

The footpath between Totley and the Hamlet of Totley Bents must be hundreds of years old, although the paving was carried out after the second world war. The stream at the bottom is called Needhams Dike, one of the many tributaries of the Old Hay Brook. The enclosure map of 1842 clearly marks the path as Bents Footway, before that period this area was all part of Totley Common.



WALKS AROUND TOTLEY

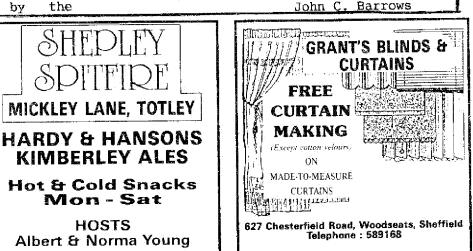
The High Road to Froggatt Edge

Walk Number 20 Distance 13.5 miles, allow 6 to 7 hours. Hiking boots essential, White 2.5" scale Peak Ordnance Survey Map Useful

Proceed along Totley Hall Lane, bridle track to Gillfield Wood, bridge and Shepherd's Hill to Woodthorpe Hall (historical interest) through Holmesfield Park Wood, cross the B6056 road and join field path (signed) adjacent to the 'George & Dragon Inn' (Holmesfield Village). Note the imposing church tower, and enter the charm of the Cordwell Valley, glorious views in all directions. Take the field path sign to Unthank, rejoin a lane at Eweford Bridge, head towards Owler Bar and after 250 yards a stone step stile on our left. Enter Smeekley Woods and the bubbling Cordwell Brook. This is fox hunting country, one can almost feel the scent of the Barlow Hounds. Head for Car Lane and just above the site of the old water filtration plant, a gate on our left proceeds into the realms of Moor Plantation. Easy route Ramsey improved surface track to Fox forward, Lane, note the ancient Celtic style cross on the skyline, plus further historical Monk's Cross in Shillito Wood at the junction of Fox Lane. Maybe in this vicinity we could take our lunch break. Head right along Fox Lane, past Ramsley Reservoir and after 3/4 mile we cross the busy A621 road. 1/4 mile towards Baslow is sited the old turnpike route known as Clod Hall Lane, and opposite this junction we enter a gate via Curbar Lane into the realms of Blackstone and the eastern edges, and some of the finest ridge walking in the awhile at Peak District. Tarry Wellington's (to drink-in Monument views of the Chatsworth glorious gritstone cross This was Estate). the the Iron Duke by erected to



benefactor of Baslow, Doctor E.M. Wrench, in the year of 1866. Continue past the massive gritstone block of the Eagle Stone (delightful folk lore tales at this spot). Cross Curbar Lane top and broad track onto Curbar Edge. The views extend to the Hope Valley and To the south the heights Kinderscout. around Matlock and Minninglow Hill. Pause awhile to watch rock climbers dangling from dizzy heights. Popular area also for model aircraft flyers. Peak National Park Rangers are always in attendance at the weekends to help and advise the public. Head forward for Froggatt Edge, cross the road and a gate leads into Haywoods (car park) and field path to the "Grouse Inn", (a favourite tavern for walkers). 150 yards above the inn, enter the realms of the Longshaw Estate (National Trust Property). After 3/4 mile at the end of the plantation leave the broad track and ascend the moorland path to the right toward the landmark known as "Wooden Pole". Steep stone steps the lead to a rock enclosure. Tarry here to drink in views unsurpassed. Cross the busy Stoney Ridge, Fox House Road and. enter our own Totley Moss. Here the track is well defined as we proceed close to the railway tunnel air shaft, (during the war years, army sentries guarded this vital main line route). Totley Moor is still a quiet unspoilt region today. Note the imposing flask edge to our right, the highest point at 1296 feet. The path skirts the flanks of Bolehill, glorious views all around. Soon we are descending the steep fields above the Totley rifle range and down to Moss Road. Turn left along Lane Head Road Sports Field. Traverse to the popular "Cricket Inn". Cobbled causeway Chapel Lane and back home to via Hillfoot Road and Totley bus station, to plan even further walks on our own doorstep.



