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THE OLD LEAD MILL DAM AT  
OLDHAY TOTLEY BRIAN EDWARDS 1990.

Brian Edwards sketch shows the old lead mill dam at Oldhay as it is today, a well-kept lawn with the trees which once lined the dam well cared for. He comments that the site is of great archaeological value and it is rare that such a place is kept in such good condition, for which we thank the present owners. Some of our readers may well remember ice skating on the old

dam in years gone by. The late Charlie Coates of Lemont Road certainly recalled them and passed on a memory to Brian which we include with some further comments on page 15.

The rest of this issue has several touches of the Christmas season. We shall be back in publication on February 1st 1991.

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

### A HALFPENNY CHANGE.

There may be readers of the "Independent" who have doubts and think that 'Tales of the Unbelievable' are economical with the truth. But not every time! Let me explain.

The following took place many years ago, back in the days when I had to work for a living. I travelled a lot at that time and whilst I was acquainted with many parts of the country, it happened that I was sent to an area not familiar to me. Nowadays the motorways have brought the entire country within a few hours ride. In those days long journeys were tedious. To reach the unfamiliar district I had carefully checked the map and I hoped to arrive before dark. This was a week or so before Christmas with an early lighting-up time and it was dusk when I reached a particular roundabout. Here I knew I had to take the third exit. Round I went - one - two - three and off to the left.

What a change from a dusky road into a blaze of light which issued from a long parade of shops. Not ordinary lights but gaslamps lighting up an extraordinary scene. The street was chock-a-block but not as we know it with cars, buses etc. Here were horses and drays, hansom cabs, brewers wagons, costermonger's barrows propelled by lusty porters. I thought that I must have run into a film or T.V. setting which was being laid out before the cameras went into action. They must have taken down all the T.V. aerials to make it look old-fashioned, I thought, and painted over the shop fronts and added a few naphtha flares here and there. There was a quaint selection of names - Tom Savage, Butcher - orders delivered daily, with an open window filled with prime cuts of meat. Ann and Victoria Wilson, Milliners and Fancy Goods, Wm Strongfellow Ironmongers, Jno. Thomas, Haberdashery, and so on down the street.

It was not easy driving through the mass of carts and barrows and as I felt in my pocket for a handkerchief to mop my brow, I realised that this vital equipment had been left at home. I remembered Jno. Thomas the haberdasher a few yards back and I managed to park the car between a couple of barrows so that I could walk back to the shop. The interior was in keeping with the street, the solid mahogany counter was polished to the last degree and smiling across was the salesman who could be no other than Jno. Thomas himself. Black coat, pinstripe trousers, just the right amount of white cuff

peeping from beneath his jacket sleeve, a stiff starched collar and a tie which vanished beneath a grey waistcoat with pearl buttons.

"Good evening, sir, may I be of assistance?" "Have you", I replied, "a gentleman's handkerchief?" "Of course, sir, plain white, sir? Irish linen, sir? One moment please". With that he climbed a rickety pair of steps to bring a box from a shelf high above his head. "There you are, sir. Best quality at six pence each or two for elevenpence halfpenny". I suspected that he must still be in his stage role but never mind, I went along with him. "I'll take two" I said and I passed over a 5p piece, after all it used to be a shilling. He scribbled out a sales docket and reached up for the little cup into which he pushed the papers and coin, down with the release handle and the carrier and cup went speeding up the wire to a cash desk high above the shop. It took only a few moments before the cup was returned and with nonchalant ease the salesman flipped out my receipt and change. I usually have a poly-bag in my pocket for casual purchases and I dropped my packet and oddments into it. "Will that be all, sir? Thank you, sir. Good day, sir" and off I went into the street.

It was obvious that I was not going to get very far along this bustling road so I carefully turned round and made my way back to the roundabout. There I saw the name of my destination and, rather belatedly, I reached my town.

Some weeks later I had to make a return visit to that same town but this time in bright January sunshine. Again I reached the roundabout, again I took the third exit. This time no street, no shops, no carts, no barrows. Only hedges and fields stretching into the distance. Only later did I remember the plastic shopping bag which still should be in the boot of the car. I hurriedly searched for it. Inside was a scrap of paper. I unscrewed it and hoped to find a receipt from Jno. Thomas, but if it was a receipt the girl must have sent along the carbon copy and it was so indistinct as to be unreadable. I tipped up the bag a bit further and shook it. Out fell a bright shining coin with the head of Queen Victoria and dated 1897. It was my halfpenny change!

Anon.



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# TOTLEY CRICKET

Totley Sports and Social Club, Cricket Section recently held its A.G.M. and Presentation evenings at the Cricket Inn. Highlight of the season was that the 1st XI won the Championship of Sheffield League C Division to continue their success over the last few years when promotion has been won annually. They suffered a close defeat in the final of the Billy Oates Knock-out Trophy.

The 2nd XI narrowly failed to win promotion from H Division which they would have done if they had won their final match in which the opponents failed to field a side!

The 3rd XI had a mixed season in the Norton & District League but next year will be playing in the Sheffield League K Division. Special thanks were extended to Mick Bartholomew for his efforts on and off the field.

