

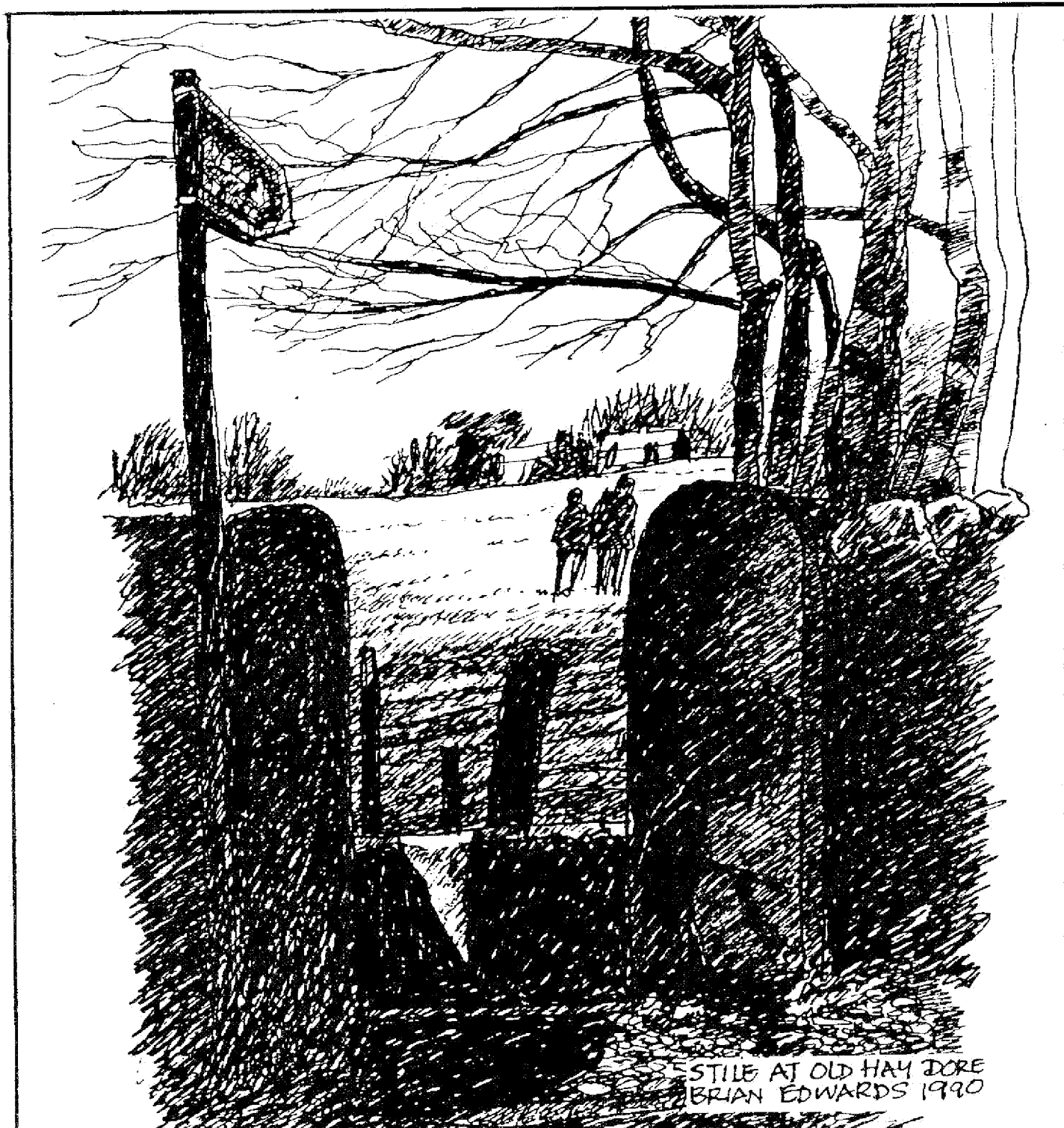
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Runners in the Blackmoor Chase have been known to groan when they reach this stile on the return from the moors.

