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LOWER BENTS FARMHOUSE

This charming little cottage stands back from Penny Lane, opposite the Cricket Inn. On 26th. March 1621, John Priest, millstone maker of Totley and Ralph Woodus, husbandman of Holmesfield, granted the the farm together with Well Croft and Nether Croft to John Rawworth, yeoman of Dore, for just £12.00.

This would indicate that the present structure, with later additions, was probably one of the first stone built buildings in the area possibly in the late 1500's or early 1600's.

In 1778, the property was rented out for 5 shillings per annum, and the same year it was conveyed to William Green, husbandman, in trust for Edward Dalton.

Various members of the Dalton family played an important role in local affairs during the 18th. and 19th, Centuries, this link ending in 1950 when they sold Lower Bents Farm to Mr. & Mrs. W.Tayler.

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BEYOND THE BEAN

Last month we looked at how the coffee bean is roasted and the various stages in roasting. This month I should like to cover the various methods of brewing coffee and the correct grind for each brewing method.

Different methods of brewing do require different grinds, the secret of making good coffee is to use a freshly roasted bean which is ground to suit your coffee making equipment.

Grinders come in all shapes and sizes, small household manual and electric models can be purchased inexpensively, alternatively coffee can be ground for you at your local Shoppe.

Correct grinding is crucial for the proper release of precious aromatic oils and aromas that make freshly ground coffee what it is. The fineness of the grind is vital because it is related to the amount of time the water will be in contact with the coffee during the brewing process.

As a guide the following grinds can be used with the different brewing processes:

- PULVERISED - Grind for making Turkish coffee in an Ibrik
- VERY FINE - Used for filter coffee makers
- FINE EXPRESSO - For expresso machines
- MEDIUM - Used for percolators and vacuum coffee makers and for the jug method.
- COARSE - Used for percolators with aluminium filters

METHODS OF BREWING COFFEE

JUG METHOD - Put coffee into a warmed jug, allow 3 dessert spoons of coffee to one pint of water. Pour on freshly boiling water and stir. Leave for 3 - 4 minutes. Pour into cups through strainer - medium grind.

FILTER METHOD - The most popular method of making fresh coffee. Place a filter bag into a dry filter cone. Measure coffee into filter and pour on boiling water. Let coffee drip through into heat resistant jug on a hot plate.

Electric filter machines are now easily available which cut out all the work!

EXPRESSO - Italian method where steam forces boiling water through the coffee, cappuccino coffee is also made in this way. Espresso and cappuccino machines are also now on the market.

PLUNGER/CAFETIERE - Place ground coffee in the bottom of the glass container, pour on boiling water and leave for 4 - 5 minutes then push plunger down through the coffee - medium/fine grind.

IBRIK - Turkish method, powder fine coffee is added to sweetened water and heated up in a small copper pan.

IMPORTANT - always boil the water but never the coffee!!

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Home Visits

GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

We've had a very mixed weather situation up to now, most of it not conducive to active gardening except, perhaps, those of us lucky enough to have a greenhouse. However, I'm sure you took advantage of the bright spots and got stuck into those Autumnal jobs.

Flowers

Tidy up herbaceous borders. Cut off all dead or dying stems and leaves, give a dusting of bonemeal if you have not done so recently prick over the surface with a fork. Complete the planting of tulips and hyacinths as soon as possible. Potted bulbs planted in September can be brought into light if the root formation is established. Now is a good time to plant roses, dig a hole plenty big enough to accommodate the roots spread in a natural manner, deep enough to give 8" of soil over the uppermost roots. Cut off any broken or bruised roots, and place centrally in the hole making sure that the soil is dispersed within the roots and there are no air pockets. Tread the soil down firmly leaving the last 2" or so loose and level. Place glass over alpines which you are specially fond of, the woolly leaved kinds are particularly vulnerable to rot through excessive wet, do not block up the sides they still need plenty of air. Honeysuckles, clematises, jasmines & ornamental vines can be planted now. They are usually supplied in pots, and this is a good advantage, as it means the roots are usually uninjured, if they are dry soak them in a bucket of tepid water for a few minutes then allow them to drain for an hour or so. When you are ready to plant carefully tap out the plant, loosen the roots a little and work some of the soil around then make them really firm in their new plot, tie up the shoots to a support at once.