## ON THE BUSES - AGIN!

The ink was barely dry on the last issue when our worthy local bus operators changed the timetables yet again without any proper warning! The latest information now includes:-

SYT. M17 unaltered. Number 24 buses to City only. From High St. they go to Haymarket, Castle St, Angel St and back to High St. Passengers for the East end and Rotherham change to Number 69 in High St. Passengers to Meadowhall change to a 'bendy' bus No 501 at the Cathedral or in High St. They are frequent. From 9.30 a.m. to 6.33 p.m. Number 24 buses leave Totley at 10, 30 and 50 mins past each hour. These times also from Castle St. Evenings and all day Sunday (from High St only) at 3 and 33 mins past each hour from both ends. The last bus from Totley to the City is 11.03 p.m. The last bus from the City is also 11.03 p.m. and this returns empty back to the City.

Note that the 42 service from Totley Brook Road does not go to Church St or High St but along Flat St to Fitzalan Square.

Sheaf Line. Number 424 buses to City only except for a new service to Brinsworth via Meadowhall every hour from 8.45 a.m. to 2.25 p.m. Times from Totley and Castle St. are 5, 25 and 45 mins past each hour. There is no evening or Sunday service. Sheaf Line offer a week of unlimited journeys for £6. Tickets from any Sheaf Line driver.

## First XI.

Player of the Year....Mark Etherton  
Batsman of the Year...Rob Walker  
Bowler of the Year....John Berry  
Fielder of the Year...Richard Stephenson.

## Second XI.

Player of the Year....Paul North  
Batsman of the Year...Chas Critcher  
Bowler of the Year....Peter Bycroft  
Fielder of the Year...Colin Stephenson.

## Third XI.

Player of the Year....Mick Bartholomew  
Batsman of the Year...David Holding.

A Special award was made to Peter Bycroft for his performance of taking 9 for 23 (all wickets available) against Beighton. He also gained the Sheffield League 'Bowling Performance of the Year' Trophy.

Thanks were extended to Tony Darcy for presenting the awards and for an excellent buffet. Captains for 1991 are:- 1st XI Roger Handley, 2nd XI Chas Critcher, 3rd XI Cliff Ellis. The club are on the lookout for new players for 1991. Anyone interested should contact David Holding (vice-chairman) on 365037 or Paul North (club secretary) on 352774.

Andrews. The buses operate to City only except the 10.55 a.m. which goes to Rotherham. Their service to Meadowhall is withdrawn. Timetables are not available yet.

British Rail. There are frequent trains throughout the day to Meadowhall and back. The journey time from Sheffield is 5 mins and the fare after 9.30 a.m. is 90p return but cheaper with a rail card. Useful train times from Dore to Sheffield are 8.14, 9.45, 10.46, 11.46, 12.46, 1.46 p.m., 2.46, 3.59. There are comparable frequencies on the return trip from Sheffield to Dore.

Further information should be available on the following numbers:-

|         |        |              |        |
|---------|--------|--------------|--------|
| SYT     | 755655 | Sheaf Line   | 739330 |
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# GARDENING TIPS

December's weather is hardly an encouragement to gardeners. You will just have to wrap up well and get on with that tidying up, mending fences, fixing stakes etc! Save a little spare time for putting your feet up and browsing through the catalogues so that you can plan next year and remember the Totley Produce Show!

**Flowers.** Keep a careful watch over plants under frames or cloches. Dust with fungicide if necessary.

- \* Check dahlia tubers and dust with sulphur powder.
- \* Dig and prepare new beds.
- \* Place matting over frames at night to give extra frost protection to over-wintering plants.
- \* Protect hardy annuals like pot marigolds and clarkia with a cloche.
- \* Pot up lilies and place in a frame to set out in spring.
- \* During mild spells set out perennials such as lupins and michaelmas daisies.
- \* In mild weather plant out alpinas and rock plants in raised beds.
- \* Take root cuttings of phlox, verbascum and oriental poppy and root in containers either indoors or under a frame.

**Vegetables.** Firm in any plants loosened by frost.

- \* Dig and manure ground. Apply lime to acid soil (not where you have spread manure) and where cabbage is to be planted,
- \* Prepare runner bean trench.
- \* Sow broad beans on site under cloches.
- \* For salads, mustard, cress and sprouting seeds can be raised indoors.
- \* Sow onions traditionally on Boxing Day. They will be ready for the Totley Produce Show. Sow two types. One for large onions like Robinson's Mammoth or Kelso and Ailsa Craig for standard kitchen onions.
- \* Box up rhubarb crowns and put them in a dark place to force early shoots.

**Trees, Shrubs (inc fruit).** New stock can be planted now including Roses and Crab Apples.

- \* Heel in new plants delivered before ground is ready.

- \* Prune fruit bushes canes and newly planted fruit.
- \* Spray fruit trees, roses etc. with winter tar oil wash or similar to kill off eggs of caterpillar etc.
- \* Spray flowering almond and peach with fungicide against leaf curl.
- \* Cut neglected deciduous hedges.
- \* Remove deadwood and misplaced branches from deciduous trees and shrubs.