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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

It was one of those murky kind of mornings - not raining but not fine. Cloud hanging about everywhere, and even at short distances, things became very hazy. Not that it really mattered, I was only going to town, and with such patience as I could muster, I waited in the gloom on Baslow Road for the bus to town. As I stood in the mist, there was a sudden clattering coming down the hill, more reminiscent of a clip-clop of horses' hooves, rather than the whine of a petrol engine. Indeed in a cloud of dust, out of the haze, came four horses and a coach. The horses were panting and the coach was swaying, and as it drew to a halt, I could just see in Crazy letters over the coach the declaration of, "Totley to Sheffield". Tt seemed to be right, but as r hesitated there a voice growled, "Is you coming aboard, mister?" There seemed to be little else to do but to climb aboard, and squash alongside the other passengers there. Before we could set off again, yet another set of horses and a coach roared by, setting a smart pace, which overtook us before we could get into stride. Not to be outdone, our driver slashed his whip. The gallant beasts strained at the harness, and set off in pursuit. We raced past the opposition at the next stop, and roared into position at the following set of passengers. They were waiting all hurriedly jostled aboard before the coach behind could reach us. Bodies steaming, the horses set up a good fast The other coach, not to be gallop. outdone, drew up beside us, and side by side, the two coaches rocked and swayed as we drew nearer to town. Some, who would have flagged us down, hastily jumped aside, to save their skins, as they could see that we would not stop. Indeed no stop was made until there was a good sufficiency of passengers to be the relieved of their gold, before Whereby driver would consent to stop. the following coach would sail gleefully by, with whoops and yells, firing their Winchester Repeater, and casting oaths and defiances behind. This was a case of whose nerve would crack first, which set of horses would falter under the strain - and the devil take the hindmost until a wayside saloon bar could be reached, and a steadying influence taken to restore the shattered nerves. What the blazes am I talking about? - I shall

have to either cut out watching late night cowboy films on T.V. or stop travelling to town by bus ... I don't know which.

ANON

CASH CRISIS AT TRANSPORT 17

Transport 17 has found itself a victim of it's success, with no money 10 replace the original minibus that was bought when Transport 17 was started in 1983. A second bus was bought in 1987 and then the Renault minibus was leased in 1989 in order to keep up with the demand for transport for elderly and housebound people in the area. The increasing costs of maintaining the older buses and the leasing costs of the Renault have drained the bank balance of all the funds that were being saved to buy a replacement bus. The charges for the buses have been increased to cover their costs, such as fuel, insurance and repairs. All the drivers and escorts and managers are unpaid volunteers and the cost of the one paid worker is met grant from South by а Yorkshire Passenger Executive. Transport 17 is now launching a major fund raising drive which needs the support of everyone who uses the service or who wants to help people to get around the area. If the money for a replacement cannot be raised there will have to be a reduction in the number of journeys that can be operated.

A Jumble Sale will be held at All Saints Hall on 21st March at 2 p.m. - Admission 10p

A coffee morning and Bring and Buy Sale is being held at 63 Chatsworth Road on 4th April from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The biggest fund raising event announced so far is that Totley Residents Association will donate all the proceeds from the Totley Sports Day on July 12th - to be given to Transport 17.

If you can help with any of these events or can organise others, please contact Michael in the office at 172 Baslow Road (Tel 362962) or contact anyone who is involved with Transport 17.

LENT 1992 (4th March - 18th April)

What is Lent? What does it mean to us? Do we have some vague impression or memory that we're supposed to give up something we enjoy doing - like eating chocolates or ice-cream? Be that as it may, Lent lasts for forty days, excluding Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday, so called from the custom of sprinkling ashes on the head, which is the day after Pancake Day or Shröve when the larder used to be Tuesday, emptied before Lent and people's confessions heard by the priest - to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Day.

It commemorates the time Jesus spent in the Wilderness after being baptised by John the Baptist. Alone, He prayed and meditated deeply upon God's call, which he had received at His baptism, going without food for forty days and nights. In this low, physical state, He faced three temptations, which the writer Joseph Campbell has defined \mathbf{as} economical, political and spiritual. He triumphed over them all and started His ministry which led to His death, Good Friday, and resurrection, Easter Day. Matthew chapter 4 VS. 1 - 11.

So Lent is really a time for quiet reflection, a time to think about important issues in our lives. To this CHURCHES TOGETHER IN enđ S17 are promoting 3 different courses this Lent. St. John's Church, Abbeydale are using the Sheffield Diocesan Course on Evangelism, 'Something to share' on each Christ Church, Dore and Dore Tuesday. Methodist Church are having a course of addresses by the Rev. Dr. George Tolley 'The Gospel is for Today' on entitled. each Wednesday. There are also to be a number of ecumenical groups to study the course, 'Living the Good News'. These will be at the following addresses:

