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TOTLEY RISE AUGUST 1914.

This picture shows the original path of Baslow Road which passed close to the shopping area .

The beer off is still there but has changed a little since those days. The brewery at that time was Mappins which is long gone. The shop was run by Marrisons as a family grocers and then by Taylors.

Some time later it became Grattons before turning in to a wine shop, presently managed by Victoria wines.

Next door was the butchers and next to that the Post Office which for many years was run by Mr & Mrs Jackson. Below that was possibly a hardware shop which is now the Fish and Chip shop and the Opticians then a few private houses and some more shops including Springs sweet shop.

It looks as if most things were delivered by horse and cart in those days. Also note the size of the trees where the telephone box now stands.

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The TRA. Committee has been trying to arrange a Public Meeting with the Planning Office and the Developer of the Hallam site. Unfortunately the Planning department would not agree to this but offered a small meeting to invited representatives only. This was to take place on 26th. August and the results will be published in the next edition of the Independent.

We have written objecting to the proposal of Double Yellow Lines by the Abbeydale Hamlet side of Abbeydale Road South and also complained about the safety aspect there since the introduction of the bus lane. Because of objections various signs have been changed and the bus lane shortened.

The next community skip will be on Thursday September 17th. Library Car Park, **but be warned**, the cleansing Department complained that the last skip was overfilled and if this should happen again we will not be allowed another skip.

The TRA. Have applied for new litterbins on Totley Rise, Baslow Rd./Laverdene, and Baslow Rd./Mickley Lane.

Whitbreads have not replied to our letter concerning their decision to go ahead with plans to withdraw their contract allowing buses to turn at the front of the Cross Scythes.

We still await funding for new notice boards, and extra facilities in Green Oak Park.

Don't forget to enter your produce, flower arrangements, pictures crafts etc. at the Totley Show on Saturday 5th. September.

See you there, Pauline Perkinson, Chairperson

BASLOW ROAD EMBANKMENT

There may have been some local comment about the state of the embankment along Baslow road between Marstone Crescent and the bridge over Old Hay Brook, which has again become very overgrown, with vegetation encroaching on the pavement.

I have had a very helpful meeting with a manager from the Leisure Services Department of the Sheffield City Council who has confirmed and put on record the fact that this ground belongs to Sheffield City Council and also promised to put the area on scheduled maintenance in the future.

I have always known where the boundary markers of my property are, and understood that the land was acquired by the Council when Baslow Road was widened. I am very hopeful that this marks the beginning of a permanent improvement in the appearance of this area.

Ian Taylor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE

An appeal to the Secretary of State has been lodged following the rejection of outline planning consent for a house at the rear of Baslow Road/Totley Hall Lane.

The new reference for this is APP/J4423/A/98/297511. The deadline for comments has passed though all original comments sent to the Planning Dept. are routinely passed on and taken into account. This is now a matter for the Council's Legal & Admin Service, hence the new reference.

Consent was granted for the erection of five houses off Summer Lane/Baslow Road subject to various conditions. These conditions are posted in Totley Library.

Consent was granted for the two storey extension of Ash Cottage in Butts Hill, a grade II listed building subject to certain conditions which are posted in the library.

Applications have been submitted by All Saints Church for either the erection of four houses or a block of twelve flats on land adjoining the church i.e. in the church grounds. In addition, an application to build a new vicarage in the church grounds has also been submitted. Access to all these proposed dwellings would be via the existing church drive onto Totley Hall Lane. Plans of the proposals have been bought by the TRA and are available in the library for residents to look at. Comments should be sent in to Mr Paul Jessop as soon as possible though the matter is unlikely to be processed before September/October. Residents may not reproduce these plans as they are purchased for subject to strict Council conditions.

An application to extend the Co-op on Baslow Road has been submitted. The extension will consume just about all the available space around the existing building i.e. the rear and side of the shop. To see the plans at the Town Hall quote reference 98/0649P.

Kate Bramhall

COFFEE MORNING.

I shall be selling copies of my book of poems (in aid of Arthritis Research, Royal Hallamshire Hospital) on Thursday September 24th, 10.00am - 12.00 noon at All Saints Church Hall.

There will be refreshments, cake stall and a raffle. Please come and help to support this most worthy cause.

Sue Wright.

ENVIRONMENT

I was wandering along Back Lane yesterday, sniffing the curry smells from the two Indian restaurants and wondering what Thompson's field had been like when it was a mill pond and later a farm. A beautiful white buddleia caught my eye. Had it been planted or grown wild? On this rare sunny day, its blooms were being enjoyed by many butterflies. How sad that this piece of scarce wild open land is likely to become a housing estate. The Japanese knotweed that grows along Back Lane will be a problem for the owners of the new houses. I have seen it come up through floors and drives and it is impossible to eradicate.

The wild flowers of late summer last longer than those that bloomed in spring. Many that flower in August will still be around in October. These late long-lasting flowers are nearly all either yellow or some shade of purple. The cold wet gloomy weather has delayed many wild as well as garden flowers. Last week in Scotland I was enchanted by the many orchids flowering in the marshy ground and by the bell heather's magenta hue. It was too misty to see the mountains that I was climbing, but the flowers were some compensation.

Have you noticed the large numbers of swifts in the evenings? Absent during the day they return at dusk and circle overhead, soon to be gone for the winter.

When I returned along Back lane, I paused to take some cuttings of the white buddleia, to live on in my garden as a reminder of Thompson's field. The field is not important to the city, or to the country. It does not support any rare plants, but to the people and birds of Totley, it is a rare and precious wild space. Ros Stokes

Historical Notes about Bradway

In his introduction to his new booklet, Historical Notes about Bradway, the author Tony Smith says that every village should have a written record of its history, because so much knowledge dies with each generation. To his credit he has filled the gap as far as Bradway is concerned.

The booklet is written in the form of a tour around the Bradway area, guided by excellent maps showing all the sights of interest, which are then cross referenced with sections of the text. The result is both a reference source and an entertaining guide. Something that can be studied at home, used to satisfy a particular curiosity, or as a basis for planning local strolls.

From the brief history at the start we learn that the area is described in old documents as far back as 12-1300, with names such as BRADWEI, BRADWEY and BROADWAY. It was apparently on an ancient highway along the ridge of land running from Holmesfield east through Bradway to Gleadless and Ridgeway. Farms, small villages and hamlets developed along the route, which later became a turnpike. Thus Bradway was little more than a collection of dwellings until the coming of the railway and its tunnel, and then most significantly its incorporation within Sheffield from 1934.