Vegetables

Dig all available ground, the earlier in Autumn the better, turning over roughly. Protect cauliflowers from frost by bending over some of the outer leaves. Rhubarb forcing can start now by lifting strong roots and allow them to lie on the surface for a day or so unprotected, if there is a frost so much the better, take the roots into a warm greenhouse, stand them close together in deep boxes or on the floor under staging pack soil between them and keep them dark by screening. Water moderately and maintain a temperature of 55-70 degrees F

(13 - 24 degrees C).

You should have a few sticks by Christmas. Lift & store Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips etc, which will be required during frost bound times. Simply cut off the tops, pile up the roots and cover them with a little dry sand, ashes or soil.

Trees, shrubs & fruit

Move semi tender pot plants like bay & camellia into sheltered spots out of the wind. Cut back neglected deciduous hedging. Plant out conifers and evergreen shrubs. Prune fruit trees & vines.

Greenhouse & Indoor Plants

Clean greenhouse glass thoroughly both inside and out, take care with ventilation, remove all dead or decaying vegetation, avoid splashing water about. Cut back chrysanthemums as they finish flowering to within 5 or 8 cm (2 - 3 inches) of ground level, this will encourage roots to throw up suckers which will make ideal cuttings later on. Keep azaleas, cyclamen and winter cherry indoor plants on damp pebble filled saucers and mist azaleas and foliage plants (except hair leaved varieties). Support indoor daffodils, narcissi and freesias. Prune flowery maple mask, fuchsia & plumbago.

Lawns

Rake off leaves and keep clear. Dig new lawn sites for spring. Keep off the grass, especially when frosty.

Cheerio for now
Tom Busy Bee

ODD JOBBING

AFTER FIRST FROSTS, TRIM AND LIFT DAHLIAS AND GLADIOLI.

REMOVE SOIL AND LEAVE UPSIDE DOWN, IN FROST FREE ROOM TO DRY.

INSPECT REGULARLY AND SOAK ANY THAT HAVE SHRIVELLED IN WATER FOR 24 HOURS.

GLADIOLI MAY BE LEFT IN A CARDBOARD BOX OR A SACK.

IF YOU HAVEN'T TRANSPLANTED ANY SUMMER SOWN PERENNIALS, DO SO NOW IF WEATHER IS DRY AND FROST FREE.

COVER TUBERS (BUT NOT STEM) WITH DAMP PEAT...

Mr. Fothergill's Seeds
NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK

Dear Friends of Totley Independent

I wonder if you can do anything to speed up repairs to the footpath on Totley Rise, the wood side.

I am disabled and use an electric scooter, and in order to get to the Bank and doctors have to use that path from the Grove Road corner, past the Chapel, the piece by the 'gas box' is particularly dangerous, being badly broken and having four or five raised grids, also the part past the bus shelter and round Marstone Crescent corner to the surgery is very bad.

With the volume of traffic using Baslow Road, it is dangerous for me to cross by the bottom of Grove Road, to obtain the slightly better path up by the shops, plus the hassle of negotiating the lights crossing. I realise Sheffield is 'hard up' but it will cost them in compensation, if I or anyone else has an accident there. You very kindly took up my request in getting the trees on the railway side of Totley Brook Road cut back, for which I do thank you, and hope you can, once again, help.

Yours sincerely,
Miss L. Davies

R.S.P.C.A.

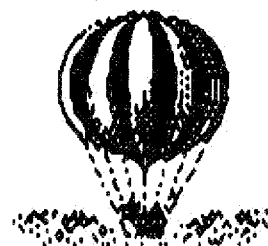
Clean old blankets, towels, sheets, and candlewick bedspreads are needed all the year round for the animals at the Spring Street Shelter, but even more so with the cold weather coming. Please leave at 10, The Quadrant, and Mrs. Styles will see they get to the kennels, but no jumble please. The Christmas Food Appeal for the Shelter will also take place shortly, and support will be greatly appreciated. 'Valerie of Dore', Totley Library and Halifax Building Society on Totley Rise have once more agreed to be collecting points for tins and biscuits etc.

