

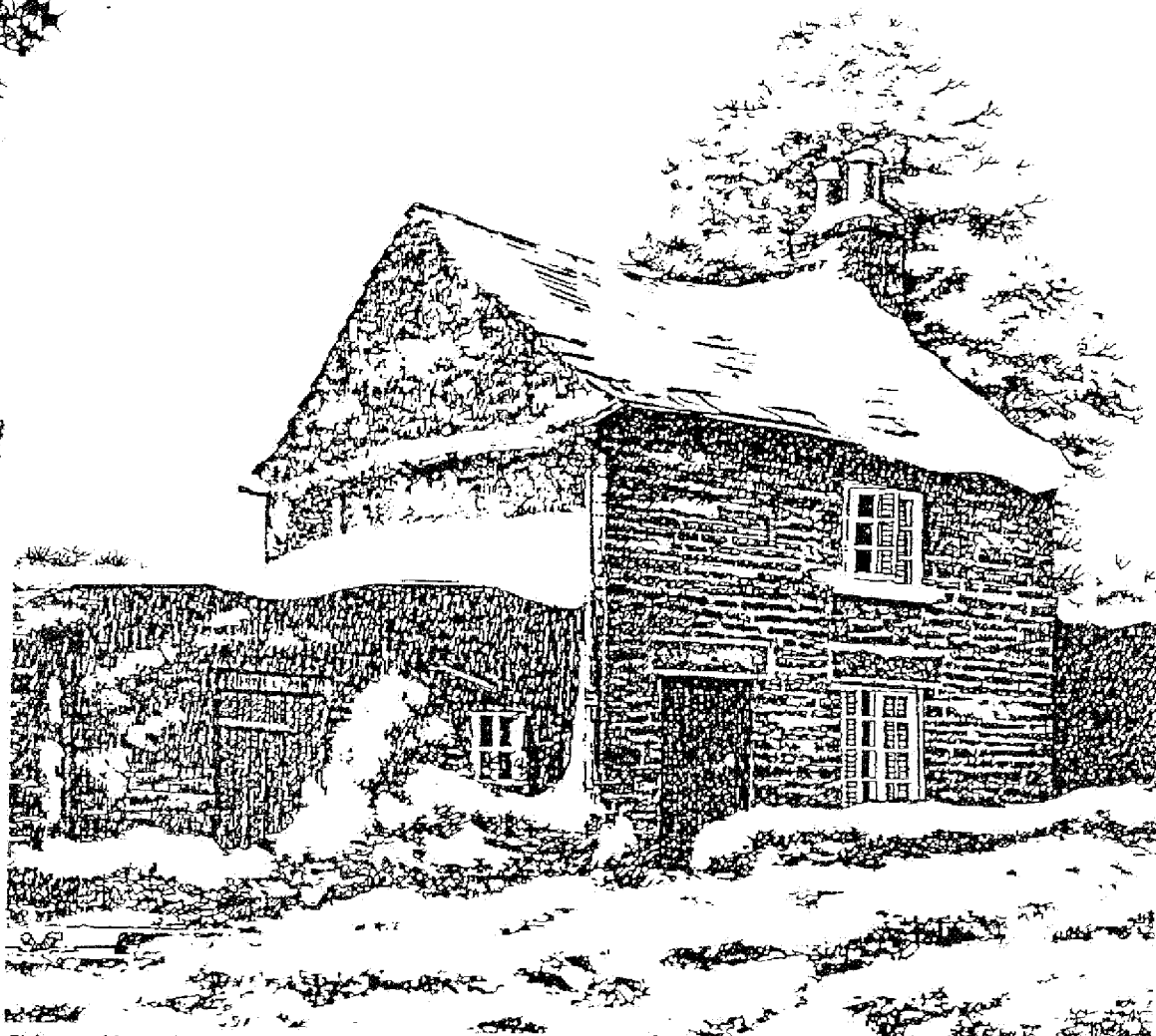
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This small cottage stood on Totley Hall Lane just below the Fleur De Lys and was lived in by the Ward family for many years before being demolished in 1978 to make way for the new Stocks Green Estate. The small flat roofed building to the left of the sketch, by Brian Edwards, was the kitchen and coal house, further to the left just out of the picture was the outside toilet. The cottage had quite a large garden across the front and to the right hand side with a path down the middle. Built in to the garden wall was the well which was moved and later re-built on the new estate. To the rear of the cottage was a spring which came out of the fields at the back and very rarely did it dry up in Summer. I can only remember the cottage having gas lighting.

John Perkinson

A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AROUND TOTLEY

TOTLEY FUN RUN

Totley Athletic Club invite you all to join them in a "Fancy Dress Fun Run" on Boxing Day.

The race of approximately 3 miles, will start at the Crown Inn at 11-00 am. and will proceed by the Fleur De Lys down Baslow Road to Devonshire Road, up to the Hare and Hounds down Furness Avenue and back to the Crown Inn, via Totley Brook Road, for mince pies etc.

A children's race will also be organised.