Monday 8 p.m. Mrs. Doris Baker 31 Durvale Court, starting 9 March Off Furniss Avenue Mrs. Tess Webb Tuesday 2 p.m. starting 10 March 12 Aldham Close Tuesday 8 p.m. Mrs. Margaret Spivey 30 West View Lane starting 10 March Mrs. Eke Wednesday 8 p.m. 27 Mercia Drive starting 11 March Mr.& Mrs. N. Hayden Wednesday 8 p.m. 33 Rowan Tree Dell starting 11 March Mr. & Mrs. M. Snowdon Friday 8 p.m. 1 Ouarry Road starting 13 March

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY DORE & TOTLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Dramatic Society's next production will be the thriller, 'Dead Ringer', by Charles Ross adapted from, 'The Prime Pretender', by Logan Gourlay. When the Prime Minister drops dead from an apparent heart attack on the eve of a General Election, two members of the Cabinet, fearing defeat without the charisma of the PM, hire an out-of-work actor, a 'Dead Ringer' for the deceased, to take his place until the election is However the actor grows to like won. his role until he discovers that the real PM was poisoned. Thereafter this thriller plunges us forcibly from the early amusing fantasy world into murder and dark plots. The production is in the Church Hall, Totley Brook Road on Wednesday, 18th 1992 to Saturday, 21st March, March, 1992 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £1.50 Adults - £1.00 Children - Senior Citizens £1.00 Wednesday. Tickets can also be obtained

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Enrolment for all courses is on Tuesday, 7th April 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. at Abbeydale Hall. Please note that all courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers, for further information please telephone 620244.

ANIMAL WELFARE APPEALS

When spring cleaning please remember the charity shops are glad of good clothing, household goods (not electrical), books, bric-a-brac etc. The RSPCA shop has moved from 184 Crookes to 164 Crookes, for more space. The PDSA shop on Cumberland St. (bottom of the Moor, near the bus stops), has been renovated, both shops are grateful for goods and customers! Worn out old blankets, towels and cotton sheets are needed. The RSPCA Shelter on Spring St. needs the first two for bedding and the cotton sheets are wanted at the PDSA Napier St. clinic. Please contact Mrs.D.Styles, 10The Quadrant, Totley if you can help. The PDSA would be glad of your support for their Spring Fayre, Cathedral Hall, Campo Lane, on 21 st. March. The RSPCA will be having a Coffee morning and Bring & Buy on Wednesday, 1 April 10-00 am. to noon at the st. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Rd., please come along and bring your friends.



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Farming Scene

My opening comment in the February edition remarked on the lack of 'real winter weather' and this still applies. We have had some very sharp frosts, but little snow or rain and the ground is exceptionally dry for the time of year. Unless March and April are really wet, then we could be in for a repeat of the '76 drought, when potatoes reached the dizzy height of £7 per bag and producers laughed their way to the bank! What happy days they were! Since then farm incomes have declined rapidly so that we back to 1930's style ກວຜ ате recession/incomes, with 12,000 workers leaving agriculture annually and worse to come. The final nail as far as many are concerned is the introduction of new measures, pollution control animal hygiene food welfare regulations, regulations, food premises regulations, business rates on farm shops, animal medication recording and the pesticide handling and storage regulations. Although all these are 'good' measures in what they set out to do, the amount of time, paperwork and in many cases investment large amounts of capital required, are proving to be beyond the resources available to implement them in the current recession. Gooseberries are the first of our fruit crops to show signs of new life, with the buds just starting to elongate. These should soon be followed by the raspberries with the strawberries not really growing until Our really busy season starts April.

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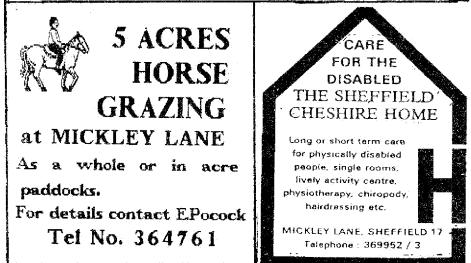
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soon with the onset of lambing (due to start on March 13th) and continues till after potato harvesting in October.

