

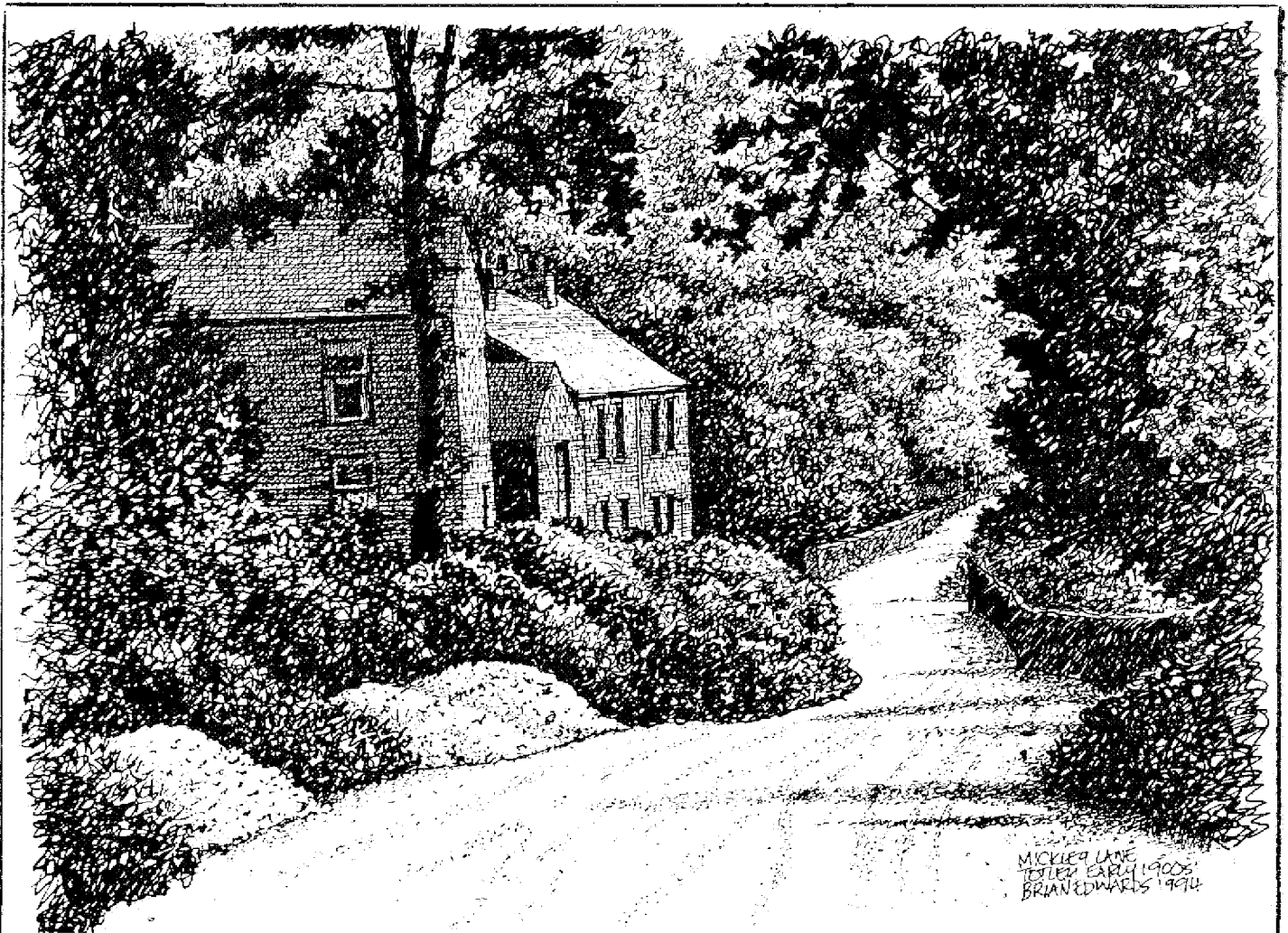
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MICKLEY LANE

This view down Mickley Lane towards the road bridge over Totley Brook must have been taken around the 1915 era. It shows piles of limestone "Bind" ready to be laid on the surface. On the left is the "Match Box" house which, I believe, was so called because of its narrow width.

Beyond is the pair of brick built semi detached houses once known as Brock Terrace. Immediately to the left and on the top side of an unmade Glover Road was Gledhills Nursery where rhubarb and cut flowers were taken down to Sheffield market.

The late Frank Taylor told of driving the cart to the market going round to the brewery and filling up with dray horse manure. He would then give the horse its head and as the cart moved down Mickley Lane he would fork the manure over the hedge to be later spread over the crops.

Do any readers have any knowledge of these houses and when they were built and demolished?

