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**TOTLEY SHOW 1994, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd.
TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

TOTLEY SHOW

THE TOTLEY SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT TOTLEY FISE METHODIST CHURCH HALL
BASLOW ROAD, ON SATURDAY 3th. OF SEPTEMBER.

The classes for this years show are as follows:-

HANDICRAFTS

1. Hand Knitted Garment
2. Machine Knitted Garment
3. Embroidery
4. Crocheting
5. Soft Toy's
6. Tapestry
7. Lace
8. Cross stitch
9. Patchwork
10. Decoupage

DOMESTIC SECTION

11. 4 oz. Victoria Sandwich
Plain (See recipe)
12. Fruit Cake (see recipe)
13. Shortbread
14. 3 Scones on a plate
15. Apple Pie
16. Jam
17. Lemon Curd
18. Marmalade

FLORAL SECTION

19. Table Decorations Fresh
(up to 6")
20. Table Decorations Fresh
(over 6")
21. Table Decorations
Artificial (up to 6")
22. Table Decorations
Artificial (over 6")
23. Cut Flowers 5 of any
variety in season.
24. Any 1 House Plant in
container up to 12".
25. Any 1 House Plant in
container above 12".

FRESH PRODUCE

26. 1 Plate 4 Eating Apples
27. 1 Plate 4 Cooking Apple
28. 1 Plate 12 Blackberries
29. 4 Matching Potatoes
30. 1 Cabbage
31. 3 Matching Leeks

32. 1 Matching Onions
33. 1 Matching Carrots
34. 1 Matching Runner Beans
35. 1 Matching Turnips
36. 1 Plate 12 Tomatoes
37. 1 Cucumber
38. 1 Marrow
39. 1 Lettuce
40. Largest Onion
41. Heaviest Marrow
42. Longest Runner Bean

ART

43. Oil or Acrylic Painting
44. Water Colour
45. Pen & Ink Sketch
46. Pencil Sketch

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prints Only)

47. Colour
48. Black & White

WOODWORK

49. Toy
50. Small Furniture
51. Sculpture

Recipes:- Class 12, Dundee Cake 7" tin, plain flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, pinch salt, 3 hens eggs, butter or margarine, 6 ozs. each sultanas & currents, 2 ozs. peel, 1 oz. cherries, pinch of spice, 1 tblsp milk, 1 oz. almonds for top.

Class 11, Victoria Sandwich, 2 hens eggs, 4ozs. each self raising flour, margarine or butter & sugar. Pinch of salt and a little water baked in two 6" or 7" tins and sprinkled with caster sugar.

PLEASE NOTE - NO ENTRY IN ANY CLASS SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN PREVIOUS TOTLEY SHOWS

Entries may be donated to be auctioned at the end of the Show, but this is not compulsory nor a condition upon which entries will be accepted.

Show Programme

10-30 am. Entrants Registration
2-00 pm. Doors Open To The Public

12-30 pm. Judging & Awarding of Certificates
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TOTLEY QUIZ ANSWERS

21. The bungalow called Poynton Water (?) at the end of Mill Lane, Totley Rise stands just in Totley but is just yards from Bradway over the Totley Brook and Dore (over the Old Hay Brook). I reckon this dwelling is closest to all three parishes.
22. George Bassett, the Liquorice Allsort King; Thomas Cole of Cole Brothers, and Industrialist Easterbrook Allcard were all trustees of the former Methodist Chapel in 1848.
23. The Duke of Rutland had the Duke's drive put in to gain carriage access to his grouse moors. Still discernible running around the back of the rifle range.
24. In 1827 D'Ewes Coke of Totley Hall was the major sponsor of the old infant's school on Totley Hall Lane.
25. The 'college' now part of Sheffield Hallam University was once known as Totley-Thornbridge a domestic science centre for young ladies.
26. Earlier this century a circus visited the field on Back Lane behind Totley Rise shops and one of the visitors was an elephant which, I reckon, is probably as big as any animal seen in Totley.
27. There have been three chippies - 1) Chippie Fox's in the house next to the old Methodist Chapel of Hillfoot Road, 2) A red brick chip shop, now demolished, and situated adjacent to the play area at the Fleur de Lys, and 3) of course, that at Totley Rise now thriving near the Chinese Take Away. Several years ago planning permission was sought and refused for another opposite the top of Mickley Lane.
28. Alcatraz and Rowan Tree Dell - both homes to Birdmen. One was a life prisoner in the famous U.S. prison and the other is our own independent contributor, Bob Warburton of appropriately named Rowan Tree Dell. Bob has always denied that he was paroled early from Alcatraz.
29. At one time or other Totley has come within either ecclesiastical or administrative control of Dronfield, Dore and Norton (Rural District Council). It also had strong ties with Holmesfield, particularly in the 16th Century.
30. Laverdene was named after the builder, (and timber merchant), Arnold Laver of Bramhall Lane.
31. The Cross Scythes was known as Half Way House because it was six miles from Sheffield and six from Baslow.
32. The Baslow Road dual carriageway was the culprit that divided the community and was built in the 1960's.
33. The Lady Cross standing in Big Moor was built as a boundary stone in 1618.
34. As far as I know Ruskin grew nothing in Totley. St. George's Farm where he established a working/living community stands just outside the Totley boundary. his attempts at strawberry growing were no where as prolific as Edwin Pocock's.
35. The Victoria Gardens of the 1880's built as a Totley Pleasure Ground failed to get a drinks licence and this almost certainly led to it's failure. However when the Sheffield Cutlery firm of Walker & Hall were entertained there by the Master Cutler, the 800 workmen brought their own drink.