The stile marks the beginning of the last steep climb before the rush down to Totley Brook Estate.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

There are many traffic problems inflicted on Totley Residents by people who live outside our area - speeding up Baslow Road is a notable example! But there is one problem which we create ourselves and which could easily be resolved.

The problem is that too many cars park too near to road junctions. At the lower end of Marstone Crescent, for example, this is expressly forbidden by the double yellow lines which are marked. The difficulty arises at any junction but it is particularly noticeable and dangerous at the top of Main Avenue and at the Crescent near the Roman Catholic Church.

When cars park in the side road close to the junction (and particularly when there are cars on both sides of the road) cars turning into the road sometimes find their way blocked by traffic trying to emerge from the junction. The result is that the turning car may have to stop with the rear end of the car still in Baslow Road where of course it is under threat from other traffic using the main road.

One answer would be for the local authority to put double yellow lines for (say) 50 yards on both sides of the road away from these two junctions. This would certainly be a good answer from the motorists' point of view and indeed from the point of view of pedestrians trying to cross these roads near the junctions.

However, it is recognised that some people might not agree. If you feel strongly about this question one way or the other why not write to the Totley Independent about it. The Residents' Association Committee could take it

up with the local authority if this seemed to be the right thing to do. We don't want to wait until we have an accident before shouting about this! Some near accidents already should alert us to the fact that we have danger spots and something needs to be done.

Maurice Snowdon.

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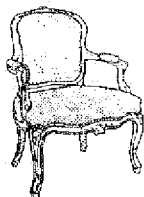
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Is that why you seem to regard anyone who needs to use a walking stick as a waste of space? Did it really add one iota to your pleasure or one second to your leisure as you accelerated as I crossed the road, leaning on your car horn and half scaring me to death? Is time so important that you could not slow down for five seconds to allow me to finish crossing at my own pace (enforced by my recent disability, with which I am struggling to come to terms)? Have you never learned that each of us is special, precious and of inestimable value to our family and friends, no matter whether or not we are young, fit or healthy? Growing old or suffering an illness or disability does not make us less worthy of your patience and consideration. With luck you may never be in my position, but then again, with luck you may live long enough to find out.

Scribella

NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME

A Coffee Morning in aid of the National Children's home will be held at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall on Saturday the 12th. of November between 10-00am. and 12 noon.

There will be an exhibition by local artists, white elephant stall, stationary, books, men's bottle stall and cake stall.

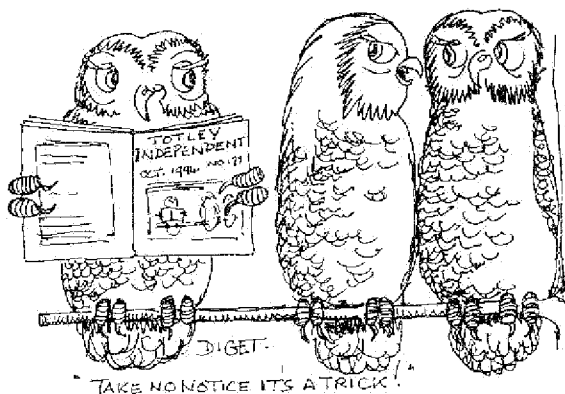
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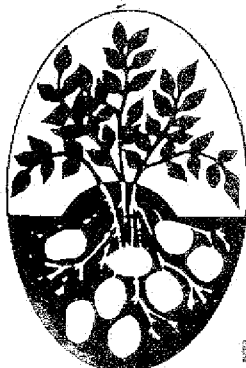
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TOTLEY MEMORIES

I was interested in the answers to the Totley quiz published in the July/August edition - specifically No. 27, about chip shops in Totley. Readers may be interested in the following information:-

The first three houses on Butts Hill were occupied by members of the Fox family. The first of these, West View, was the chip shop run by Mrs. Ethel Fox. Her son Albert, was nicknamed Chippy.

A second chip shop was down Chapel

Walk next to the Wesleyan Chapel. This was occupied by Mrs. Green and her daughter Francis.

A third chip shop was purpose built and run by Mrs. Cross near the old Fleur de Lys. Her son, Tom Kirby then took over the pub before it was demolished to make way for the present day Fleur.