B. Edwards

TOTLEY SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Place		First	Second	Third
1	25m. Toddlers	Nicholas Bingham	Lewis Burrell	Neil Bingham
2	50m. Girls 5/7	Zoe Thirsk	Kerry Youngman	Jennifer Booth
3	50m. Boys 5/7	Daniel Tindall	Jonathan Tindall	James Armitage
4	40m. Mixed Wheelbarrow 15yrs./under	James Dacey	Matthew Smith	Jonathan Armitage
		Oliver Needham	Jack Hinson	Howard Pearson
5	40m. Open Wheelbarrow	Robert Pritchard	Kate MacFarlan	Emma Marley
		David Pritchard	Peter MacFarlan	Naomi Allum
6	60m. Girls 8/10	Naomi Marley	Nicola Allum	Michelle Daniel
7	60m. Boys 8/10	Dominic Willis	David Badderly	Daniel Fletcher
8	50m. Mixed 15yrs/under 3 Legged	Naomi Allum	Charlie Barber	Matthew Smith
		Emma Marley	Rebecca Barber	James Jenkinson
9	60m. Open Mix. Pairs, Three Legged	Jo Rudd	Roger Clarke	Paulette Burrell
		Jeff Rudd	Melanie Wood	Jane Tindall
10	1 Lap Girls, 11/13	Jessica Willis	Claire Littlewood	Kelly Boldock
11	1 Lap Boys 11/13	Julian Baddeley	Jack Hinson	David Newman
12	Mums 60m.	Jo Rudd	Linda Barrowdale	Sheryl Littlewood
13	Dads 60m.	Paul Bingham	Alan Walker	Geoff Barrowdale
14	One Lap Guys	Michael Whitfield	Lyndon Fletcher	Nick Barrowdale
	Dolls	Paula Burrell	Jane Tindall	Donna Bingham
15	Marafun Boys 3 Laps	William Myers	Julian Baddeley	Daniel Tindall
	Girls	Claire Littlewood	Kelly Boldock	Sarah Goldier
Special Race for the children in costume		Ruth Davis	Mary Davis	Lucy Webb

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TOTLEY RETIREMENT

After almost 20 years of service as Home Carer and Home Warden, 17 of them in Totley, BETTE HOUSLEY has decided to call it a day. It entailed two return journeys daily from Bradway to Totley in winter through gales, rain, cold and snow, and apart from a spell of 6 weeks with an attack of shingles, can remember fewer than half a dozen absences from duty. Bette is a strong advocate of porridge for a winter breakfast. No mean feat, especially the homeward journey uphill through the wood in the dark. Bette's only dread was when icy underfoot. More than once she has taken off shoes and stockings and paddled through the floods opposite the 'Spitfire'.

There was an occasion when a young man offered to carry her, but Bette, looking at his sparse frame decided that while she did not baulk at paddling, the prospect of being dropped into the water was quite a different matter, and gently declined the offer, those who know her will understand why.

Bette has climbed through windows and cleared snow drifts to get to her charges. Her matter-of-fact manner and air of reassurance was greatly appreciated, and will be missed. Kindness is one of Bette's yardsticks of character and among many in Totley who have this trait, she had a high regard for Alan Jockel, the late vicar of Totley All Saints.

After a short break she hopes to do a little, 'free-lancing' and, as reliability is her middle name, she should be in demand. We wish all that is best for her future.

ACORN PLAYGROUP 21 YEARS OLD

Acorn Playgroup is celebrating it's 21st birthday with a party on Saturday, 15th October. It will be held at the Church Hall on Totley Brooke Road between 2 - 4 p.m. with a cake (kindly donated by Totley Coffee Shoppe) cut at 3.00 p.m.

There will be the usual Playgroup activities, and we hope that all children past and present, their parents, and anyone connected with Playgroup will come to join in the fun.

Acorn Playgroup began as Dore and Totley United Reformed Church Playgroup in October, 1973, set up by the late Marjorie Thacker. It was featured in 'Mother' Magazine in June 1986, as winner of a national competition to find the Playgroup of the Year. 60 children and 33 mums went on a specially hired double-decker bus to the Grosvenor Hotel for a party, and to receive their prize from Susan Hampshire.

Acorn Playgroup has expanded and changed over the years, but still provides a friendly and caring environment, where children can learn, and develop confidence.

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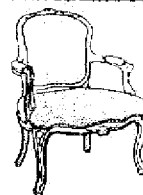
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FARMING SCENE

As I write, we are nearing the end of the fruit picking season, which has been very short this year. A late start, caused by the cold spring, has been compounded by a searing July, whose high temperatures ripened the fruit rapidly, cutting at least a week off the end of a season that lasted 5 weeks instead of 8. We would hope next year to be open for 8 - 10 weeks as we extend the season by the use of new techniques and varieties giving an earlier start and a later finish. Our patch of, 'old' raspberries which were planted in 1985, will be grubbed out this autumn. This land is being replanted with an exceptionally early variety next autumn after the land has been under-drained (to reduce the water table level) and the current crop of perennial weeds killed off. Our 'new' raspberry canes in the Quarry field are growing well, and will be in full production in 2 years' time.

We had a 'spot check' from a Min. of Agriculture inspector this week. A computer picked our number off their register and a very efficient young lady by the name of Jackie, spent nearly all day checking that our cropping - both types and areas - matched with the information we have been feeding them on our I.A.C.'s (Integrated Administration and Control System) forms every 15th May. The main purpose of the visit is to ensure that we are not falsely claiming any grants or subsidies by registering a higher area of crops than we have actually planted. Fortunately, we have been very accurate in our area measurements and so no penalties for overclaiming will be forthcoming. Negotiating the minefield of all the rules and regulations regarding cropping and stocking, now in operation, cause as many - if not more - headaches as the weather and can be just - if not more - devastating if you get it wrong.