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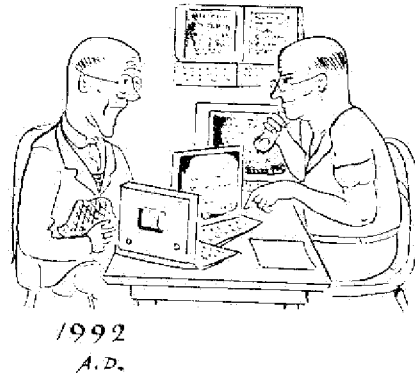
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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

CHANGING FACE OF THE BANK MANAGER :-



I don't know who was misguided enough to send the invitation to me, but there it was - an invitation to a lecture by a Banker - so I made myself less disreputable than usual, and went off to hear the great truths about Banking. I was not certain what to expect, my knowledge of Bankers has been taken from Western films, where the great man wears a top hat and cutaway jacket - or I have seen them in comics with a bowler hat and pinstriped trousers carrying a bag marked 'GOLD' and with clerks who sit on high stools and write copperplate into great bound ledgers. So it came as a bit of a surprise to see a young man in shirtsleeves manipulating a video screen. Then I found that the lecture was not just Banking but 'Electronic Banking'. It was all learned stuff, about credit cards, personal numbers, switch cards, and he showed a film with push button telephones talking to personal computers and offices full of the latest gadgetry with spools of tapes whizzing round and round: there was no end to the transactions which can be

done if your personal transmitter is on friendly terms with the machine at the Bank's Head Office. Plus a Bancomat (whatever that is) at your command 24 hours a day. It appears that shops and service stations are all attention at the flash of a card. Home or abroad there are no problems at all - or so he inferred. In all, he said that we could live our lives without any money at all. He must be joking; we've been doing that for years!

Anon

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HEALTHY EATING

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Are you a vegan? Then perhaps this simple easy to prepare dish will suit you.

Potato and Onion Bake

You need:

2 oz butter

2 onions sliced thinly

1.75 lbs potatoes sliced thinly

salt & pepper

parsley

Add cheese if required

Fry onions for 4 mins. Transfer to 2 pint dish. Arrange potatoes on top. Pour on melted butter. Season & cover with foil. Bake at 350 for 30 mins. Remove foil & bake for further 30 mins. Garnish with fresh parsley.

John Scrivens

FUN WITH THE STARS

In conjunction with the Library, your Totley Residents Association have arranged the following two Library talks.

On the 16th. of November Bob Warburton is giving an illustrated talk on "Insects in Your Garden". Bob has been kind enough to share with us his exceptionally good and detailed slides of wildlife at previous Library talks when there has always been a large audience, so watch for tickets becoming available at the Library to avoid disappointment.

To follow the above, on the 7th. of December Mrs Lilian Salisbury will be presenting a "Light Hearted Look into the Future" when she will walk amongst you and try to tell you things which you might find amusing and true but not bad or disturbing. Mrs Salisbury says she is not an astrologist but has studied the subject and found much amusement and interest in the topic.

Both the above will begin at the usual time of 7-45 p.m. in the Totley Library with entrance being by free ticket obtainable from the Library.

The last event this year will be the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on December 5th. at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church Hall when entertainment will be provided by Jimmy McWilliams and friends and the Silvine School of Dance. Watch the notices for further details.

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It can be seen, and we hope enjoyed, at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 25th to 28th November at 7.30 p.m. each night.

Tickets are still £1.50, children and senior citizens £1 and can be obtained by phoning

Kate Reynolds 366891
or Dorothy Hollis 362938
or by asking any member of the T.O.A.D.S.

Do come along and give yourselves an entertaining night out at very little cost!!

Should any of you long to, 'make a fool of yourself, on a stage, then we are always looking for new members and will be pleased to see you any Tuesday evening at St. John's Church Hall, in the back room, after 7.30 p.m.

