

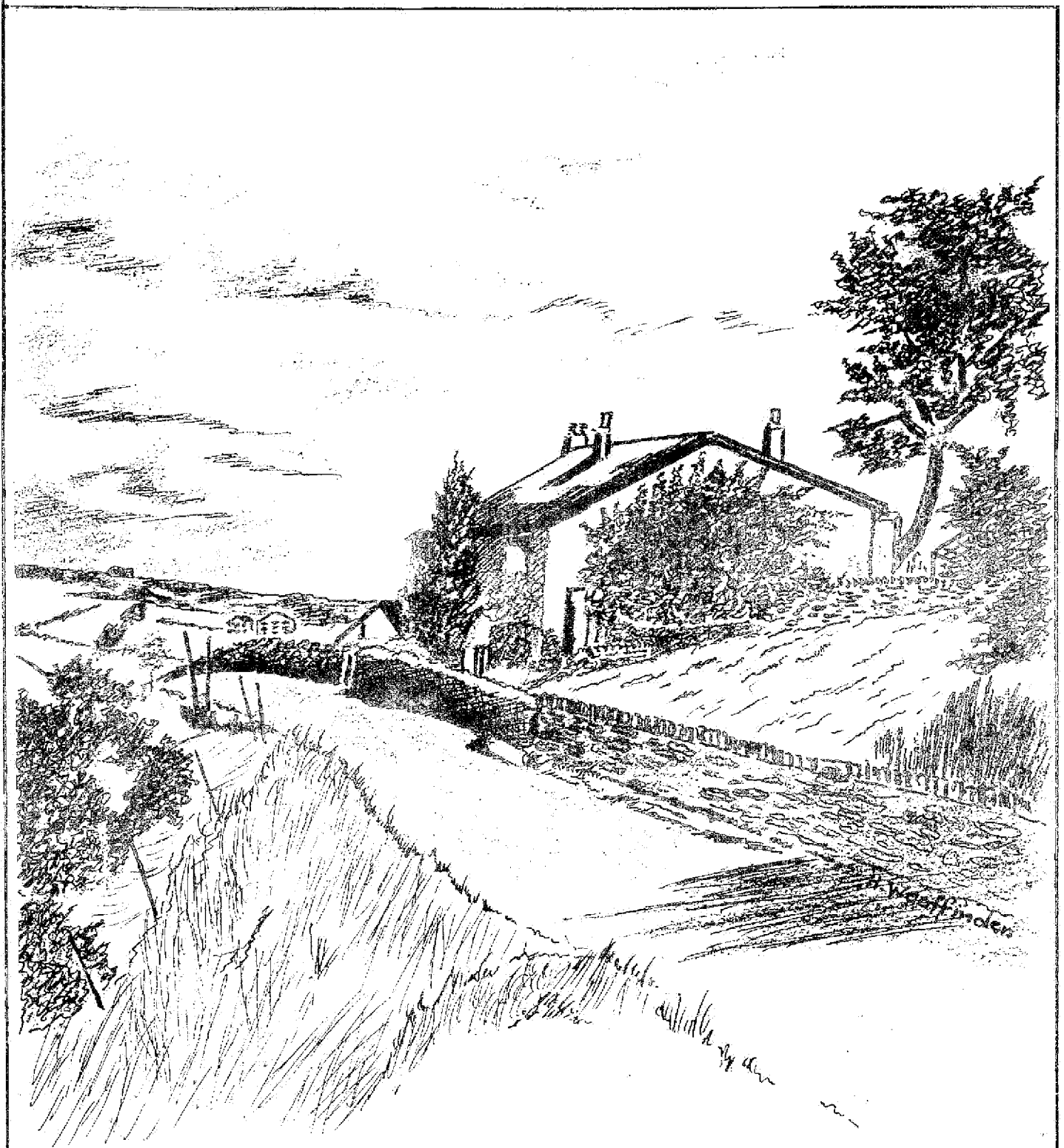
# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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While looking through our past files we came across the above sketch by Harry Woofinden. To try something different can you identify the location?

## CHANGES IN TOTLEY SINCE 1960

Reading the reminiscences of families brought up in Totley made me think of all the changes in Totley in the 35 years we have been here. We moved from Hull to Totley in January 1960. The trees above Millhouses Park were sparkling with snow, it looked like fairyland in the sunshine. We were most grateful to a colleague's thoughtfulness in clearing our driveway of the deep snow to make it easier for the removal van to get up the drive and not trample snow into the house. The children settled in at Totley County under Miss Clareborough's strict regime, Sheffield was prosperous with full employment and we decided to stay here.