- Greenhouse and Indoor Plants.** Water sparingly. Ensure that plants in flower are kept moist and away from heat. e.g radiators etc.
- \* Increase humidity round indoor azaleas, cyclamens and winter cherries. Stand in damp gravel or sand.
  - \* After flowering keep daffodils and hyacinths growing until leaves yellow.
  - \* Support and tie bulbs and annuals.
  - \* Disbud carnations and chrysanthemums.
  - \* Use insecticide pins in containers to control aphid and whitefly.
  - \* Paint patches of scale and mealy bug with Malathion or Meths.
  - \* Plant amaryllis, lilies, lily-of-the-valley and indoor gladioli.
  - \* Sow cyclamens, geraniums and tuberous begonias.
  - \* Start taking chrysanthemum cuttings also from wandering jew.

**Lawns and Pool.** Rake up leaves and worm casts.

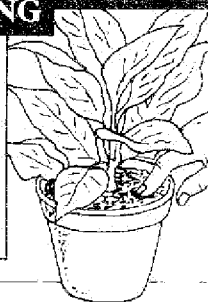
- \* Spike and sand compacted wet spots.
- \* Apply fungicide where disease is troublesome.
- \* Lay a plank over your pool to prevent it freezing over completely.

Happy Christmas everyone and a Good Gardening Year to you all.

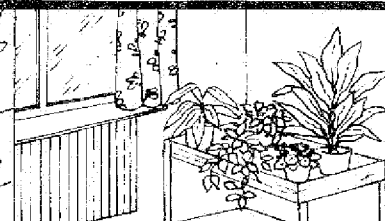
Cheerier for now. Tom, Busy Bee.

## ODD JOBBING

KEEP YOUR HOUSEPLANTS ON THE DRY SIDE - THE COMPOST SHOULD FEEL JUST MOIST...



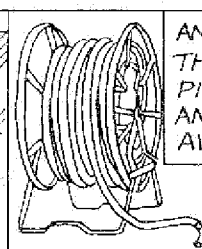
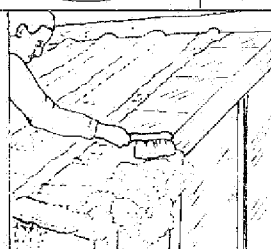
...GIVE THEM PLENTY OF LIGHT BUT KEEP WARM AND FREE FROM DRAUGHTS.



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# Walks

## Around

### Totley

Walk Number 16. A look around the woodland and moorland scene in part of the Sheffield Green Belt with extensive views over the city. Distance 10 miles.

Start from Totley Rise. Route via Poynton and Ecclesall woods to Whirlow Brook Park (described in walk No 10. December 1989). Join the Limb Valley track through gate at side of main car park. Cross the stream and turn left away from the main A625. After about 100 yards note the yellow markers pointing a steep woodland path to the right. Wooden steps at the top bring us to the head of Bolehill plantation. Join a field area keeping the stone wall immediately on the left, then forward across three field lengths to Wigley Farm, via three stiles to Ringinglow Road.

Across the road to the left a finger post points into a sports field over a stone stile. Keep slightly to the right of centre of the field and cross two football pitches to another stile. Down the slope across another field keeping to left hand corner brings us to a further stile and cottages at Priest Hill. Proceed left for 200 yards along Cottage Lane to junction with Hangram Lane. A stone stile on our right takes us along a causeway and field track down to the popular Forge Dam area. Here are cafe facilities etc. A pity that boating has never returned to this lake - it was a popular venue in pre-war days but at least the natural surroundings have been restored.

A good path fringes the bubbling stream as we head westward towards the tree clad ravine of Porter Clough. Cross with care and watch for traffic at Carr Bridge.

Numerous picnic tables are dotted along the field areas. After crossing Clough Lane the path steepens and we keep to the path which follows the stream by a narrow iron gate part way up the valley. Take the path to the left at the head of the ravine and soon we join Fulwood Lane. Here is a picnic site and car park area - an ideal spot for a lunch break. Continue along Fulwood Lane for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the hamlet of Ringinglow. The Norfolk Arms certainly looks tempting for a bar meal! Turn right past the historic Round House and proceed for 250 yards along Sheephill Road to the start of the ancient bridleway known as the Houndkirk Road. After approx  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile the track dips down to the junction of tracks at the Jumble Road. Turn left here and after 400 yards a gate takes us to Sheephill Road. Proceed right for another 400 yards to the main A625 Sheffield to Hathersage Road. Memories of the old Clarion Club House on the corner site! On our right a few yards up the main road and hidden by bushes a rickety wooden stile on the left hand bank of the stream (tributary of the Redcar Brook) takes us to a moorland slope under the bulk of Houndkirk Hill. Walk parallel to the main road for 300 yards and on our left a kissing gate brings us near the top of Whitelow Lane. Cross the A625 with care and follow down Whitelow Lane for nearly a mile to Shortts Lane. A fingerpost points the field path along the banks of the Old Hay Brook adjacent to the Fairthorn Lodge (Children's Holiday Home and farm area). Cross a couple of stiles and field areas to Avenue Farm. The path is well defined. Turn left along the lane and soon rejoin Hillfoot Road at the quaint hamlet of Old Hay. Proceed past the Crown Inn and the termination of the ramble at the head of Hillfoot Road has given us another wonderful day around the charm of Totley.

John C. Barrows.



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Many village inns have completely disappeared since the turn of the century simply due to economics. Water catchment areas have wiped out whole valleys and farming communities. How many readers can recall just a few of the old inns of the Peak with a little pride and nostalgia? No one arm bandit or space invader games to pull or fitted carpets! But always a welcome roaring fire and a good sing song.