JOHN WADE SINGERS

The John Wade Singers are giving a concert of arias, duets and excerpts from some of the popular grand operas in Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead on Saturday 14th. January 1995 7-45 pm.

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John Artindale

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The Junior Chamber of Commerce are presenting the Pantomime :-

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at the Library Theatre on the 12th., 13th. and 14th. January. The evening performances will be at 7-30 pm. with one matinee on Saturday 14th. at 2-30 pm.

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DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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DORE AND TOTLEY GUILD

The above Guild, inaugurated in 1950 is in danger of disbanding unless some enterprising person is prepared to offer their services as Secretary.

The programme for 1995 is already prepared so that would not be a problem as regards finding speakers.

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TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

As another year draws to a close may we look back once again on a busy year for the Totley Residents Association.

The library talks held during the year were extremely popular and we have had many varied subjects. I would like to thank the speakers who came during the year.

Because this year was the centenary year of the first passenger train through Totley Tunnel we decided we could not let the occasion pass without some form of celebration. June 26th. was the big day when Robert Jackson came along to open the Gala & Sports day held at the recreation field at the back of the Cricket Inn, Penny Lane. Len Capper composed and sang a song all about the Tunnel. Children dressed as the navvies children, adults, myself included, also dressed in the Period. A happy day was had by all and I must not forget the steam train going through the tunnel.

The profits from the event went to the Sheffield and District Dyslexia Association and the School for Parents Ryegate Children's Centre. Vernons the Bakers baked and donated the large iced cake of Totley Tunnel.

Our annual Produce Show once again proved a big success. The focal point was the flower arrangements in the centre of the room and they looked really lovely. All classes proved to be popular. (Remember September the 2nd. for next year)

The Totley Residents Christmas party held on December 3rd. again had a full programme of entertainment and good food enjoyed by all.

On behalf of the Totley Residents committee I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous new Year.

Margaret Coldwell

S.A.SWIFT CATERING (THE TOTLEY COFFEE SHOPPE) WINS BUSINESS AWARD

Simon Swift of S.A.Swift Catering based at The Totley Coffee Shoppe has won "The Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award", in the first Sheffield business awards run by the Sheffield Telegraph. The awards, sponsored by numerous local companies and local organisations, were held at the chamber of Commerce Dinner on Monday the 7th. November 1994. The presentation was made by Mr. Micheal Heseltine, President of the board of trade. Categories included investors in people, Green business of the year, Business growth and Innovative business of the year.

Simon who opened The Totley Coffee Shoppe two and a half years ago has since gone on to developing a successful business which he runs from the basement of the coffee shoppe.

Simon's most recent expansion was to move the catering side of his business to the Kitchen at All Saints School. Totley All Saints having recently won their fight against closure by gaining their Grant Maintained Status were in a position to invite tenders for various services including the school meals service. By redeveloping the kitchen he now has the contract to supply meals to the school and also provide catering services to numerous Sheffield Businesses and private clients alike from the premises.

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FARMING SCENE

How things change! When I last wrote an article for the Independent, around mid August time, the ground was so dry and hard that it was difficult to get a plough in the ground. Shortly after this the drought broke with such a deluge that the same fields had water running off them. In a matter of days we had gone from one extreme to the other, with approx. 8 inches of rain in September, plus another 8 at the time of writing this in mid November.

Our harvest was always going to be on the late side this year, as our cereals were all late sown spring barley. Sure enough, the weather broke just as the first fields were ready to cut, this further delaying our harvest till late September/early October. Given the lateness of both sowing and harvest, a final yield of 1.6 tonnes per acre was reasonable, particularly as much of it was planted in poor conditions. Nationally the total cereal production was only slightly down on last year, a surprising result given the poor planting conditions last year. However, the combination of lower yields and productive area lost to Set-a-Side, has lifted prices as world stocks have fallen sharply, with the infamous E.C. mountains reduced to molehill size, if not completely removed in some areas.

The politicians have even decided to reduce the Set-a-Side requirements by 30% to 12% in anticipation of a further decline in world stocks next year.

Not so very long ago, maybe 2 years, there was also a wool mountain. Australia and New Zealand farmers in particular, who depend heavily on wool sales to generate income from their sheep, were literally wiping out a large proportion of their flocks because prices were so low. This coincided with the withdrawal of Market support in this country, causing our prices to collapse. Today our prices are back to pre free market levels, and still rising, as the mountains disappear and demand exceeds supply. This is in some part due to woollen goods becoming fashionable again, plus the discovery of new uses for poorer quality wools.

The pig industry is still in a state of depression with no relief in sight, despite the continual reduction in the national herd. Imports, plus the reduction in red meat consumption, seem to have put our pig industry on a downward slope. In view of the continual losses, with no

long term stable economic prospects we - like many others - have decided to sell our sows, thereby ending 20 years of continuous association with the pig production.