At that time the main road at Totley Rise was where the shops now have the lay-by, the dual carriageway was still to come. The Co-op store had quite a large plot of land in front of it and The Prefabs covered the area where Greenoak Home, the Library and the Estate now stand. The old Library was housed in a small building - now a hairdressing salon - by Totley Bridge garage. Two new houses were built on Mickley Lane for the Cherry Tree children, the Cheshire Home taking over the old building lower down the hill. Totley Hall College block was built overshadowing Sunnyvale Road. Pearson's Nurseries (between the Conservative Club and the new Library) vanished and were replaced with the blocks of flats. For a while Monnybrook Farm became the home of the National Canine Defence League, many families in Totley were seen out walking the dogs adopted from the kennels. The houses on the hillside at Bradway were being built just after we arrived, also the Wimpey Estate at Dore, then the Hallam Grange Estate and more recently Stocks Green Drive Estate. Where Miss Trott had her Dore & Totley High School on Grove Road, there is a further estate which extends over the playing field by the railway to the footpath up Akley Bank, scene of Sunday School sports days.

In our own little corner of Totley, The Quadrant, there have been many changes too, many properties have had the gardens sold for building and spare plots have been filled in. There have been many changes in occupants over the years too and with our 35 years in residence we are almost but not quite the most senior residents.

Deidre Styles.

## COAST TO COAST SPONSORED WALK

At Spring Bank Holiday, 27th May 8 ladies are attempting to walk from St. Bees on the west coast of Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay on Yorkshire's east coast. They also hope to raise funds for two charities. Firstly, for the refurbishment of "Renwick", an accommodation block at Whiteley Woods Outdoor Activity Centre, used by Brownies, Guides and Schools to improve the facilities of the building and make it accessible to disabled young people. Secondly to raise awareness of H.A.L.T., (Hallamshire Asthma & Lung Trust) based at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, a charity set up in August 1993 to help provide equipment for the diagnosis, treatment and research into lung disease. If anyone would care to sponsor us please contact one of the following numbers:-

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## HELP

The DORE & TOTLEY LUNCHEON CLUB at THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, TOTLEY BROOK ROAD, a voluntary organisation, provides a day Centre for about 16 elderly housebound local people every Tuesday and has recently celebrated its 21st. birthday.

There is a desperate need for help if it is to continue its community service.

Just a few hours occasionally is all that is required from anyone. There are several ways in which you could help.

1. Preparing a main course.
2. Preparing a sweet.

(both above to be cooked either at home or Church kitchen)

3. Serving and washing up.
4. Providing social activity and fellowship for the members.

All these are carried out on a rota basis - presently monthly. (The greater number of volunteers the more the work is spread out)

If you can help please contact:-

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Mollie Webb 236 1394

## V.E. DAY MEMORIES

50 years on to celebrate the Second World War ending in Europe will bring a lump in the throat to many veterans this month. I recall those early days with a feeling of pride.

The period of May 1945 I was still stationed at R.A.F. Llandwrog and was a member of the first Snowdonia Mountain Rescue Team. The previous year of 1944 had been a bad season for aircraft crashes in the Welsh mountains and the team had many difficult tasks to perform, but things had quietened down during the early months of '45 with only three crashes. The epic 2 day event of the B26 Marauder crash on the summit of Y-Garn (Nant Ffrancon Range) in atrocious weather conditions (February) and just 2 days later we had to attend an air speed Oxford crash on the slopes of Craigau Glieson (Conway Valley), plus a Avro Anson crash near Bala on the 4th April.

Came the merry month of May I had some leave time due, so decided to have a busman's holiday back on my beloved hills. A new recruit to the team asked if he could join me for a two day adventure around the classic tops of the Ogwen hills, so we cycled from Camp complete with all the gear riding through Caernarfon, Bangor, Bethesda into the Nant Ffrancon pass for a destination in the Ogwen valley.

We parked our bikes at Idwal Cottage Youth Hostel and Sunday afternoon 6th May scrambled around the crags of Penyrole-Wen and Cwm Lloer. Our night's abode was in a hay barn under the shadow of Ogwen Falls. The following morning we cooked our breakfast, washed in the mountain stream and set off to scale some quality tops. Our first summit was the bulk of Y-Garn at 3104 feet, where I showed my companion, Maurice, the tangled wreckage of the ill-fated B26 twin engined bomber in Cwm Clyd.