My answers have been added to in some cases by the excellent contributions of prize winners Judith Norris and John Gray.

Brian Edwards.

FARMING SCENE

As I write it is raining! Dare I say it - yes - We could do with a shower or two to freshen things up, as the recent dry, windy weather has cracked the ground and stopped the grass etc. from growing. It would seem to me to be one of the coolest and windiest spring/summers we have had for a long time. This has created big problems for arable farmers with large acreages of crops needing weed and pest control, as spraying operations have been severely curtailed due to the risk of chemical drift in the windy conditions.

The wind has also played havoc with our straw laying around the strawberries. Not only has it been difficult and dusty to lay it neatly between the rows, but also the force of the wind has blown it over the rows, down the alleyways and into the neighbouring hedges!

The fruit season is going to be very late this year, at least 15 days later than last year. The crop itself is going to be much reduced as a consequence of the wet weather over the last 18 months. This has caused a large percentage of the plants to die, and a fair proportion of the rest to be less vigorous and fruitful than would otherwise have been the case.

The silage making season has come and gone, with haymaking now in prospect. After last years poor weather for both silage and hay making, it has been a big relief to be able to make some good silage and, hopefully, hay as well!

Our Highland cow has now calved producing a healthy tan coloured bull calf. Mother and baby are doing well, with big sister Katy making up the family group. Be warned, Rosie - although not aggressive at all, will

wave her horns at you should you venture too close to Angus - the new arrival's name.

Harvest will be very late for us this year with no winter barley and the spring barley planted relatively late - a mid August start looks very likely. The variety of barley we have planted i.e. Dekado, is very resistant to all the fungal diseases that normally attack the crop, making it unnecessary to use a fungicide. It is an approved malting variety which, given the right growing conditions etc. should produce a crop suitable for use in beer production.

The area of potatoes planted this year is nearly 10% down on previous years, and with the cool conditions holding back growth, the current high prices are likely to prevail for some time. These prices will ease a bit come September/October, but are likely to remain much higher than in the last 2 - 3 years.

Edwin Pocock

R.S.P.C.A.

With so many unwanted animals at the shelter, the R.S.P.C.A. are having a Summer Food Appeal to replenish their stocks of food. Totley and Dore have always been most generous towards the animals, and Totley Library, Halifax Building Society on Totley Rise, and Valerie of Dore are kindly acting as collection points for some weeks. So if at all possible, please be so good as to donate a tin of dog or cat food. Unfortunately, holiday times see even more abandoned animals.

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60 YEARS ON THE HILLS

Many friends ask me what I see in hill walking year after year around the Derbyshire countryside. The simple answer to the question is that I like it. The gentle art of bog trotting still pulls one to odd corners of the Peak to be explored. I would not swap my hobby for pursuits such as golf, tennis or football for all the tea in China. The early days of scouting and camping in the Cordwell Valley was a first introduction to the outdoor life. To graduate to a holiday camping at Losehill Hall and Grimbocar around 1935 was really special. There is a Peter Pan image in all true hill walkers.

Starting work at the age of 14 years was the norm in the early 1930's. Hours were long and all the rambling fraternity around the Sheffield area longed for the Sundays to escape from factory and shop to the freedom of the great outdoors. Sheffield, then known as the, 'Dirty City within a Golden Frame', was the perfect centre. A penny tram car ride to Endcliffe Park, and one could walk out to Ringinglow along Stanage Edge to Hathersage and Hope Valley, I would often walk back home via the Eyam, Longshaw and Totley Moors.

Each weekend brought a new adventure with graduation to the high tops of Kinderscout and Win Hill. Can any readers recall the big jamboree scout camp at Derwent Hall during the mid 1930's and the Tuck Shop along the terraced site at Grimbocar Woods? Our horizons extended to the wilds of Bleaklow and Blackhill, access was difficult for these once private moors were grouse shooting preserves. Clashes from the wrath of vigilant gamekeepers were delicate; to make friends with these custodians was never easy. Many characters emerged from both side of the fence. The late Joe Townsend, keeper for the Northern Edges of Kinder Scout would give you a run for your money. Alec Simpson, keeper around the Ronsley Moors above the Derwent Valley, was a good judge of character and could sort out the genuine Rambler. Alf Hammond looked after Howden Moors above the Derwent Dams. He was my favourite gamekeeper, now retired, in his late eighties and lives in the Langsett area.