The chip shop on Totley Rise used to be run by a Mrs. Collett sometime before the Shaws took over.

Doreen Blantern (nee Cartwright)



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HEALTHY EATING

It is often said that you are what you eat. It makes sense, after all, because the body renews itself and keeps healthy with the help of the foods you consume. If your diet includes too many sweet or fried things and not enough fresh fruits and vegetables, in the long run, your health is bound to suffer. The key to healthy eating is really very simple indeed, a balanced diet, which means a little of a lot of things rather than the same few dishes day in day out. Variety is the spice of life when it comes to food and a varied diet is almost certain to be a healthy one. The reason variety and balance are so important is that the body needs a regular supply of nutrients to stay fit. Each nutrient has a different use and to stay well you need to get your fair share of them all. Luckily good nutrition is not as complicated as it sounds and I list below a selection of foods which carry all the required nutrients. All you do is pick something from each section every day and you can be sure you are not missing out. An added bonus is that you can still enjoy your favourite foods. Nothing is forbidden, but you may have to serve some of them less often or in smaller quantities.

1. Milk, Yoghurt and Cheese.
2. Meat, Fish and Eggs.
3. Fresh Vegetables.
4. Fresh Fruit.
5. Bread, Flour and Cereal.
6. Butter and Vegetable Oil.

Young mothers, would do well to select the above on a regular basis and so ensure a perfect start for our youngsters.

Eat wisely, Eat well and good health will follow.

J. Scriven.

WISPERER

FAME IN TOTLEY.

Hayley Mills the actress was recently spotted shopping in Maclures fruit shop and Avenue stores. She has been staying in Totley while appearing at the Lyceum Theatre during September.

Local caterer Simon Swift of the coffee shop has recently taken over the supply of school meals at All Saints School, and has made the kitchens there his base for his fast expanding catering business.

Motorists are warned to be on their guard to park properly around the Totley rise shops area, as the police are keeping a keen eye on the parking situation there. It is also noted that motorists are still using the way out at the top of the shops on to Baslow Road and Glover Road, instead of going in at the top and out of the bottom, this only causes congestion as motorists try to turn round.

The chinese take away on the rise has now closed and will re-open as a Balti take away.

A rare sight in Totley these days is the lesser spotted yellow road sweeper, one was spotted recently on Baslow Road.

Congratulations to Mr. Percy Righton of Glover Road who celebrated his 90th. birthday in October. Mr. Righton has lived in Totley and the same house since 1932 when Totley belonged to Derbyshire.

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Tuesday 6th. December Christmas Fair and Coffee and Carol evening from 7-00pm. Everyone welcome.
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Refreshments served, Carol singing 8-00pm.

Saturday 21st. January 1995 - Jumble Sale from 11-00am. Refreshments available.

If you have any Jumble, please contact:- Peter Cassin (Tel. 363881) or John Lawry (Tel. 368566). We can store jumble from now! Set up on Fri. 20th. January from 7-00pm. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS SCOUT POST

Once again Christmas creeps up on us and we will be running the Scout Post in this area.

Stamps will be on sale (cost 15p) at the following venues from Thursday November 24th. and last posting day will be Thursday 16th. December.

Peter Casson Electical	Baslow Rd.
Hall's Delicatessen	Main Avenue
United News	Baslow Rd. (next to the Co-op)
Tony Marples (G.S.L)	10, Laverdene Drive
John Lawry (S.L)	Sunnyvale Rd.
Mike Stokes (C.S.L)	3, Aldam Way
Linda Foster	11, The Green

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PENTACOST '95

Many readers of the Totley Independent will be aware the Churches in England launched a Decade of Evangelism for the 1990's. Here we are, almost halfway through the Decade, and you may have wondered just what the Churches in Dore and Totley are doing about this nationwide initiative

Plans are well on towards 1995 being an eventful year for us, and we hope for all, in our community. All of the eight Churches in our area are being encouraged to think "Outreach". Some event or activity with an evangelistic "thrust" to it. We all intend to support and encourage each other in whatever is planned. There are, however, things we are going to be doing together.