Our next port of call was the Devil's Kitchen which towered over Llyn Idwal. A lunch break was taken on the scree slopes of Glyder Fawr, the highest mountain of the range at 3279 feet. The views were terrific around the castle of the winds, we crossed the head of the Y-Gribin ridge to tackle the next summit Glyder Fach and the highlight of the trip the exposed scramble of the Bristly ridge (the finest rock scramble in North Wales). Maurice decided to negotiate the screes below, so I shouted down for him to grab our battered old Bergan rucksack enroute. To our horror and amazement he failed to catch the rucksack. All our spare clothing and rations disappeared over the edge and plunged nearly 1,000 feet like magic spilling chocolate and sandwiches on its way down to rest near the shores of Llyn Bochlwyd. We had no choice so had to abandon the final peak of Tryfan. Gritty sandwiches were still devoured as we surveyed the remnants of the battered rucksack. After a good laugh we headed down the valley and back to the Youth Hostel to start the ride back to Camp. As we cycled back through the village of Bethesda we were greeted with a show of flags and hunting along the main street. We thought could this be a simple Church Parade gathering. A local resident soon explained the War with Germany was over. Everyone was jumping for joy and waved to us like V.I.Ps as we cycled on through Bangor and Port Dinorwic, where we joined a singsong and celebration drinks with the crowds in Caernarfon Castle Square, finally staggering back to our beds about midnight. A two day session on the hills, never to be forgotten. The Prime Minister finally gave the official announcement over the radio, that Victory in Europe was complete at 3.0p.m. Tuesday, 8th May.

John C. Barrows.

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## TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Across the long miles of Central Europe run endless tracts of great green forests. Here and there on the rim of a cliff rises a huge castle. From the towers the Duke, Count or Marquis could keep a watchful eye on the Fates and Fortunes of the vassals below. That was a long time ago. All that exists now is a rim of broken walls where the buzzards build their nests - all that remains except for the legends. Legends can weave fantasies of treasures worth more than a King's ransom, which still live in dark undiscovered corners. Tales still live on and grow, no doubt, with every telling and retelling ----- Well there is no harm in trying and armed with the coveted reminder that Her Majesty "requests and requires" that her travellers are suitably guarded against mishap and perils abroad, I set out. Why else would I be perched precariously on top of a load of turnips on a bullock cart, where the animal plodded slowly along a track in the forest! Suddenly the driver reined his beast and violently shook me awake. He jerked his thumb over his shoulder pointing to a thin trail between the trees. I took it that he indicated the direction which I should go and I plunged bravely (I thought), through the briar and undergrowth. It seemed ages before I came to a stop before a towering cliff, which rose steeply above the circling pines. Above rose the crumbling walls of an old castle. I had not eaten for some time and I remembered that in my haversack was a baguette which I had bought on my way through France. I had forgotten that "baguette" can also be French for "wand". I do not know if there are such things as magic wands, but when I lifted it up I heard a rustling sound. I looked up to see the Key Maiden. I had heard about her and her youthful figure, but I was surprised

to see how tall she was with long blond hair, she wore a long white dress down to her ankles, but what stood out was a vivid red sash round the waist. From the sash hung a great bunch of keys. She beckoned me forward. At last I hoped that I was on the trail of the treasure. She guided me through a narrow cleft in the rock face, just wide enough to pass into a narrow passage. On and on, up and down, we went, until we reached a massive oak door. She reached to her chatelaine and selected the key. The door squeaked open and we passed through. In glass cases were displayed rows and rows of jewels, tiaras, rings and bracelets all bringing a sparkle to the subdued light. She did not give me time to gaze but went on to another door - another key - another room. Here were racks all covered with little canvas bags, and where the fabric had split open there glinted the brightness of gold coins. I had not time to touch them, but on she went to a third room. It was quite cold here, and the Key Maiden indicated a pile of wood and a huge fireplace. I broke some of the timber and soon there was a blaze warming the atmosphere. As I looked round I could see that the walls were lined with racks - all filled with bottles.

As we sat on a wooden bench she reached out for a bottle, dusted off the cobwebs and slowly drew the cork. She poured a small measure into a glass and handed it to me. What liquid sunshine! What nectar! It must have been potent. I remembered no more until I awoke at the foot of the cliff, again looking up at the broken castle walls. I frantically sought the crack in the rock where I had passed with the Key Maiden, but to no avail. Should I try again another year or should I realise that "baguette" can also be French for "chopsticks".