We are currently struggling, like many others, to finish our potato harvest. Given the dry summer our yields have been surprisingly good. This coupled with very good prices, about £140 per tonne compared to £70 at this time last year, will hopefully enable us to recoup some of the losses incurred from this crop during the last 2 years.

Yes, we are "doing" Turkeys again this year! Now that Luke is over three years old, Jenn will have more time to cope with the hassle involved during the pre-Christmas period. This coupled with a string of requests and recommendations has persuaded us to enter production once again. Genuine Traditional Farm Fresh Turkeys are forecast to be in short supply this year, so get yours ordered!

After years of pestering the Government to abolish the Milk Marketing Board, the big dairy companies are now complaining about this very same action! The current furore over milk prices stems from the Dairy Trades misconception that they would be able to force down ex farm milk prices in a "free Market" situation. The shock of having to compete for milk, with the consequent higher prices, has sent them into a panic and - as a propaganda exercise - they have quite unjustifiably raised the price of the "doorstep Pinta" way above the increased milk purchase price. Farmers are now being blamed for these increases, while in reality their increased income is marginal compared to that of the bottlers and distributors.

As the year draws to a close, we shall be back on that rather mundane and stress less task of Raspberry pruning. I wonder if a sponsored "Prune In" for a charity would attract any volunteers!?

Edwin Pocock

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SCOUT NEWS

Future events to be held at the 1st. Totley Scouts Headquarters on Aldam Road are as follows:-

Tuesday 6th. December Coffee and Carol Evening. 7-00 pm. to 9-00 pm.

Tombola, Raffle, Bottle Stall, Webb Ivory, Children's Games, Cake Stall, Scout Post, White Elephant, Refreshments.

Carol singing 8-00pm. Everyone welcome.

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

Stamps on sale (cost 15p) at the following venues until the last posting day which will be Thursday 16th. December.

Peter Casson Electrical	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

Thank you for supporting your local Scout Group.

Mike Stokes (Akela)

85th. SHEFFIELD BEAVERS, CUBS and SCOUTS. St. JOHN'S, ABBEYDALE

All sections continue to be busy with much still planned well into 1995. The Beavers have been to see "The Lion King", Cubs have held their swimming gala and the Scouts have been on a midnight hike, these events being just some of the activities.

Many new Beavers have been welcomed to the Colony of late and with some about to swim up to Cubs, all three sections have healthy numbers making it possible to organise worthwhile activities.

Saturday December 3rd. sees the arrival of Santa at St. John's Church Hall to open our annual Christmas Fair. Entry to the Fair is free and Santa will be open at 2-00pm. Thereafter children can visit Santa in his grotto and have their photograph taken. In addition there will be many other stalls and games to look round, refreshments available and the draw of our Grand Raffle at about 4-00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

M. Hollindale

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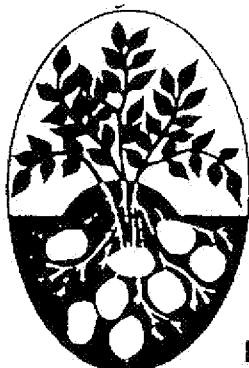
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FLOODING IN TOTLEY BROOK ROAD

Saturday, 12th November was a wet day. For the residents of Totley Brook Road, it was a day of caution, especially when walking on the footpaths. Flooding in parts of Totley and Dore are prevalent during heavy rain, but the flooding on Totley Brook Road is not only rain water, but sewage as well. The sewers (top water and foul water are separate in Dore and Totley) and cannot cope with the volumes of effluent and rain water and the pressure, and at the junction of King Egbert Road and Totley Brook Road, is such that a cast iron manhole cover, weighing over 1 hundredweight, is lifted out of its seating. Sewage then discharges along the gutters and blocks the gullies with sanitary towels, condoms and sewage. I believe that the problem has been caused by the increased number of properties that have been built in the area, using a sewer which was laid over 17 years ago.

Yorkshire Water are responsible for the sewage system but use the City Council's Design and Building Services Department as agents. I have been in correspondence and conversation with them since August. Yorkshire Water have funded a feasibility study into drainage problems between King Egbert Road and Dore Road and on Mill Lane. The study will result in a computer profile indicating the problems and size of sewers needed to overcome them. A capital bid will then be placed with Yorkshire Water for money to replace the sewers.

We, as residents of the area and users of the road, can help put pressure on Yorkshire Water by complaining every time the sewer discharges and every time we find a blocked street gully. Conservative and Liberal Democrat

Councillors are also aware of the problem but it is the number of complaints that will have the biggest impact.

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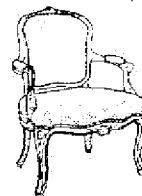
Don't moan if your car wheel falls down the manhole, or you get showered with sewage, unless you have complained to the above.

Roger Hart.

P.S. Now is the time to complain about Busheywood Road, Totley Brook Road, Abbeydale Road South Junction. The highways department are to carry out bridge strengthening works on the railway bridge and make the dual carriageway into a contra flow. Complain to the same address as above but replace "Drainage & Structures" with " Highways & Traffic".

