried to pacify the remaining group of hill walkers. Later they abandoned their outing and returned home to the Midlands area, all the group were friends from a factory in Birmingham. It was late afternoon before my two friends returned for our resumed job of servicing the squeaker. There was no more shelling for the rest of the day. It was certainly a good job that the Army spotters had the binoculars trained when the mortar firers altered the range or all the hikers could have been caught in the deadly trap.

On reflection, who was really to blame for this unfortunate mistake. During the war years this episode was just put down as an accident. The hospital records do not survive, but it is believed the girl lost a breast and the man's arm was amputated. The other victim is thought to have died later through a punctured lung.

Future visits to Foel Grach would always be made with some anxiety. When walking the hills around Ex-Military Firing Ranges, never mess around with unexploded shells. Always report the findings to the Police or Army.

John C. Barrows.

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DIARY of a WOULD BE PARA OLYMPIAN SWIMMER

For those of you who know me, I'm the Tall lady from Main Avenue who either zooms around in her wheelchair or hobbles around on crutches and of late, on passing my driving test, drives a shiny Vitara car.

I am usually accompanied by two bubbly bright little girls - my daughters and my husband slightly shorter than me (-the local bobby - to be), with the shiny "top Knot", hair lost repeatedly worrying about me. In the past because of my deteriorating health and now because of my reckless exuberance. These worries lead to my acquiring a mobile phone but I've still to master the art of answering it whilst in a swimming training session. When it rings - if I've turned it on - it takes me a while to realise that the ringing noise in the children's playground is coming from my handbag.

But all the acquisitions have come with my newly discovered independence, freedom, and a return to my love and obsession - SWIMMING. Something which a year ago seemed a million miles away, but upon recovering from my last operation, number 21, on my increasingly unstable, weak and very painful knees was recommended as part of my recuperation.

Whilst at my local pool someone suggested I was good enough to swim with the Disabled British Team. Well the seeds were well and truly sown and my obsession with the water was reborn. My body still weak from months in and out of hospital, extremely overweight from steroids and lacking greatly in confidence I started off slowly and carefully, clocking up the mileage, seeking help for my technique and advice on how to adapt my stroke to enable me to swim without my legs. The the hard work has now began to pay off and I am currently 5 times British Short course champion, regional champion and shortly I hope to become the British Long Course Champion when I compete in Sheffield in May. Unofficially I am ranked 3rd. in the World, and would have won a Silver medal at the last Olympics. I am now working towards the PARA OLYMPICS in Australia in the year 2000.

I still have days when I get up in the morning and struggle to get to the bathroom let alone down the stairs and it will always be that way, but I just give into my pain and disability on days

like that. But in the water, there's no pain and I can move as fast as anyone else and that is a brilliant feeling. Even if I have a really bad day I still make myself swim, just to feel the exhilaration I get in the water.

My knees remind me constantly if I do too much but acceptance of my limitations and the determination to move on has given me this chance to succeed and I'm going to give it my all.

My immediate goals are to pluck up courage to see my G.P. for a check up, which is long overdue and to be picked for the British Team for this years European Championships in Spain.

David and the girls are banking on my selection for a holiday abroad so I'd better train hard.

I've had so much positive encouragement from everyone and help when I was down and now it's nice to give something back. Winning is exceptional but to be able to be in the position I am now with a healthier body and mind is the greatest reward I can have.

Watch this space
Helen Spencer

COFFEE CAKES AND CUTTINGS

Please make a very special note in your diary to attend the above event on Saturday June 7th at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, from 10.00a.m. to 12 noon. If wet, in the Conservative Club opposite the Church. All proceeds are for Transport 17. A big thank you to all who have responded to the piece in April's Independent and promised books, bric-a-brac, plants etc. Obviously we can do with more items of good quality. Arrangements for them to be collected can be made by ringing 2367176 or 2818450. We are hoping for a fine day. It has rained on us only once in the past 10 or so years! We also hope to see you there to enjoy the company and, of course, an Irish coffee or two.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

I've just come in from the garden, what a lovely sight the daffodils in all their various forms are in full bloom, the plum trees are a picture in white blossom with pink sepals. The two varieties of daphne are fully out, one a deep pink with quite small flowers, the other a paler shade with larger flowers and a lovely scent, particularly towards evening. The sun we had at Easter really brought things on, perhaps a bit too soon as frost is forecast and may spoil things a bit. The apple cordons are looking healthy, the buds are about to burst, then we shall have another lovely show when the plums will have finished flowering. Herrik I think it was who wrote on blossoms:-

Fair pledges of a fruitful tree
Why do ye fall so fast?
Your date is not so past.
But you may stay yet here awhile
To blush and gently smile,
And go at last.