The tour itself roughly follows the old boundary of Bradway, starting at Tinkers Corner, by way of the chemical yards on the boundary with Totley and mills on the Sheaf, to Twentywell Brickworks and the cottages and farms of Lower Bradway. Details are provided on each of the 49 sites with drawings and detailed maps of many. Something remains of most sites today, but some have already disappeared for ever.

There are also sections on the region around Bradway, the Parish of Norton, the five pubs of Bradway, the Greenhill Moor Turnpike Trust, shopping in Bradway and a full set of references.

In all 36 A4 pages of excellently researched information priced at £3. This is a must for everyone with an interest in the local history of this area of Sheffield and invaluable in setting in context the evolution of Bradway in relation to its neighbouring villages.

Historical Notes about Bradway is available locally at V Martin Newsagents at Totley Rise, Greens Hardware Shop in Dore, or from the author at 29 Bradway road, S17 4QQ.

John Baker

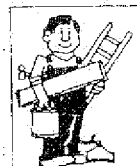
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10.00am Birds and Natural History.

10.00am. Calligraphy.

10.00am. Upholstery Workshop.

10.00am. Music Appreciation Words and Music.

1.00pm Painting and Drawing For All.

1.00pm French Language and Culture.

1.00pm Calligraphy.

1.00pm Know Your Countryside- Many Aspects of Natural History.

1.00pm Upholstery Workshop.

Enrolments at Bannerdale Centre.

Wednesday 9th September 1998.

2.00pm Daytime courses (Monday to Wednesday.)

7.00pm All evening courses.

Friday 11th September 1998.

2.00pm Daytime courses (Thursday and Friday.)

HEELEY BANK Heeley Bank Road
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Tuesday 9.30am. Writers' Workshop.
 Wednesday 1.00pm Gardening for Pleasure.
 Wednesday 6.30pm Women Walk the Hills.
 Friday 9.30am. Music Workshop.
 Friday 1.00pm Local History of the Crookes and Walkley Area.
 Enrolments. Enrol by telephoning 0114 2603270 or at the first meeting.

TRANSPORT 17

Our new bus arrived in mid-July and is the same blue as our other 2 Renaults. It is quite impressive. Apart from all the usual fixtures we insist on, such as tail-lift, easy step and sliding doors, we have handles at the top of each seat. Very handy for levering yourselves up if you have been sitting a long time and joints get fixed! Of course, all our buses have had seat belts.

There will be a report in the next issue of Totley Independent about the official handing-over ceremony. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to raise the money for this new bus.

We have sold a good number of tickets for our 'do' in October. This will be live music provided by the 'Johnny Mann Quartet'. One of our drivers, Jack Creswell is keyboard player. There will be a Pie and Pea Supper and tea or coffee. All this for £6.50 a ticket. If you need any other refreshments please bring them along. We will have glasses available. All this and a raffle, takes place at

All Saints Church Hall, Totley Hall Lane,
 Saturday 17th October at 7.30pm.
Ring 2362962 to book your tickets.

Transport will be available. Obviously we must know well in advance so that this and the meals can be arranged.

Best Wishes.
 Margaret Barlow.

Congratulations to a number of our passengers who have reached 80 or 90 this year, and we hope all the people going to Llandudno have a great holiday.

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URBAN FOXES. By Alan Faulkner Taylor.

My intimate knowledge of foxes started some 40 years ago, when I was making a film about British mammals. I was offered a tame vixen which had been kept as a pet until the owner no longer had the inclination to care for her; her name was Jenny. Before taking over I erected a large pen at the end of our garden, complete with artificial lair built from boulders of Millstone Grit. My only problem was her smell which caused one of my neighbours to complain when they relaxed in their garden during hot weather! I hoped the wind would change soon!

Colin Willcock, producer of Anglia TV's Survival programme, knew about Jenny, so when I was shooting film for a programme about winter he suggested a sequence depicting a fox catching a pheasant in the snow. Easy when you have a tame fox!. But how to show it catching its pheasant? Colin provided the answer:- (a) you film a fox wandering around in the snow - sniffing here, sniffing there; (b) you shoot the tracks of rabbit and pheasant; (c) you film a pheasant walking and picking up seeds or what have you; (d) you show a dead pheasant, with a few feathers blowing in the breeze; (e) you film a fox picking up a dead pheasant. Easy! So I film Jenny ambling around in an area of moorland. But - she continued ambling to such an extent that my daughter and I lost track of her! I told my farmer friend and he phoned next day to say that she had been knocked down and killed by a bus. So where would I find another fox to complete the sequence of events? Good question! Well, I did trace down another and this was even tamer than mine, because it had had the one owner from being a cub. One problem, however, he was a school teacher, therefore only available at weekends, also he hadn't got a phone, so could only



be contacted via his local pub. So I needed snow at a weekend, then add to this the problem of tracking down a pheasant at short notice. Luckily the first snow came on a Friday, the fox's owner visited his pub that evening, my local poulterer had managed to get me a pheasant and the fox performed beautifully. Incidentally, the picture is blown up from a 16mm cine frame.

This all took place some 40 years ago, but now the foxes in are garden are for real. About ten years ago I fitted to the house an outdoor security light, activated by infra-red sensor. The lamp is over our bedroom window and if we happen to be awake when it is triggered, we see either a neighbour's cat or a fox. On two occasions we had badgers.

But the most amazing incident happened a few years ago when my wife and I were gardening and suddenly a fox appeared only ten yards away. I ran to the house, took a bone from the fridge, came back and called 'Foxye'. Within seconds it was back, I threw it the bone, she picked it up and trotted away. At first light on the following morning, when I was shaving, she returned and stayed in sight as I tossed out another bone. Next morning we were ready for her, camera and flash at the ready, hence the picture of my wife and foxie with the bone she had just tossed. On the following morning we were ready again and my wife took a picture with foxie and me. I can only speculate and assume that she was a young animal who had not as yet developed the fear complex, or that, as a tiny cub, she'd been somebody's pet then escaped.

They still keep coming. We notice quite a variety in colour, from buff to red-brown, but with a very dark back, due top the number of black hairs. Incidentally, how does one tell the difference between a dog fox and a vixen? The dog's head is broader than that of the vixen.

FARMING SCENE

What a summer! The best month for weather this year was February. I must admit that the week just gone (Aug. 4th. To 11th.) has been very warm and dry, (was this our only bit of summer this year?) enabling livestock farmers to make some decent hay at last. Cereal growers have also been busy, harvesting their Autumn sown barley and Oilseed Rape. Some southern farmers have also cut their earlier varieties of wheat. We anticipated starting to harvest our wheat this week, but the reversion to our "normal" summer weather (cool and wet) has precluded this.