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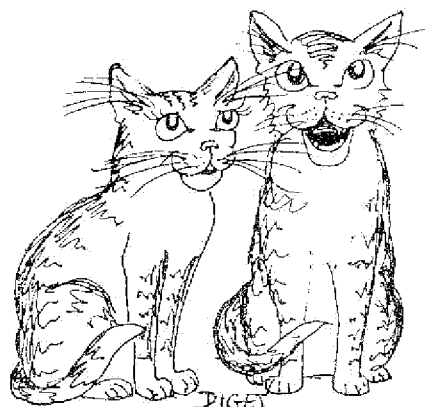
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GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

It's a very miserable time for gardeners just now, with not a lot of colour and wet leaves everywhere. Short days and dark evenings are not very conducive to gardening. You can get in your favourite armchair with your favourite beverage by your side and thumb through the seed and plant catalogues, dreaming of the blaze of colour you are going to create next year. You can take a break from this if we get a fine few days to dig over the plots, stake up the veg., prune roses etc. etc. Not too dull a time after all!

FLOWERS:- If you haven't pruned the roses yet cut them back by half so that the wind doesn't rock them too much final pruning in March/April. Improve your soil structure in your flower beds by adding humus, compost, leaf mould, spent hops, all ideal. These can be worked in during the winter, keep an eye out for slugs and put down bait to prevent too big an infestation later. Prune clematis *Jackmanii* and the many hybrids from it down to 3 or 4 ft. from the ground. Pruning to a good well developed bud.

Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rot and dust with flowers of sulphur. Remove all leaves and dead foliage from your borders. This will prevent any disease affecting your plants later. If you are planning to move or reduce the size of your herbaceous perennials, lift out the whole of the plants and place them together covered with straw or dead leaves. They will be O.K. for some time. This will enable you to dig over the beds at least 1 spade depth adding well rotted compost or manure and a good handful of bone meal per square yard. This preparation is really worthwhile because once replanted most perennials will remain undisturbed for at least 3 years.

To increase your stocks of rhododendrum and azaleas peg down firmly to the ground in a mixture of peat and sand.

VEGETABLES:- To be ready for the Totley Show you need to plant seeds of onions on Boxing Day or thereabouts. They will be just about right to plant out in late March/early April. Dig the plot where they are to grow adding plenty of manure or compost. They really enjoy a good rich soil. Any plots where brassicas are to grow need a soil test to make sure the ground is not too acid, add lime if necessary.

Prepare bean trenches dig around 2ft. deep adding compost, kitchen scraps, newspaper and covering with soil as you go. Anything that retains moisture will be beneficial. Late January herbs such as sage and thyme can be replanted and large clumps can be pulled apart into small pieces with roots attached.

Cut down sage to within 9 inches from the ground, this will encourage young shoots from the base.

As soon as Brussel sprouts have finished clear the stalks and prepare the ground for the alternative crops.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT:- Firm in any newly planted trees or bushes if the have been loosened by frost. Knock any snow off branches of all trees and bushes to prevent breakage. Give winter wash on a calm dry day if not already done. Pick off and burn any large globular buds from blackcurrants. Make sure you don't miss any. Fork in lightly some manure or compost around established trees, be careful not to damage the roots near the surface. Make sure stakes and ties are all firm and strong. Inspect grease bands and renew if necessary, remove any leaves sticking to them.

GREENHOUSES & INDOOR PLANTS:- Make sure the insulation in your greenhouse is sound and the glass is clean to give maximum light. Bring in bulbs to flower later. Start Chrysanthemum cuttings. The best cuttings are taken from the shoots coming from the root cut just below soil level and insert them in sandy soil, give a little heat. Make sure the greenhouse is given ventilation. Choose fine days, this will help prevent mildew etc. getting a hold.

If you have heat on you could start begonia and gloxinia tubers. They will need 55deg.F or a bit more for gloxinias. Water indoor plants sparingly except those in flower. Watch the heat, most indoor plants are troubled if the atmosphere is hot and dry. 65deg.F maximum 50-60 humidity is just right. Try to maintain an even temperature, big variations can seriously effect the health of your plants.

LAWNS:- Keep them clean and keep off in frosty weather.

Have a happy and joyful Christmas and a healthy gardening year to you all.

Cheerio for now,

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Yes, I agree with Maurice Snowdon, (T.I.Nov.1994), that double yellow lines would help drivers to park more thoughtfully at the two junctions.

I felt sufficiently concerned about the parking at the Main Avenue junction with Baslow Road to telephone Woodseats Police Station.

Some bus drivers park in Baslow Road outside the general store and leave their engines running whilst they do their shopping.

The day I telephoned was the day I saw the school crossing lady "peeping" around the back of a bus, parked in this way, in order to show children across the road safely.

There is a bus stop on a lay-by only yards below the junction which is a much safer place to leave a large vehicle.

I feel an unattended parked bus should not have the engine running and it surprises me that a person whose profession is DRIVING should leave a vehicle like this unless of course s/he cannot start it again (I have reason to believe this to be so).