It does seem a shame they don't last longer, however we do have the apples to look forward to.

Flowers Prepare beds for summer bedding and harden off the plants. Clear out spring bedding plants carefully, lifting any bulbs and heel them in elsewhere to die down naturally. Stake and train sweet peas and keep them mulched. Top dress and mulch around flowers and plants.

Trim over aubretia to prolong the flowering period, then top dress. Dead head bulbs, do not let the seed heads form as this saps the strength of the bulb which will give next years flowers. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants such as plox, michaelmas daisy and golden rod to ensure bushiness. Cut back herbaceous plants after flowering. As always watch out for slugs and deal with them before they can do too much damage, they are particularly fond of delphiniums and hollyhocks and other young plants. It is a good plan to feed plants that are growing fast, as they need plenty of nourishment at this time. Green fly will be getting prolific now, if they get too much of a nuisance deal with them using your favourite insecticide, soft soap spray etc. Plant dahlia tubers outside, cover tubers with about 8cm soil then the frost (if any) will not bother them. For you chrysanthemum growers, it is time to stop them, if no flower buds are showing. Keep an eye on lilies and tulips for virus attack - signs are unusual stunting, yellowing, mottling or distortion, lift and burn the affected bulbs.

Plant anemones De Caen and St. Brigid doubles to flower in the autumn. Plant up containers including hanging baskets and window boxes, keep them in the cold frame or greenhouse until the plants are fully recovered from the transplanting operation. Sowing time for clarkia, cornflower, calendula, candytuft, godetia under cloches: wallflowers, sweet williams, canterbury bells, forget-me-not, foxglove, Iceland poppy and polyanthus for next year's plants. Also under cloches or cold frame perennials - delphiniums, oriental poppy, pyrethrum, scabious and fleabone.

Vegetables Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans. Thin out carrots, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings and April sown herbs. Keep all crops well-watered. Clear

remains of spring greens and prepare mounds for planting out marrows, courgettes, pumpkins and squashes. I put two bales of straw about 18ins - 2ft apart and fill the space with well-rotted compost topped with soil. If you do something similar we should see some handsome specimens on the show bench on Sept. 6th at the Totley Show.

Prepare the ground for outdoor tomatoes. Plant out indoor raised french and runner beans, cabbage, cauliflower, sprouts and lettuce. Sow winter greens and maincrop beetroot. Keep plots clear of weeds. Keep plants well watered especially during dry spells.

Trees, shrubs and fruit Mulch around newly planted evergreens and give them a good spraying regularly. Water and give a liquid feed to shrubs and trees in containers. Remove any suckers from trees and roses which are grafted, these suckers if left will sap the strength of the main plant. Give acid loving plants (ericaceous) a tonic of sequestrine. Plant out container grown clematis and other climbers and provide supports. Plant out tender shrubs like fuchsias and hydrangeas. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria and dogwood. Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape. Trim back dead shoots on rose of sharon. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars on gooseberries and deal with them as soon as seen, thin out and use small fruit. Newly planted fruit trees appreciate an early evening spraying with clear water to speed up their development. Keep all fruit well watered. Thin out raspberry canes to 6 canes per plant.

Rather than spraying to eliminate the codling moth which can spoil apple and pears, I am trying a trap which attracts male moths when they enter, they stick to the base and they can't get to the females (poor things!)

As young shoots of blackberries and loganberries grow, keep tying them to supporting wires.

Greenhouse and indoor plants Water and liquid feed flowering and fruiting plants. Shade most plants from strong sunshine, all plants like fresh air. Pinch back any straggly shoots on pot plants. Take cuttings of various houseplants such as shrimp plant, cacti, coleus fuchsia, busy lizzy, Mother in

Law's tongue. Sow seeds of pot plants like browallia, indoor primulas, calceolarias, cinerarias and cacti. Pot up seedlings of plants sown earlier. Watch out for aphids and scale insects and deal with them promptly before they get too troublesome. It may be necessary to shade greenhouses as the sun becomes stronger, especially if you have young seedlings growing nicely. A close watch on watering at this time is essential, also watch the ventilation, not many plants like temperatures above 70, so adjust vents accordingly.

Allow nerines, arums, and freesias to rest by reducing the amount of water. Take off side shoots from tomato plants as they develop, stop growth when they reach 5 or 6 trusses, except smaller types such as Sungold, they can go another truss or two, remember they also need pollinating, I use a small cane with a bit of lamb's wool on the end, also tapping the support canes can help. Cucumbers are prolific feeders and will benefit from regular waterings of liquid nitrogenous feed. They like to be in a humid atmosphere, though the modern varieties such as Petita, are quite happy with the tomatoes.