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## SHOTS ON THE ABBEYDALE ROAD

It was dark on the Abbeydale Road, as it was about nine o'clock in the evening. Indeed, it could be very dark if there were no moon and the sky were overcast. And the overhanging trees made it seem a very scary place. Harriet Morton was walking alone along the road and she was afraid. It seemed a long time since she had left home early that morning to go to work.

Harriet was a seamstress by trade and she had had to leave home before six o'clock in the morning in order to get to work on time. And now, after a long day, she was on her way home again, although it would be another half hour before she would arrive there on Bradway Bank. Meanwhile she had to walk along Abbeydale Road in the scary darkness, for there were no street lamps along the road. Neither was there a convenient bus for her to catch, as the year was about 1860, over twenty years before the horse drawn buses would convey those rowdy pleasure seekers to the Victoria Gardens on Baslow Road!

Soon Harriet became aware that there was someone else travelling along Baslow Road, for sound travels very well in the dark and she could hear the sound of a horse and gig approaching at a fast walk or light trot. Harriet kept to one side of the road, but not in such a way that she would not be seen, despite the darkness. Very soon the gig had almost caught up with Harriet, and so she hailed it and the driver slowed down to a walking pace. In the dim light from the carriage lamp Harriet could see that the driver was Mr. Tyzack, but Mr. Tyzack did not recognize Harriet. And Harriet was not the only person who was somewhat afraid that night. Mr. Tyzack also was a little afraid, for the men at his firm were in dispute. So, fearing that Harriet was part of a plot, Mr. Tyzack did not stop his gig when he saw Harriet, but instead he kept it moving at a walking pace.

"Will you take me up into your gig, please?" Harriet asked Mr. Tyzack. But Mr. Tyzack was still fearful in case it was part of a plot. And since taking Harriet up would mean stopping the gig and thereby rendering him especially vulnerable, he refused to take Harriet up into his gig. And with the refusal he cracked his whip and moved off at a light trot.

When Mr. Tyzack had gone about a hundred yards or so after leaving Harriet she saw a flash come from the direction of the gig and then heard the report of a revolver being fired off. (Harriet could tell the difference between the sound of a revolver and that of a gun). Then she saw further flashes and heard further reports from the revolver, a total of five shots in all.

By now, Harriet was very frightened; as, of course, she could not see what had brought about these five shots. Furthermore she was now rather fearful as to what she might meet further along the road. However, whilst she was still in this quandary she heard the sound of another horse and gig coming along the Abbeydale Road. As the newcomer approached he too slowed down to a walking pace and Harriet asked him if he would take her up into his gig. She explained to him what she had seen and heard and also how Mr. Tyzack had refused to take her up into his gig.

The newcomer was Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Park and he too was just coming home from work. He explained to Harriet that Mr. Tyzack had a dispute on with some of his men and probably the reason that he had fired the shots was to frighten away anyone who might be lurking around mischievously. At any rate, he, Ebenezer, did not think the matter too serious. With that, he too refused to take Harriet up into his gig and likewise drove off into the dark. Thus, Harriet was left to continue her walk home from work alone and in the dark.

The above adaptation is from an incident in the book "The Grand Old Man of Abbeydale - Ebenezer Hall JP." Does any reader wish to comment on whether there is any grain of truth in it?

J. Handley.

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For the Spring Play, T.O.A.D.S. have chosen a refreshingly different comedy, "Clerical Errors" by Georgina Reid. Even the setting is a change from the usual one or two - room box set, but I won't spoil the surprise by telling you exactly what it is!

Instead, I would suggest that you come along to St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 10th. to 13th. May, at 7-30pm., and don't forget a hankie - you may need it!

Tickets are still £2-00, unless you are a child or Senior Citizen, in which case £1-50, from Kate Reynolds Tel. 2366891 or leave a written request at S.E.Fordham, Opticians on Totley Rise.

We have had to disappoint a lot of people in November, as we booked up very quickly and sold out for three nights, so don't leave it until the last minute if you can possibly help it.

## TRANSPORT 17

The Coffee Morning and Lunches at Olive's raised over £220. Many thanks to her and everyone who helped.

All effort is being made to sell tickets for our Brass Band Concert on Friday, 6th. May. This is sponsored by Yorkshire Electricity and is at King Egbert School.

It starts at 7-45pm. and tickets are £4-00 each, including refreshments during the interval. Tickets available from the Transport 17 Office, Tel. No. 236 2962, or at the door.