(Name & address supplied)

Dear Ed.

With reference to Mr. Snowdon's letter on traffic problems, I agree with him that some cars park too near to junction of Main Avenue with Baslow Road.

However if you do not want to kill off your local shops, I would suggest that double yellow lines for 20 yards away from the junction on both sides of Main Avenue and Baslow Road would be sufficient.

Also if motorists observed the 30 m.p.h. speed limit along Baslow Road, there would be very little damage of cars going into the back of you, even if you could not go completely into Main Avenue.

Why can we not have signs up (as many places do) on both sides of Totley on the Baslow Road, saying :-

"Totley Welcomes Careful Drivers" or "You are in a 30 m.p.h. area" or "Watch your speed". In other words reminders! It cannot do any harm.

(Name & Address Supplied)

A readers letter to Councillor C. Ross
Dear Councillor

Further to my previous memo on the Abbeydale Road South Area, I read earlier this year about speed problems from here to the ending of the 30 zone at Lane Head. It stated that approaches had been made to the Local Authority for "repeater signs" along this stretch, but the request was turned down.

It is extremely dangerous at times to cross the dual carriageway section, particularly caused by speeding traffic. If there is a legal objection to the "repeater signs", may I suggest the following which I recently saw in Scotland?

This was at a village named Contin, near Inverness, (Highland Region) A 835 road. This was a normal single carriageway road with street lighting. at intervals, painted on the road surface were the figures 30 within an elongated oval surround.

I haven't noticed this usage of a reminder sign anywhere else. The total length of each sign was six to eight feet.

I hope that you may find this idea worth putting forward and that sometime Highways Department can put some serious thought into the local main road problems.

(name & address supplied)

Concern about Road safety in Totley has, and I guess will continue to be, a major issue in our area.

The topic is being continually discussed at your Totley Residents Association monthly meetings and the Association is always writing to various people about the problem.

Isn't it strange, we have literature through our door prior to local elections, promising to make our area safer why then are we still concerned that some day a major accident will happen probably involving some ones life?

When the Association does get replies, which is very rarely, it always seems we have run out of money to do even the simplest of suggestions, especially when it is required so far from the City!

You can help as an individual by writing to the Highways Department, your local councillors etc. and attending a public meeting early in the new year to be organised by the T.R.A., watch the Independent for further details.

Ed.

A FESTIVE SEASON TREK

From Bell Hagg to Blacka Moor.
Walks around the Totley area continued
No.31.

For a change let us select a fresh starting venue for our Yule-tide walk, a classic route of some 10 to 11 miles above the Rivelin Valley, through the Wyming Brook Gorge and back to Totley. Hiking boots and O/S Map Sheet no. SK 28-38 Sheffield, 2 1/2" to 1 mile is desirable. Travel by bus or organise a car lift to the Bell Hagg Nurseries (Garden Centre), along Manchester Road. A signed path ascends directly on the Main Road corner towards Black Brook Rocks and above the track known as the Coppice Road. Straight-away glorious views unfold along the Rivelin Valley across to the heights of Derwent Edge and the Loxley and Bradfield areas. Steps lead out on to a high level terrace path that weaves in and out of stunted woodland glades above the Blackbrook Rocks. Soon we pass the fringes of the select Sandygate Golf Course, after approx. 1 mile we pause at a wooden seat to really enjoy the view. We cross a small ravine where the Black Brook stream tumbles over broken rocks. A sharp pull up the bank and we cross Lodge Lane. Here the path widens as we negotiate a moorland strip known as Fox Hagg. Note the dominant Clock Tower of Lodge Moor Hospital over to our left.

Directly across the valley scene the bold escarpment of Rivelin rocks hold the attention (here the classic Rivelin Needle was first climbed by the late Eric Byne over 40 years ago).

After 1 mile from the junction of Lodge Lane the path starts to descend through a woodland area to the first Rivelin Dam, where we join a Lane and pass Fox Holes Lodge. After a half mile from the Rivelin Dam a well signed path on our left starts the well known classic of Wyming Brook. As we climb the wooded slopes of Fox Holes Plantation this is a real gem of a route right through to the head of Wyming Brook. The stream levels out here where picnic tables make an ideal lunch break spot. For the not so hardy folk who prefer the comfort of a Bar meal one can make a slight detour to the "Three Merry Lads" hotel along the Redmires Road.

After a well earned break proceed towards the Redmires Dam Road and a Lane on our left takes us past the new filtration plant where a signed footpath in the left corner skirts the first dam wall with a steep climb towards an area known as Fulwood Booth. The field path levels out.

Hereabouts the views are of the

highest order across the Redmires dams and the wilds of Hallam Moors.

Negotiate a stile on our right, cross a field and steps lead into a disused quarry. Soon we hit the main highway at Knoll Top Farm above the Mayfield Valley.

Proceed right along the road for half a mile passing Fulwood Head Farm and after a sharp bend along Fulwood Lane we enter a long drive to the right directly to Brown Edge Farm. Plenty of dogs to greet you, but always fastened up. Yellow markers show a path through the farm area to a gate and further stone stile.

