

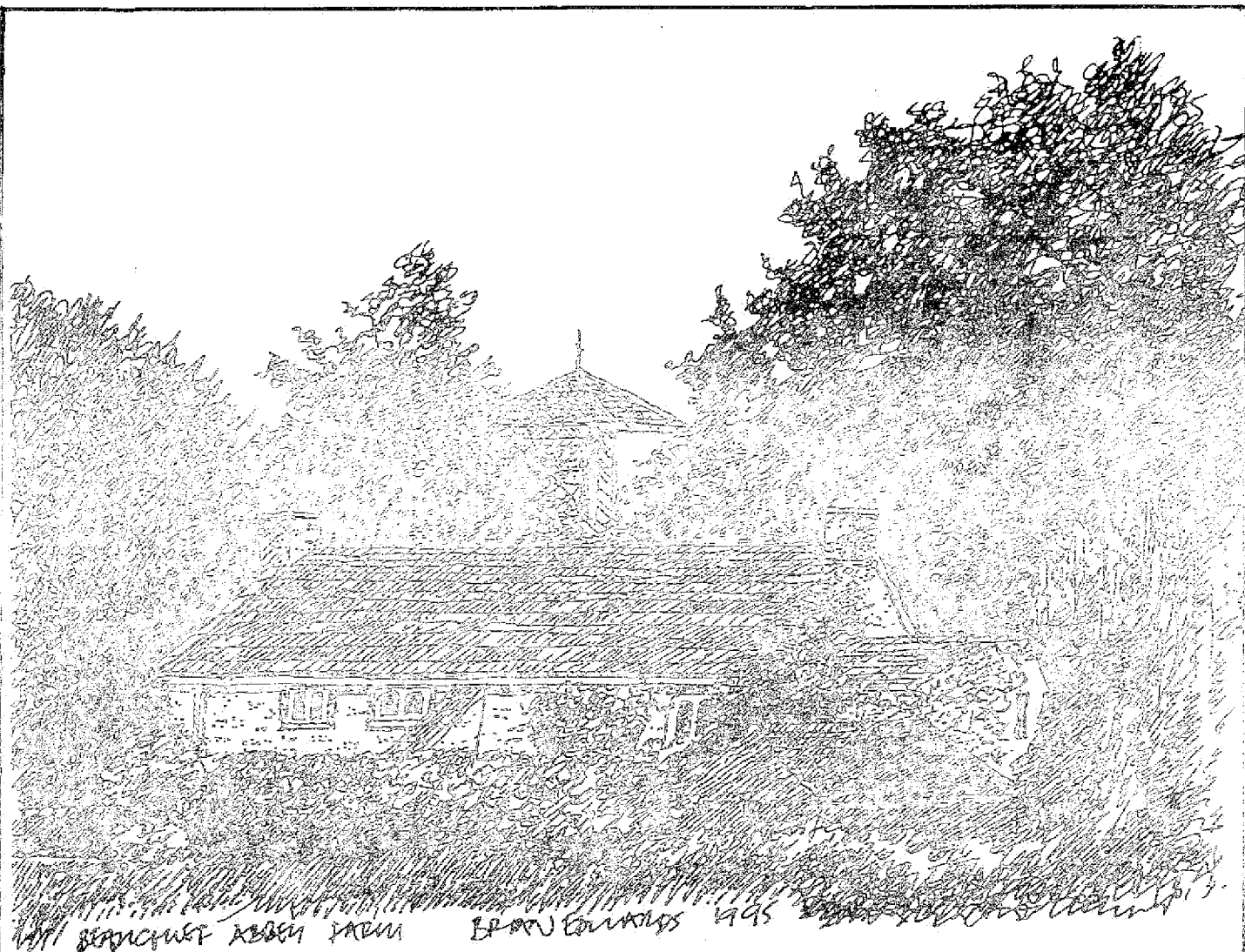
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BEAUCHIEF ABBEY FARM

Beauchief Abbey Farm was built around 1700, but has had later additions. It stands at the side of the Abbey founded in 1183.

To this day the area around the farm retains a rural character and the old ponds which supplied the monks with their diet of carp still remain.

The Sheffield Round Walk passes nearby before passing through Ladies Spring Wood and emerging onto Twentywell Lane near Dore Station.

WALKS AROUND TOTLEY

John Campion Barrows has written for the Independent "Walks Around Totley", along with other walks and stories. Walk number one appeared in the February 1989 edition.

Now 30 of these walks, with sketches by Brian Edwards, are available in a book being sold locally, more details inside.

TOTLEY'S GREEN BELT

INQUIRY BY THE DoE

A splendid turnout of residents at the Town Hall on the 8th August listened to the arguments presented by the barristers representing Hallam University and the Council. An annoying change of schedule at the last minute however prevented many others from attending.