The war brought out the service for King and country. I joined the R.A.F., dreams of aircrew were shattered with failure on eyesight. So I became a Flight Mechanic with Bomber Command around Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Scottish airfields, but I longed for the hills, for I had tasted camping and walking trips to

the Highlands of Scotland and the Lake District. After volunteering for the newly formed R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service, I was lucky to get a posting to Llandwrog, near Caernarvon and I joined the Snowdonia Team in 1943. The original M.R.S. was formed by the late Squadron Leader George Graham, MBE, DSO in 1942 as a need to rescue aircrews who had crashed in the Welsh Mountains. Medical Officer Graham was a pioneer, and my hero. He set a standard for others to follow for nowadays the R.A.F. M.R.S. is internationally known the world over. I had many great adventures around the Snowdonia hills before a final posting to the Austrian Alps and able to scale many tops, before a final demob and back to 'Blighty' in September, '46. Many books have been written about the work of the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service, 'Two Star Red', by Gwen Moffat; 'Dark Peak Wrecks' 1 & 2, Ron Collier; 'No Landing Place', 'Fallen Eagles', by E. Doylerush; plus the Complete History of M.R.S. 'Whensoever' by Frank Card. I could not settle to civilian life for a while after demob and escaped from reality by walking around Scotland. Finally settled down to married life and a family. Holidays were spent, as usual, camping in the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales, etc.

Access to the moorlands became much easier with the formation of the first Peak District National Park, on Good Friday, 1954; the first warden was appointed at Edale. Tom Tomlinson worked with voluntary rambling clubs to patrol the areas of Kinder and Bleaklow to assist the public and landowners. Further access agreements were negotiated as pressures increased from the tourist invasion. I spent 25 years from 1961 to '86 on regular patrols, around the areas of Langsett moors, Stanage, Tissington Trail, and many other centres. It was certainly a great life being a Patrol Warden at the weekends. Tom Tomlinson had a pioneer spirit for the hills, he has long since been retired, now the Peak National Park is the envy of all parks and is the busiest area of all. The wardens have been retitled to the Ranger Service and do a first class job under the capable leadership of Mr. Ken Drabble. Long may they prosper in serving the public with information and goodwill.

My advice to you, if the pressures of modern living get a little tough, have a day out on the local hills, possibly, we may meet on the summit of Houndkirk Hill. Happy Walking!
John C. Barrows

EVENTS AROUND THE PEAK

JULY

- 4 to 10 Harthill Well Dressing,
Blessing 7-30pm. July 4th.
- 9 to 13 Coal Aston Well dressing
Blessing July 12th.
- 10 Baslow Carnival from 2pm.
- 11 to 19 Dore Well Dressing
Blessing 2pm. July 12th.
- 13 to 18 Buxton Well Dressing
Blessing 2pm. July 13th.
- 14 to 20 Pilsley Well Dressing
Blessing 7pm. July 14th.
- 15 to 21 Dronfield Woodhouse Well
Dressing, Blessing 6-30pm. July 15th.
- 15 to 24 Cutthorpe Well Dressing
Blessing 6-30pm. July 15th.
- 16 Pilsley Village Fair on the
Village Green 2pm. to 4pm.
- 16 to 23 Bamford Well Dressing
Blessing 7pm. July 17th.
- 22 to 26 Barlbrough Well Dressing
Blessing 7-15pm. July 22th.
- 22 to 31 Holmsfield Well Dressing
Blessing 7-15pm. July 22th.
- 23 to 30 Little Longston Well Dressing
Blessing 1-30pm. July 23rd.
- 23 to Aug 3 Stoney Middleton Well
Dressing, Blessing 3pm. July 23th.
- 23 to Aug 6 Great Longston Well
Dressing Blessing 2pm. July 23rd.
- 30 to Aug 8 Bradwell Well Dressing
Blessing 7-30pm. July 31st.

AUGUST

- 3 to 4 Bakewell Show, Dawn to dusk
- 6 to 7 Cromford Steam rally, Highacres
Farm, Brackenfield
- 11 to 13 Great Hucklow well Dressing
Blessing 7pm. Aug 11th.
- 13 Matlock Carnival, Hall Leys
Park, 1.30pm.
- 14 Hope Valley Lions Carnival
Station Fields Hope 10am. to 5pm.
- 17 to 24 Barlow well Dressing
Blessing 6.30pm. Aug 17th.
- 20 Barlow Carnival, Barlow from 2pm.