1. PALM SUNDAY (9th APRIL)

We are planning a "March of Joyful Witness" through the community. Each congregation will walk from their respective places of worship to Green Oak Park. There we will share in an Act of Worship together.

2. FOR A WEEK - JUNE (17th-24th)

A marquee will be erected in Green Oak Park, and a variety of events will take place during the daytime and the evenings. Children's Meetings, Youth Events and suitable occasions for adults will be taking place. We expect to be joined by a Team of about forty, who will share in the events of the Week. We are hoping for a Carnival on the first Saturday afternoon, a United Church Service on the Sunday, followed by a very exciting and enjoyable week.

Our hope is that from time to time information will be available to the residents of Dore and Totley, when the invitation will be given to everyone to discover more about the Christian Faith.

As they say - "Watch this space".

George Palmer.

Dear Ed.

I am writing to say how very concerned I am about the increased fouling by dogs along the public right of way behind Green Oak Road flats, which also runs adjacent to Green Oak Park.

The owners walk their pets from home on a lead, but then release the dogs as soon as they reach this path. My neighbour and I are constantly removing droppings from the path and also from our patch of garden. I should like to point out that, whilst the path is a Public right of way, our garden is not. This path is the only access we have to our front door, and is thereby no different from any other highway where dogs are expected to be kept on a lead, and where fouling of front gardens would be more than frowned on!

There has been a steady increase in dogs being taken to the park for exercise, especially by car, so they are from quite a wide area.

Is it asking too much for these owners to have a thought for the use of the "pooper - scoop" in the interest of others; use alternative "woody" areas of which there are many, or at least release a corner of their own garden to get their pets to get familiar with and which would go some way to keeping them off private property.

(name & address supplied)

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GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

Well another outdoor gardening season nearly over, and what with all that lovely sunshine the flowers have been beautiful. It makes the watering seem worthwhile. Quite a lot of records have been broken, not the least the onion one, a 1 lb. increase on last year's winner, up to 12 1/4lbs! It makes my 4 lbs. seem quite puny. We can all look forward to next year by digging with all the more enthusiasm, in the hope that we can increase our yield by 9 per cent. We can live in hope can't we?

FLOWERS

Tidying up is the order of the day, all beds are best kept clean and tidy. This will help keep down pests and diseases. Wrap up all your tender shrubs and plants. Prune down your roses, about halfway, leaving enough to prune properly in Spring. This will help to prevent wind rock. Give the ground a dusting of bone meal, stir it in to the top inch or so. As Chrysanthemums finish flowering, cut them back to within 5 or 8 cms of ground level, this will encourage the roots to throw up suckers which will make ideal cuttings later on in December. Check Dahlias in store, cut out any disease and dust with sulphur. Finish planting Spring bulbs. Plant herbaceous and moisture loving perennials. Split up perennials, like Michelmas Daisies and Golden Rod. Replant vigorous outer portions.

VEGETABLES

Remove yellowing and rotting leaves from all plants, renew slug bait. Give brassicas a pep up with nitro chalk well watered in. Lift a few roots of parsnip and store in damp peat or sand in a shed for use if ground becomes too frozen to lift them. Get on with as much winter digging as possible before the soil becomes too wet and sticky. Leave it rough dug to let the frost get at it. Turn compost heaps regularly.

TREES, SHRUBS AND FRUIT.

Inspect all fruit in store, remove any that show signs of decay, otherwise they will contaminate the rest. Prepare ground for planting all kinds of minimum fruit trees, bushes and fruiting canes. Dig it as deep as possible and work in some manure, especially if you are planting blackcurrants. Prune apples and pears. Plums and Cherries are best left until Spring. Move container grown evergreens like bay or camellias into sheltered positions out of wind and frost. It's a good time to plant most trees, shrubs and evergreens. Take hardwood cuttings from

Forsythia, Mock Orange, Honeysuckle, Flowering currant and Butterfly bush. When all leaves have dropped give fruit trees a tar oil wash. Cover up plants underneath with old newspaper, choose a dry wind free day.

GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS.