Lawns. Mow regularly, trim edges for that smart appearance. Apply feed if it is looking a bit dull, add a weed killer if weeds are a nuisance. Don't forget to nurture those special plants and vegetables you are preparing for the Totley Show on 6th Sept. Let's have the best show ever. I know the artists and photographers are working hard, so come on you gardeners, get cracking.

Cheerio for now.
Tom. Busy Bee.

EGG BASH

A "smashing" time was had by all at the Cricket Inn's Egg Bash on Easter Monday.

For the un-initiated, hard boiled eggs were used as conkers!

The winner was Laura Denford of Bradway who was presented with a large chocolate egg. Proceeds from the the bash were sent to the Sheffield Children's Hospital.

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Transport 17

In the next few weeks I will be receiving the tickets for our Fashion Show/Sale of 'ladies' Fashions. This will be held at St. John's Abbeydale Road South on Friday 13th June at 7.30p.m. Tickets will be £2.50 each. A glass of wine, then coffee and biscuits at the end, is included in this price. The clothes will be for spring/summer and will be modelled. Many are sold at less than half price. Please come along and bring your families and friends. We would like to know how many we need to cater for, so ring our office on 2362962 or me on 2365063. We will be pleased to help you. There will also be a raffle. I am sure everyone send their best wishes to David Hewett. He is one of our drivers and has just broken his leg! At our A.G.M. in March thanks were given to Les Firth for all that he has done for Transport 17 over the years. He has retired from our Committee due to other commitments including editing this magazine.

The people attending were told that we are now fund-raising to replace our 'G' registered bus. There were 8 new shareholders, by the way, it only costs £1 to be one of these.

Danny and I spent a few days in Weston-super-Mare at the hotel to which we are taking a party in October. It is very near all amenities and is very easy to get in and out of in wheelchairs. The food was good and there are two lounges, plus bars.

Irene Wells is organising this. Ring her on 236 0602 for information.

Margaret Barlow.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Every year Christian aid has a special week set aside for fund-raising activities, in order to support the works which they carry out throughout the world.

This year, as well as envelope collections, the main event in this area is as usual a sponsored walk along the Moss Valley, with options of 5, 10, or 15 miles for families or individuals on May Day bank holiday. We are hoping for a good turnout as this is a new course.

For the past 5 years the walk has been arranged in the Loxley Valley with between up to 600 participants including babies in pushchairs, and before that from Endcliffe to Dore and Ringinglow and back.

Money raised during this week will be used here and overseas mainly on self-help groups to foster their independence. It is used to provide equipment for them to dig their own wells and build their own schools and hospitals or whatever they decide they need.

Please therefore when the envelopes drop through your letterbox remember that any money that you give will be used by Christian Aid to give comfort to deprived people all over the world and to help them to help themselves.

Trevor Marshall.

Churches in Sheffield 17.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO:1797

At the age of 23 Joseph Mallard William Turner visited Sheffield to make drawings of the city. It is not known if he came to Totley but it is quite likely for he was effusive in his praise for the surrounding countryside. Turner went on of course to become one of England's best known painters.

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PEWIT CAFE

Like Brian Edwards we had followed the rather sad decay of the Pewit Cafe over the last few years, and were quite surprised a few weeks ago to see it had finally been flattened. Even more surprised a week or so later to see foundations and walls going up for a new dwelling, house? Bungalow? We came to Sheffield in 1960 and Pewit Cafe was in its heyday, crowds of cyclists and walkers enjoying a welcome stop on the way out for the day. Mr. & Mrs. Beet also ran boarding kennels in the buildings shown to the rear of the cafe, not palatial but very comfy from the dogs' point of view, and the Beets were real dog-lovers. Our dogs, first Judy the Corgi, then later Punch the Dachshund, were very happy there when we went away on holiday. By the 80's Mr. & Mrs. Beet were getting on in years and the kennels were closed, although I think the cafe continued at weekends. As far as I remember Mr. & Mrs. Beet continued to live there for some time after that, the old cabin was cosy inside even though winters can be very bleak up there.

Two things I would love to know

- a) the date the cabin was built etc. and
- b) why Pewit Cafe and not Skylark Cafe or Robin Cafe (Beets did have a Robin Rellant car) is there a story to that?

Mrs. D.Styles.

WELL REMEMBERED

Following my appeal for stories or information on streams and wells, Jimmy Martin mentioned a well outside the first door of one of the cottages on Back Lane. As far as he knows it may well be there.