- 20 to 29 Taddington Well Dressing
Blessing 2pm. Aug 20th.
- 27 Froggatt Show, Stoke Lane Field
Froggatt 2pm. to 5.30pm.
- 27 to Sept 3 Foclow Well Dressing
Blessing 7pm. Aug 30th.
- 27 to 4 Sept Eyam well Dressing
Blessing 2.45pm. Aug 27th.
- 29 Hope Show & Sheep Dog Trials
Hope Showground 8am. to 7.30pm.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 to 3 Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials
Nr. Fox House Inn 7.30am. to 6.30pm.
- 3 Eyam Carnival, Procession 2.45pm,
Sheep Roast from 12 noon
- 3 Hathersage Horticultural Show,
Memorial Hall 3pm. to 8pm.

Dear Sir

As the deplorable state of the embankment on the north side of Baslow Road in Totley Rise attracts attention, readers may be interested to know that this is the responsibility of the Council's Property Services Department.

I have received the following reply to a request for regular maintenance, and am in the process of taking the matter further as I cannot accept that there are literally no funds available within the recourses of the City Council when other areas obviously receive attention.

(name and address supplied)

Reply was "The site has been inspected and action has been initiated to remove the two dead elm trees. Your comments concerning litter are noted but unfortunately, with the current strict limitations on the Forestry Budget, I am unable to assist with this matter."

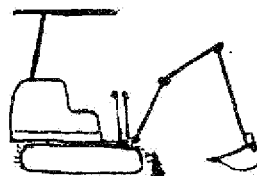
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SCOUT NEWS

85TH SHEFFIELD, ST. JOHN'S ABBEYDALE
BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS

Yet another active month has seen the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts busy with many things. Tracking, Climbing, river hunting and other events to take advantage of the current fine weather. During this year the Beavers and Cubs have been taking part in a project sponsored by UNICEF who are encouraging Scouts in Uganda to improve the health and well being of their own families and community. So our own boys have been learning about how Ugandans live and how we could help them. At a recent Church Parade the boys gave a display to the congregation of their work so far. This project called, Unite, will continue throughout 1994 and will include a sponsored event to raise money for the project.

The coming two months see the height of the camping season with the Cubs first of all off to Sherwood Forest, where the theme of the camp is, of course, Robin Hood. The Scouts have two camps this summer, both jointly with the 1st Totley, firstly a traditional Scout camp at Chatsworth where they will be hiking, swimming, climbing and hopefully, not too much sheltering from the rain.

The second camp over a weekend is close to Alton Towers when the two Troops will invade the popular theme park for two days of fun, thrills and excitement.

On Sunday, 17th July the Group holds it's annual Treasure Hunt, to which an open invitation is extended to all. The hunt is on foot and starts from the Lower College car park at 10.30 a.m. onwards. The route will last between two to three hours, depending on

your skill at finding clues, and will finish at a local hostelry for well earned refreshments. A prize and trophy will be given to the winning team, entry is free so why not come along and join us?

WINNERS of 1st. TOTLEY SCOUT LOTTERY MAY DRAW.

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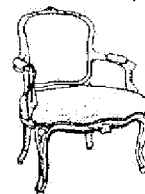
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GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY/AUGUST

So far June has been a bit of a let down, the produce has not increased much in size, (except my onions), due to the cold, wet conditions. I hope it gets better soon, don't forget to arrange for someone to look after your plants when you go on holiday, nothing worse than coming back to a load of wilted plants which you nurtured earlier.

FLOWERS - Remove all dead flowers to encourage more blooms, give your roses a high potash feed, when the first flush is nearly over, this will help the second lot of flowers. Most rose fertilisers will do the trick. Regular feeding will keep all your plants looking healthy, watch out for aphids & caterpillars and deal with them asap. Give support to the taller plants such as Delphiniums, Gladioli etc.

Most Lilies are planted in October or November or in spring, but the lovely white Madonna Lily is an exception, it must be planted during August, do not bury the bulbs deeply, an inch of soil above the bulb is ample. August is also a good time to take Geranium cuttings, choose firm shoots and place them in a sandy soil. Also it is time to cut Statice Helichrysum etc. for winter decoration. The flower stems should be tied in bunches and hung upside down in a cool, dry, airy place.