Clean up time now, remove all debris, dead leaves etc. Keep water spills to a minimum, try to keep the air dry. Crown of Lily of the Valley can be planted in pots or boxes of potting soil to flower earlier in Spring in a cool greenhouse. Just cover the crowns with soil. Feed Cyclamen and winter flowering Primula once a fortnight with weak liquid manure. Never feed when soil is dry, first water and then feed. Pot up cuttings which have rooted, place them as near to the glass as possible to prevent them drawing. Sow Cyclamen. Prune flowering Maple, Musk, Fuschias, Oleander and Plumbago.

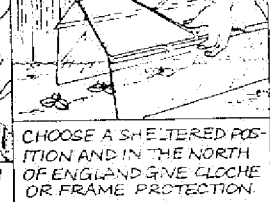
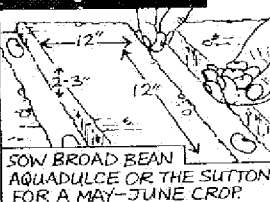
LAWNS.

November is a good month for planting turf. Try to obtain good turf containing fine grasses and reasonably free of weeds.

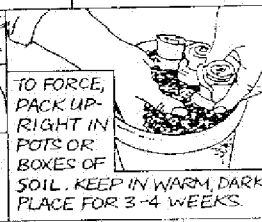
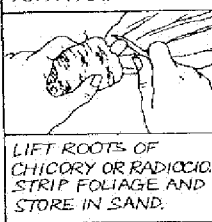
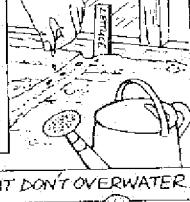
The lawn mowing season is over. The lawn mower should be cleaned up and well oiled and put in a dry place. If it needs servicing or sharpening it's a good time to have it done now. There is usually a discount at this time of year, at most independent D.I.Y. and gardening stores. Keep lawn areas clear of leaves etc.

Cheerio for now, Tom. Busy Bee.

ODD JOBBING



GREENHOUSE LETTUCE SUCH AS CYNTHIA AND MARBELLO SHOULD BE SOWN NOW UNDER GENTLE HEAT.



MEMORIES OF A PEAK PARK RANGER

1994 Marks a special year in the events of the Peak National Park in celebrating a 40th. anniversary since the formation of the first voluntary Ranger service.

It almost seems like yesterday when Tom Tomlinson was appointed as Head Warden at Edale on good Friday 1954. His role was unique for he was the very first full time Warden for National Parks in the country.

His dedication and enthusiasm rubbed off for all the voluntary rambling clubs to help patrol the areas around Kinderscout and Mamtor. Meeting him at Cooper's Cafe in Edale for a briefing at a weekend was very special. Liaison with local Landowners and hill farmers was always of a delicate nature in upholding the By-Laws and access agreements for the ever increasing numbers of visitors.

So in their wisdom the Peak Park Board appointed extra paid part time Wardens to help with the work load.

Mr. Fred Heardman (B.E.M.) mine host opened his hotel "The Nags Head" as the first information centre in Edale in those early years. He was a great mountaineer and ramblers friend. Sadly he passed away in the 1970's.

1960 saw the appointment of a full time Assistant Warden based at Field Head House, Edale, namely George Garlick (he later was a Country Park Officer in charge of Hollingworth Lake near Rochdale, now retired).

Now the access areas were really on the march, for after Edale the western approaches to Kinder were opened up at Hayfield. All the fighting for access to moorlands after the mass trespass in 1932 were slowly being won by the patient diplomacy of the Peak Park Board.

After Hayfield the areas of Crowden 1961 (Longendale) with Assistant Warden Mr. Ken Drabble at the helm (later to be appointed as Chief Ranger and recently retired after 33 years service). Further centres opened up after 1961, namely Stanage Edge and Langset Moors. The latter centre has now an information

point where the popular figure of Joe Hegy is in charge. He resides in totley and most helpful in route finding in those remote hills. After the early 60's National Parks became big business as the tourist boom and leisure pursuits increased. There are now 14 access areas manned at the weekends by full time, Part time and voluntary staff. The warden service has been re-titled to the Ranger Service, (sounds so much more friendly and professional.)