The case centred around the disagreement over where the Green Belt boundary was now and where it should be after the Inquiry. The University used what it saw as the confusion over the position of the line to try to 'regularise the position' to give it building space on the playing fields. This whole debate arose because two plans, one a Statutory plan and the other a Non-Statutory plan showed the Green Belt in slightly different positions. One small scale map of Totley contained a line so thick that it was unclear by a matter of several metres as to where the Green Belt lay.

The Council's barrister supported Totley by arguing strongly for the Green Belt to 'hug the built up area', i.e. the existing houses around Rowan Tree Dell, Green Oak Road etc. He also told the DoE Inspector that in the event of the land being retained as Green Belt the Council would like to see the space being put to recreational use as Totley has a relatively small amount of such space compared to many other parts of the City. THE DECISION FOR THIS AND CATHELCO'S BID FOR 180 HOUSES ON HALL LANE FARM LIES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. The outcome will not be known until next year.

PETITION

The Petition which had been left at Totley Fruit Farm and which contained over 1800 signatures was handed in. It reflected the concerns of residents and others about the Green Belt land under

threat from the University and Cathelco. This, together with the earlier petition produced with the help of Colin Ross, the Liberal Democrat Councillor, brought the total number of signatures to over 2,500.

WHAT NEXT ?

Whilst residents no doubt look forward to the demise of Hallam's unsightly tower block, there are several issues to be addressed over the redevelopment of the Highfield and Lowfield sites including density of housing, vehicular access, and its proximity to Totley Hall Lane's conservation area. It has been suggested that a local public meeting is arranged sometime in the near future so that residents can be fully informed of the nature of the proposed redevelopments. It is hoped that more details will be announced in the next Totley Independent, on local noticeboards and in the Library.

K. BRAMALL.

TRANS-PENNINE WALK JUNE 24TH 1995

Bert Lowe and Simon Hutchinson would like to thank all the people who sponsored them for this walk from Totley to Greater Manchester. This event raised £300.00 for Imperial Cancer Research.

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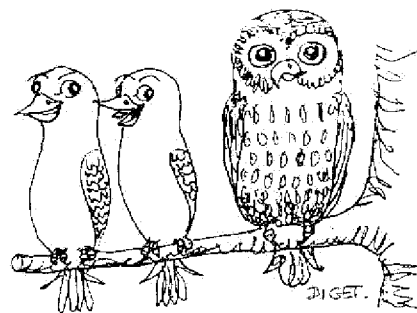
Over 12,000 visitors are expected at the Annual Farm Fayre to be held on Sunday 17th September from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Regular attractions such as the Giant Craft Marquee, Falconry Displays and Morris Dancers are joined by even more clowning, yet more animals, a bee-keeping demonstration, storytelling from Marion Haywood and a new Hamster Show. (Entry 20p on the day for the Children's Class; please enter your hamster by 11 a.m.)

Our resident animals are looking forward to welcoming the visitors too. Pandora the Pony will parade with her trap, Domino and all the goats have promised to be on their best behaviour and White Cloud the Charolais Bull will be on show with his many wives.

In the autumn, we are looking forward to welcoming Prince Edward Primary School from Sheffield as our first residential group in the new Thryft Barn conversion. Specially adapted to enable overnight groups to include wheelchair users for the first time, the Barn marks an exciting expansion for Whirlow, giving an extra 1,500 children every year the chance to stay.

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60 DIAMOND YEARS

Ten years ago you printed a letter for me in your 88th edition of the Independent (thought possibly to be your last issue, but happily a reprieve has been granted) to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of my parents DAN & ISABEL REYNOLDS - well I am here again to tell you that they have just celebrated 60 years of marriage - no mean feat!

On June 17th (2 days after their actual wedding date) about 70 relatives and friends gathered once again in Heatherfield Conservative Club to wish Mum and Dad a very happy anniversary - relatives travelled from Southport, Oldham, Eastbourne and Ireland to share in the celebrations and surprises. A big surprise was the cake - a present from relatives in Canada and beautifully decorated. I wasn't aware that Mum & Dad expected a telegram from 'HERSELF' and consequently I stayed overnight at the house and intercepted it from the post on the morning, so that we could present it to them at the party. Several times during the day my Dad remarked that he couldn't understand why they hadn't received a message from the Queen - "I'll ***** ring her up, I will" he threatened (you know my Dad) ...oh yes, you think you had a problem Dad - on opening the telegram, instead of GEORGE DANIEL they had printed GEORGE DAVID (my turn to ***** ring her up - nothing short of an abdication was I going to settle for - several calls to Buck House and all was all right on the night - PHEW!)