Keep forward through disused Brown Edge Quarries where the track leads out to the Ringinglow Road. Note the dominant Ox Stones across the skyline. Cross the road to an opposite gate by the side of Lady Cannings's Plantation. This track, known as Sod Road, crosses Burdage Moor to join the popular route from Ringinglow to Fox House namely the Houndkirk Road.

Once again the moorland views to Houndkirk Hill and Totley Moss are first class. Turn right at the junction track with the Jumble Road (the latter is a path which leads down to Sheephill Road) Proceed towards the Thieves Bridge (these local names have a fascinating ring about them) where the infant Red Car Brook forms a feeder to the river Sheaf. Pause for a break at the ruined farmsteads of Oxdale Lodge and Badger House (once a Gamekeeper's residence and owned by the Duke of Rutland)

Head towards Fox House and just beyond the crest of the hill strike away left across Houndkirk Moorland and directly towards the imposing Houndkirk Hill and the concrete post (there is a signed finger post further along the Houndkirk Road but this line tends to be very boggy, so best to cross the moor 200 yards before the sign).

After negotiating the concrete post a well defined path descends to the Hathersage A625 Road and the junction with the head of Whitelaw Lane. Cross the road with care and just above the Peak National Park Millstone Emblem sign enter the realms of Blackamoor.

The woodland path descends fairly steep to join the main Piper House track and the horse riding stables along Shorts Lane. The field path at the corner of the lane takes us down to the imposing Avenue Farm and soon we are back to home ground via Old Hay and Hillfoot Road.

A little pick me up at the Crown Inn would certainly go down a treat after a winter outing around our glorious frame.

John C. Barrows

ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WED. 21st, THURS. 22nd. DECEMBER,
10.00a.m.-9.00p.m.

ADMISSION ONLY £1 ADULT, 50p CHILD/CONC.

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet is staging another Christmas Fayre on 21st and 22nd December. The hamlet will be open until 9.00p.m., providing a rare opportunity to visit Abbeydale by night. The Craft exhibitors and demonstrators have been specially invited to ensure a high quality and variety of items on sale and display. Demonstrators include jewellery and silverware, Victorian curios, arts and crafts, pottery, paintings, leatherwork and wood-carving. There will also be a range of gifts in the museum shop, which places the emphasis on British and Sheffield made items.

Evening Carol singing will be led by the Abbeydale singers and the festive atmosphere will be enhanced by many traditional Christmas features, including a certain gentleman with a red coat and white beard! Seasonal home-cooked delicacies will be on offer in Pat's cafe throughout the day and evening.

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METAMORPHOSIS.

Visitors to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet between now and Christmas can enjoy the extra attraction of a new exhibition in the gallery, entitled METAMORPHOSIS.

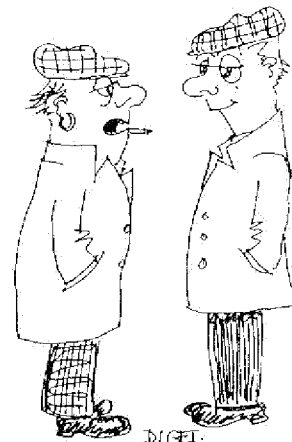
This exhibition features the work of local artists Norman and Jean Cherry and includes pots, collage, prints and pieces made from dyed paper pulp. Metamorphosis is on until 23rd December and can be enjoyed alongside the usual

historical delights of Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, including the Tilt Forge, Water Wheels, unique Crucible Steel Furnace, working craftsmen, Victorian Worker's Cottage and the Manager's House and Office. The Museum also has a well-stocked gift shop and home baked delicacies in the cafe.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

On behalf of the local Council of Churches I extend Christmas greetings to one and all. Whoever we are, we generally spend some time during this season thinking about what the meaning of Christmas might be. Last year I read an excellent meditation on the meaning of Christmas and this year I want to share it with you.

Christmas is the LIGHT that burns eternally. It is a glow that warms the hearts of people wherever the message of "Peace on earth to those of good will" is believed.

Christmas is PEACE in a world where people have been alienated from each other by hatred and jealousy.

Christmas is JOY of fellowship, of giving, of sharing, of lifting, of caring and of being what Christ wants us to be.

Christmas is FORGIVENESS, the time for fresh beginnings, a time to right the wrongs of yesterday.

Christmas is GIVING to those who cannot give to us. It is visiting the neglected, lifting the fallen, giving hope to the hopeless, assuring victory to the defeated, living the spirit of good will to all humankind.

Christmas is SURRENDER of one's life to Christ in renewed dedication, which makes Christ the Lord of our Lives.

The meditation was taken from "The View" which is the Newsletter of South Church, East Hartford, Connecticut, with whom Dore & Totley URC has had a special relationship for over 25 years.

The grace of God be with you
The Revd. Dr. Marc Dummer
Minister of Dore & Totley URC. &
Chair of Churches Together in S17.