The two charming ladies that ran the quaint old "Devonshire Arms" in the little backwater hamlet of Sheldon will always be remembered with affection by the early rambling clubs for one could sample beer straight from the wood or the choice of a pot of tea. The pretty village of Wormhill seems to miss the old homestead of the "Bagshaw Arms" - a drinkers delight! Even the popular "Angler's Rest" at Millersdale used to have friendly competition with the once "Station" or "Railway" hotel - now a private residence.

The olde world and fashionable "George Hotel" in the award winning and best kept village of Alstonfield even had adjacent company with the long gone "Crewe and Harpur" inn.

Even Totley once boasted five hostelries with the "Grouse Inn" along Penny Lane. The "Grouse and Trout" at Redmires could always tempt the farmers and gamekeepers from the Mayfield and Rivelin valleys. When next you visit the area of Stanage Pole and the Redmires dams note the ruined tavern and farmstead of "Ocean View" - it could tell a few wild tales of the past!

How many bogtrotters have crossed the tops of Bleaklow to the roaring fire and a welcome pint at the "George and Dragon" in Longdendale? This fine inn served a need to travellers along the Woodhead Pass. The site has now disappeared for ever. To the north of the Peak Park stood the lonely "Isle of Skye" tavern - a great meeting place for the tough hill walker and

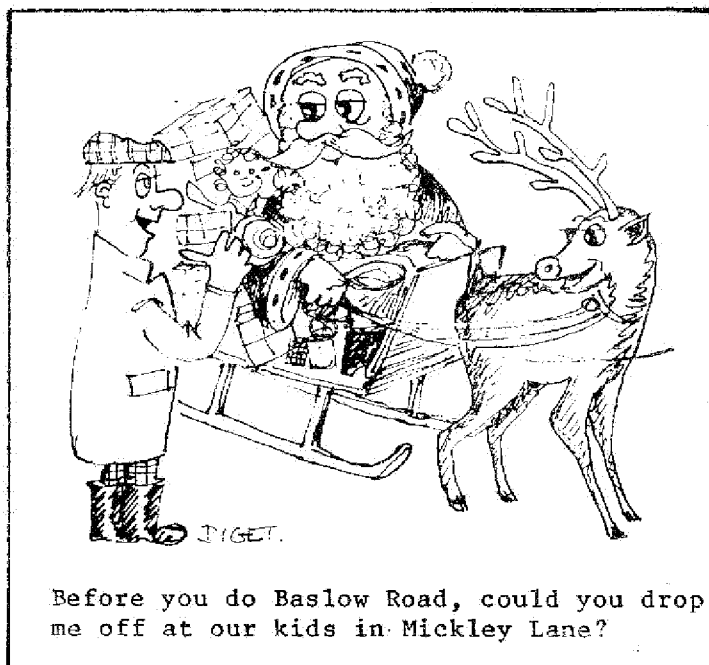
cycling clubs. The local farmers and shepherds would always be ready to join in with a song. This inn commanded an elevation to rival even the "Cat and Fiddle" along the Macclesfield Buxton road. Alas, all that now remains along the Pennine Way beyond Black Hill from this northern tavern is a pile of rubble.

The ruins of the "Millers Arms" below Saltersbrook Bridge where now traffic thunders between Manchester and Sheffield holds a special magic for yesteryear. Hill farmers would round up their stock on the surrounding fells of the Upper Derwent valley and then slake their thirst before returning via Featherbed Moss and the Shepherds Meeting Stones back to the homesteads of West End and Bank Top farms. For long before the building of the giant Derwent and Howden dams this valley held thriving and working communities. Walkers, Hancocks, Ridge, Marebottom and Abbey farms to name but a few. Even the once popular coaching "Ashopton Inn" has long vanished under the waters of Ladybower reservoir.

The modern stylish "Flouch Inn" that commands an imposing position at the crossroads between Manchester, Huddersfield and Barnsley once dated back into history. The original building was known as the "Plough Inn" for it simply attained the present name through the lettering sign being weathered away!

So when you next drive out to your favourite hotel spare a thought for the haunts of the past.

John C. Barrows.





## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We are delighted to be able to print Canon Emil Puttmann's Christmas Message and to congratulate him on his recent celebration of 50 years ordained ministry.

By the time you come to read these few lines, it will be the start of a very busy time for you: drawing up the shopping list, sending the cards, buying and wrapping the gifts, posting or delivering them in the hope that they will reach their destination without mishap and in good time.

In many respects Christmas can be a mad time: we do so much that we are stretched to the hilt to do everything to create a warm and lovely atmosphere into which we wish to welcome friends and relatives.

Yet, deep within us we believe Christmas is a great Feast, firstly for ourselves, then for our families some of whom we may not have seen for some time. Christmas is a great Feast for us, a Christian people, "Christ the Redeemer is here, Christ the Redeemer is here", as we so often sing during this season.

The Father sent His Son to us, that he might take us into His own life - that we might become sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity, that we might experience the rich grace of God who became one of us.

He wants to live in us and wants us to live in Him, in His Son Jesus who took our own flesh and blood unto Himself.