We are a very friendly crowd, age range 16 to 86!!

SCOUT NEWS

1ST TOTLEY SCOUT LOTTERY DRAW

Winners are as follows:

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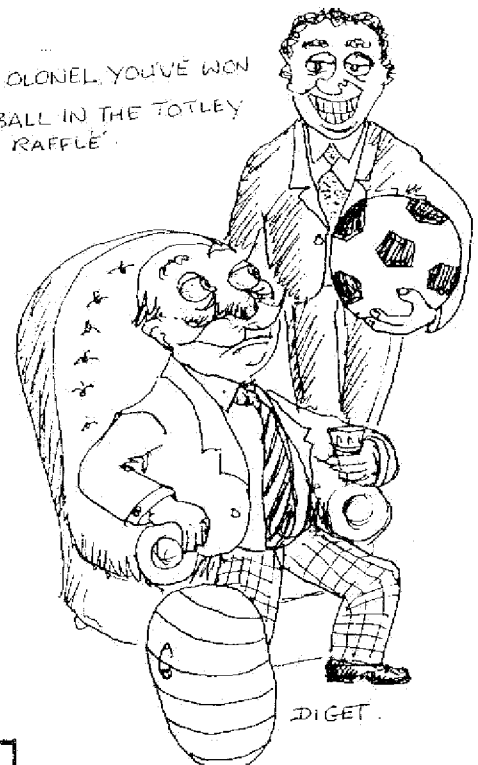
Nov.5th. Group Bonfire.Behind the Scout Hut 7-00pm.

Nov.13th.District Cub Swimming Gala, Heeley Baths.

Nov.21st.Beaver Fun Day

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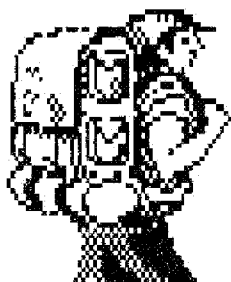
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EYAM DELIGHTS



Tourists from all over the world visit the village of Eyam purely to take a step back into history. The plague of 1665 brought a drama to this charming village that has really placed it firmly on the map. Many books and stories have been written about the courage and devotion of the heroic clergymen Mompesson and Stanley. Eyam will never be forgotten for its' dreaded plague. Now this expanding and stylish place bustles with a real prosperity, boasting of four fine inns, good food and ales. Delightful activities include the popular Well Dressings, Annual Sheep Roast and Carnival.

But let us use Eyam as a base for some of the finest walks in our glorious National Park, which are too numerous to mention. We select one walk around the Eyam moorlands which has no equal.

Distance involved 11 miles, allow 6 to 7 hours

Select the large scale White Peak Ordnance Survey map. Park the car at Hawk Hill Road (Council Park), just behind the main road. Lace up the hiking boots and we are ready to step into paradise. Route as follows:

Cross the sports field directly behind the car park. The track takes us behind the imposing church of Eyam. Turn left into a field area where signs point to Mompesson's Well, we rejoin a steep section of road above the Youth Hostel. Cross the road via a wooden stile, enter a steep copse which takes us to the crest of Eyam Edge.

Pause to drink in a view that commands a southerly aspect of the whole of the White Peak.

Negotiate several field paths above Lady Wash Mine. (Here is a mistake on the Ordnance Survey Map - the latest edition 2 1/2" scale White Peak Ordnance Survey Map shows the corrected line above Lady Wash Mine), but simply follow the yellow markers to the lofty heights of the Sir William Hill. At nearly 1400 feet the views extend to the giants around Kinderscout and the Edale Valley.

Enter Eyam Moor via a second ladder stile. Here a faintly marked track (yellow markers on spaced wooden poles) takes us along a new concessionary path, that could complete an unbroken line from Eyam right across the Hope Valley.

The moor is interlaced with tumuli. The fine Wet Withens Stone Circle is over to our right, but this is a National and State preserved monument and would be strictly trespass.

The heathery path drops steeply to connect with other routes leading from Nether Bretton and Leam. Proceed over a stile to enter a glorious grassy terrace above an escarpment known as Rock Basin.