GEORGE CRESWICK

Mrs. G.Creswick would like to express her sincere thanks to all friends who kindly gave her lifts and visited George during his long illness in hospital.

Mrs. Creswick also wishes to thank those who sent donations for the Stroke Research Unit.

HEALTHY LIVING

Research has shown that Cancer is the modern day scourge and not surprisingly our diet is a contributing factor in avoiding the risk of being a victim. One of the easiest yet most important changes you can make is to choose a diet lower in fat. This is not difficult, simply reduce your dairy produce intake, eat smaller and leaner portions of red meat, learn to recognise the hidden sources of fat in your diet. Butter, margarine, cooking oils, salad dressings etc. may all be adding large amounts of fat to your daily diet. You don't have to cut out these foods completely just remember to eat them in moderation. Why not start now? Even minor changes in food choices can mean a healthier diet. Adding more fruit and vegetables will make a difference. Turn down that extra helping of meat and have extra vegetables instead. Make the change gradually, you don't have to change your whole diet overnight, but even a few small changes is a start on the road to a healthier diet and lower cancer risks. It is estimated that 50% of all cancers are diet related, so the message is clear - less fat and more fruit and vegetables. Simple but effective changes in our diet can reduce these numbers. It makes a great deal of sense to consider making such changes.

John Scriven

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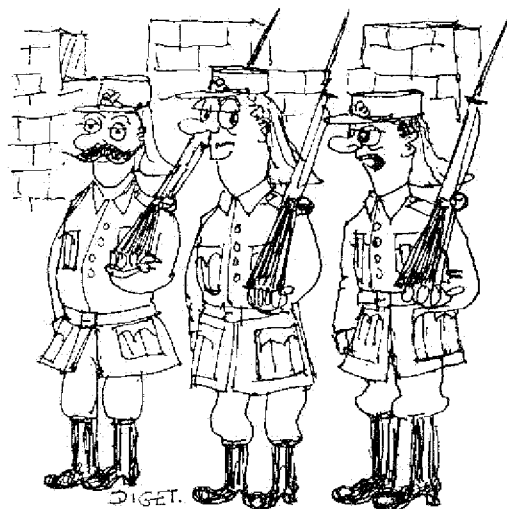
TRANSPORT 17

I expect that many of you have seen us driving around in our blue buses. Mike Finn is our paid Project Manager and the rest of us are volunteers. That does not mean that we don't give our jobs as drivers and escorts everything we've got. We have to get to work on time, sort out our journeys and who we have to pick up. Buses have to be maintained and filled with petrol and the office needs to deal with accounts etc. just as any other office. But we are a registered charity. We get some funding from the S.Y.P.T.E., but the rest we have to beg or fund raise for. Many of our passengers help us as much as they can. Sadly we have lost some of them this year. They left us some money in their Wills or their families kindly gave us some as a memorial to their loved ones. We have had the help of Lynne Enzor from "Help the Aged" this year. This organisation does NOT give us money but gets events sorted out for us as well as giving us advice. We recently spent 2 days collecting at B & Q, Queen's Rd. We were helped by some of our passengers and supporters from local organisations. We get a great deal of help from Churches, Luncheon Clubs, Social Clubs and shops in the area. The 2 Post Offices, Chemists, Library, "Busy Bee" and many others display our posters and help us in ways you would not believe. We have had Coffee Mornings at our office, Cream Teas, stalls at Totley Sports Day and Show and a Pea & Pie Supper as well as many raffles. Our Grand Auction was a huge success. The 2 Sheffield Football Teams, M & S, Cole Bros., Sherwood Inns and Abbeydale Garden Centre gave us gifts, as did many local people. Mr. Paul Hough, together with our posters, begging letters and articles in The Sheffield

Telegraph and an Ad. in The Star, drew a large crowd who bid for some splendid things. Our aim is to get as many people as we can out and about. Some are frail, not all are elderly, some need a bit of support after an illness. To see them buck up after a good lunch or a visit to their club is a joy. To do this we need to keep our buses running, THAT MEANS DRIVERS. The ones we have at the moment are amazing and give 100%, but we need more.

It is no use raising funds for another new bus if there is nobody to drive it. CAN YOU HELP? I know that many people when they retire have plans to do all sorts of things. How about helping us? Or are you in between jobs or unemployed? Helping us would look good on your C.V.!!! Or perhaps you would like to escort. Ring our office 362962 and have a chat or pop in and see us. Thank you all very much for your help. A Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all of you.

Margaret Barlow



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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Hi'.Ho'.Hi'.Ho'. - it is getting on for Pantomime Time again. Oh, yes it is - but I feel that this year the producers will have a bit of a problem. Many of the old favourites will be missing, especially now that Dick Whittington has become a dog lover - - the Three Bears have gone off porridge and gone to Weetabix - - and it is probably that the cutting down of staff has reduced Snowwhite's dwarfs to six. I imagine that Ali Baba will have difficulty in finding 40 oil jars for his thieves. after all, Ali Baba and the 40 wheelybins does not seem quite right.