The very cloudy, dismal conditions since May have led to yield reductions and poor quality grain samples. Cereal plants need sunlight to photosynthesis their nutrient requirements, particularly at the grain fill stage when maximum energy and protein production is needed to fulfil yield/quality potential.

Soft fruit growers have had another poor year, particularly those who sell most of their produce at Pick Your own Centres. The cool, windy, showery weather has reduced customer numbers by 40% again this year. Many growers are considering ceasing production altogether, and a poor year next year would see the industry decimated.

As some of our strawberry plantations are now 4-5 years old and therefore nearly ready for ploughing out, we shall be planting 30,000 new plants this Autumn. Those of you who walk our fruit fields will be pleased to know that most of these will be planted "nearer to home" by or in the gooseberry field. We are now able to replant here as they have had a 4-5 year rotational break from strawberry crops. This time interval should have reduced the pests and diseases to negligible levels.

As you may have heard, read or seen, Pig farmers are currently losing £15 to £20 on every pig they produce. There are 3 factors that have led to this.

1. The decline in ex-farm Lamb and Beef prices has dragged pig prices down.

2. The relatively good price for pigs 18 months ago stimulated breeding pig numbers, resulting in higher slaughter pig numbers now.

3. The high value pound has made imports relatively very cheap. In market economy you have to take the rough with the smooth, but this level of losses is unsustainable over a long period. With no upturn likely in the near future, a sharp reduction in sow numbers, and pig farmers is inevitable. Four percent of our pig meat requirements already comes from abroad, and this could lead to the majority being supplied by imports.

As predicted, potato prices are much higher this year, and are likely to remain so right through to next summer. Other European countries seem to have much lower prices at the moment, so here again a much higher level of imports than normal could be expected this year, particularly for the processing varieties.

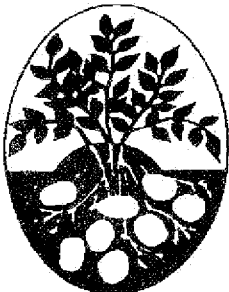
At last Bakewell livestock market has been moved to an out of town location. This will be of benefit to local residents, tourists, and farmers alike. The livestock will also benefit, as waiting times for loading and unloading should be reduced, while the purpose built indoor accommodation will give them a much better environment.

Buyers and sellers will also have a better environment, as the market is totally indoor with agri business units, conference rooms, sale rings, pay offices, restaurant and toilets all in one big, purpose built building. This is part of an ongoing trend, where large markets are relocating to modern greenfield sites, and smaller in town markets are closing making way for prime site Supermarkets etc.

It is a pity that a town bypass road was not constructed at the same time, so that the centre of Bakewell became less congested, safer and more pedestrian friendly. Hopefully this will come eventually.

Edwin Pocock

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DORE AND TOTLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

It was early in 1992 that my wife Ann was registered as partially sighted, having developed Macular Disease. She was visited by helpful people from the RSIB (as it was then) and the F and CS of the Sheffield City Council. We asked them if there were any support groups nearer than the RSIB at Mappin St. off West St. and were told that no nearer groups existed.

And so we went ahead by personal contact through the Totley Probus Club, the Liaison Lunch and the local Church Magazines to set up such a group, which on the 21st July 1998 held its 53rd meeting.

Originally the group met for coffee just to exchange ideas and information, and it also allowed people who had problems with their sight to meet each other socially. But for the last two years we have had an invited speaker who talks to us for about 30 minutes, which can be followed by questions, at two out of three of our meetings.

Also for the last year we have enjoyed outings and visits to places of interest, which we plan to continue.

Our meetings last just over an hour, and on the last occasion we had a quiz, which proved successful, it is planned that this will be repeated.

Therefore, I think we can claim to indulge in a fairly wide range of activity to suit many tastes.

We meet in the third week of each month, on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, so that anyone who has a regular weekly commitment can come to one or two of our meetings. The group has no formal structure but we do ask for 50p from anyone who attends, to cover the tea or coffee and biscuits, and correspondence to our approximately 25 members, who can of course be accompanied by their carers at our meetings.

Anyone with any visual problems in Totley and Dore, or nearby, would be most welcome to come to any of our meetings. The actual dates are published in the Diary column of this journal.

The group is now run by Pat and John Turner, 50 Wostenholm Road S7 1LL. Tel: 2550758, and we continue to be grateful to Magdalene and Laurie Ryan at 4 Grove Road, Totley for entertaining us in their house each month at 11.00am.

David Caldwell.

Tel: 2366894.

Meetings of the above Group, up to the end of this year will be as follows:-

Thursday 17th September.

Tuesday 20th October.

Wednesday 18th November

Meeting for December not arranged.

The meetings, which are held at 4, Grove Road, Totley are to provide help, information and entertainment. They all commence at 11.00am. until noon. For further information please ring Pat or John on (0114) 2550758

VICAR ON THE MOVE.

Sadly the time has come for Margaret and me to leave Totley. My last Sunday (which will be our Harvest Festival) will be September 27th. We would like to see you all at the 10.00am. Service at All Saints.

We are not going far, we shall be living at Hatfield, Near Doncaster, and will be close to some members of our family. When we know our telephone number, we will publish it in 'All Saints News', so that if not you can come over and visit us.

These past seven and a bit years have passed very quickly. We have made many friends in the local Churches and Community, and we shall certainly miss you all. However, the time has come (and I dare not go against Dr. David Rees-Jones' orders!) to hand over the work to someone else. There is always work that one could have done better, and there is always new work to be attempted. Yet Margaret and I feel that God has blessed the work we have tried to do in His name, and that the Parish is ready for someone (as Jeremy Clarkson would say) 'to move it up another gear'. Please continue to pray that our Bishop will be guided in appointing the right person to follow in the succession of Vicars of Totley who have cared for the whole community.

We shall not forget your kindness and support.

May God bless you all, David & Margaret.

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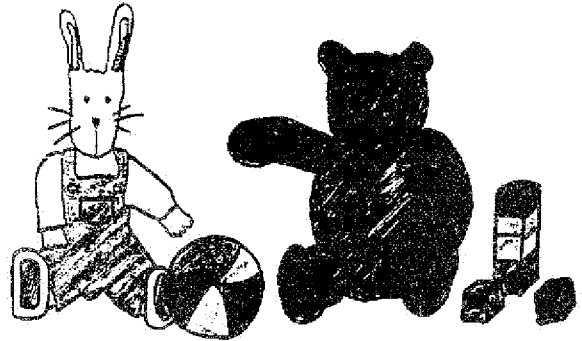
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GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Well, the weather has been a bit of a let-down up to now, though the sun has just come out to cheer us up a bit, however the plants in the garden are a little bit behind to say the least, so the exhibits at the show won't break any records. We have all had the same weather so I hope the competition will still be there. I'm hoping for a good turn-out, it is always a bit of fun at the Totley Show and the excellent Art and Crafts are always worth seeing, even if the onions are a bit smaller. We ought to have a competition for the largest slug, I know some in my garden would win a cup. I am surprised that the garden is so full of colour after such miserable weather, it is amazing how mother nature (with a bit of help) can still give us so much pleasure.