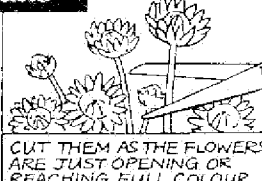


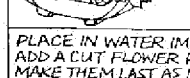
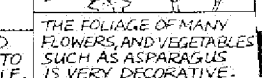
VEGETABLES - Some of the earlier crops should be finished, they should be cleared as soon as possible to make room for various crops such as Short Horn Carrots and Globe Beetroot. You could try a sowing of early maturing peas such as Meteor or Kelvedon Wonder. Sow late cabbage early July, keep celery and kolrabi well watered. Keep up with the liquid feed on onions to give these lovely large bulbs which will give you second prize at the Topley Show. Mulch along the rows of runner beans with grass cuttings, this will keep the moisture in. Do not use them if weed killer or lawn sand has been used on the lawn. Cucumbers in frames will need well watering and feeding, stop the runners regularly. Brussels Sprouts will benefit from little

support by earthing up around the stems, remove any flower head from parsley. gather herbs for drying early August. Keep up a rigorous watering schedule if the weather is hot. Sow seeds of spring cabbage mid. August, the plants should be ready for setting out in latter half of September. End of August bend over onion stalks to assist with ripening. Marrows should be cut while they are young, before the skin hardens unless you are going for the big one at the Show. A sowing of lettuce can be made outdoors for planting later in the cold frame.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT - If you wish to increase your stock of strawberry, now is the time to peg down runners, bury a pot in the soil near the rims and fill with potting compost. Select healthy specimens, discard any with yellowing leaves, keep them well watered. Melons should be ready mid July, for pollinating, select four or five females & pollinate with a male flower all at the same time so that they grow together. End of July, thin out apples, if you have had a good set take out the centre one (the King fruit) it usually makes a poor shaped apple if left. Spray gooseberries to keep down caterpillar, greenfly and other pests. Prune raspberries as they finish fruiting cut the canes that have fruited to ground level and retain the stronger 5 or 6 new canes on each plant for fruiting next year, give them a dressing of sulphate of ammonia, 1 ounce per sq. yd. Mulch around Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Hydrangeas & Magnolias.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS - Shade & water frequently and give liquid feeds to flowering & fruiting plants. Spray with water in the morning (except hairy leaved

DRIED AND CUT FLOWERS

	<p>MANY FLOWERS ARE GOOD FOR WINTER DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS.</p>		<p>...AND HANG UPSIDE-DOWN IN A WARM PLACE TO DRY.</p>
	<p>CUT FLOWERS SHOULD BE PICKED IN THE MORNING, JUST AS THEY ARE OPENING.</p>		<p>CUT THEM AS THE FLOWERS ARE JUST OPENING OR REACHING FULL COLOUR...</p>
	<p>PLACE IN WATER IMMEDIATELY AND ADD A CUT FLOWER PRESERVATIVE TO MAKE THEM LAST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.</p>		<p>GOOD FLOWERS TO DRY Chinese Lanterns, Helichrysum (strawflower), Bellis of Ireland, Honesty, Mixed Grasses, Teasel, Xeranthemum, Lavender and Scabious Drumstick.</p>

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LAWNS - Routine water - cut, water - cut. If it's very hot raise the cutters on your mower & spike lawn before watering.

If you can find the time to tear yourself away from the garden, have a nice holiday and come back refreshed and raring to go again.

Don't forget the Totley Show 3rd September. I look forward to seeing you all there. Let's see a few new faces it'll be worth the effort just to see my onions.

Cheerio for now,

Tom Busy Bee

TRANSPORT 17

As we pass the halfway mark of 1994 may I take this opportunity to thank all the organisations and individuals who have helped us so far. We very much appreciate it. Of course, we have our new bus but, as the other 3 are being used 5, 6 and even 7 days a week sometimes, we will be needing to replace another one soon!

Many of you will have enjoyed the marvellous cakes made by Mike Finn's dad. Sadly, he died suddenly on holiday in Spain. Mike's mum has broken her leg and her wrist since then. We send our love to her and the family. Mike, as well as being our manager, drives many times a week for various clubs. We have had to make adjustments for this and holidays etc. If we have been a little late or have made mistakes, bear with us. We are only human and have our joys and sorrows the same as you.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank every driver, escort and office worker who have pulled together marvellously during this difficult time. They have been fantastic!

Our next event is an 'Open Morning' on Saturday, 16th July at our office, 172 Baslow Road. It starts at 10.00 a.m. There will be refreshments, books, bric-a-brac and a raffle. Come along and see us.

Margaret Barlow

TOTLEY SPORTS AND CARNIVAL DAY

On Sunday 26th. June the Totley Residents Association's "Sports and Carnival Day" was opened by Mr. Robert Jackson. Many people turned out to have an enjoyable day with the weather at least keeping dry. The full results of all the races will be printed in the September edition of the Totley Independent.

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We are holding another Dog Fun Sunday once again this year, hopefully, bigger and better (weather permitting).