In 1965 workmen clearing the rubble from Totley Grange ready to make way for the new estate, found a 105 foot deep well. They found a further four and also some large rainwater tanks underground.

Brian Edwards.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

It has now been widely publicised that Slimming World has become one of the leading slimming clubs in the UK. Apart from it having very easy to follow eating plans and that they do not require complicated calorie counting and tedious food weighing, they are at the top because they believe in putting people first. Members overcome weight associated problems through the dedicated support offered by Slimming World consultants.

The Totley class has been running for over five months and its membership has grown considerably in that time. Class consultant Sue, says that her class has a varied age group of people but she has yet to attract many senior citizens. Sue feels that her class would welcome such members and knows that their experiences would greatly enrich the class support available to all her members. After all, at what age do we decide that we no longer should care about our body image and health? Healthy eating is available to everybody and its benefits may affect all age groups. Importantly, as Sue explains, weight loss, however great or small will help with many elderly associated health problems.

For further information, call Sue on 2368628. Her classes are held at the Conservative Club on Monday nights at 7.30p.m.

FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO: 1597

In September 1597 John, son of George Newbould was baptised at Dronfield. George had another son named after himself and it was quite likely that George junior built Totley Hall. The date stone over the door reads G.N.1623.

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REMINISCENCES OF MY LIFE IN THE VILLAGE OF TOTLEY. by John S. Andrews

Village life centred around the shops for us children, of which there were three. The main local grocers was Evans shop on Hillfoot Road. Attached to the shop was a little bakery, and he used to bake his own bread there. Many is the time I have been to his shop to get a loaf of bread. I seem to remember that it was 4d (not quite 2p in present money), and was warm from the bakery, just wrapped in a sheet of tissue paper. None of the over packaging of today. Evans shop was not only a general grocers but a green grocery as well. Just a little further up the road, laying some feet back was a little sweet and toy shop. That was my favourite shop, as I could get 14 toffees for a penny from there. Sticks of liquorice, rolls of liquorice boot laces, bulls eyes, and half penny bars of chocolate. At the corner of Baslow Road and Totley Hall Lane was the Post Office, which was also a general store. Nearly opposite to the junction of Hillfoot Road and Baslow Road was a fish and chip shop. This was run by the owners of the farm, the Kirby family. Often in the summer holidays I used to help out with the wheat and corn harvest at the farm. At times I used to be allowed to ride on the back of the two cart horses that pulled the dray collecting the sheaves of corn to take them down into the farmyard to be fed into the threshing machine, worked by the big steam traction engine. This used to visit all the farms in the area at harvest time, to separate the chaff from the seeds. Hay making was another time I used to help on the farm, which stretched as far as Gillfield wood down Totley Hall Lane and right up Baslow Road as far as the footpath, that end, to Gillfield Wood.

In about 1937 we moved to 357 Baslow Road. This was a nice big house and much superior to Chapel Walk, as it had a bathroom! The toilet was still outside at the end of the garden though! I can remember hearing a conversation between my mother and father as to whether they would be able to really afford to rent this house as it was 14 shillings a week (70p). We only lived there until 1939 when we again moved to live at 328 Baslow Road. It appears that my mother and father together with my grandmother and aunt had clubbed together to buy four of the houses in the row. This house was my home throughout the war years and until I moved from the village in 1950.

Before the second world war there were plenty of things going on in the village

during the summer. Church fetes, Chapel picnics, but the biggest and best, as far as I was concerned, was the Abbeydale Gala. This was held on the sports fields of the Abbeydale Club, just past Abbeydale Hall, on Abbeydale Road South. In the lower area of the Rugby field was the open air dancing, with a band in a roofed type of band stand. High wire and trapeze acts, together with all types of side shows. On the upper level there was always a spectacular fire work display, including set pieces, every night when it got dark. Over the top rough area, to the right of the sports fields was a gigantic fair. In those days of course it was steam that provided the initial power. Some of the roundabouts, particularly the galloping horses, had their own steam engines in the centre to propel them round. Others that were worked by electric motor had the big steam traction engines belt driving the dynamos to produce the power. There was little use of gramophone records then, as most music was provided for the fairground by steam organs.

I cannot remember the cost of the entrance fee to go in, but we used to avoid this if we could. Sometimes I remember we were able to get under the fence at the back of the fairground and wander through the fairs caravans and steam engines, other times when for some reason we had to pay, we would note what stamp they were using. These stamps were used if you wished to leave the Gala grounds during the day and return, say, in the evening. They would stamp the back of your hand with a distinctive stamp, using a different colour of ink each day. We would then try and forge this on the back of our mates hands, so that they could avoid having to pay to get in. My memory is that this big event closed down during the war years, and to my knowledge was never restarted.