Reminds me, I must look inside my wheelybin just to be on the safe side. With all this in mind, there is nothing for it but to write another Pantomime, so here goes:-

It is called 'Superella' - - - There was a young girl called Ella, and because she spent all day working in a Supermarket, she became known as Superella. All day she had to sit at the Cash Desk passing other people's groceries through the magic eye - -(all sigh ah! ah! ah!) As you may well imagine she had two sisters who did little to help the family fortunes, and spent all their days in McDindons drinking Poola - Coola, and the nights in the Bingo Hall - and Superella could only look at them through the window and sigh, and sigh. Her father was hard up - now tell me of a father and three daughters who isn't hard up, anyway.

He was behind with his Poll Tax, Corporation Tax - - - in fact, you name a tax and he owed it - and the slate behind the cupboard door had run out of chalk. So here we have the entry of the wicked uncle, and he would help with the debts if only Superella would (no not that) if only, Superella would get him all the damaged tins of beens with threepence off.

Now it is not easy to go round the store dinting a lot of tins of beans, so here we have to enter Superella's boy friend. He is called 'Zip' (a superior type of Buttons). He is really a fly by



'I don't want to appear with this lot'

night and offers to bend the tins at a penny a time. Now of course, Superella has not got a penny a time or at any other time, and how she wishes she could go to the Bingo Hall and win some money.

So Zip (who can beat the pants off anybody) gets a fake Bingo card - and on the night of the Big Prize he gets Superella into the Bingo Hall. The caller goes down through all the "Two Fat Ladies" Kelly's Eye and the assortment of ducks - - and suddenly Superella's card is full - marked in every space - and loudly she called 'Bingo'. With all eyes turning to look at her, she can not bear the disgrace of anyone finding out how she had a magic card, she casts the card down and rushes from the hall. Enter the mystery - who is the person who has fled the hall - do they know? - oh yes, they do - oh no, they don't - - - let's not go into all that again. There was only one way to find out. With the discarded card was a pencil. Someone had chewed the marker as they anxiously waited for the numbers to be called. there were teeth marks on the pencil - who's teeth could match up with these marks. The sisters could only sit and gnash their gums in anguish. You know quite well who has the teeth (shining as per the T.V. advert.), and they reveal Superella. She wins the grand prize - what is it?

Why what else but a year's supply of bent bean tins, and everybody lives happily ever after (Oh yes! they do).

Throw in a few dancers in the chorus, broker's men and someone to sing "There's a hole in my bucket" and there you have it (Oh no you don't - - - - oh yes you do)

Anon

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 SAT. 3rd. TOTLEY RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY, United Reformed Church Hall, 4-00 pm.
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 TUE. 6th. TOTLEY SCOUTS CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAROL EVENING, 7pm. Scout Hut (details inside)
 WED. 7th. COFFEE MORNING, Cheshire Home, 10-00am. - Noon.
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 Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8-00 pm. (Organised by the U.N.A.)
 SAT. 14th. JOHN WADE SINGERS CONCERT, Our Lady & St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead, 7-45pm.
 (details inside)
 TUE. 17th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00am.
 TUE. 17th. SUPPORT GROUP for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 11-00 am. 4, Grove Road,
 SAT. 21st. TOTLEY SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE, 11-00 AM. (details inside)
 WED. 25th. "LIFE & TIMES of the GYPSIES" by Mrs. Audrey Bradley, Totley Rise
 Methodist Church Hall 8-00 pm. (Organised by the U.N.A.)
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THIS PLAN HAS NOT, REPEAT NOT BEEN PASSED. IF YOU FEEL

THAT THE SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE GREEN BELT MENTIONED BY THESE
DEVELOPERS SHOULD REMAIN INTACT: PLEASE ACT NOW...

YOU CAN OBTAIN DETAILS FROM THE TOWN HALL PLANNING DEPT.
AND THEN WRITE IN PROMPTLY WITH YOUR COMMENTS.

THE PERSON TO CONTACT IS: MR PAUL GORDON

HE WELCOMES TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES (TEL.2735025).
BUT DO PLEASE GO IN PERSON SO THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT
INFORMATION/ REFERENCE NUMBERS TO HAND WHEN YOU WRITE.
LAND AT RISK INCLUDES: FARMLAND (HALL LANE FARM), THE
UNIVERSITY PLAYING FIELDS BORDERED BY SUNNYVALE ROAD AND
GREEN OAK ROAD AND A PLOT ON THE STOCKS GREEN ESTATE.
IF ENOUGH PEOPLE RESPOND THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE NOTICE.
THE UDP WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A PUBLIC ENQUIRY
CONDUCTED BY THE DEPT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN MARCH 1995
BUT ALL COMMENTS NEED TO BE IN NOW! DON'T LOSE THIS CHANCE
TO HAVE YOUR SAY....THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO
KEEP THE TOTLEY GREEN BELT SAFE FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS!