For instance, if you do not cut

your 'Set-a-Side' fields between 15th July and 15th August you can lose all your Arable Aid payments for the year, quickly turning any hope of profit into a serious loss. The grass cuttings must also be left to rot on the field as any attempt to use them as animal feed etc. will also preclude you from receiving Aid payments. It has to be accepted that, 'he who pays the piper calls the tune', so politicians are currently making the rules, primarily to achieve political aims, but also where possible to prevent false claims and fraud. There is much anecdotal evidence circulating the farming scene and press at the moment, regarding 'cowboy' farmers who have been caught. One farmer was 'grassed-up' for grazing his sheep on Set-a-Side, he lost all his subsidy payments. Another, who claimed on 60 suckler cows was found to have only 40 when inspectors called. He had to repay subsidies received for 3 - 4 years previously and was heavily fined. However, despite the publicity this type of case generates, 98% of farmers are found to make honest claims, although the complexity of the regulations can, at times, lead to mistakes and genuine errors in claims.

'Oh, to be back farming in the 70's', when profits were good and political interference was minimal!

For those of you who do the shopping - I have to report that Beef, Lamb and Pork are (or should be!) cheaply priced, with Pig prices in particular very depressed. (As are the pig farmers!!).

Potatoes are currently much more realistically priced than they have been for 2 years, and look set to gradually increase in price after Christmas. The ex-farm price of cereals is rising at the moment, as early indications are that the wet weather last autumn has significantly reduced yields.

Edwin Pocock

TOTLEY HALL FARM PRODUCE

TOTLEY HALL LANE

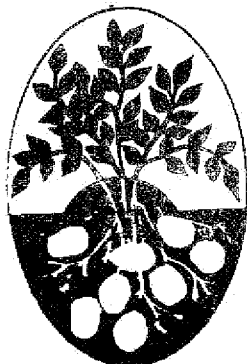
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Dear Ed.

Dear Sir,

Fascination was raised by the Totley Quiz in the March issue of the Totley Independent, and of course, the answers.

I am a little confused with the answer to question 27 (3 chip shops). Brian mentions the one thriving on Totley Rise near Mr. Ho's Chinese Take Away. He has overlooked the one that was in fact on Mr. Ho's property on Totley Rise, owned by Mr. & Mrs Shaw - Mrs Shaw is still living in Totley. The shop traded during and after the war.

As youngsters, innocent fun was derived but not by the owners of the shop, an electric fan in the window was used to draw air into the shop, as one inside the shop to circulate air, chips were purchased and then eaten outside the shop. Those brave enough would throw a chip or two into the fan located in the window and, of course, this would be drawn in and splatter inside the shop, poor old Mr. Shaw ("Prop" Shaw) was unable to give chase as he had an artificial leg.

As a point of interest higher up The Rise (where the gun shop is now, was located for a short while, a shop selling pea & pies, frequented in the evenings by the workmen employed in felling mature trees in Gillfield Wood in 1945/46.

Those guilty of throwing chips, still reside in and around Totley. No names - no pack drill.

Name and address supplied!!!

Dear Sir,

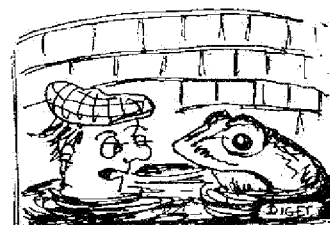
FOR THE RECORD

I have read with interest your answers to the Totley Quiz in the July/August edition, but I am sorry to say the answer to No. 30 is incorrect.

Laverdene was named after the builders - but not my uncle - Mr. Arnold Laver the timber merchant - but my father, Mr. James Laver and his other brother Mr. Walter Laver.

The timbers used during the building of the Laverdene Estate were purchased from their brother's timber yard - as it was throughout the many other estates my father and later my brother built, namely Thorpe House Estate, Parsons Cross, Arbourthourne, Rushley Estate Dore, Abbeydale Road South, The Rise and The Crescent - also Totley Methodist Schoolroom - and many more sites - but no, not Mr. Arnold Laver - but Mr. James Laver.

Yours sincerely,
Joan Sutton



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BACKYARD SAFARI PUTS WILDLIFE GARDEN ON MAP

The 'Backyard Safari' organised as an adult education course for the Division of Adult Continuing Education at Sheffield University by Dr. Ian Rotherham, has turned up a real gem. The course is running at the Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden - a Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership (SWAP) project with the Friends of Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden. This one-time Victorian Garden has been restored as a special wildlife sanctuary area, with lots of wild flowers and animals of woodlands, marsh and meadow.

At a recent visit with 'beastie' expert Paul Richards of Sheffield Museums Natural History Section, a new arrival to the region was found. It was a new millipede to the region and is called *Allajulus Nitidus*. The previous nearest records are Milldale (in Derbyshire) and the Yorkshire Dales at Grassington. Nationally it is widespread, but very uncommon. Paul described it as a coffee-coloured to lilac 'snake-millipede' with a distinctive long tail (and, of course, lots of legs!).