Another big event was the Venetian Nights held at Matlock Bath. The LMS Railway Company used to run special trains from Sheffield to Matlock. We used to catch these trains at Dore and Totley Station to watch the pageant of candle lit decorated boats gliding down the river at Matlock Bath.

Going on holiday was of course the biggest treat of the year. My parents used to take me to Filey, Colwyn Bay and Bridlington before the war. When we went to Filey and Bridlington we travelled by coach. U.M.S. Coach - United Motor Services. We had to travel by the No.45

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bus from the Cross Scythes terminus to Beauchief to board the coach. The garage on the corner of Abbeydale Road and Abbey Lane was the starting point for the coach. When we went to Colwyn Bay it was by train which again we used to board at Dore and Totley Station. The route of the train I cannot remember but we did not have to change anywhere so it was a through train that used to stop at Rhyl and all the stations to Llandudno. In fact in July 1939 I was on holiday at Bridlington with my parents and we used to sometimes get moved off the beach as light tracked vehicles of the Army used to carry out firing practice at a target out at sea. Single winged aircraft used to fly over all the time and presumably these must have either been the new Hurricane fighters or the new Spitfires. Why I do not know but one thing does really stick out in my mind about this holiday, and that is that we went to the cinema and heard Florence De Yong at the organ and the film was 'The Four Feathers'. During the winter months there used to be dances held at Greenoak Hall. This was a largish hall situated next to the CWS (Co-operative Wholesale Society) shop which was near the junction of Mickley Lane and Baslow Road.

My mother used to get her weekly order from the Co-op which was delivered every Saturday morning. During the week a man from the shop used to call and take mother's order. This was his job, to go round from house to house to take people's orders and offer special reductions they had on certain items each week. The orders were then delivered on whatever day you specified. Naturally when shopping at the Co-op you always gave your dividend number as your 'divi' used to mount up to spend at the main store in Sheffield. Also at Greenoak there was the barber's shop that my Dad used to take me to. It was in a row of shops opposite to the junction of Mickley Lane with Baslow Road.

Mickley Lane also used to have the local orphanage. It was known as Cherry Tree Orphanage, and the boys used to attend the village school. They were always distinguished by their wearing the same clothes. Dark grey short trousers and dark grey shirts and pullovers. For some unknown reason we were not able to be very friendly with them, as they were not allowed out in the evenings so other than school we had no chance to befriend them.

(To be continued next issue)

MEMORY LANE

(or mainly Baslow Road).

How many readers can remember the Totley Carnival of 1973. Not many I suppose and why should they?

Back in 1973, Carnivals and community events were quite rare in Totley. The Perkinsons of Main Avenue kept the programme of this event and twenty odd years later it makes interesting reading.

The event was held over the August/September holiday weekend and comprised a 'Ho-down' and Cow Pie Supper and Gala at the Church School, a barbecue and disco followed by a Celebrity Cricket Match on the Totley Bents Recreation Ground and the Carnival closed with a religious service held on the field.

Proceeds from the Carnival went towards providing the Changing Rooms at Totley Bents and the organisers were the Totley Sports and Social Club and the P.T.A. from All Saints School.

Perhaps what is equally interesting is the programme are some of the local advertisers who have long since disappeared. How many shops from 1973 can you remember:-

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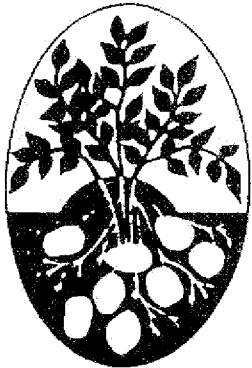
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In July of that year, during alterations to the shop front, workmen found thousands of coins weighing some three hundred weight and dating back to 1901.

A rather sheepish but delighted Peter was pictured loading the coins into a wheelbarrow.

The Swifts later ran a very successful card shop near the Peace Gardens, Sheffield, but I bet they didn't leave cards outside with a note asking customers to post their money!

Brian Edwards.

WHY WATCH BIRDS?

Why do I stand and stare?
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or from twig to twig
or fly from place to place,
to disappear for ever?

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To seek, then watch the same - or other.
But he or she has flown -
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Frustration? No; envy? mebbe.
Lost? In fact, but not in mem'ry.

A.F.T.



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Jackie's consultant Alison Murphy adds 'Jackie is an inspiration to us all, to achieve her target in such a fast time is incredible. Jackie never gained a single pound in that time, and when I tell you that included Christmas and New Year, it just shows what dedication she has. I have nothing but praise for her'.

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