FARMING FACTS

DID YOU KNOW/ - that the natural toxins in many foods are so high that they would never be cleared as safe for use in crop protection. Thousands of people die each year worldwide from eating naturally toxic berries and fruit. That dioxin - the deadliest manufactured poison is 30,000 times <u>LESS</u> toxic than Botulins toxin produced by naturally occurring bacteria. 2oz of table salt can kill a child. There is enough caffeine in 1000 cups of coffee to kill you. Toothpaste is more toxic than many pesticides. all plants have natural pesticides called Phytoalexins present in them. 10 lbs of spinach or rhubarb contain a lethal dose of oxalic acid. Peanuts and mustard both carry known carcinogens. A pint of beer is 28,000 times more likely to give you cancer than pesticide residues. Burnt toast contains high levels of toxins! Natural toxins in mushrooms are 100,000 times more likely to damage your health than pesticides. Most of the nitrates found water supplies naturally in are occurring, being produced by the organic rotting processes of vegetation, grass, leaves etc, so any ban on inorganic nitrate application would have only marginal effect on water nitrate levels. It is estimated that 5 - 10% of a plants dry weight is natural pesticide, and that our daily intake of these natural toxins is 10,000 times higher than synthetic ones.

Edwin Pocock



NO WHERE TO GO!

Is Sheffield (or more particularly, Totley) a friendly place? I might not have asked the question if someone had not put the doubt into mind. ЯΥ Certainly there are some people who are self-sufficient and do not wish for the attentions of friends and neighbours. Also, at the other extreme, there are those who will find friendship and companionship even if they were to be marooned on a desert island.

In between, however, there are some who long for more friendship than they can obtain. In some cases this is because they are housebound or have physical limitations. The rest of us must do what we can to identify and act in such cases.

In general, however, it must be said that there are very many opportunities for social contact whatever age group is being considered. This is especially true for senior citizens or those past the first flush of youth. All the churches in the area have some sort of programme to which others would others would be welcome and information is available through magazines, leaflets or by word of mouth.

There are also many secular groups meeting (church people not excluded!) T.O.P.S. is one example - 30 to 40 people meet every Wednesday p.m. in the Heatherfield Club for a social gathering and there are outings organised as well. Contact Sid Otter on 364690 to find out more.

Also on Wednesday there is coffee available in the library to give a midmorning break and to meet some friendly faces. On a Thursday morning the venue could be the Open Door at the united Reform Church in Totley Brook Road. This, too, is an opportunity for a chat and social contact.

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On Tuesday afternoons the Totley Brook Club also meet on the U.R.C. premises and although this is for men as well as women it alternates with the Women's Fellowship at the Methodist School Room in Baslow Road. If this were to be a comprehensive

survey I should have to mention the various activities at Abbeydale Hall both the educational and the social programmes. I would also need to mention the Saturday night Whist Drives and Dances arranged by the Totley anđ District Community Association at All Saints' Church Hall on Saturdays. There are, no doubt, others too that ought to be mentioned but perhaps the main point has been achieved. Totley does not need to be a lonely place if you don't want it to be so. There is a lot going on for people of all ages. Ιf you have any ideas for further types of activity then write to the Totley Independent about it and see if there are others who share your ambitions!

Maurice Snowdon

SPRING CLEANING?

Want to get rid of unwanted goods? Totley All Saints School Parent Teacher Association will be happy to collect your jumble or nearly new goods for their forthcoming sales, (telephone 361839). The nearly new sale will be held on Friday, 20th March at 2.00 p.m. and the jumble sale on Saturday 21st March at 10.30 a.m. Both sales will be in the school hall, Hillfoot Road, with admission 20p and tea and biscuits on We hope to have clothes, shoes, sale. bedding, books and toys which will be sorted to give some very good quality nearly new goods, followed by bargain prices at the jumble sale.

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DORE AND TOTLEY COMMUNITY ARTS GROUP

2 Events for your diary -Concert by the Northern Wind Ensemble -24th March, 1992 and also The 2nd Dore and Totley Competitive Festival of Music Saturday, 11th April, 1992

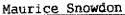
We are delighted to announce the above events and urge you to come along and enjoy either or preferably both. They will be held at King Ecgbert School, Totley Brooke Road, Dore. Our group is going from strength to strength and all our previous events have been hugely successful both in terms of enjoyment and support. Tickets and entry forms are available from myself or Margaret Spencer, 24 Totley Brook Road, Tel 366212 or any committee member.

Tickets for the concert are £4 or £3 concessionary.

Anyone wishing to become a member of our group or a Patron of the Festival should contact either Margaret or myself. New members/patrons are always most welcome. Ann Tilly,22 Laverdene Drive Tel 360268

COME FOR COFFEE

All Saint's Church hall will be open for coffee (or tea!) and socialising on Monday mornings from 9th. March from 10-00 a.m. to Noon. This is for a trial period of three months. All ages are welcome and we hope to be able to find acceptable games or just come for a chat. If you have any favourite game (or toy) please bring it with you.We look forward to welcoming you.