It's preferred habitat is soil and dead wood, and it may be associated with human activity.

According to Course Tutor, Dr. Ian Rotherham it shows how little we sometimes know about local wildlife and how much more there is to find out on your own doorstep (literally!).

If you want to know more about millipedes, Paul Richards and the Natural History Section are running a day-school on millipede identification at the City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield on 29th October. Telephone or write for details.

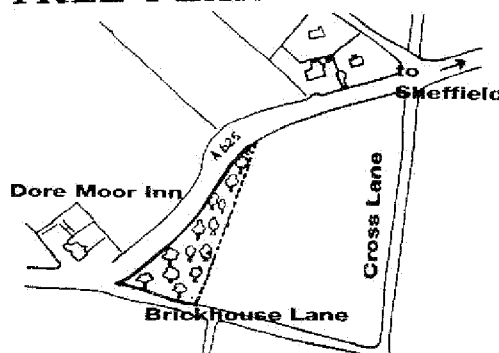
If you want information on the Wildlife Garden or the Friends of

Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden, contact Lorette Bilby, 32 Devonshire Road, Sheffield S17 3NT or further details from 'SWAP' at the address below.

The garden is open to the public so come along, enjoy and help us look after it.

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

COMMEMORATIVE WOODLAND - TREE PLANTING APPEAL



During 1992 we launched an appeal to enable us to plant a small woodland in recognition of Gerald and Ethel Haythornthwaite's lifetime defence of the countryside of Sheffield and the Peak District.

The Branch has secured a lease on 0.46 hectares of land opposite the Dore Moor Inn on the Western edge of Sheffield. We have also secured a grant through the Forestry Authority's Woodland Grant Scheme and we intend to commence the planting of a broad leaved woodland in November of this year.

A Tree Planting Ceremony will be arranged during that time to enable Gerald Haythornthwaite to plant the first tree and those people who kindly sent in donations will be invited to attend.

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WILD WITHENS MOOR

Thousands of hardy ramblers make the annual pilgrimage along the Pennine Way and the tracks of Kinder Scout, Bleaklow and Black Hill become heavily eroded with the constant pounding of boots.

Yet, to the east of Black Hill lies 12 square miles of neglected and virtually unknown wild upland known as Withens Moor. Here is one of England's great watersheds. Red Hole Spring could claim to be the true source of the River Mersey, for here on the heights of Round Hill at 1,500 feet, the tiny Saltersbrook bubbles out of the peat hags to form the River Etherow. It flows westwards into the Longdendale and Woodhead Reservoirs, eventually to form the mighty Mersey.

Less than a mile due north of Red Hole Spring along the lofty brow of Upper Dead Edge at 1,600 feet in Black Grough, the infant River Don is born, flowing east into Grains Moss to supply the giant Winscar Reservoir and through the adjacent hamlet of Dunford Bridge.

These waters are the lifeblood of a great city, but in Sheffield at, 'T'wicker where t'water runs o'er t'weir', few passers-by crossing Ladies Bridge would ever realise that the once dirty old Don had such a wild and beautiful beginning.

Take the car along the A628 road to Saltersbrook Bridge, where adventure beckons you into this undiscovered landscape. Be well prepared on these heights for changes in weather conditions. Spare clothing, the Dark Peak Ordnance Survey Map and a compass are all essential and always leave word of your intended route.

Magical names abound and breathtaking views can be obtained along the cloughs and ridges; Longside Moss, with its disused quarry show traces of an early industry. The air shafts above the Woodhead ex railway tunnel bring a feeling of pride for our engineering pioneers along the ridge of Pikenaze Moor. As you swing into the heart of Withens Moor, take time to enjoy the

fine, leaping waterfall at the head of Cat Clough.

The highest point of the moor at Britland Edge (1,717 feet) commands wonderful views in every direction. To the north, the Holme Moss TV mast dominates the, 'Last of the Summer Wine', country. Westwards are the wilds of Black Hill and Saddleworth Moor. To the south are lofty Kinderscout, and Bleaklow, while the eastern outlook presents the Langsett Moors and the country around Penistone and Barnsley.

As you cross Ligtens Moss and Twizle Head Moss, you may stumble across the wreckage of a wartime B-24 Liberator bomber which crashed in this desolate spot in November, 1944. The only few remains are part of the under carriage and wing sections. Continue in an easterly direction through the marshy area of Bleakmire Rushes, to the head of Ramsden Clough. Here is a scene of Peakland beauty at its finest. Crags, screes and tumbling stream beds in broken confusion rival even the better known Grindsbrook Gorge in Edale.

From this boulder-strewn amphitheatre, head south over the peat and heather-clad slopes of Bailie Causeway Moss and along the heights of Withens Edge. The faint track continues along Upper Dead Edge with the valley of the Don to the left. Once again, the air shafts above the Woodhead Tunnel come into view. Pause to drink at the sparkling clear waters of Red Hole Spring before descending the last hurdle of Longside Moss, and back to the throbbing thunder of traffic passing in monotonous procession along the A628 at Saltersbrook Bridge.