This means even more help will be needed, if you would like to help for a few hours or more on the day, please contact Judith Myers on 363456. Jobs vary from helping to set up the event, man the stalls, games etc. to helping to take it all down again. Items are needed for the stalls especially bric-a-brac, craft, plants, books and cakes on the day. If you can help with any of the above, please contact Marlene Marshall on 351005

There will be lots to see and do on the day, including lots of stalls - craft tent, (Escafeld Jousting), Classic Cars, Donkey Rides, Bouncy Castle, with displays from South Yorks. Police Dog Handlers, Search & Rescue Dogs, Customs & Excise Sniffer Dogs, Dog Agility, Cross Country, plus Exemption Dog Show with novelty classes - Eukanuba Semi

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THE BUSY BEE, your local independent Home Centre Store has been selected runner up in the National Competition to find the home centre of the year. This was organised by the British Hardware Federation & Practicoll householder magazine, (the selection was made by people writing into Ph & BHF and secret shoppers going to the store assessing the various merits.

The BUSY BEE store will be featured in the August issue of the PH magazine with photographs of Tom & Christian & Tess (the dog). We are very lucky in this area to have a store of this nature where you can find almost anything related to digging and gardening in stock and it is service with a smile from Christine, Tom and their assistants. CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM ALL.

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Dear Mr. Editor,

I really must protest, if I am to continue in the absence of your usual contributor, I must ask if you can find a word processor for me. Our sheep type paws are by no means ideal for using a ball-point pen. However, after my last note to you, I understand that your usual scribe was taken up with the idea of two weeks free accommodation, with board, all mod. cons., panoramic view etc. Soon after he arrived he was weighed, washed and brushed up and all that sort of thing. He then thought that he might be appearing in a pantomime. He was given long white principal boy stockings, and a long white flowing regal gown, although it did have the disadvantage that it would not be a good idea to turn the back to the audience. Perhaps he thought that it would have the audience in stitches, but it was quite the reverse. In due course he was on a stretcher and wheeled away. I understand that just as the surgeon was poised above him with his scalpel, a colleague asked the surgeon the best way to drive across Sheffield, (remembering the road works problem). Having no pen and pencil immediately to hand, but he did have a clean white surface, he quickly sketched a multitude of available routes. It is felt that the sum total of all this will destroy any hopes your contributor had of appearing as Mr. Atlas on any of the glossy pages of the Jolligirli magazines.

When our patient recovered his senses, (if he ever had any), he was on a specially prepared mattress of hippo hide - with the disadvantage that the hippo appeared to have been left inside it. He was then starved into submission, but in due course, they



relented and gave him small tots of water. It was not the tots that he objected to, but surely they were designed to hold a different fluid. I will not tell you where all the wires, tubes and tapes on him went to, but in due course they were removed and he was on his way to being a free agent. He does think that part of the treatment must have given the sculptor Rodin the idea of the famous statue of, 'The Thinker'. Finally he was stripped of his stitches and his name tape and sent home. To my mind all this was a lot of nonsense, and none of this would have been necessary had he been given a Bob Martins in the first place - - - - at least he did get his panoramic view.

Sincerely, Emily (the sheep)

Whilst I am grateful to Emily (the sheep) for standing in during my enforced stay elsewhere, I do not know how my woolly friend got so many woolly ideas into her woolly mind. Here, I must record my appreciation for the service, care and attention which I received in hospital. The ministrations were always capably, willingly and cheerfully given. My thanks are due to a host of people.



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NATIONAL BOG DAY EVENT WITH SHEFFIELD PEATLAND CAMPAIGN

For those who don't already know, Sunday, 31st July is 'National Bog Day'. Events to promote the unique wildlife interest and conservation value of bogs are happening all over Britain.

Here in Sheffield, the Sheffield Peatland Campaign is taking part with a guided walk across parts of the Eastern Moors. This is a complex of blanket bog and dry, heather moorland, with an area of upland fen and small, relict, raised bogs. These are wonderfully rich Sites of Special Scientific Interest and combine unique value of archaeology, wildlife and landscape.

Many of these areas are under threat - locally and nationally. We will look at aspects of conservation and the threats due to present drainage of these special examples of our wetland heritage.

The Eastern Moors are on the fringe of Yorkshire and Derbyshire are owned by Sheffield City Council (Burbage, Houndkirk and Blackamoor), the Peak park Board (Big Moor, Totley Moss, Ramsley Moor and Leash Fen) and the Chatsworth Estate. Plans are afoot to address some of the long term problems and declines in these irreplaceable wildlife habitats. This will be a good chance to come along and find out more about the issues.

The walk is being held by Dr. Ian D. Rotherham, Director of the Sheffield Centre for Ecology and Senior Lecturer at Hallam University. IT IS FREE and is open to all. The walk will begin at 10.30 a.m. at Totley Moss, meeting at the junction of the B6054 and B6055

(Grid Ref SK 269 789). This is the intersection of the roads from Foxhouse, Owlter Bar and Froggatt.