Many greetings and much joy for a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Emil Puttmann

## **totley library**

There will be an alteration in the library opening hours from 3rd December. It will no longer be open on Friday evenings so the hours will be:-

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Monday, Wednesday | 9.30 - 7.30  |
| Tuesday, Friday   | 9.30 - 5.30  |
| Saturday          | 9.30 - 12.30 |

We apologise if this causes any inconvenience but it was unavoidable in the current financial situation.

On a happier note, coffee mornings have now started at the library. They are held every Wednesday morning from 10 until 11.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and if anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let us know.

## **TRANSPORT 17**

Since our annual meeting last January various changes and developments have taken place within the organisation and functions of our local community transport services. In the early months of this year the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe) launched their exploratory scheme whereby the whole of the city would have access to community transport. For this purpose they divided the city and suburbs into five areas or sectors - Dore, Totley and Bradway being part of Sector 4 which is a wedge shaped segment running in towards the city centre from the South West. Existing community transport organisations were encouraged to apply to become the "core scheme" responsible for organising and developing the services for all clubs, community centres, churches, handicapped centres etc. who might wish to avail themselves of such transport within each of the five areas.

Transport 17's application was successful and we have been duly designated the "core scheme" for area 4. To assist our present small staff a Development Officer has been appointed (Graham Foxcroft) to expand the services throughout our part of Sheffield. His salary is funded by SYPTe who will also be providing us with an additional mini-bus in the near future and a part-time Administrative Officer. We are proud to have been chosen to pioneer this work and regard it as an exciting challenge and something which could benefit many more of our frail, handicapped and housebound citizens beyond the Sheffield 17 area.

We do want to make it quite clear, however, that the scheme will continue to be operated from our office on Baslow Road and that the needs of the residents of Dore, Totley and Bradway will continue to be served in exactly the same way as they have been since the commencement of the scheme in 1984. The wonderful support which we have always had from everyone in this area gives us the confidence to believe that we can tackle this new venture.

The Management Committee.

There will be a Christmas carol concert held in the library at 10 a.m. on Friday 21st December when the children of Totley County School will be singing. We hope to serve mince pies, tea and coffee and, of course, everyone is welcome.



# Christmas Services

|   |        |            |  |
|---|--------|------------|--|
| Dore Methodists                             | Dec 23 | 6.00 p.m.  | Lessons and Carols.  |
|   | Dec 25 | 9.30 a.m.  | Christmas Day Service.                                       |
| Totley Rise Methodists                      | Dec 23 | 7.00 p.m.  | Carol Service.   |
|   | Dec 24 | 11.30 p.m. | Holy Communion at U.R.C.                                     |
|   | Dec 25 | 9.30 a.m.  | Christmas Morning Praise<br>(with U.R.C.)                    |
| United Reformed Church<br>Totley Brook Road | Dec 16 | 6.30 p.m.  | Carol Service.   |
|   | Dec 24 | 11.30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Communion<br>Service (united with Methodists)  |
|   | Dec 25 | 9.30 a.m.  | Christmas Morning Service<br>at Totley Rise Methodist Church |
| Dore and Totley Christian<br>Fellowship     | Dec 23 | 10.30 a.m. | Christmas Praise.<br>Polytechnic Communal<br>Building        |
|   | Dec 25 | 10.30 a.m. | Christmas Day Worship<br>Conservative Club                   |
| English Martyrs                             | Dec 24 | 5.30 p.m.  | Nativity Play  |
|   | Dec 25 | 9.15 a.m.  | Christmas Mass   |
| Christ Church, Dore                         | Dec 23 | 9.30 a.m.  | Nativity Play & Family<br>Communion.                         |
|   |        | 6.30 p.m.  | Carol Service  |
|   | Dec 24 | 11.30 p.m. | Midnight Communion.  |
|   | Dec 25 | 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion   |
|   |        | 9.30 a.m.  | Holy Communion   |
|   |        | 11.00 a.m. | Short Matins & Communion.                                    |
| St John's, Abbeydale                        | Dec 23 | 6.30 p.m.  | Nine Lessons and Carols.                                     |
|   | Dec 24 | 11.30 p.m. | First Communion of<br>Christmas.                             |
|   | Dec 25 | 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion   |
|   |        | 10.30 a.m. | Shortened Family Service<br>with Communion.                  |
| All Saints', Totley                         | Dec 23 | 11.00 a.m. | Christingle Service  |
|   |        | 6.30 p.m.  | Festival of Lessons<br>and Carols.                           |
|   | Dec 24 | 11.30 p.m. | First Communion of<br>Christmas.                             |
|   | Dec 25 | 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion.  |
|   |        | 10.00 a.m. | Carols and Family Communion                                  |

## Christmas Music with the Abbeydale Singers

On Friday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m. at Dore and Totley U. R. C., Totley Brook Road. Admission tickets at £2 each (includes refreshments) are available from Martin's shop at 290 Abbeydale Road South

## DANCE? OR WHIST?

Totley and District Community Association are holding a Modern Sequence Dance on Sat. Jan 12th at 7.30 p.m. and a Whist Drive on Sat. Jan 19th at 7.15 p.m. in All Saints' Church Hall. These two events will carry on alternate weeks until further notice. **New members welcome.**

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

Led by the choir in Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday Dec 12th. Collection for the Dorcas Club and Oakes Park School for Handicapped Children. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

## TOY SERVICE.

On Thursday 6th December a thanksgiving for toys for Under Fives and their families will be held at All Saints' Church at 2.00 p.m. Please bring a new toy to help Father Christmas work through the Sheffield Family Service Unit.