For just a few hours you will have stepped into another world of unspoilt landscapes and you will vow to return to explore more of the hidden delights of Wild Withens.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Well I hope you all enjoyed your summer break, however you spent it, and feel refreshed ready to tackle the garden with even more enthusiasm and energy than before. I look forward to seeing you at the show on 3rd September, don't forget we all had the same weather, so bring your produce along, you never know, you could be going home with a coveted certificate or a cup. There's a cup for best in show, one for photography and one for cakes. (If anyone wishes to sponsor a category next year, please contact me or any member of TRA Committee. We could do with an art cup and a craft cup!!!)

FLOWERS - Continue dead heading & cutting back herbaceous plants. When summer bedding plants have finished prepare ground for spring bedding. Don't forget to add a bit of slow release fertiliser to give your plants a good start. Bone meal, hoof or horn, or both are ideal. Take cuttings from herbaceous plants as insurance against frost. Penstemons can be left to a severe frost also Sweet Williams, Pinks and Outdoor Fuschias. Lift Tuberous Begonias, clean them up and dry off in a frost free place. Take indoors bedding fuschias, Geraniums & Cherry Pie, pot them up and tidy them ready for over wintering. If the space is ready you could plant out spring bedding plants such as Pansy, Forget-Me-Nots, Polyanthus, Primrose, Primula and Viola.

VEGETABLES - Continue to keep down weeds. Make sure that courgettes & runner beans have plenty of water. Cover lettuce & other tender crops with cloches or poly tunnel. Thin out spinach being grown for late autumn. Cut off and burn potato foliage, bend over onion tops as they yellow. Plant out spring cabbage. Sow over winter lettuce under cloches. Marrows will store up to 6 weeks if hung in nets in a cool airy place. Take cuttings of bay and rue and root indoors or in a frame. Divide and replant Thyme, Chives and clumps of Welsh Onions. Gather beans regularly do not let any become old and stringy unless they are required for seed. Sweet corn should be gathered before the Corn on the Cob becomes yellow, otherwise they become mealy. Earthing up celery should be done gradually. Leeks can be fed with a quick acting nitrogenous fertiliser such as nitrate of soda or with a liquid fertiliser. Last chance to gather herbs for drying.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT - Dead head & shorten the flowering shoots of floribunda & T. Roses. Prepare ground for evergreens including heathers, hedges, shrubs and conifers. Keep all newly planted shrubs & trees well watered, these will also benefit from a good spraying on warm or dry windy days. Towards the end of the month plant out container grown conifers & evergreen. Cover autumn fruiting strawberries with cloches. Spray gooseberries and currants against mildew. Pick up windfall apples to prevent diseased fruits setting up an infection such as brown rot. As soon as

fruit has been picked start winter pruning bush apples and pears. Cut out fruited canes of blackberry and loganberry tying in new growth. Beginning of the month is about the latest time for planting out strawberries. Place grease bands on fruit trees, particularly apples.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS - Gradually decrease watering all round and dry off tuberous begonias, cacti, gloxinias, hot water plants & clivias. Feed plants in flower such as African violets, bush violets and chrysanthemums. As flowering finishes, discard summer flowering annuals which have been used as pot plants. Pot up bulbs, crocus, daffodils, freesia, hyacinth, iris, and lilies etc. for flowering from Christmas onwards. Pot up seedlings of cinerarias, cyclamen, primula and poor man's orchid to flower late winter and spring. Repot arum lilies to flower at Easter. Take cuttings of flowering maple, campanula, coleus, fuchsia, busy lizzy, ivy and geranium. Divide plants of peperomia, mind your own business and rhodahypoxis. Detach the plantlets of spider plants and pot them up. Be careful watering in the greenhouse, excess water at this time encourages mildew and fungal diseases, keep benches clear of leaf & flower droppings.

LAWNS - Continue regular mowing and edging, rake, scarify, spike and aerate then apply a top dressing of sieved potting compost. Sow new lawns or lay turf now in well prepared ground.

GENERAL - Watch your weather September is the month when summer turns to autumn. Early on you can expect fine warm days but nights begin to feel colder, ground frost can also occur so be prepared. Make space indoors for those tender plants and dig out those insulation covers for the cold frames just in case. I've been told on good authority that we are in for a hard winter and we haven't had one for a bit so it's quite likely. So be prepared. Cheerio for now. See you at the Show.

Tom Busy Bee

FLOWERS FOR AUTUMN SOWING

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ROAD SAFETY IN TOTLEY

I read with interest the full page letter, from a new resident, on Page 14 of the Summer '94 issue of Totley Independent.

The letter opens up old wounds and prompted me to refer to back copies of the Totley Independent and, in particular, Numbers 4, 33, 34 and 46 covering the period 1977 to 1981. All Road Safety issues are covered including the points raised in this recent letter.

To re-cap. A number of fatal and other accidents in Baslow Road prompted action from various sections of the community. Under the umbrella of Totley Residents Association interested parties were united and Totley Road Safety Action Committee was formed.