The walk is on area of access moorland, along footpaths. However, the going is moderately rough so stout footwear, warm clothes and waterproofs may be essential. Lunch can be brought along or taken at c.1.00 p.m. at the Grouse Inn. For the hardier members of the group, the afternoon will include a walk to Leash Fen.

Morning walk c.4 miles overall

Morning and afternoon walk c.10 miles overall

Come along and hear about the vital work of the Sheffield Peatland Campaign.

For more information, contact: Sheffield City Ecology Unit, City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2TP. Telephone 0742 768588

Dr. Ian D. Rotherham
Principal City Ecologist
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The Outreach group of Our Lady and St. Thomas would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to make this event a success. In particular, they wish to thank the Heatherfield Conservative Club and especially Mrs. Margaret Farr for the use of their premises.

For the first time since the event was started, some ten years ago, the weather was unkind to us. Despite that 362.00 was raised and handed over to Transport 17.

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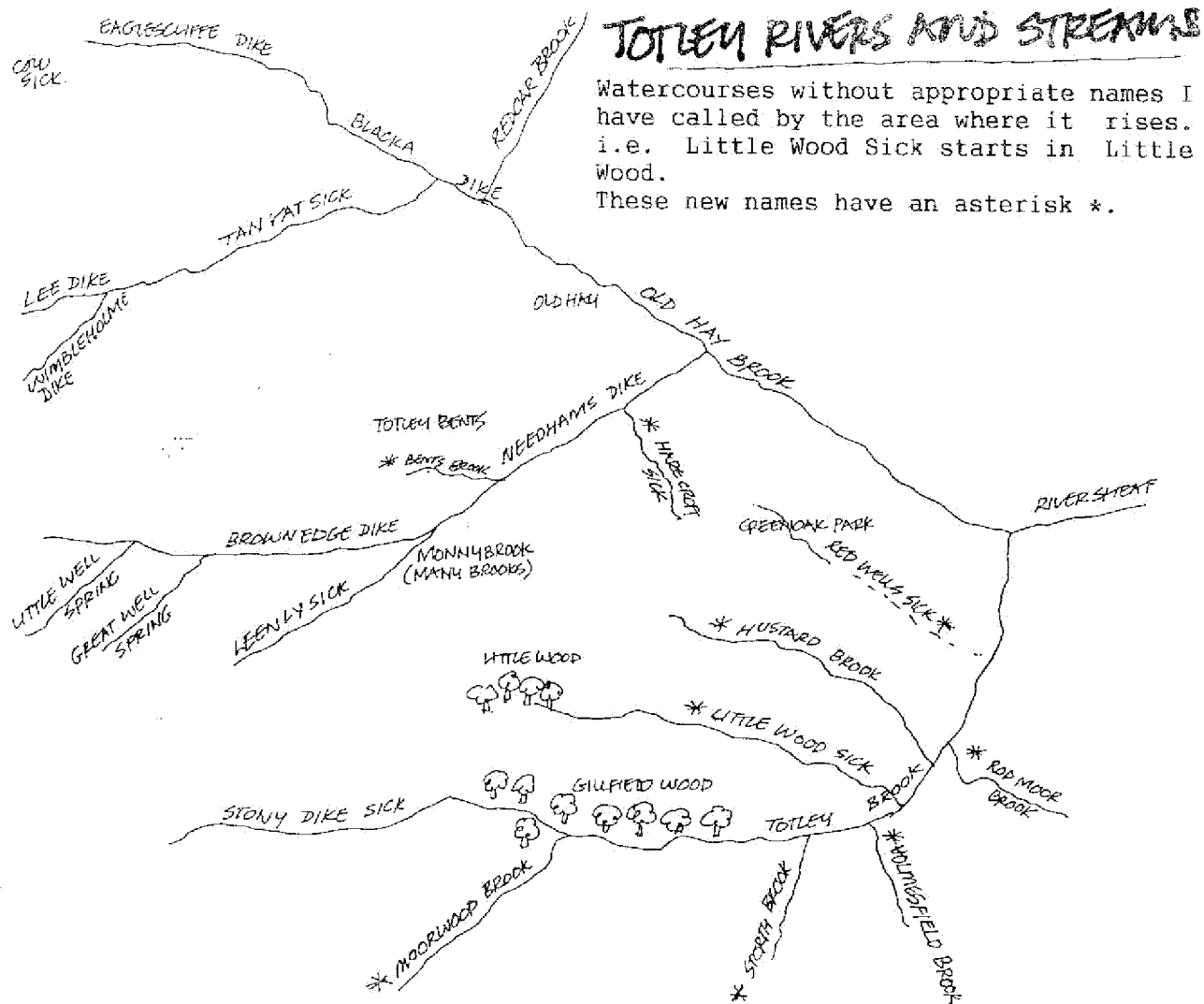
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Some of the streams dry up in the Summer. Here Croft Sick rises at the back of the War Memorial and runs through or under the pinfold, under the Chapel Lane gardens and emerges into a pond in the garden of the bungalow on Hillfoot Road. Its progress through the field and into Needhams Dike is barely apparent.