Here the beauty of Bretton Clough unfolds before us with the tiny Highlow Brook interlaced with a profusion of woodland and strange green shale like hills, land slips liken the scene to miniature Dolomite Valley. There is just no other more delightful view in the whole of the country. But we must not linger for the path beckons us forward towards Stoke Ford.

As we climb another ladder stile note the ruined farmsteads of Bretton Clough Farm and Gotheredge Barn and peeping over our forward skyline the historical Highlow Hall (home of the famous Eyres,) one of the six old halls around Hathersage, which include nearby Hazleford and Offerton Hall.

The path winds steeply through gorse and bracken down to the hub of the valley at Stoke Ford where five paths join over the Highlow Brook and under the shadow of shapely Abney Low.

Cross the wooden foot bridge and head for the track through copse and field area towards the road between Highlow Hall and Abney. Cross the road into another field and track towards the fine homestead known as, 'The Oaks'.

We find a delightful terrace under the shelter of a wall, an ideal lunch break with a fine backcloth of Bretton Clough and Eyam Moor.

Four miles completed. Enter a broken down gate which takes us on to the open moor of Smelting Hill, and traverse the slopes of Offerton Moor, keeping the village of Abney on our left. Pass several Grouse Shooting butts and crest the hill towards Shatton Edge, once again Tumuli and Stone Circle sites in profusion.

Head for Duper Lane (bridle track between Abney and Brough). Make a slight detour from the track above the old site of Robin Hoods Cross, to enter the hidden valley of Overdale. This secret vale is a bird sanctuary, owned by the Derbyshire Naturalist Trust and affords one gem of a path which returns us lower down the bridle track towards Brough. The view from the head of Overdale drinks in delightful peeps of Lady Bower Reservoir, Stanage, Derwent Edge and Win Hill.

Head back up the bridle track toward Abney Moor. If the wind is in the right direction you may see the hang gliding clubs launching into space from nearby Bradwell Edge and beyond the heights of Bleak Knoll. This area always seems to have plenty of activity in the sky for the Derbyshire Gliding Club at Hucklow Edge is known to all enthusiasts.

Continue across a pleasant grassy track which skirts the full length of Abney Moor at a height of approx. 1300 feet. After 1 mile we cross the Abney Road and pick up another field path adjacent to the Abney Grange Farm.

Descend to the infant Bretton Brook (yellow markers) cross a sturdy footbridge and the path climbs steeply up to the Sir William Road between the historical and popular Barrel Inn and Hucklow edge.

The views hereabouts are boundless. To the south the Lower Derwent Valley, beyond Matlock, Bonsall Moor, even the clump of gaunt trees along Minninglow Hill. Over to the west, Axe Edge and glimpses of the Roaches. the northern scene, Bleaklow and Kinderscout. Eastwards, Chatsworth and Beeley Moors, Fox House and the Froggatt Edges to name but a few.

A finger post points the route across steep fields and down to the charming hamlet of Foolow. Note the fine village green, and there is always a welcome at the local tavern, 'The

Bull's Head Inn'. Walk a few yards along the Eyam Road and on our right a finger post points a route through field paths, we cross a narrow dry limestone dale and a few yards beyond make a slight detour towards a bridle track which swings back to the road, proceed back along the Foolow Road for 100 yards and immediately on our right hidden in a wooded glade and opposite the entrance to Waterfall Farm is the spectacular 'Waterfall Swallet'.

Here a stream rises on Shepherd's Flat Moor and plunges a full 40 feet over a limestone clint into the ravine below.

Do not proceed directly into the glen, view the cascade from the adjacent lane. After a heavy rain this waterfall would rank with the finest in the Peak District. It is reputed that the stream disappears underground for nearly two miles to re-emerge into the Dale Brook at Stoney Middleton. Rare plants grow high on the steep limestone cliffs. Truly one of the wonders of the Peak. Officially this rocky glen is on private land belonging to the nearby Shepherd's Flat Farm under Eyam Edge.

Retrace our steps back to the field path and after negotiating several stiles we come in sight of the sprawling village of Eyam. The field paths link to several cuttings or gennels between fashionable garden properties.