Following Public Meetings, in the early '80s and liaisons with the Council, Police etc., eventually Totley was granted traffic lights at Totley Rise and a means of crossing Baslow Road. Prior to this no crossing existed between Millhouses Park and Baslow Village. Other crossings along Baslow Road, particularly at Mickley Lane were not granted. An official traffic count concluded insufficient traffic!

With regard to speed limits. The whole of Baslow Road (A621), through Totley, from Lane Head Road to Dore Station is and always has been a 30 mph zone. It is not permitted by the Department of Transport for "Reminder" 30 mph signs to be erected within a 30 mph zone, hence the "Accident Black Spot" signs that appeared (courtesy of the Police). Again these cannot be a permanent feature so were only in temporary use over a short period.

Obviously, the 70 mph speed limit for a dual carriageway does NOT apply.

All aspects of local road safety are monitored at the monthly committee meeting of Totley Residents Association

and the correspondence (and the accidents) continue.

Unfortunately, it is a fact of modern life and particularly with current financial restraints, that only the return of a major incident on Baslow Road will prompt some form of positive action, after the event.

Mike Williamson

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A senior citizen is someone who was around before the pill and population explosion. They were here before TV, penicillin, antibiotics and microwave ovens, frozen food, radar and credit cards. Time-sharing meant togetherness, hardware was hardware, and software wasn't even a word. Before men had long hair and ear-rings and being 'stoned' was having rocks thrown at you.

Senior citizens were before yoghurt, the 40 hour week and the minimum wage. They got married before living together, closets were for clothes, not for coming out of, gay meant merry and aids were for assisting. They were before pizzas, McDonalds, instant coffee and decaffeinated anything. They thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. They were before FM radios, CD's, word processors & the post punk period. Senior citizens remember when pot was for cooking in, if you asked them to explain DSW, CIA, ET, MOW, ME and IUD, they would say it's an alphabet soup.

We must congratulate today's senior citizens they are indeed a hardy bunch when you consider how the world has changed and the adjustments they have been obliged to make!

I leave it with you - but I think we're wonderful, don't you?

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A catalogue has been produced for
the exhibition with an introduction
written by Paul Greenhalgh, Head of
Research at the Victoria and Albert
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RUSKIN LACE AND LINEN WORK

(17 September - 12 November 1994)

In 1894 John Ruskin gave his name

to a form of embroidery which was
practised in the Lake District and which
incorporated three forms of needlework:
drawn thread, cut linen and needlepoint
lace. Hand-woven linen stopped being
produced in the Lake District in the
late 1930's but Ruskin Lace and
embroidered work continued to be
produced using manufactured linen.

In Sheffield, the Ruskin Lace and
Linen Group meets regularly in the
Ruskin Gallery - a group which was
started in 1987 in response to the first
exhibition on Ruskin Lace organised by
the Ruskin Gallery, and a workshop
taught by Elizabeth Frickett - the
foremost exponent, teacher and writer on
the subject.

Seven years on, we look again at
the history of Ruskin Lace and Linen
and, more importantly, the work produced
by the Ruskin Lace and Linen Work Group.

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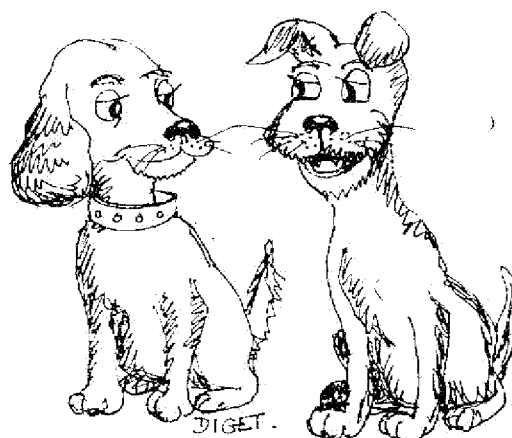
TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

The article in the newspaper set me thinking about it - I had almost forgotten it existed. Although no one old enough to have a bus pass can possibly have forgotten about the 'Rag and Tag'. It probably had a Sunday name, something like Castle Folds Market, or something like that, but 'Rag and Tag' it was and 'Rag and Tag' it stayed to one and all. It stayed until some superior decided that the time had come to close it's doors forever - such is progress.

It was rather a magical place in the eyes of a small child, the massing throngs swept along, not only in the afternoon of Saturday, but far into the hours of darkness, when naphtha flares hissed and sparkled into the gloom. Calling in the crowds were the 'Barkers', persuasive individuals, who were determined that none could be in doubt about their wares. The great pressure of people round the pot stall - where a complete dinner service was balanced on one arm, before being pounded up and down onto a crate to show it's sterling quality. The attentive audience round that patent medicine booth, where all manner of ailments could be put right for only twopence a box. I wonder why the National Health never co-opted him into their scheme, they would have saved millions.

The many mountainous yards of material, draped to catch the eyes of all would-be seamstresses, and no matter how many coppers per yard (never heard of metres) the price would be certain to be 'so much - three farthings' - and you did get a farthing change. But back to the sentence where I started before I got lost in these recollections, and the article which awakened these memories.