Red Wells Sick rises near the Green in Greenoak Park and after a short distance is culverted.

Bents Brook emerges into a trough in Bents Farm yard and is apparent for a short distance in the field above Lower Bents Farm.

Other names are taken from the Totley Enclosures map 1842.

The map is diagrammatic and not to scale.

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ROAD SAFETY IN TOTLEY

Dear Editor

My wife and I moved in to Totley last September and since then I have been concerned at the apparent lack of considerate driving by some if not most of the drivers using the main road through A621 through Dore and Totley, and in particular the double bend part of the Dual carriageway.

I say most as it includes all classes of drivers, i.e. large and small commercial vehicles, private/business cars, motor cyclists and especially P.S.V types, taxis, local buses and coaches. The only exception I have noted, even when they are in a hurry or on a "shout" as they call it, are Class 1 Police Drivers.

I really do think some form of traffic calming should be implemented, perhaps a 30 mph Zone could be considered starting at the Garden Centre right through and up to the top past Lane Head Road, and of course vice versa. This would be simple to "sign" and be cost effective. Zoning a stretch of Road seems to have more clout as it is in force until its end which in this case will include the dual carriageway. Unless I am mistaken or have completely missed the ruling in the Highway Code, speeds of up to 70 mph. are allowed on dual carriageways "unless otherwise specified". But I do not see that statement in the current Highway Code.

There is already in existence a traffic calming section of 40mph. regulation on the A621 towards Sheffield starting at the Garden Centre to the abbeydale Park area.

A length of this particular section is two way and very wide, and most drivers, in my opinion, take some note of the limit. Perhaps our friends in blue have in the past used their guns along there.

A neighbour who has been in the area some years remembers an "Accident Blackspot Sign" about the area at the start of the Dual Carriageway at Busheywood Road. Where exactly and when he cannot remember, nor when it was removed.

There have been accidents and near misses, I understand, through the Double bend section up to the traffic lights junction with Glover Road and the parade of shops. Very often vehicle horns are heard in the area. Unfortunately I haven't been there to ascertain why.

I have been reading RoSPA's "Care on the roads" various opinions and views concerning better driver training and comments that once through the test the Highway Code "Goes out through the window"!

I have also noticed with great concern that as there are several bus companies competing for trade. This is true as exhibited by some PSV drivers.

For drivers, whatever vehicle, emerging from junctions such as Milldale Road, Mill Lane, the parade of shops etc., turning right across the dual carriageway is a particularly dangerous manouvre. In both directions there are blind bends. One has to contend with vehicles singularly and/or in pairs racing to beat the traffiic lights up the dual carriageway and racing down racing away from the lights to get first in the 2 way traffic by Bushey Wood Road. There is also a complex junction of the dual carriageway at Bushy Wood Rd., Totley Brook Rd., where there was a collision only recently during the week ending June 25th. The driver emmerging from say Milldale Road and turning right if not ultra careful finds oneself with ones backend stuck out into one Lane and the front end into another. The front end accentuated on Sundays with vehicles parked along by the church.

There are "Hidden Views" and "Potential Danger" all along this section which are described fully in the better drivers bible "ROAD CRAFT" (readily available from good book shops) . Chapter 1, paragraph 9 Definition of system of car control and 10 Hazards , Three main types a) Physical features - bends, hill crests etc. b) Other Road Users and c) Road surfaces and weather conditions.

To recap, the main problem stems from the assumption that Dual Carriagways can be taken at 70 mph. (from cars), also the lack of control at this excessive speed. The word accident generally used in this context is a missnomer. My dictionary gives several definitions one of which is "What happens without intelligent design". I will leave readers to realise the answer. It is unfortunate that not many individuals have a driving plan when in charge of a vehicle.

To quote from "Road Craft" :- "Accidents can occur at any time and place and cannot be attributed to any particular road feature or vehicle defect"

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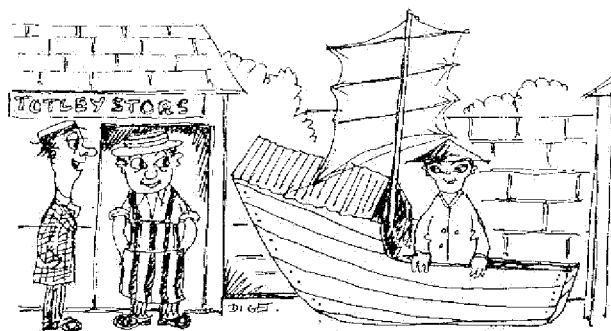
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