Descend a few steps through a small housing estate and we are back into the centre of Eyam. Just a few yards from the main street and we view our starting point and final destination, the Hawkhill Road car park.

If you do not enjoy these Eyam Delights, you can banish me to the wilds of Rannoch Moor.

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WORKING FOR TOTLEY

During September/October a display was held in Totley Library entitled, 'Volunteers in Totley Working for Their Community'. The aim of our display was to highlight groups both large and small who's members give up many hours of their time to serve their community.

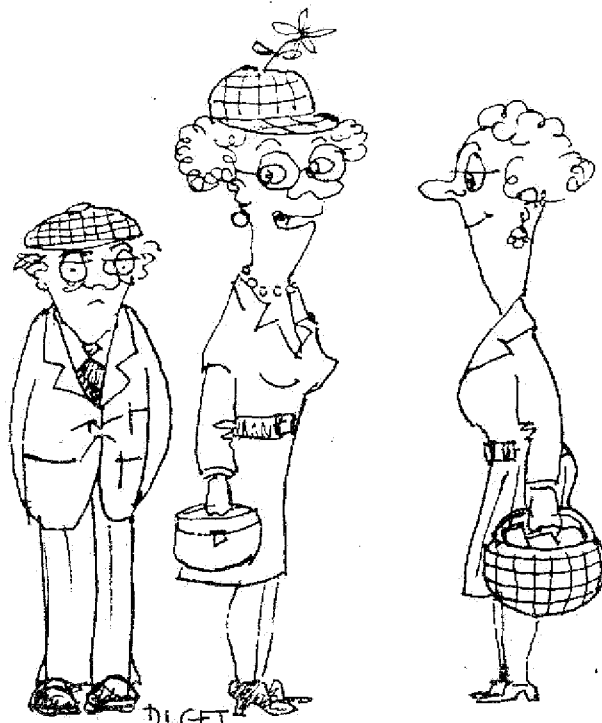
Volunteers are often taken for granted, it is assumed that they have time to spare and a need to fill it. In fact, this is rarely the case - time often being juggled around business, family and home commitments. So spare a thought the next time you are asked to help with an activity.

Thank you to all the groups who participated and if you feel that your organisation would like to put on its' own display, come along to the library and book a date.

Groups listed in alphabetical order -

1. Dorcas Centre
2. English Martyrs Church - Outreach Group
3. Good Neighbour Scheme
4. Guides and Brownies
5. Liaison Lunch Group
6. Luncheon Clubs - Bradway, Dore & Totley
7. Neighbourhood Watch
8. Open Door
9. Pushchair Club
10. South West Area Sitting Service
11. Totley All Saints Ladies Club
12. Totley All Saints Parent and Toddler Group
13. Totley and District Community Association
14. Totley Brook Senior Citizens and Disabled Club

15. Totley Good Companions Club
16. Totley Independent
17. Totley Older People's Society
18. Totley Probus Club
19. Totley Residents Association
20. Totley Rise Methodist Women's Fellowship
21. Totley Scout Group
22. Totley Tenants Association
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Transport 17 are delighted to report that they have bought out the lease on the Renault Minibus, - "The Alan Jockel Enterprise".

This has been achieved by a tremendous effort by all the community to raise money. Everyone who travels on the Minibus is grateful for this support.

Through this effort the finances of Transport 17 are back on an even keel. The income that is recieved from the users and other sources is enough to pay for the running of the buses.

The capital cost of the buses, however, has to be met by separte fund raising and donations. The next task is to raise money to replace the original bus which is now 9 years old. "Help the Aged" has indicated that it may be able to contribute, as it supported Transport 17 to buy this bus, but it can only do it if there is a strong, local support for buying a replacement.

Any offers of help from individuals or organisations to raise funds will be very welcome

The committee of Transport 17 are organising 2 events in November to which everyone is invited and for which contributions are requested:-

Saturday, 14th November,

All Saint's Church Hall, Jumble Sale. Proceeds to T17. Jumble, good as new, books, bric-a-brac. Refreshments on sale.