Flowers.

Keep up with dead heading flowers, they will still give a good show, especially if we have an Indian summer. Cut back to half, any which have finished flowering, to prevent the wind rocking them loose. Prepare the ground for new borders, clearing summer bedding and making ready for spring bedding. Lift and pot up geraniums, fuchsias ready for moving indoors. Keep newly set out plants well watered during dry weather. Plant out bulbs, corms and tubers in beds and borders to flower next spring. Take lavender and rose cuttings. Watch out for mould and mildew and spray with fungicide. If you are going to plant daffodils and narcissi to be naturalised in grass, the sooner they are planted the better. The growth of rampant climbers such as wisteria ampelopsis and some kinds of clematis can be cut back now if they are taking up too much room tie in shoots made by climbing roses, these will have next years flowers, be careful, they are quite brittle. Stake up Michaelmas daisies as they come into bloom, as the flowers can be very heavy. Last chance to take cuttings of calceolaria and penstemons. Winter flowering pansies may be producing flowers, the plants will be stronger and more healthy if these are removed, before the winter sets in.

Vegetables.

Continue to use the hoe to keep weeds down. Remove celery suckers and keep well watered in dry spells (that goes for most vegetables). Thin out spinach being grown for harvesting in late autumn. If your onions are slow ripening, turn down the tops to speed things up a bit, lift and store as soon as they look reasonable. Don't let runner beans hang on too long as they become old and stringy, the young tender ones (like me) are best. Prepare the ground for planting spring cabbage, Leeks can be fed with a quick acting nitrogenous fertiliser, such as nitrate of soda or with a liquid fertiliser. Gather herbs for drying. Carrots should be lifted and stored before the heavy autumn rains come, also beetroot, they will keep well if packed in layers of moderately dry sand or soil. Continue earthing up

celery a little at a time. Sow herbs like chervil for spring, at the end of the month. Pull the remaining trusses off outdoor tomatoes, hang them up indoors or put them on trays in the dark to ripen. Take cuttings of bay and rue and root indoors or under cloches or frames. Divide and replant thyme, chives and clumps of Welsh onions.

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs.

Complete the planting of strawberries, take gooseberry cuttings before the leaves fall. Prepare the ground ready for new plantings of raspberries and black-currents. Place grease bands on fruit trees, especially on apples. At the end of the month prune blackberries, cut out the old fruited canes and tie in the new young shoots. Pick up windfall apples to prevent diseased fruit setting up an infection, like brown rot. As soon as the fruit has been picked, start winter pruning bush apples and pears. Dead-head and shorten the flowering shoots of floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Prepare ground for planting evergreens, including heathers, hedges, shrubs and conifers, plant out at the end of the month. Shelter new evergreens from the wind with netting supported on a temporary frame. Take hardwood and semi-ripe cuttings of most shrubs at this time. Root in a cold frame or indoors.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants.

Pot up seedlings of plants which are to flower in the spring. Arum Lilies may be divided and re-potted. Tuberous begonias and gloxinias should be dried off as they finish flowering. Pots of achimenes should be turned on their sides to dry off for their winter rest. Plant up pots of spring flowering bulbs, place in a cool spot in the dark. Seedling fresas which have been in the frames should be brought into the greenhouse and be given plenty of light and ventilation. This also applies to winter flowering geraniums and flowering carnations. Feed ferns with a very weak liquid manure. Winter flowering begonias should now be ready for their final pots 5 - 6 inch diameter. Give those African violets, bush violets and chrysanthemums which are in flower a good feed. As flowering finished discard summer annuals such as marigold, petunias and salvia which have been used as pot plants. And tender plants

which have been standing outside during the summer should be brought in at this time. Sow cyclamen seed to flower in 14 months time. Detach the plantlets of spider plant and pot these up.

Divide plants of 'mind your own business' and peperomia.

Lawns.

Continue regular mowing and edging. Rake scarify spike and aerate, then apply a top dressing of sieved potting compost. Carry out repairs using seed or seed a new lawn. Turfing can be a little later, watch the weather early on you can expect fine warm days, but the nights may turn quite chilly, so watch out for those tender plants.

Cheerio for now.

TOM Busy Bee.

N.S.P.C.C.

The Dore, Totley and Bradway Committee would like to thank all our residents for the wonderful and generous support given to our recent fund-raising efforts, our House to House collections in April raised over £2,000 and our coffee morning at the new venue at Totley Rise Methodist Church lounge had the largest ever number of people attending and raised £420. Our recent Flag Day held on a very chilly morning, amounted to £220. With horror stories of cruelty and child abuse making the headlines, with sickening frequency, the work of the N.S.P.C.C. is still vital to protect the children of our country, and our vision for the Millennium is to increase our activities even more and to make the Twenty-first Century a time when children can live their young lives in freedom from fear, neglect and cruelty.

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Names like Ronaldo, Arsen Wenger and unfortunately (depending on how forgiving you are) David Beckham have become household names. Transfer fees and wages that would feed a third world country, media hype on individuals that has overshadowed world events.

Is it all worth it? At the other end of the scale unnoticed on a dull March Friday afternoon twenty two boys turned out to play the last match of their GT Sunday league football season. Totley Youth U15's versus Abbey Lane U15's, the pitch is muddy in the goals and the crowd is struggling to make 25 people.

The result to most is unimportant but to the boys it was a battle for pride, achievement, self-esteem and sportsmanship. The D division was very small this year Brimwood dropped out and there were only 10 teams compared to 12 in most leagues of the GT. With three teams to be promoted and three teams relegated there were only four 'safe' places. Only 5 points separated the promotion from the relegation positions.

Totley were in the third relegation spot and Abbey Lane were one point and one place above. Totley had to win and Abbey Lane only had to draw to avoid the drop. Ironically, the season had been so tight if Abbey Lane were to win the 2 points would have taken them to within 2 points of promotion.