Julienne (Annette's daughter..wish she were mine) opted to decorate the hall... and she did a brilliant and unusual job: she collected photographs of all the 6 children ranging from our births to our weddings, had them enlarged and then arranged them in a display round the hall - this culminated in a decorated display of Mum & Dad's wedding pictures - it was

truly smashing. SUPER, SMASHING, GREAT JULIENNE!

Speeches were made by Paul (representing the family), Marsha our cousin from Southport, who along with her brother and sisters have adopted my Mum & Dad since their parent's death, and from Betty Fisher our neighbour from Baslow Road for many, many years - it was a very interesting and nostalgic speech from Betty and it brought back to "us kids" just how much our parents have done for us - whatever the circumstances they always took us away on holiday each year and they are and always have been there for us and have encouraged us.

Mom celebrated her 80th birthday last November (and still looks about 20 years younger) and is flying off to Canada again soon, and Dad will be 85 in December.

We all wish them continued good health and happiness in the future...and who knows, I may be writing a similar letter in another 10 years.

So Mom & Dad, from all "THE KIDS" and the "GRAND-KIDS", GOD BLESS YOU, WE LOVE YOU LOADS and THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.

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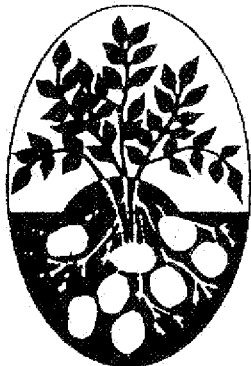
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A "Field of Hope" is an area of land on which sponsored daffodil bulbs have been planted to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care, which then remains as a highly visible annual reminder of the Foundation's efforts to care for those with cancer.

In Sheffield the first "Fields of Hope" were planted by three local schools in the autumn of 1994. In 1995, thirteen parks have been chosen to host a "Field of Hope". These being Graves, Millhouses, Greenhill, Handsworth Recreation Ground, Tinsley Recreation Ground, Parson Cross, Norfolk, Concord, Chapelton, Endcliffe, Hillsborough, Devonshire Green and Crookesmoor Valley, with 160,000 daffodils being planted across the city.

Supporters of the "Field of Hope" will be contributing to both their local environment and to the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care in the Sheffield area.

Daffodil bulbs flower for at least ten years, sometimes as long as twenty five years, so the sites will be focal points in the community on a long term basis. The sites are being landscaped by the local Recreation Department to produce beautiful and eye-catching displays.

Every £1 sponsors four daffodil bulbs and it is hoped that you will help plant a "Field of Hope" and contribute towards Marie Curie Cancer Care providing a better service in your area.

Marie Curie Cancer Care is the most comprehensive cancer care charity in the U.K., providing 30 community nurses in the South Yorkshire area, with 11

centres, providing 20 per cent of the nation's hospice beds and 5,000 nurses nationally.

Besides raising money for a "Field of Hope" through sponsored events, raffles, donations or just a simple collection box, there are other ways in which you can help Marie Curie raise money for a "Field of Hope".

For further details contact Helen Taylor on 0114 250 9923 or write to 187-189, London Rd., Sheffield S2 4LJ.

PAINTING EXHIBITION

On Saturday 28th. October from 10-00am. to 6-00pm. at Dore Old School, Savage Lane, Dore there will be an "Exhibition of Landscape Paintings" by Mr. Peter Marks.

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Peter Marks is Tutor to the Dore Art Group, which meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the Winter period.

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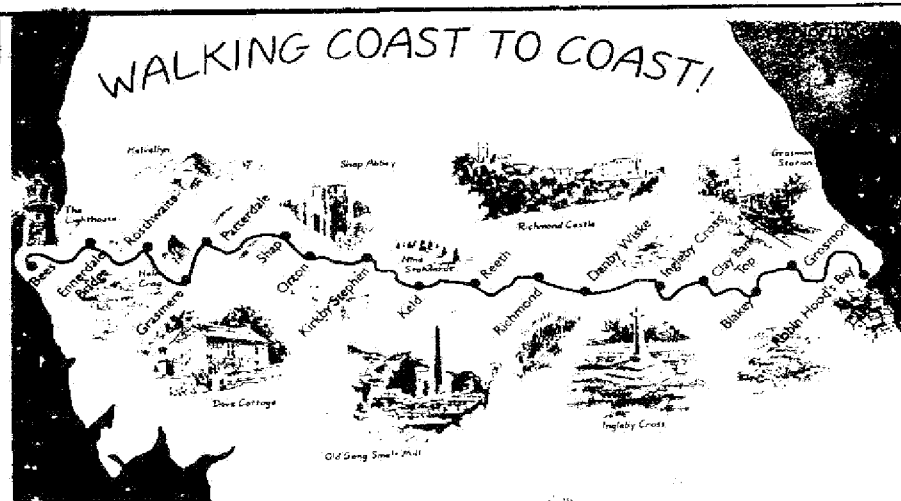
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In November 1994 a group of Guiders from various parts of the City met to discuss the possibility of organizing a Coast to Coast walk, 190 miles from St. Bees on the west coast to Robin Hood's Bay on the east coast. In the event we became a group of nine, who were very keen to take up the challenge. We christened ourselves "the forty-niners plus one", 49 being the average age of the 8 ladies and plus one being the 22 year old niece of one of the Guiders.