### AN ARMY OF ORDINARY PEOPLE.

I am sure you have heard and read about the extension which is being built to enlarge the Totley Rise Methodist Church. I should like to tell you about the people of this church and of how they have helped me in my life through their love and care of others.

I hadn't been attending this church very long when I found myself and my daughter homeless because of my marriage breaking up. When a couple, who were church members heard of my situation they made room for us in their home immediately making us part of their family and relieving me of considerable pressure. The following day a group of their housegroup friends sat with me and prayed for God to help me find, not just accommodation, but a house. They also prayed for each item necessary for our home as we had left our home with very few possessions.

Within the next few days I felt a prompting from God to go and look at a small terraced house which was empty and as soon as I walked through the door it felt just right for us, but how could it ever be ours? Enquiries were made for me about getting a 100% mortgage and, to my amazement I was accepted, the price of the house was even reduced because it needed repair. In under 3 months my daughter and I had a lovely home, the furniture and fittings were all provided by these people of Totley Rise bringing items of all description from their homes for us. On the day we moved in food was brought to set us up in our new home.

Is there any wonder that when I go to church I feel as though I am going home to my family, a family of people who have the love of Jesus in their hearts and care so much for their neighbours.

M. Costello.

### EUREKA.

Could you cut an iron bar weighing 40 lb into 4 pieces such that it is possible to weigh any whole number of pounds between 1 and 40. What are the necessary weights?

**Answer next month.**

We hope to print a little problem each month - with the answer the following month. We invite all puzzlers, mathematicians, conundrum experts etc to submit any teaser for inclusion in future Puzzle Corners.

### TOTLEY SHOWS IN THE PAST.

We have been lent copies of Schedules and Catalogues relating to the Annual Shows of the Totley Allotment and Horticultural Society in 1921 and 1922 - the 4th and 5th shows. They are fascinating. In 1922 there were 35 classes in the Allotment Holders and Cottage Gardeners' Class, 21 in the Open Classes and 5 in the Farmers' Class. Prizes ranged in value from one shilling to twenty shillings with 22 Special Prizes which were mostly garden tools. The exhibition tents (where the junior school is now) was open for exhibits from 7.0 a.m. and specimens could not be removed before 7.0 p.m. To enter one had to be a member of the society but there were almost 250 members - all listed in the programme!

There was also a Poultry and Rabbit Section (including Pigeons in 1922) which also seemed to serve as a sale ring. Each entry was supposed to be accompanied by the price which the exhibitor wanted upon sale of the item. There was a rule which stated that exhibits claimed at catalogue price must be sold. If there were two or more claimants an auction was held but we are left to assume that the exhibitor could not have his entry returned to him unless there was no-one who wanted it at the named price. At 6.0 p.m. on Show Day all exhibits not removed by exhibitors (or purchasers we presume) were packed and delivered to the Railway Company for return whence they came. There was also a rule about telegrams respecting awards if the exhibitor paid the appropriate fee! The cost of a catalogue with awards listed increased from 6 pence to 1 shilling between 1921 and 1922.

We are glad to be able to reproduce the extract from the 1922 programme on the opposite page.

### YORKSHIRE ART CIRCUS BOOKS.

We have received a catalogue of Yorkshire Art Circus Books for 1991. Yorkshire Art Circus are becoming acknowledged as one of the leading publishers of local books and a look at the catalogue confirms that there is indeed an interesting range. There are only about twenty titles but more are planned. The catalogue has been placed in the local library for further reference or ask the editor for the address.



# TOTLEY SHOW 1922

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## SECRETARY'S FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

IN submitting the 4th Annual Report of the Society I must first take the opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the Committee, Mrs. Earnshaw for the use of the field (for the third season), the subscribers and friends of the Society for their kind consideration and support, and the following ladies and gentlemen for their donations of special prizes:—

Mrs. Milner, O.B.E., Totley Hall,

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT—continued.

During the Winter months the Committee arranged several whist drives, horticultural and poultry lectures which have been much appreciated.

At the monthly meetings of the Committee which have been particularly well attended it was unanimously agreed to include Poultry, Rabbits, etc., in the Exhibition.

Several additions were made in the Horticultural section and the Society also presented a Rose Bowl for competition in the Allotment and Cottage Garden section, for the most points obtained by any exhibitor in Classes 1 to 24, which was won, the first time, by Mr. Herbert Green against very keen competition. This Bowl becomes the property of the Exhibitor winning it three times (not necessarily in succession).

The fourth Annual Show (1921) was opened by Mrs. Terrey in the presence of many local supporters, and the hope was expressed that the good work of the Society would be continued.

The judging was expeditiously carried out by Messrs. J. Gledhill and D. Lewis, Horticultural; Mr. T. H. Furness, Poultry; Mrs. Milner, Botted Fruit, Jam, Eggs and Bread. Mr. Tom Fox, Wildflowers and Children's Drawing, and Messrs. Cressick and Needham, Farmers Class, and the Committee wish to express their thanks especially to Messrs. Gledhill and Lewis, who have performed the work, with satisfaction to the Exhibitors, since the formation of the Society in 1918.