So to the kick-off! Forty minutes each way of well-contested youth football, individual effort, team play, grit and determination were being displayed on both sides. Following a high ball that stuck in the mud Nick Millington found himself caught in possession. The Abbey Lane striker capitalised on the mistake to shoot Abbey Lane 0-1 into the lead after 20 minutes.

Totley fought back refusing to let their heads go down. A determined effort saw Tobijah Browne equalise and Sean Gregory put Totley into a 2-1 lead this left Abbey lane in the relegation spot. Minutes later they grabbed

an equaliser from the right wing and Totley were back in the see-saw relegation zone.

With Totley committed to attack Abbey Lane nearly put it beyond our boys with a 3-man break through our mid-field. Only a tremendous triple save from Matt Wood in goal kept Totley in the match (and the division at that point). The game was fast coming to a close with only 5 minutes remaining. Tobijah seemed certain to score but was just wide and Adam Horton hit the bar with a chip over the stranded keeper..... Fate looked like taking its toll.....but then with 2 minutes remaining Tobijah dug out a low shot to the right of the 'keeper GGGOOOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAALLLLLLLLLLLLL !!!!!!! (excuse the Brazilian influence at this point).

Totley were now 3-2 up and Abbey Lane once again in the drop zone. Abbey lane kicked off looking for the 1 goal that would determine their season, Totley found new strength and fought on to a 3-2 victory, celebrations were loud but short remembering how the Abbey lane team had tried so hard.

Commiseration's to Abbey Lane but well done TYFC U15's. After the match I was immediately whisked off to my sick bed having only been discharged from hospital four hours earlier following an operation on my back. Was it worth it to endure the pain stood there asked my wife, YOU BET!

It doesn't need 20 million viewers, £20,000 a game salaries and a flash life style to make a game of football exciting. It just takes 22 boys, a football, a patch of grass, character, a will to try and the opportunity to achieve.

Is it all worth it, I asked earlier. You bet, apart from the excitement of playing and watching what else would 22 boys be doing every Sunday from September to March? Computers. TV, staying in bed or even worse. TYFC pride themselves in providing boys of varying ability and ages the opportunity to take part in the beautiful game, FOOTBALL.

Elsewhere the new U10's slogged out a hard season in the qualifying groups for the 1998/99 season. Peter Hodges and Steve have done a tremendous job. All the boys tried hard and like England were only knocked out

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of the cup in a penalty shoot-out after drawing 1-1 after extra time against Stannington.

The U11's had a great season. For those avid column readers out there you will remember they only won one game last season, only scored 8 goals and conceded 203. However, they showed every ounce of determination to carry on and ended up mid table winning seven games and drawing three and scoring 56 goals.

For the third year running since the clubs formation the U11's won their leagues sportsmanship trophy as voted by all the other 11 clubs in their league. This is a fantastic achievement for any club and I am sure TYFC must have set some sort of record, we are now seen by the league and other clubs as a role model club and individuals when it comes down to sporting attitude win or lose.

At the TYFC AGM last year we voted to support the inclusion and affiliation of a girls section. Following a superb effort by Paul North the Totley Primary girls team went on to win every game in the Sheffield schools tournament and to win the district competition in Scarborough. The girls have been offered a position in the first division YEB Saturday league. However, this is a big step up and Paul and the parents have decided to stay out of the league for this season and to play a series of friendly games to transition the step up. Finally we ended the 1997/98 season with the TYFC presentation night. All the boys mum's, dad's gran's and granddads turned out as did our sponsors and special guests.

First a word for our sponsors (sorry no commercial intended). **Dyson Refractories** have continued to finance the team kits, they have become a good friend of TYFC and the community. I was on the Totley Primary PTA for 5 years and Dyson's always helped out by providing broken pallets for the Bonfire. I noted last month that Dyson's are supporting the school's Peaks Walk, which raises much needed funds. To Peter and his wife who always brings a smile to the presentation night I would on behalf of the boys say thank you.

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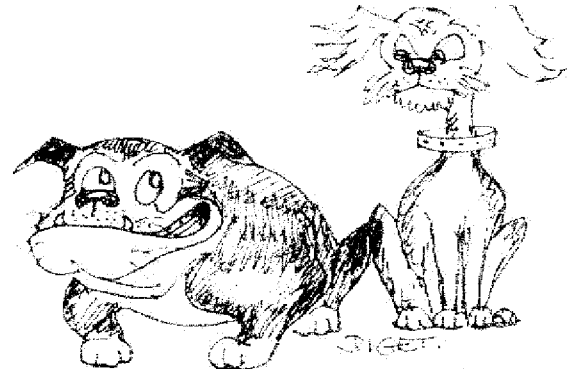
areas of our community and the youth in Totley are no exception. Without their support we would have struggled with the formation of TYFC in the early years. Many thanks to all the committee for your support and to Pauline Perkinson who chairs the TRA. Additionally, I would like to thank Les who gives us the space in the communities excellent Independent.

What a night it was. Alan Biggs (Radio celebrity) compared the night, Alan Kelly (United and Ireland goalie) and Kevin Pressman (Wednesday and England goalie) presented the trophies. Every squad member was presented with a player's statue and four special awards were given for highest goal scorer, player's player, manager's player and most improved player were presented in each age group.

By the time this article hits the streets the new 1998/99 season will be under way. I will take the opportunity to keep you informed of how we are doing. For those who can't wait the results of the previous Sunday games are published in the Green 'Un.

Kevin Walker

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As we did not then have the facilities to look after the badger ourselves, we had to take it to an animal sanctuary in Cheshire, and go back again two weeks later to collect it so it could be put back with its own family.

This event determined us to build our own badger care facilities. The years since have taught us many lessons on the best type of pens in which to keep badgers - there are no text books written on the subject so experience is the only teacher!

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It was, in some ways, thanks to the Topley badger that we started on the road to being able to care for the badgers of South Yorkshire in a more comprehensive way.

Anyone interested in the work of the group, which is made up entirely of volunteers, and is a registered charity, can contact us on our 24 hour help line - **0378 660065** or can ring the Chairman, Mr. Derek Whitcher on **01226 753271**.

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Re-living their antics has given me a different aspect of Eyam. No longer is it the place where the plague struck down so many of the inhabitants, in my mind, it now has a heart, and is a living community, not just the tourist attraction that is seen every weekend by thousand of visitors. The story has a simple easy reading formula, but how refreshing from the modern age of computers and high-pressure living. I still chuckle at some of the antics the boys got up to.

A great little book of simple pleasure, full of nostalgia and humour.

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Dear Sir,

A few days ago my nephew A. Schofield (late of Totley) sent us a copy of the Totley Independent for July/August, which we found most interesting, particularly the aerial photograph.