Everyone is working very hard for this concert. The Drighlington Brass Band are coming from near Bradford. We are also grateful to the school for their help and kindness.

Margaret Barlow

## SCOUT NEWS

1st. TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP LOTTERY WINNERS FOR MARCH 1995

1st Prize 10" CRYSTAL VASE  
No.47 Mr. & Mrs. Moseley, The Quadrant.

2nd. Prize £10 VOUCHER  
No. 9 Mr. Russell, Main Avenue.

Although Christmas is some 4 months away, may I on behalf of our group say thanks to everybody who helped us with the "Christmas Post 1994".

Without your help in selling stamps and delivering post we could not have achieved the following splendid results:-

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Post Delivered	116.24 Kilos
Money Raised	£737.12

Mike Stokes (Akela)

## ST. JOHN'S ABBEYDALE BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS.

Although April was a fairly quiet month due to the two week Easter break the boys have managed to fit in a sponsored walk, rifle shooting, first aid and a weekend camp, as well as the annual St. George's Day Parade in the city centre.

Coming up this month we have cycling, more first aid and a visit to American Adventure.

The highlight of the month will be our Dads & Lads Camp at Walesby Forest in Nottinghamshire.

On Friday 19th May we will be holding the Annual Parents evening, when all parents and friends will be welcome to join in a grand camp fire & singsong - weather permitting.

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## ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET

### POWER - FUL STUFF.

A new exhibition in the Gallery at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet is on Display until 4th June. Entitled "Power", this exhibition examines the many sources of energy. There is a main focus on water power, with details of Abbeydale's four working water wheels and the Shepherd Wheel at Porter Brook.

Coal, Steam, Gas and Wind power are all examined, as are Hydro Electricity, Geothermal and Nuclear power. Information is included on "Green Heat", such as that provided by Sheffield Heat and Power. Solar power, wave and tidal power are also presented as alternative source of energy.

### BRITISH FUELS LIGHT UP THE HAMLET.

The furnaces at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet will burn brightly for at least a few more years, thanks to a donation of coke from British Fuels.

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet houses the world's only surviving working crucible furnace. The furnaces are lit at special events and Working Days throughout the year and skilled craftsmen are on hand to describe the processes involved and give occasional demonstrations. This proves to be a great source of interest to visitors, who come from all over the country and all over the world.

### BIG WHEELS KEEP ON TURNING.

Visitor figures are on the up at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet for the third consecutive month. Total visitor numbers for February 1995 were 1,443 compared with 930 for February last year. The cumulative total for what are sometimes seen as the worst three months of the year is 4,448.

### HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW

Staff at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet are working to restore the

Victorian Garden and are co-ordinating an appeal to re-stock the garden with a range of plants, fruit and vegetables.

The garden, to the side and rear of the Victorian Manager's House at Abbeydale, is currently a wilderness of brambles, old roses, grass and other unidentified green things gone rampant. There is great determination among the team at the Hamlet to transform this eyesore into an orderly display of colour and perfume.

Once restored, the garden will provide a lasting and attractive feature in this popular venue.

Anyone wishing to help can:-

- a) Make a donation to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.
  - b) Purchase a plant/bush/shrub of their choice from a list held at the Abbeydale Garden Centre.
  - c) Contact staff at Abbeydale if they wish to help in a different way.
- All donations will receive acknowledgement. Photographers are invited to take "before" and "after" photographs any time between 10am. and 5pm. For any further details please contact Julia Waterhouse, 0114 236 7731

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# GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

The pleasant warm spell in April brought on the flowers in my garden, we had a lovely early show of daffodils and tulips. the narcissi showing a bit later. It was nice to sit out in the sunshine after so much miserable raining weather. The Spring colours always seem that bit brighter than the later flowers. We still have them to look forward to. Was it Ben Johnson who said, "A lily of the day is fairer far in May"?

**FLOWERS** Thin out herbaceous perennials, you will get better results by thinning out. Michelmas daisies & delphiniums retain some of the sturdiest shoots and nip off the rest, place canes in position ready to support them as they grow.

Examine roses occasionally during the month and pinch out and pinch out any badly placed or overcrowded shoots. Those growing inward and tending to crowd the centre of the plant are the ones most likely to cause trouble later on. Watch out for the annual invasion of slugs and greenfly, deal with them as soon as they are seen.

Give growing plants plenty of nourishment, it's no good expecting them to give of their best if you so not feed. "Growmore" is a good general fertilizer. Give the erecacious varieties a treat with sequestrine based food and roses require that little extra with a good proprietary brand of rose food, preferably based on Tonk's formula.