I read that the factory of Bryant and May was to be closed down. That must signal the end of 'Captain Webb' matches. I could recall the old chap who stood at the entrance to the market at the bottom of Dixon Lane - - - - 'Captain Webb matches a penny a box' - - - You have probably heard the story about the chap who tried to earn an honest copper by selling matches in this fashion, from his little tray. One regular passer-by used to slip a penny into the tray without taking any matches. One day he was pulled up with a short cry from the vendor. 'Are you the man who puts a penny into my tray, and moves off without taking any matches?' On receiving a reply in the affirmative, he went on, 'Well I am sorry to have to tell you that they have now gone up to threepence'.



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WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN?

I stood on a promenade at a place called, 'The Hill of Evil Council'. It's thought to be the spot where King Solomon allowed his wives and concubines (who were not Jewish) to build their altars to their gods, and worship there. It's a beautiful place to be, not only because there are lovely gardens, but a view of the City of Jerusalem is afforded there. You are looking north up the Kidron Valley to the Temple Mount; the New City of Jerusalem can be seen to the West; the Mount of Olives to the east. As I stood looking at this scene as I have done on several occasions in the past, I asked myself, 'When will I see all this again?'

Please don't think me ungrateful. Some dream of visiting this ancient City but are sure their dreams will never be fulfilled. But it's a feeling of once having been - you long so much to return.

Jerusalem is three thousand years old. King David built a palace there. King Solomon built a beautiful Temple, and when this was destroyed and rebuilt, King Herod built an even bigger and more beautiful building. This building was destroyed in AD70 by the Romans. Today, on this very site, the Mosque with the Golden Dome is built - The Mosque of Omar. The dome has just been re-gilded, some say to the tune of two and a half million pounds - (a gift from King Hussain of Jordan). Jerusalem is a city, Holy to the Jews because so much of their history, culture and, above all, their religious faith and practice is embedded in the stones of Jerusalem. For the Christian, the final week of Jesus's earthly life was spent there. It is possible to visit the place of the Last Supper; the place of suffering; the garden of Gethsemane; the place of death, Calvary; the place of resurrection, the Garden Tomb; the place of Ascension, the Mount of Olives. In

Jerusalem the Christian Church was born. The Moslems have made Jerusalem a holy site, for they say Mohammed ascended to heaven from the place where the Temple once stood, and where now the Mosque of Omar stands today.

It's an international city, a cosmopolitan city, an ancient city, a modern city. Jerusalem is a busy city, but on the Sabbath, a silent city. It's a city where something exciting and interesting is happening all the time. It's a city often spoken of in our media, it's a city where many exciting things are yet to occur.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.
"May those who love you prosper.
May there be peace inside your walls and safety in your palaces.
For the sake of my relatives and friends I say to Jerusalem - 'Peace be with you'
For the sake of the House of the Lord our God I pray for your prosperity'
(Psalm 122:6-9)

Shalom, George Palmer

SALT INTAKE

Regarding the article on the intake of salt in the June issue of the Independent. It would be wise to remember that whilst it is absolutely true that most of us take far too much salt with our food, a severe restriction of one gram or less per day would involve a careful assessment of your remaining food selections. When the intake of sodium is so restricted, it would be prudent to seek advice from your GP to make certain that your daily intake of proteins and vitamins is maintained at minimum requirements, especially during the summer months, when warm and humid weather helps us lose two pints of fluid daily in perspiration.

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CRISIS FOR TOTLEY TENANTS ASSOCIATION

A further meeting was held on Monday, 25th July at Green oak View day Centre, in a further effort to gain new committee members and officers for Totley Tenants Association, which will allow it to continue.

Mr. Phil Kay, Senior Management Officer, from the Area 10 office of the Housing Department and Mr. Hall of the Sheffield Tenants Federation were in attendance to encourage and offer support.

However, the turnout was poor and no progress was made towards reviving interest or providing new committee members.

Earlier in July a circular from the Housing Department had been sent to every tenant in Totley which read;

"The Totley Tenants Association has been in existence for a number of years now and the elected officers of the Association have worked hard to ensure that tenants' interests in the area have been represented to the Council on all relevant issues. In addition to this, they have also made careful use of the tenants' levy money for the benefit of the local community. Unfortunately, due to the age of some of the officers and the desire of others to pursue other interests, the Association is in danger of going out of existence. This would be a great shame and would deprive the area of an important focal point on local issues and representation in the Council's decision making process at grass roots level. In addition, a useful income for the benefit of the local community would also be lost".

Without a new committee, Totley tenants will not be represented and will lose out on vital information, input and action, which will affect the way in which council estates are run and

maintained, in the future.

More and more, the Council will become a commissioner of services for tenants, rather than the provider and it is here and at this level that a representation by and for local tenants is vital.

In the meantime, the existing committee members have reluctantly agreed to remain in office to keep things ticking over, in the absence of a new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Volunteers are therefore urgently required and should contact Bill Bryer on 361964.