Early in 1935 newly wedded, we moved into 36 Laverdene Ave. the rent was 13s 6d per week all in! In fact we lived there until my husband returned from Army Service.

We found the truly rural environment delightful and set about developing the garden which stretched from the Avenue to Glover Road, it gave us flowers and vegetables all the time we were there. We remember very well the flooding of the stream opposite, which flooded most years to the road level, indeed one year it rose to our front door. We well remember taking our Scottie dog through the gate in Mickley Lane and walking over the fields to Holmesfield and beyond, we also used to walk to Cross Scythes turning right down a lane and over Totley Moss to Grindleford.

We remember Pearson's Nurseries, run by two brothers Fred and Frank, they kept us supplied with fruit.

Our stay in Laverdene we thoroughly enjoyed, despite the war and our 5 years separation. Later we moved to 3, Terry Road, and had a terrible winter, my husband decided this climate wasn't for him, 1947, and so we left and lived in E.Africa. I missed the English weather.

We had many good friends in Totley, but have all gone now. It seems such a pity time has changed so much that the quiet rural atmosphere has gone.

We recall the Totley Rise Post Office run by a Mrs. Jackson, and the shops - fishmonger, sweet shop and grocers. At the top of Mickley Lane and Baslow Road was a bakers and hardware, sweet shop a village hall and chemist run by a Mr. Hutchinson, Co-op. The village was certainly self-contained and a lovely place to live in.

We are still living in a rural area in the Chilterns, a big garden which we enjoy at the age of 86 years old.

We hope you find this letter interesting, as we have found your magazine.

Yours faithfully,

N & C. Agar.

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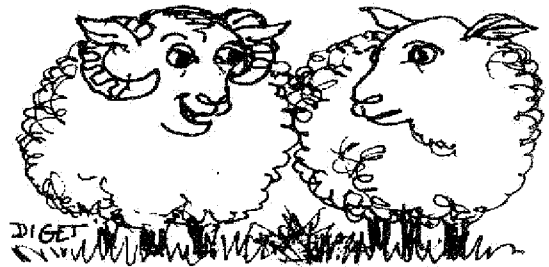
I thank Colin Singleton who pointed out that the first passenger tram ran from New York to Harlem NOT of course Hallam as mentioned in my article (June Independent) Some years ago I walked the route from Central New York and through Central Park to Harlem and it didn't seem like three miles to me. Colin is quite correct in saying that the Tramway was shortened. I understand that Britain didn't get it's first passenger tramway until 1860 when a (believe it or not) Mr. Train, introduced one to Birkenhead.

Colin added to my mention of the Edward Outram who was accused of diverting water to his mill (probably near the 'Chemical Yard' below the Mickley Lane bridge). However the proceedings were in 1613 not 1615 and one of the plaintiffs Edward Gill, was almost certainly from the same family who gave their name to Gillfield (wood).

The family of Outram is outlined in a family tree sent to me from Leighton Buzzard recently. One of many entries is interesting. Florence, the daughter of Tom and Sarah Outram of Poynton Farm, Bradway, married John Brougham, and around the turn of the century they lived at Oowler Bar. The Broughams did of course keep the 'Peacock' until 1957.

Lastly, I would like to point out that in my article I mentioned that James Outram was involved with the early 'Tramways'. He was an engineer and iron master who was apparently the 'first' to lay L-shaped cast iron rails spiked to Cross Sleepers in lieu of timber, developing cast iron sleepers. Years later his son, Benjamin, started using stone sleepers and it was this that gave rise to the name Tramway, shortened from Outram Ways.

I think it was John Carr the 'Youth from Durham' who invented the actual rail. I hope all this is not TOO confusing. Brian Edwards.



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PEAKTOWN STORY. By Hugh Percival. CHAPTER 6.

John Winter's next duties were to be performed in the firm's offices in Smith Square, Peaktown.

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The buildings, erected at different periods in the eighteenth century, but of similar design, surround the cobblestones that form the interior of the square.

John Winter, on a frosty, foggy January morning made his way down the steep incline of the footpath in the square, occasionally holding on to iron railings set in the front of the buildings, whenever his foothold became precarious on the frozen ground.

He came to a halt outside the building of three stories whose discoloured bricks bore evidence of years of sulphur omissions from the city's steelworks. Iron railings at the front prevented any careless or inebriate passers-by from falling down an opening to the level of the cellar. The ground floor exterior had two large windows at the front, and a large door at the entrance where a plaque bore the inscription Amos Dicks and Sons, Chartered Accountants. The first floor had three large windows stretching along the whole front of the building. Three smaller windows were evident on the second floor that lay immediately below the sloping slates of the roof on which sat a group of chimneys emitting smoke.

The junior audit clerk passed through the entrance door and made his way upstairs to an office on the second floor, where several clerks, audit or articulated, were assembled.

'Good morning Winter', the greeting came from a rotund, fresh-faced young man with close-cropped hair, sporting a black eye. Immaculately dressed in a grey pin-striped suit he spoke in an upper class refined accent that bore testimony to his public school education.

'Good morning Reginald', John Winter returned the greeting and also acknowledged three other occupants of the office. Two of these were absorbed in office papers, a third warmed himself before an electric radiator while Reginald perused the sports pages of the local morning newspaper.

'Great result on Saturday, Winter' remarked Reginald in enthusiastic tones.

'Yes. United beat City 2 - 0' replied John Winter with a smile.

'Oh Soccer! I was referring of course to the Casuals win 26 - 20 over the Gladiators. Our scrum were magnificent' Reginald said with evident glee.

'I wondered where you got that black eye from' remarked a balding young man from his strategic position in front of the radiator.

'Quite so Brown. An elbow from their number eight. Paid him back though with interest. He had to go off with a broken arm' said Reginald nonchalantly as he continued to peruse the sports pages. Nobody seemed surprised at this remark, being used to the articulated clerk's vivid imagination.

'Has the Bishop arrived yet?' John Winter asked. This ironic appellation referred to the managing clerk and gave an indication of his irreverent nature.

'He's just crossing the square now' said Brown.

John Winter looked through the centre window to see, through the swirling smog, an elderly gentleman in tweed overcoat and trilby, making his way with extreme care over the frozen cobbles. Placing one foot alongside the other in short steps, then waiting to be sure of his balance before taking another step, his

progress was monitored by the young clerks with occasional amusing remarks that showed little sympathy.

'Nearly went that time' laughed Reginald as the managing clerk spread his arms like a tight-rope walker in an attempt to prevent a fall, an endeavour eventually successful, to the disappointment of the watching clerks.