May is a good time to plant aquatic specimens, like water lilies etc. For a good start and less disturbance to the pond, these are best planted in special baskets which are lined with hessian.

Plant out early flowering chrysanthemums when they are properly hardened off. Choose a good open place which has been well manured.

Plant out seedlings of hardy perennials and alpines. Place them in a nursing bed where they can grow without disturbance through the summer. Choose a sunny spot, except for violas and primula and polyanthus.

Dahlia tubers can be planted out now but remember to cover the emerging shoots if

frost is imminent. To give of their best they need well dug fertile soil with manure added. Water them well during dry spells and stake the taller varieties. When you are buying bedding plants check the prices, but select quality first. Select uniform plants that are thick and bushy and have a fresh healthy foliage colour. They are not always fully hardened off (acclimatised to the outside

environment) so keep them in their trays for a week or so and cover them over night in case of frost.

Shade them from strong sunlight in the day time, don't forget to water them.

Plant out window boxes and hanging baskets, first checking that they are sound and the fixing brackets are firm, try the water retaining crystals, they do help if you can't water regularly. Also include in the compost slow release fertilizers, this avoids the necessity to feed with liquid feed every 10 days, though I also give mine a high potash feed to encourage more flowers, about once a month is enough, (if you have used the slow release fertilizer).

End of the month lift and divide violas, primulas and auriculas if you have any spares pot them up for the various charity stalls. Don't forget to let the organisers know you have them.

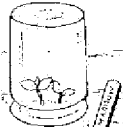
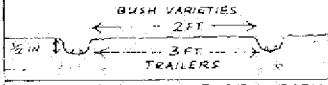


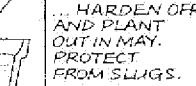
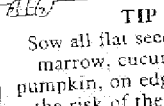
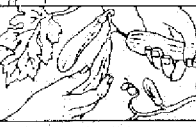
**VEGETABLES.** If the soil is warm enough (50ish), the earliest brussel sprout plants can be planted out. Give them plenty of space for a good crop. Sow peas in good rich soil, also runner and french beans. Dust the rows with super phosphate of lime, loz. per square yard and sulphate of potash at the same rate. Keep onion rows clear of weeds especially the ones earmarked for the Tolley Show in September, (mine are looking good so watch out Aaron).

Earth up potatoes regularly, sprinkling a little fertilizer between the rows before earthing up will help.

Plant out celeriac, choose an open position, reasonably rich soil.

Sow vegetable marrows (ready for the Show) and cucumbers.

Keep all vegetable areas weed free and well watered.

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<b>ALTERNATIVELY, SOW INDOORS IN APRIL, 2 SEEDS TO A POT. THIN TO STRONGEST PLANT...</b>			
<b>KEEP MOIST, WHEN FRUITING, A FORT. NIGHTLY FEED WITH TOMATO FERTILISER WILL GIVE BUMPER CROPS.</b>		<b>TIP</b> Sow all flat seeds such as marrow, cucumber and pumpkin, on edge to reduce the risk of them rotting	
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Thin out carrots, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings. TREES, FRUIT AND SHRUBS. Keep all fruit well watered and feed when they start to swell.

Spray to keep down pests but never just before picking.

Thin peaches and nectarine fruitlets.

Tie back new growth of blackberries and logan berries.

Newly planted fruit trees appreciate an early evening spraying with clear water to speed up their development.

Thin out the young shoots of raspberries for next year's fruit.

Cover strawberries with nets to keep off birds.

Give trees and bushes a good layer of mulch to retain moisture. If apples and pears are unfruitful, they can be helped to fruitfulness by bark ringing (check your gardening book for details or write to me).

Spray for aphids and caterpillars as soon as they are seen.

Remove suckers from trees and roses.

With lilacs remove secondary shoots at soil level so they grow up as single stems.

Trim over and top dress (feed) heathers after flowering.

Complete the planting of evergreens, container roses and heathers.

Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, willow and dogwood.

Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape.

Trim back dead shoots on rose of Sharon.

**GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS.** As the sun gets stronger shading your greenhouse or conservatory will be most important. Foliage plants in general and ferns in particular suffer a lot if exposed too long to intense light and heat. Tuberous begonias and gloxinias also appreciate a measure of shade.

Careful attention to watering is also

important particularly with tomatoes and cucumbers.

Pot on all spring rooted plants.