The Peak Park attain a training programme for future rangers with proficiency in rock climbing, map reading, conservation work, first aid and visitor approach etc. Mountain rescue teams are always ready for any emergency the Peak Park Ranger Service is now the envy of all the other National Parks.

Many great characters have passed through the service and are still doing a great job.

If you visit the areas of Fairholmes you may meet District Ranger Mike Hammond and Area Ranger Brian Jones.

Millers Dale is run by District Ranger Has. Oldham, Edale centre by Gordan Miller, Goyt Valley by Jeff Howe, Crowden by Pete McGowan, Dovestones by Jeff Frost plus many other centres. I must not forget one of my favourite personalities Tony Hood at Bronts Barn (Grindleford). There is always a helping hand at all these access areas and long may they prosper in a great vocation.

Many of these personalities have given service in the Armed Forces and been on expeditions to the Arctic and Himalayas. Their adventures could fill a book about the History of the Ranger service.

A new Head Ranger is about to be appointed now that Ken Drabble has retired. I wish the gentleman the best of luck in running a proud service.

The original founder Tom Tomlinson resides in a home at Bakewell and is now 88 years old. He will always be remembered as very special.

John C. Burrows

TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO CHANGE

As from April 1995 all Sheffield telephone numbers will change in order to accommodate the increasing demand for new numbers. For example 0742 364190 will become 0014 2364190, that is replace the old STD. code of 0742 with "0014" and the add "2" to your current number.

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ABBEYDALE WILDLIFE GARDEN

A coffee morning with Gifts and Bring and Buy sale will be held at totley Library, on Friday 11th. November, 10am till noon, with proceeds going towards Management of the gardens. coffee and mince pies 50p.

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SWAP - YWT WALK ON THE WILDLIFE, A GREAT SUCCESS

Despite awful weather over the weekend, around 80 people turned up to "walk for wildlife" at Ecclesall Woods on Sunday 2nd. October. Organised by SWAP - YWT to raise awareness of, and money for, Sheffield's Nature Reserves, "Walk for Wildlife" was led off by Councillor Peter Price and Tony Howard of the Sheffield Campaign for Access to Moorlands, along with staff of the Sheffield Gazette.

To help out, Jan and Tony Turner of the Gleadless Valley Wildlife group turned up dressed as two rather large "rabbits" complete with floppy ears. Dressed like this, they managed to "hop" 5 miles round the short walk, only pausing for the occasional carrot.

Supporters also joined us from the "Friends of Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden", Parkwood Centre of Sheffield College, Beauchief Environment Group, Gleadless Valley Wildlife Group, RSPB and of course Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

A good day was had by all, although one small group on the long walk was seen disappearing into the Norfolk Arms on Ringinglow Road, to shelter from the torrential rain. They've not been seen since.

If you want to find out more about our nature reserves and how you can get involved, contact "Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership" at the address below.

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GEORGE CRESWICK

George Creswick of Main Avenue, former committee member of Totley Resident's Association, died on 4th October 1994, aged 84.

During the early 1980s he served, for several years on the committee. Although at first suspicious of the "Comers in" forming "a voice for Totley" in 1977 George did once remark that they were doing "some things right" and after being enlisted to the committee, he was keen that his knowledge of the village be put to some use, but he was never a man to seek publicity for himself.

He left you in no doubt of his thoughts, you knew where you stood with George!

When the suggestion that the names of the victims of the Second World War should be added to the Totley War Memorial, in Baslow Road, George supported this and he became the obvious choice to collect the names.

He pointed, out quite correctly, that this might be a lengthy and laborious task. He was right on both counts. His obvious concern was that the final information be correct.

The job was seen through to completion and the bronze plaque, installed in 1983, is a fitting memorial to his diligence. It was this determination that was to serve him well during recent years of illness.

When it comes to pedigree, as a true Totleyite, George is hard to beat. Born in Shrewsbury Terrace in 1910, he lived all his life in Totley. His other homes included The Cricket Inn, Avenue Farm, Totley Bents, Hollin House, Cannon Hall and finally Main Avenue, the house that he watched being built and moved into in 1936.