Wiping his forehead with a handkerchief, Mr. Russell (otherwise known as the Bishop) raised his eyes to the rooftops and the clerks hurriedly withdrew from the windows.

Ten minutes later, the managing clerk reached the iron railings in front of the building, grabbed them in gratitude for a while, before proceeding through the entrance.

'It's a b----- this weather, Winter' he remarked with an asthmatic wheeze, to the junior waiting for him in an office on the first floor.

After taking off his overcoat and hat, thus revealing his bald head, and having warmed himself in front of the blazing fire, he consulted a note book taken from a drawer in his desk.

'Yes, Winter, there are accounts to prepare for Major Hardstaff's farm. The books are waiting in the general office. The files are in Mr. Cartwright's room. And Winter, take pains with your writing. It's very difficult to read'.

'I will, Mr. Russell' replied John Winter, concealing his thoughts as to Mr. Russell's own handwriting which was spidery, almost illegible, and the source of much amusing criticism in the office. It would have been ideal for a doctor - an opinion voiced by Reginald Forsythe in remarks that included the incredible statistic that apparently so few people died as a result of illegible prescriptions.

It should be stated on behalf of the octogenarian managing clerk that his poor handwriting was due entirely to the feebleness of age occasioned by a shaking hand, and not to inherent faults. Although his physical powers had been on the wane for some years his mental attributes showed no similar decline.

John Winter picked up the books, papers and files and commenced work in the office on the second floor. He began in time-honoured fashion by attempting to reconcile the cash book with the bank statements, a useful preliminary exercise to verify independently the accuracy of the cash book. Although not contracted to audit the books the firm's name would appear in an accountant's report in the accounts and certain rudiments had to be established as to their veracity. This despite the fact that Major Hardstaff was a friend of Oliver Cartwright, the partner responsible in this instance.

The junior clerk, taking to heart the advice of Mr. Russell, took his time over the reconciliation, a task interrupted by the entrance of a lanky, ginger-haired, spotty faced youth carrying a tray of cups of coffee.

'Thanks, Harry' John acknowledged the receipt of his up.

'Harry, pop down to Betty's will you and get me a couple of slices of bread and dripping. Here's sixpence. I'm starving,' ordered Reginald who was preparing accounts as part of his practical experience in preparation for examinations to come.

The ginger-haired youth replied, somewhat reluctantly, in the affirmative, and left the room. 'I'm off to school soon' remarked Reginald with a scowl on his chubby face. The school referred to was a cramming institution for articulated clerks who had failed to benefit from the normal practical and correspondence tuition in previous examinations.

'Best of luck' replied John, 'You won't be seeing Brenda for a few weeks then?' The young lady in question, an attractive

receptionist at a small steelworks company client in the East End was, according to Reginald, one of his many conquests.

'No, unfortunately, the school will be like a monastery. Eight weeks of abstinence' said Reginald in a dispirited manner. 'And the exams to follow' he shuddered at the thought.

Ten minutes later the ginger-haired youth returned with the bread and dripping.

'You're quiet this morning Harry. What's the trouble?' remarked Alan Brown who was also working in the room.

'Bernard's in a right state this morning' replied the office boy, Bernard Manning, the third partner was the inspiration behind the success of the firm.

'He called me and Geoffrey in to his office, threw an envelope, covered in black stampings on to the desk and asked us to explain. I burst out laughing and he gave me such a look that I haven't recovered from it yet.' Harry continued, trembling. 'The letter had been all over Canada without finding the true address. It was an important letter too, marked private and confidential - and contained a Power of Attorney. The town on the envelope was correctly typed as Medicine Hat, but the name of the state had been omitted. Bernard gave us a real lecture. This mistake apart from the delay Harry said, in a fair impersonation of the partner's high-pitched voice, 'leads to duplication of effort. I have said before - and now once again - in fact I cannot repeat this often enough - that duplication should be avoided at all costs. Remember this at all times. Bernard then dismissed us with a wave of the hand.'

Reginald, John and Alan Brown laughed hysterically at this piece of news.

'There are umpteen Medicines Hats in Canada' remarked Alan Brown, when the laughter had subsided. 'That's what Geoffrey thought might be the case, and he told Bernard so' said Harry. 'I am obliged to you for your opinion and would have been more so if this had been in your mind when the envelope was addressed and its unnecessary tour of Canada prevented' he whined in a further impersonation of Mr. Manning's voice.

More laughter, particularly from Reginald with tears running down his chubby cheeks. 'Don't let it upset you too much Harry' remarked Alan Brown, a former office boy like John Winter, 'We've all made mistakes ourselves. I recall when I enclosed the wrong accounts with a letter to clients and we got back a sarcastic letter returning them and thanking us for the information. Just be more careful in future that's all.' Harry left the room carrying the empty coffee cups and the three clerks resumed their duties.

'I can't agree by trial; balance complained Reginald a little while later.' 'Does the difference divide by nine, if so, it's a transposition' remarked Alan Brown trying to help. 'No, it doesn't' replied Reginald, with a sigh of disappointment. 'I should check your arithmetic first. Quite often there's a simple error to explain the difference' suggested Alan Brown. 'Or a debit entered as a credit' remarked John Winter, 'or vice versa.' 'Thank you both, I'll soon find it, no doubt at all' said Reginald in confident tones.

John Winter, having reconciled Major Hardstaff's farm cash book with the bank statements proceeded to post the analysis columns of the cash book to a columnar trial balance. He had already extended the opening balances taken from the previous years file.

The clerks were again distracted from their work, this time on the entrance of a vivacious, curvaceous young lady with light brown hair and large pale blue eyes. She handed several typed schedules to Alan Brown.

'Thank you Sophie' said Brown with a smile, 'and how are we this morning?' asked Reginald oozing charm. 'Very well thank you Reginald' replied the junior typist. 'I can see that' said Reginald with a grin. 'Why do you ask then?' Said Sophie, her cheeks flushed with blushing. 'It's just part of his chatting-up procedure' remarked Alan Brown. 'Do you come here often' asked Reginald. 'I work here' replied Sophie. 'So does Reginald - on occasion.' Remarkd John Winter.

Sophie laughed, much to the pleasure of the junior audit clerk who, like most of the junior clerks, was infatuated by the young typist.

'There's a great film on at the Star this week. Errol Flynn in The Sea Hawk' remarked Reginald. 'Would you like to see it, Sophie?' 'I am afraid not Reginald. I couldn't cope with you and Errol Flynn' Sophie replied.

Alan Brown and John Winter roared with laughter on seeing Reginald's glum expression. 'You little bitch' exclaimed the artiled clerk, trying to hide his disappointment in a display of anger,

John Winter would have liked to issue his own invitation to the junior typist, but had not the courage to do so.