The character of the Exhibits in all sections of the Show was uniformly good, the Horticultural section especially, having regard to the very dry and trying season.

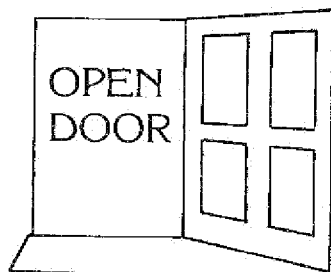
The Poultry Show was well supported and the Members of this section of the Committee are to be congratulated on its success.

With regard to the financial result, it is to be regretted the balance in hand is not as satisfactory as might be expected, but having regard to the additional Tenting, Pens, etc., and the printing necessitated by the addition of the Poultry section, and the larger Horticultural tent, it may, I think, be looked upon as satisfactory.

The Derbyshire County Council again supplied Seed Potatoes and Special Manure for the Trial Potato Plots which turned out very satisfactory, and the Committee thank them for this and also the lectures on Agriculture and Poultry keeping.

In conclusion, I thank all the Committee and friends who assisted on the day of the Show and hope with the further extension in the classes, both Horticultural and Poultry, our friends will continue to support the Society and thus enable the Committee to make the coming Show a great success and one of the best in the district.

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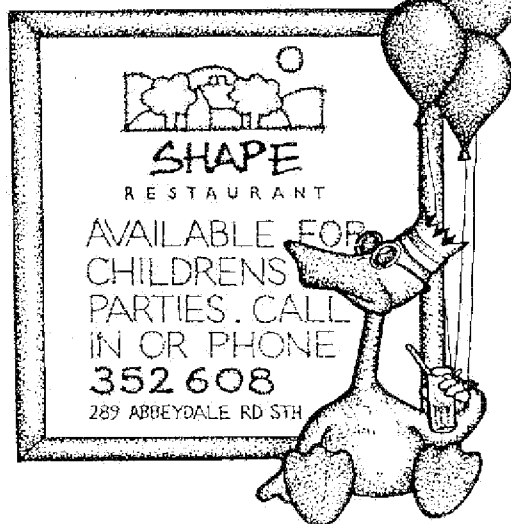


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He bids all people here on earth, be thankful for their Saviour's birth  
On this great day when Christ was born of Mary.

CHORUS It's Christmas, the bells tonight are ringing  
Christmas, the heavenly choirs are singing,  
Christmas, goodwill and peace to men  
A new King is born in Bethlehem.

Let every man his house now deck, with mistletoe and holly  
And heap more logs upon his fire, 'tis reason to be jolly.  
'Tis time to fill the wassail bowl, and let the merry chorus roll,  
To be morose is nothing short of folly!

Now let blithe carols fill the air, with happy voices mingling.  
Let frost and snow make faces glow and set the blood a'tingling.  
Let chestnuts roast upon the fire, let's watch the flames go leaping higher  
And set the bells of every steeple ringing.

Now happy families wrap their gifts and with warm hearts a'beating  
Send cards of cheer to dear old friends with fondest Christmas greeting.  
Young children gather round the tree, and soon with joyful shouts of glee  
Their Aunts and Uncles at the door are meeting.

So let the Christmas bells ring out, their message of salvation  
With gladsome peals in praise of him - our cause for jubilation.  
'Tis time to let the old year pass, and raise a toast in every glass  
To "Peace and Love" twixt this and every nation.

Len Capper 1990.

## cheshire home

Taking advantage of the good weather several residents took a bus trip round the local dams followed by a pub lunch.

The Sheffield Teachers' Operatic Society's production of "Winnie" and a performance by the Halle Orchestra at the City Hall were two highly successful evening outings attended by several residents.

Two very enjoyable musical evenings have taken place at Mickley Hall - one by the Dore Townswomens' Guild Choir and the other performance by Andrew Nimmo and four colleagues with a lighthearted repertoire of all-time favourite musical hits.

The Sheffield Polytechnic have designed and provided a portable trolley to enable residents to use the BBC computer in their rooms. Computer technology for residents is now flourishing at Mickley Hall.

Donations of Bric-a-brac and cakes would be appreciated for the Christmas Coffee Morning on 6th December.



We are delighted to print the above song from Len Capper. He tells us that he will be singing these verses over the festive season. We share his sentiments and trust that the words will help our readers to enjoy and appreciate this Christmas.

## HEALTHY EATING

Christmas is almost upon us. The season of goodwill and good cheer. In particular it is a time of good eating, certainly a time to watch that calorie intake! But we have the perfect foil for that problem - the vegetable - the leader in the healthy eating league. But what of choice? The list is unending from the exotic varieties such as MANGE TOUT, OKRA (Ladies Fingers), Baby Sweet Corn from Malaya and many more, to the more mundane Cabbages, Caulis and of course, Sprouts. We in South Yorkshire are fortunate to have thousands of tons grown on our very doorstep in Lincolnshire - picked one day and in the shops the next day. Frozen Sprouts? Perish the thought! Who could resist a delightful dish of fresh crunchy sprouts and chestnuts on the festive table?