Phone 362962 or 365063 if you need Jumble collected. Many thanks to All Saints.

Saturday, 28th November,

Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, Christmas Fair. T17's own! Starts at 2.00 p.m. Santa, grand raffle, afternoon teas, books, gift stalls and games, bric-a-brac and good as new with a trying-on area! Please come along and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Whisperer

A planning application for houses on land at Summer Lane has been turned down by the city council.

Augustus Barnetts' Wine Shop recently had a window damaged during the early hours, it is not known if anything was taken.

The old rifle range building which was demolished earlier in the year has been replaced with a new stone building and the land landscaped.

The new shop on the Rise is to be a shoe repairers, we have not had one in Totley for many years, can anyone remember when there were 3 at one time?

The chip shop is now under management it is now the Abbey Friar 2.

Bill Taylor of Totley Bents recently passed away, he was one of the few remaining characters left in Totley and was well known when working on the bin wagons.

Don Dean (of Green Bros.) in Dore recently passed away after a long illness, the Independent would like to pass on condolences to his family.



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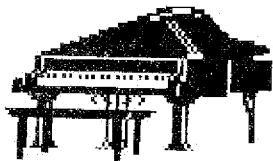


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I'd heard of him before the Student Games Cultural Festival, of course, but I'd never heard him for real till then when he did one of those late night concerts on the zig zag carpets and was absolutely wonderful, only a short time after he'd come to live round here. I suppose he ought to be getting pretty wonderful by now, mind you.

He's worked with some of the best of British Rolling Stone Charlie Watts, Alexis Korner, Mick Fleetwood and of course, the Blues Band. He was 1991 British Blues Festival UK Blues Pianist of the Year. In the Sixties he toured with John Lee Hooker, in the Eighties with Chuck Berry. You may have seen him being rather impressive on the rather impressive South Bank Boogie Woogie Special on London Weekend in 1988. Anyway, whether you did or not

Bamford's not far. Tony Capstick's the MC.

And Bob Hall is brilliant.

You might not like his waistcoats. He might not like to have been puffed and praised by a fan like this. But a bit of the glory rubs off on us doesn't it?

See you - Marquis of Granby at 8 on the 8th?

THE JOHN WADE SINGERS

After the performance of, 'The Bartered Bride' last month, the John Wade Singers quickly launched into preparations for an evening of Advent and Christmas Music. This is to be given in the Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, on Advent Sunday evening, November 29th at 7.45 p.m. Tickets and more information will be available from Jean Fernie on 365113.



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MEETING THE HIGH FLYERS

A few weeks ago I received a telephone call asking if the Independent would be interested in the story of the life of Mr Derick Lee of Moor Cottage on Hillfoot Road.

I arranged to meet Derick and in his home listened to his experiences of flying, trying to take notes as he reminisced his life to me.

Sadly Derick passed away this month and we never completed his stories to share with you.

As a small tribute here is a little of Derick's experiences.

After joining the R.A.F. much of his life was spent flying on Tiger Moths, Hansons, Wellingtons, Lancasters, Lincolns, B 29's, Handley Page Hermes, Vikings, Avro Yorks, Dakotas, Vampires, Elizabethans, Viscounts and Vanguards all names unknown to yours truly but I'm sure not to you.

He told me about many near misses such as the time the wheels didn't come down when landing and the Pilot having to do a belly flop and the time when the brakes failed on landing and the plane

only just, by some strange means or other, just stopping in time to avoid crashing.

His narrowest escape was the Munich Air Disaster a flight that Derick was to have been the steward on but swapped with a colleague who always wanted to fly with football teams.

During the times of being a flight steward the list of celebrities he has met would be an autograph hunters dream, especially if you are over forty so you can remember them.

Charlie Chaplin, Billy Whitelaw, Joan Collins, John Le Mesurier, Hughie Green, Harry Secombe, Norman Wisdom, Ben Lyon, Sir Donald Wolfitt, Ingrid Bergman, Herbert Lom, Norman Hartnell, Edmondo Ross, Peggy Mount, Broderick Crawford, Jack Hawkins, Ali Kahn, Virginia McKenna, Cyril Stapleton and many more. All were passengers who as Derick informed me, would if things were lax stroll down the plane on long flights to stretch their legs and have a chat.