Sow cinerarias now they will give a nice show of plants in December.

Some of the greenhouse plants which have been overwintered should be well into growth and can be moved to the garden frame to harden off. Keep some covers handy in case of frost, we can often have a nasty frost in the middle of May. It is not worth keeping various greenhouse primulas, cinerarias and calceolarias after they have finished flowering, all these are better raised from seed annually.

Water freely and liquid feed flowering and fruiting plants including any which have been in their pots for a month or more.

Scratch away the top inch of compost from potted lilies and clivias and replace with fresh.

Take cuttings of various houseplants, zebra plant, shrimp plant, cacti, coleus, fuschia, busy lizzy etc.

**LAWNS.** Turf can be laid now to give a good quick start to a lawn. It is not the cheapest way but it is certainly the quickest. Prepare the ground well and make sure it is well drained. When the turfs are laid make sure they are in close contact with the ground and keep off it for a week or two and make sure it does not dry out. Seeding can also be done at this time.

Established lawns need a good raking and top dress with a good fertilizer mixed with old potting compost. Use a mixture with weed killer if weeds are in evidence, cut and tidy the edges regularly, do not cut too short the first 2 or 3 times.

Enjoy your garden.

Cheerio for now, Tom, Busy Bee.

P.S. Totley Show in September, don't forget plants, veg., Art, photography, decoupage, knitting, toys, woodwork, etc.

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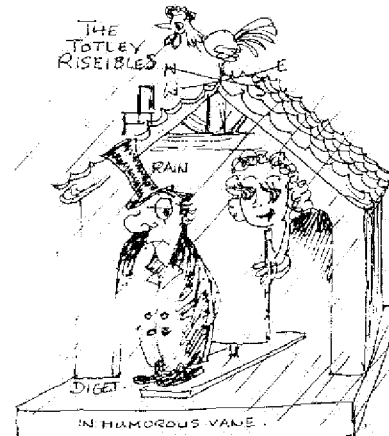
## PALM SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Sunday April 9th. in Green Oak Park was the scene of a considerable gathering of the churches in the area. People had walked in procession from Dore, from Abbeydale Road, from Totley Rise, from Sunneyvale Road and indeed from all the churches in Dore and Totley.

The occasion was a preliminary to the bigger gathering in Green Oak Park from 17th. to 24th. June when a whole series of meetings and gatherings is planned. It was an act of Christian witness and an outreach to the whole community reminiscent of the first Palm Sunday when Jesus was acclaimed as King in Jerusalem many years ago.

As the walkers processed watchers were invited to join in the singing of Christian songs. This invitation was a foretaste of the invitation to all who will to join in the programme in June.

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Following the death of Gerald Haythornthwaite, Honorary Secretary of the Sheffield Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, at the age of 82 in January 1995, an interesting and historic document of great importance was found amongst his personal effects.

These were the original minutes of the Founders' Meetings of the "Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Scenery" which had been hand written by Ethel Haythornthwaite. (The Society later became this Branch of the CPRE.

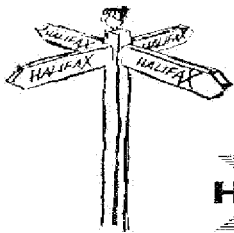
The book records the Society's business from May 1924 to September 1932. A main cause for concern was, at the very first meeting, the proposal to put a motor road through Winnats Pass, Castleton.

Gerald and Ethel Haythornthwaite successfully raised funds for the purchase of Winnats Pass for the National Trust in 1943.



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For the people of Totley the Library is more than just a place from where books, tapes and video's can be borrowed.

It has become an essential focal point in the absence of any other community building. So much so that longer opening hours, not less, should be the order of the day.

Please sign the partition or write to either

Mr. Keith Crawshaw, Director of Leisure  
or Mr. David Spencer  
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### TENANT'S SECTION

At the end of May the Tenants Section of the Totley Residents Association will cease to exist. This is because new members cannot be found to form a new committee.

The present members of the committee have soldiered on in a sterling manner and in spite of their ages have set an example that unfortunately will not continue due to the reluctance of younger tenants to volunteer their services.

The section, which was formed some years ago acted solely within the area to serve the needs and represent the council tenants of Totley.

In future tenants will not have a unified voice when dealing with the City Council. Tenants will now have to contact the Jordanthorpe Area Housing Office individually and direct.

The tenants section will be missed. They have supported financially many varied local projects to everyone's benefit, in particular the senior Citizens Christmas Party.