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Don't let titles put you off! The recent play offered by the Dore and Totley U.R.C. Dramatic Society had the longest title I have come across - "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's production of Macbeth"! Even so it was one of the funniest plays one could wish to see. The plot developed from one mix up to another and altogether, whilst we were left very confused as to who was who and what was supposed to be happening next, it was a very pleasurable confusion and one which was certainly intended. It is always difficult to pick out individuals, especially in a comedy which depends so much for slickness and pace, but special mention must be made of Margaret Stone and Barry Rowntree who had large parts and carried them off in great style. As we have said before in these pages we do hope that productions like these will go on for a long time because they do provide first class entertainment for as many as the hall can hold.

## Dear Sir....

When was the last time you stood outside your front garden and looked at your boundary for overhanging hedges, dangerous rose branches etc.?

There appear in the area to be quite a few dangerous rose branches at all heights. Some hedges are stretching out further and further into the path of pedestrians and it is not always easy to avoid them. Children are not necessarily aware of any danger and people with pushchairs might not be able to move out of the way quickly, especially if the pavement is already crowded. Also it could be dangerous for a person with poor eyesight - especially with the darker evenings.

I have had my coat sleeve pulled on an overhanging rose branch and my toddler of 2 has had his face caught by an overhanging branch, scratching his eye whilst in the pushchair. There are already enough obstacles to try and avoid.

The next time you go out please spend a few minutes looking at your hedge from every angle/height. Time spent now could help prevent someone getting a nasty injury in future.

Name and address supplied.

### OLDHAY MEMORIES.

Referring to the picture on Page 1 Brian Edwards writes:-

Charlie Coates used to live in one of the houses overlooking the dam and remembered his grandmother telling him not to play in the small field nearby. "You see", she explained, "The hens get bellam when they stray into there". Charlie had thought into his 80th year that she referred to bedlam - madness. The word she referred to was belland - lead poisoning. My old 18th century map of the area refers to Belland Yard and obviously alludes to the lead smelting mill at Old Hay which dates back to the mid-16th century when Bess of Hardwick's husband, the Earl of Shrewsbury, brought lead over here from Derbyshire for smelting into lead 'pigs'.

Belland is a rarely used word these days as is bedlam. The latter derives from Bethlehem - the Hospital of St. Mary's of Bethlehem at Bishopsgate, London. Originally founded in 1247 as a priory, it was turned into a lunatic asylum and eventually moved to Lambeth.



# DECEMBER 1990 JANUARY 1991 DIARY

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| Sat.       | Dec | 1st Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. United Reformed Church Hall.<br>4.00 p.m Totley Residents Association. |
| Sat.       |     | 1st Bring and Sing Messiah. St Thomas Church, Meadowhead. 7.00 p.m.  |
| Mon.       |     | 3rd Discussion on Eastern Europe. U.N.A., 175, Dore Road. 8.0 p.m.   |
| Tues.      |     | 4th Christmas Fayre. Aldam Road Scout Headquarters. 7.00 p.m.  |
| Weds.      |     | 5th Dore Junior School Christmas Concert. 7.15.p.m.  |
| Thurs.     |     | 6th Cheshire Home Christmas Coffee Morning. 10 a.m. - 12 noon.   |
| Thurs.     |     | 6th Toy Service. All Saints' Church. 2.0 p.m.  |
| Sat.       |     | 8th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.   |
| Mon.       |     | 10th Souvenirs exhibition - Totley Library - for one month.  |
| Tues.      |     | 11th All Saints Mens Fellowship. Rev Robert Ivell. 8.00. p.m. Church Hall                                    |
| Weds.      |     | 12th Carols by Candlelight. Totley Rise Methodist Church. 8.0 p.m.   |
| Thurs.     |     | 13th Open Door, U.R.C. Totley Brook Rd. 10 a.m.<br>Health Visitor (Kathy Watson) in attendance.              |
| Thurs.     |     | 13th R.S.P.C.A. Bring-and-Buy. Holy Trinity, Millhouses. 10.30-12.30.  |
| Fri.       |     | 14th Dore Junior School Carol Singing - Dore Village Green. 6.30 p.m.  |
| Fri.       |     | 14th Christmas Music - Abbeydale Singers. 7.30 p.m. (see notice)   |
| Fri.       |     | 14th Ladies Evening Guild. Christmas Party. Abbeydale Hall 7.30 p.m.   |
| Tues.      |     | 18th Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m.  |
| Thurs.     |     | 27th Open Door, U.R.C. Totley Brook Rd. 10 a.m.(with Kathy Watson).  |
| Weds. Jan. |     | 9th Councillor's Surgery at Totley Library. 5.30 - 6.30 p.m.   |
| Thurs.     |     | 10th Ladies Keep Fit. U.R.C. Totley Brook Road. 7.30-9 p.m.<br>(every Thursday). - not aerobics.             |
| Fri.       |     | 11th Ladies Evening Guild. The First of the Year. Abbeydale Hall. 7.30 p.m.                                  |
| Sat.       |     | 12th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.  |
| Sat.       |     | 12th Modern Sequence Dance. Totley & District Community Association.<br>All Saints' Church Hall. 7.30 p.m.   |
| Tues.      |     | 15th Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m.  |
| Sat.       |     | 19th Whist Drive. Tot. & Dist. Comm. Assoc. All Saints' Hall. 7.15 p.m.                                      |
| Mon.       |     | 21st Copy Date for February Independent.   |

## THE INDEPENDENT FOR FEBRUARY.

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