By trade George was a Mechanical Engineer, working on Paper Mill installations, throughout Europe, Canada and Africa, although by way of a change he was also a coach driver. He started his 6 years Army service in 1939, being posted to France.

All his life George enjoyed driving, having a passion for motor cycling in his younger days. His collection of cups and medals at trials is most impressive, as is his Insurance record, he never made a claim!

In 1992 George and his wife Elsie celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, which was marked by telegrams from both the Queen and the Lord Mayor, displayed with pride of place.

When George died he had been married 62 1/2 years which, by coincidence, was his age when redundancy forced his retirement. George leaves a widow, 2 daughters, 3 grand children and 3 great grand children.

It is possible that George Creswick was the oldest male to have been born and lived all his life in Totley. Maybe readers can confirm this.

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

"Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside, I do like to be beside the sea" and where else could that be but Blackpool? For so long as I remember, that is the only seaside resort that has been an annual mecca for young and old alike. The little coach park, which used to nestle under the wall of the football ground has grown into an ocean of parking area. Without one has an eagle eye for surroundings and a proper sense of direction, one may wander about for hours getting even more frantic trying to find Hulley's coach.

Indeed with a little misfortune one could spend the entire day wandering about wondering how to get home. Mind you, to me, many of the recent glories of the resort have been gathered by hearsay and T.V. programmes, because I had not been to Blackpool since the grand illuminations were no more than a set of fairy lights. Then there was no speeding up the M.6 (and sitting in a long queue at the road-works), then the charabanc bounced over all the cobbles of South Lancashire, whilst everyone waited eagerly for the first distant sight of Blackpool Tower. That set up the "hullabaloo". The children bounced up and down the coach and shouted to each other and pointed to the far Tower lest their friends had missed the sight. They banged their buckets and spades as though the din would urge the driver on to even more effort. "Can I have a ride on the donkey, Mum?" - "Can I go on the Big Dipper, Dad?" - "Can I have a paddle?" - "Can I ride upstairs on the tram?" - "Can I have a stick of rock?" - "Can I go on the amusements?" - "Can I see the lions in the Tower?". Dad, dad, dad - - - Mum, mum, mum - - - "Shut up and wait till we get there - - -". On our arrival there were the donkeys waiting on the beach, but the patient animals looked as though they had been through a heavy season and the Winter's rest loomed large on the horizon. This might be a suitable spot to pause and give thanks to the organisers of the day's excursion. Who else could have arranged that the rains which came on our way out, stopped the moment we arrived and did not recommence until we rejoined the coach on our way back? The outing gave us the opportunity to ride on a real tramcar, without the prefix of "Super". Then came a nice walk up the "Prom". We gave the Tower a miss,

thinking it to be unlikely that there would be a boy within, with a stick with a horse's head handle. Similarly there were some items in the Pleasure Beach not to be entertained. I do not know whether I am on my head or my heels at the best of times, without going on to an infernal machine to achieve the same end. If there was any disappointment at all, perhaps it was because I had been looking at too many of Donald McGill's comic seaside postcards, when I expected to see shoals of tubby ladies in stripey costumes running up and down the beach. However, at the end of the day came the highlight. The ride through miles of illuminations. So many delights and tableaux to catch the eye. My wife said that she had her own tableau apart from the illuminations - with her own menace (not necessarily Dennis) and her own Sleeping Beauty, who slept throughout the whole ride.

Anon.

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SAT. 5th. CHRISTMAS FAIR, R.S.P.C.A., St. Johns Church Hall, 11-00am. Details last in
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FRI. 11th. TOTLEY LADIES EVENING GUILD, The Work of Amnesty International, by
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SAT. 12th. TRANSPORT 17 AUTUMN DROP IN & COFFEE MORNING, Transport 17 Office, Baslow
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SAT. 12th. COFFEE MORNING in Aid of National Children's Home, Totley Rise Methodist
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WED. 16th. WILDERNESS PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW, Firth Hall, Sheffield University. 7-30pm
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SAT. 19th. JUMBLE SALE in Aid of ROMANIA, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am.
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