The funds accumulating from the "levy" which tenants pay in with their rent (or can opt not to) will no longer come to Totley if a Tenants Section does not exist. Council Tenants in Totley will therefore have to consider whether or not in future they continue to pay their levy.

Things usually go in cycles and circles. Maybe at a future date the Tenants Section will be formed again. It

is usually some major crisis that stirs people into action.

### T.O.P.S.

Also finished at Easter was Totley Old Peoples Society which has met regularly on Wednesdays at Heatherfield Club, baslow Road.

The club was formed some 14 years ago, has seen numbers dwindle from over 70 members down to a mere handful.

### TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

Volunteers, as usual, are again being sought for the Totley Independent. Anyone who can help in any capacity will be most welcome. Help is especially needed with typing (although it would need to be done on a P.C. or compatible Word Processor) and supplying pieces of local news, stories local history etc. The Independent relies on locals to help continue with this very worthwhile local magazine.

### TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

It will be interesting to see if the recent A.G.M. brought forward any new blood and ideas in the form of new committee members. However if you missed the A.G.M. and feel you have something to offer contact the Chairman or any committee member.

The Residents association is embarking on its 19 year, as is the Totley Independent. Next year there will be more to celebrate. Hopefully new faces will be there to stand alongside the "veterans".

Mike Williamson

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This is the Golden Jubilee of Christian aid so this is an additional reason for people to give more generously.

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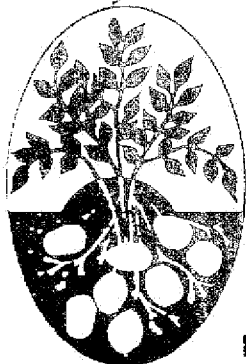
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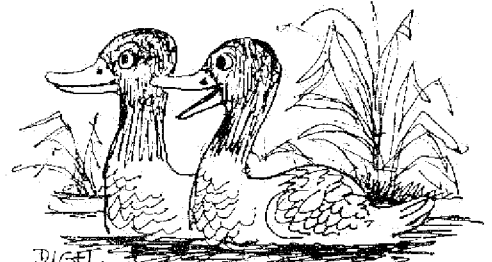


## COFFEE CAKES & CUTTINGS

Another year gone! It doesn't seem 12 months ago since we were publicising this event. It was a cold damp morning when it was held last year. By kind permission of the Conservative Club management committee we were able to trot across the road and operate from there. It was very successful and £450 was sent to Transport 17. Obviously we are hoping for better weather this time so we can be in the grounds of the ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH, Baslow Road on JUNE 3rd. from 10am. to 12 noon. Please keep this date free.

We hope to have plenty of plants for sale and, of course, there will be home baked cakes and pastries. Contributions of any of these items will be very welcome. There will also be a bric-a-brac stall. Come along then, enjoy pleasant company, drink a cup of coffee or two and support Transport 17.

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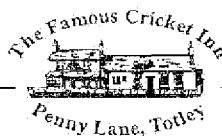
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 FRI. 6th.DRIGHLINGTON BRASS BAND CONCERT, King Egbert School, 7-45pm. Details inside  
 SAT. 10th. to 13th. "CLERICAL ERRORS" by Georgina Reid, T.O.A.D.S. Presentation, 7-30 pm. (details inside)  
 FRI. 12th.ROUSSE LAND MALE VOICE CHOIR, from SOGLASIE, RUSSIA by arrangement with DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR, St. John's Church, Ranmoor, 7-30pm. Tickets from Wilson Peck or Dore Male Voice Choir Members.  
 FRI. 12th.TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, JOHN BRIGHT'S REGIMENT of FOOTE. by Mr. Peter Berry Sheffield's part in the Civil War, 7-30pm. Abbeydale Hall.  
 TUE. 16th.TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00am.  
 TUE. 16th.SUPPORT GROUP for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 4 GROVE ROAD, 11-00am.  
 SAT. 20th.OPEN DAY, Abbeydale Wildlife Garden, 2pm. to 5pm. Details inside.  
 SAT. 20th.SPRING FAIR, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 10-00am. to 12-30pm.  
 SAT. 27th. to 29th. WORKING DAYS & CRAFT FAIR, Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

## JUNE

SAT. 3rd. ANTIQUES FAIR, St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road, 10-00am.  
 SAT. 3rd. COFFEE CAKES and CUTTINGS, English Martyrs Church, Baslow Rd. 10-00am. to 12 noon. Details inside.

### THE INDEPENDENT FOR JUNE

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