Former tenants who have now purchased their homes are still eligible to participate, as some decisions will affect the estate of which they are still a part. But the number of council tenants on such a committee will have to exceed in number, the former tenants. (Totley Tenants Association is the tenants section of Totley Residents Association).

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TOTLEY COLLEGE

A BRIEF HISTORY 1950 - 1970

As a founder member of the College I would like to correct the answer to Quiz question 25 in the July/August edition of the Totley Independent. The following information might be interesting to readers.

The College was first open for students on 11th September, 1950. It was later officially opened by Mrs. Attlee on 14th July, 1953 and was called, 'TOTLEY HALL COLLEGE OF HOUSECRAFT'. It provided a three-year certificate course for teachers of Housecraft. The course was validated by the University of Sheffield.

The founder member of the College consisted of a Principal, (Miss J. C. Cameron), 4 lecturers, 27 students and various administrative and domestic staff. 11 students were resident in College and the rest, apart from 2 day students, were billeted locally.

The College buildings, both teaching and residential, were not completed until 1953 but we were very fortunate to have Totley Hall as a base, the earliest date of part of this being 1623, as seen in the stonework over the front door. There were no science laboratories and, as Science was an important part of the course, Science lectures/practical classes took place at Abbeydale Girls' School and Hurlfield Girls' School on 2 evenings a week and on Saturday mornings.

Practical teaching experience took place in Sheffield schools, and later, when student numbers increased, in some Rotherham, Chesterfield and Derbyshire schools.

24 more students entered College in 1951 and a further 48 in 1952. The full student numbers were to be 144 (i.e. 48 each year). At this stage this was increased to 164 as there was a shortage of Housecraft teachers.

The building on the Highfield site was completed in 1953 and consisted of teaching rooms and kitchens for practical work, science laboratories, 3 Home Management flats, a library, an assembly hall with stage, common rooms, dining room and kitchen as well as residential accommodation for 144 students and 6 members of staff. The Principal lived in part of the Old Hall.

The College continued thus until the mid 1960's when a general Primary Teachers' course was started. About this time too, for 3 years, a 1 year supplementary course was offered to trained teachers who wished to specialise in Home Economics as the subject came to be called.

At this stage the name of the College was changed to TOTLEY HALL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. Whilst numbers of Home Economics students remained the same the general

Primary course expanded rapidly as more teachers were required. Building took place on the opposite side of Totley Hall Lane, (known as the Lowfield site). This included a library and resources centre, a gymnasium, lecture hall/drama studio, art rooms, a language laboratory, extra lecture rooms, a dining room and catering kitchen, common rooms and a residential block for 164 students plus staff accommodation and a sick bay. Later, further teaching accommodation and Students' Union facilities were built on the upper Highfield site.

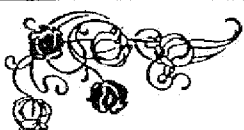
It was not until 1972 when the College Principals at Totley and at Thornbridge Hall both retired at the same time that the Colleges were amalgamated under one Principal and the resulting College was called TOTLEY/THORNBRIDGE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

At first some staff and students commuted to and from Thornbridge Hall but after about 2 years the College was on one site at Totley. Male students, as well as women trained in the Primary school course and there were several mature students, both men and women. Once the initial problems were resolved the College settled down, with benefits to all concerned by the amalgamation and the variety of subjects offered. All the courses were still validated by the University of Sheffield. In addition, a variety of short courses and holiday courses took place at this time. Dating from just before the amalgamation, students who qualified at a high grade in the certificate course could apply to follow a fourth year course in Education and one main subject, leading to a classified Honours degree (B.ED.)

In 1977 the College, together with other Colleges in the area, became part of SHEFFIELD CITY POLYTECHNIC which is now SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY.

Photographs of the building in progress on the Highfield site can be seen in Totley library. The building of the College was not without set backs for example during our first year the beams in the Old Hall had to be treated for beetle infestation, some beams having to be removed completely; at one stage there was a shortage of steel girders which delayed building work and once, after very heavy rain, the Highfield site, where the boilers were in place, was flooded with water half way up the boilers. Electricity cuts and shortage of some materials for teaching purposes made us very resourceful!

We survived, and we still have a flourishing Old Students' Association; some of our very early students come back to our reunion each May.



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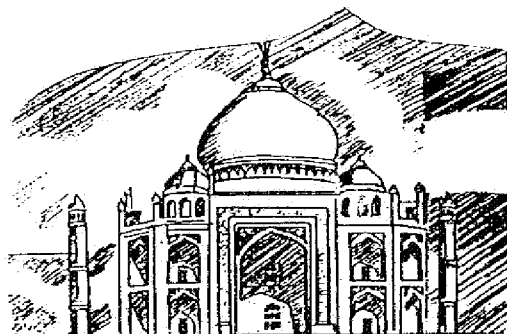
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 WED. 14th. CANCER CARE AT WESTERN PARK HOSPITAL, Talk by Prof. B.W Hancock, 8-00pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, arranged by Wednesday Friendship Group.
 SAT. 17th. BOOK SALE, Dore Old School, 10-00am. - Noon, Organised by Local United Nations Ass., Any offers of books please phone 366668.
 TUE. 20th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMENS GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00am.
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