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Puzzle Corner

Therefore cost per biscuit = $\pounds 2-00$ divided by 4 = 5 pence each.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Alison, Dorothy and Les Firth would like to thank the people of Totley for their overwhelming offers of help, their prayers and their get well wishes to Alison during her time in Hospital.

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Gardening Tips

I was remarking to a customer the other day how wonderful nature can be, when another customer came in in a bit of a tiss - she's new to greenhouse cultivation and she thought that all the plants in her greenhouse had died. I went to have a look at her problem. The plants did look a bit sad as they all do at this time. She had lost a few to Old Jack Frost but in the main they were just biding their time ready to spring forth with new growth. So if your plants look dead, don't panic, they may be just resting. As I was saying, isn't nature wonderful, March is a busy time for gardeners, so no more chat -

- Prepare vacant beds for FLOWERS planting and seed beds. Snow drops can be lifted and divided as soon as flowers fade - don't wait until Plant the foliage has died down. Gladioli COTMS and other summer flowering bulbs. Plant herbaceous plants, add fertiliser to the soil. Sow sweet peas at the end of the month Take unless the weather is really bad. cuttings of early flowering Chrysanthemums and dahlias. Root in warmth. Prune roses now, cut HT roses 4 6 inches. from grafting to part, floribundas 10 to 12 inches depending on variety. Pansies can be sown at the end the month in a nursery bed. They of make nice plants to flower in late summer and again next year.

<u>VEGETABLES</u> - Broad beans planted in boxes or pots indoors should be hardened off. Plant onion sets out at the end of the month, the modern way is to bring them on in a box or tray of compost so

that a little root is formed before planting out. Prepare your bods fertilising, manuring or liming, as required ready for those super vegetables which you are going to in the put Totley Show. Prepare trench pfor runner beans. FRUIT - Firm in newly planted fruit and keep well watered. Tie in

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and train young roots of cane fruit. Give a balanced feed to cane and tree fruits and treat your blackcurrants to a dressing of nitro chalk. TREES & SHRUBS - Mulch around trees and shrubs especially newly planted specimens. Prune autumn flowering shrubs which flower at the tips of new growth. Plant our heathers, evergreen shrubs.

<u>GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS</u>- Gradually increase watering. Watch out for strong sunlight and shade seedlings and young plants. Feed actively growing plants with high potash feed i.e. tomato type liquid feed. Stop petunias and salvias at 4 - 6 leaf stage, pinch out the tips of bush fuschias and geraniums.

<u>LAWNS</u> - Prepare areas to be seeded wait till next month before seeding. Treat moss with Mosskiller or lawn sand. Prepare bare patches ready for reseeding. Cheerio for now,

Tom Busy Bee



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MARCH DIARY

	TUES.	MAR. 3rd.	(and every Tuesday) COFFEE MORNING, TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH LOUNGE 10-00 am to 12-00 noon
	WED.	MAR. 4th.	(and each Wednesday in March) FAT BURNING CLASS, ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, 8-00 pm 9-00 pm. Frice £1.50
	THUR.	MAR. 5th.	QUIZ NIGHT, SHEPLEY SPITFIRE, MICKLEY LANE, 9-00 pm.
	FRI.	MAR.13th.	QUIZ NIGHT KING ECGBERTS SCHOOL, (WESSEX BUILDING), 7-45 pm.
	FRI.	MAR.13th.	TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, ABBEYDALE HALL, 7-30 pm. HEALTH THROUGH AWARENESS
	· · ·		by Mr.BRIAN HAMPTON
	MON.	MAR.16th.	LIBRARY TALK STELLA JOCKEL PRESENTS SLIDES ON THAILAND & MALAYSIA
			7-45 pm. TOTLEY LIBRARY, (FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY)
	TUE.	MAR.17th.	TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, METHODIST CHURCH HALL, 10-00 am.
	THUR.	MAR.19th.	QUIZ NIGHT, SHEPLEY SPITFIRE, MICKLEY LANE, 9-00 pm.
	FRI.	MAR.20th.	NEARLY NEW SALE, ALL SAINT'S SCHOOL HALL, 2-00 pm.
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	SAT.	MAR.21st.	JUMBLE SALE (TRANSPORT 17) ALL SAINT'S CHURCH HALL, 2-00pm to 4-00 pm.
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	SAT.	MAR.21st.	JUMBLE SALE, ALL SAINT'S SCHOOL HALL, 10-30 am. ADMISSION 20p.
	WED.	APR. 1th.	RSPCA COFFEE MORNING & BRING-&-BUY 10-00 TO 12-00 noon, HEATHERFIELD
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