Things were different then, air travel not being the mega industry it is today, with sometimes there being only seven or eight passengers.

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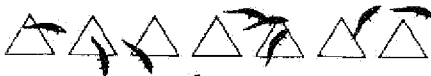
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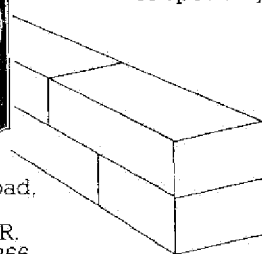
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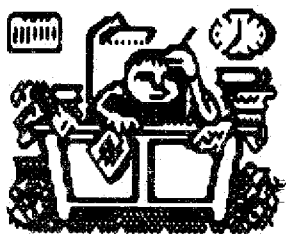
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THE TOTLEY RISIBLES



Suddenly it's the 20th. of the Month and once again time to start putting the Independent together, why did I volunteer for this, I ask myself, I don't know comes the reply?

Work gets started, is there enough copy, are all the ads. correct is the front page OK., are the dates correct in the Diary, press on a deadline to meet.

At last it's ready for the printer and the work complete, for a short time, now sit back and enjoy the result and be thankful for our contributors with the talent of being able to put pen to paper and share with us their talent.

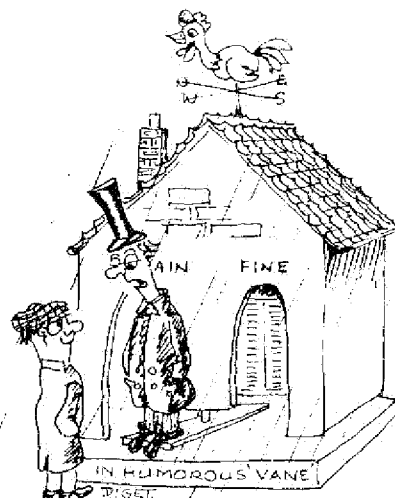
We are fortunate to have our regular features from Tom Busy Bee with his Gardening Tips, Anon for Tales of the Unbelievable, Edwin Pocock with the Farming Scene, Brian Edwards and Peter Inman for there sketches, John Burrows sharing the pleasures of the hills and Diget for the cartoons to mention but a few.

But what about the Title of this article? It's just an introduction to a series of cartoons with the Totley Risibles.

Diget informs us that after turning over in his mind ideas for a regular cartoon theme in humorous vane and the word "risible" meaning laughter, what better than the Totley Risibles.

Hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

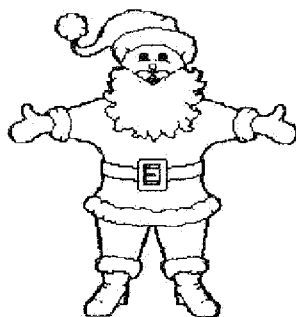
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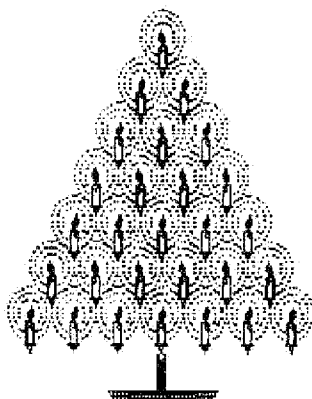


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- WED. NOV. 11th. "I RICHARD FURNISS....." TALK BY Mrs.J.DUNSMORE, TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH, 8-00 pm
- FRI. NOV. 13th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD,SUGARCRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS by Mrs.M.HILL, ABBEYDALE HALL 7-30 pm.
- SAT. NOV. 14th. T17 JUMBLE SALE,TOTLEY ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, 1-30 pm.OFFERS OF JUMBLE TO T17 OFFICE OR PHONE 362962 (See inside for details)
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- SAT. NOV. 28th. AUTUMN BAZAAR, TOTLEY ALL SAINTS, 2-00 pm.
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