Sophie flashed her large blue eyes before turning and leaving the room to the accompaniment of whistles from the clerks.

Later they adjourned for lunch, Alan Brown and Reginald to the Yellow Lion, a local hostelry and John Winter to purchase cheese sandwiches from Betty's. These he consumed with the help of a pot of tea made in the cellar kitchen.

During the afternoon, Reginald despite a near inebriate condition, balanced his trial balance, with some assistance from Alan Brown, while John Winter examined the farm stock sheets. These included lists of pedigree cattle with intriguing names such as Buttercup XIV and Daisy XIII. The clerks left the office at five thirty to venture into the frosty square, to make their separate ways home. John Winter to resume his correspondence accounting course, Alan Brown, now a qualified accountant, to enjoy the company of his wife and young son, and Reginald to pass the evening away in the company of rugby playing colleagues at various public houses.

SEWERS .

There have been a number of problems with the sewers along Abbeydale Road South and Baslow Road over the last year. There were particular problems on August 31st 1997, and in early June 1998. However, other incidents of residents being troubled by flood and foul water have also been reported.

Cllr. Colin Ross recently held a meeting with Senior Managers of Yorkshire Water about the problem. The whole system has been surveyed by camera as far down as Limb Brook. A number of blockages were identified and have been cleared. It appears that the sewer had not been cleared out for 15 years and these blockages which included silt, builders rubble and bricks had built up over this time. Yorkshire Water have assured Councillor Ross that they will check the system again with a camera in six months, and that the area has been given a high priority. This means that it will be checked and cleaned on a regular basis.

If this remedial work does not solve the problem, there will need to be major capital investment in the area. Residents who have any sort of problem should report it immediately to Yorkshire Water. This is important, as funding priorities are partly decided by the number of customers affected, and so Yorkshire Water need to know of every incident in our area, if we are to obtain major capital investment.

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THE BOUNCING BOMBER.

Many strange stories have been retold about the once foreboding moors known as Kinderscout. The fictional tales in past days reputed to have a giant demon-like figure that used to haunt and terrorise the village of Edale from his lair on the heights of Ringing Roger. But truth is often more amazing than fiction. I recount the following facts from the Second World War.

The Vickers twin engine Wellington Bomber left its base at RAF station Croft, County Durham for a night raid on the U-Boat pens at Lorient on the coast of Brittany, Western France. The date was January 25th 1943. The crew of six were successful in penetrating the enemy defences and in the early hours of the 26th started their return to base. Typical winter weather brought heavy cloud over the English Channel and slight navigation errors caused them to fly off course. The pilot Flt.Lt. Carl Taylor, thinking he was over the Yorkshire coast, levelled out at 1400ft to try to get a bearing. Suddenly the crew realised they were close to high moorland country. A slight panic set in as they tried to regain height, but it was too late as a heathery slope loomed ahead. In a flash they were bouncing across the peaty landscape. The pilot fought with the controls as they did an almost perfect landing across the heather moors. There was a sickening thud as the engines ploughed into the peaty ground. They all scrambled out for a hasty exit. On realisation that the bomb aimer, Don Mortimer was still trapped in the front turret and had leg injuries, they made him as comfortable as possible and scrambled through the mist and rain for a rescue mission. The plane had crash landed on the Kinder Plateau between Blackden Edge and Ringing Roger. Firing off Very cartridges to light their route down the valley towards the village of Edale, as they stumbled over the rocks around Golden Clough, they heard the sound of a train which helped them on the quest for safety. Two of the crew stayed behind to comfort the injured bomb aimer, as the other three crew finally reached a cottage to raise the alarm in Edale.

The pilot met a local gamekeeper, who along with a Doctor, returned to the Wimpy crash and the stretcher party brought Don Mortimer to a waiting ambulance and hospital treatment. Nine Wellington aircraft had been on the Lorient raid from Croft. Only one aircraft got back to base. The others had to land at various stations due to bad weather conditions and shortage of fuel. Maybe the crew of Z for zebra Wellington X3348 of 427 squadron owe their lives to the flying skills of Carl Taylor, as he bounced his bomber across those peat hags to safety. What was so amazing about this American pilot, was that he did not pass the grades and was rejected as unsuitable for flying duties

in the USAA Force, but he certainly proved his worth in the RAF.

I recall hill walking trips to Kinder Scout whilst on leave from the RAF and watched a maintenance unit party winching the plane almost complete down the hillside to the Grindsbrook valley. A most impressive sight, the whole job took several days to finish. This would have made a marvellous photograph, but of course was not allowed during those war years. Plus Bog-trotting across Kinder Scout was still classed as a trespass walk, and one was liable to be chased off by the local gamekeeper. All that now remains from the Wimpy site are just a few bits of metal and wire struts situated between the Trig Point known as 1937* on the Ordnance Survey Map and the head waters of the Ollerbrook stream. If my memory is correct 14 aircraft in all have crashed on the slopes of Kinder Scout ranging from a pre-war Handley Page Heyford to 2 Wimpys, Halifax, 2 Avro Ansons, a Blenheim, Hawk Trainer, Harvard, Hampden, 2 Sabre Jets and a Dragon Rapide. Plus a final Cessna light aircraft about 10 years ago. All these are rather difficult to find. The most wreckage is at the Sabres and Anson above 4 Jacks cabin along the Grindsbrook river. But every site can tell a story often stranger than fiction.

John C. Barrows,

*1937 of course is the height in feet. I can never get used to metres. Mountains to me will always be measured in feet.

SWEET CHARITY.

A number of requests were made in the past and I wonder if any reader knows what happened to them. Do they still exist and pay out? For example, Greens Charity. 'William Green by his will, bearing date 5th December 1786 devised to William Green the son of his nephew Thomas Green, and his heirs, his freehold houses or tenements, gardens and croft, situate in Totley, charged with the payment of 12 shillings a year, which he directed should be laid out by 12 pence each calendar month in bread. The same to be distributed by his Executor and his heirs, the fourth Sunday in each month, in the Chapel of Dore, to such poor persons as they should judge proper objects of charity; and for want of such heirs, be empowered the Chapelwardens for the time being to receive the said annuity and distribute the said bread.'

The above mentioned premises are now the property of William Green and he distributes 'one shillings' worth of bread on every fourth unday, at Dore Chapel, amongst poor persons of Totley, as the gift of the said Testator.' The last paragraph was written some 40 or 50 years later. I don't know the whereabouts of William Green's property, but the Dore Chapel was a small building in the centre of the village and was replaced by the present Church.

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