Carole, a keen hosteller undertook the task of booking accommodation at convenient distances, we had decided to plan the walk over two weeks. Our accommodation was to be in Youth Hostels wherever possible and Bed & Breakfast otherwise, by Christmas this was all confirmed. Even then there was no room available at some of the hostels, as we wanted to go at Spring Bank Holiday and school parties were booked in.

We set off at 7 a.m. on the very wet Saturday morning of Spring Bank Holiday. Friends and families transported us to St. Bees. As we travelled up the A.1. and across the A.66., passing the Lake District all in the pouring rain, I began to think we must be mad! We kept passing places, which it would take us a week to ten days to walk back to!

At last we arrived in St. Bees with its sign "the Start of the Coast to Coast Walk". Our rendezvous was the car park near the beach at 12 noon. We were first to arrive, which for me was quite an achievement, as those who know me will tell you, I'm always last. The others arrived shortly afterwards and after yet another sorting out of clothes and equipment, (we were limited to what we could get into two Sainsbury's carrier bags), the rucksacks were hoisted on to enthusiastic shoulders. We didn't have to carry the bags as well, this was just a simple way of assessing what would fit into the available space.

Down to the beach we went for the first of many photos and to choose a pebble to carry to Robin Hood's Bay, a tradition of this walk. Dipping our toes in the Irish Sea and saying goodbye to our chauffeurs, we set out along the beach, climbed the cliff path, turned and gave a final wave in the direction of the car park, as St. Bees disappeared from view. We were off and it had stopped raining.

This was the beginning of a wonderful two weeks. We set out as acquaintances and ended the walk as good friends. We had varied accommodation, but all good. We found Youth Hostels best for this type of holiday, as when we arrived wet and muddy, we didn't have to worry about people's carpets and decorations. Youth Hostels also have proper drying facilities for clothes and boots and provide a very substantial breakfast and a good basic three course evening meal at reasonable prices. It did strike me however, that there was a distinct lack of "Youth". There were school parties and family groups, but mostly mature people like us.

The Coast to Coast walk is divided conveniently into three sections, by natural features and the main north to south arteries of the M.6 and A.1.

The first section covers the Lake District from St. Bees to Shap on the M.6. This took us six days to complete, not because of the distance, but because of the terrain. We had to climb up and over five Lakeland Fells, the last stage from Ullswater to Shap was the longest, 16 miles.

After leaving Shap and crossing the M.6. by way of the footbridge over the motorway, we were soon on the Westmorland plateau, with its interesting, natural limestone pavement. This is the second section which leads over to Kirkby Stephen. From there we had to climb up to Nine Standards Rigg. The summit of Nine Standards has

wonderful views of the hills of northern England, so the Guide books tell us, but we squelched our way to the top, ankle deep in mud, peering through the mist trying to catch a glimpse of the Standards and the summit view point indicator. They suddenly appeared and we knew were on course. The next problem was to find our way down to Keld, at the head of Swaledale. The ground on the Fell summit was something like the top of Kinder, deep peat bogs and groughs.

Fortunately the path was marked with posts at intervals, so we made our way from one to the next, making many detours to avoid the water filled ditches. In good visibility this would have been a pleasant walk, but the mist made the moors look dreary. However by the time we reached the bottom of Whitsundale, the rain had stopped, the mist cleared and we were able to stroll down to Keld in sunshine. We were back in Yorkshire and had completed half of the walk.

The next morning we set off in sunshine to walk down Swaledale, heading for Richmond and then the A.1. at Catterick Bridge to complete the second section. From Richmond to Osmotherley on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors was our longest distance in one day, 23 miles. However, as this stage took us across the Vale of York it was mostly flat, so it was simply a matter of determinedly plodding on. In fact when we collapsed on the village green at Danby Wiske for our lunchtime break, we had covered twelve and a half miles. The landlord at the village Inn was quite impressed. The most hazardous part of this day was when we followed the path through a wood and came out to find ourselves on the hard shoulder of the A.19 with lorries hurtling to and from Teeside.

Wainwright in his book says "scurry" across the A.19., but I think there was probably less traffic when he wrote that. Disobeying all the rules of good guiding, "scurry" we must. Across one half of the dual carriageway, over the central barrier, wait for a gap in the traffic and a final "scurry" got us to the other side. There, a few yards further on was a road sign to Osmotherley, so as we were getting weary we continued along the slip road. Wednesday, 7th June we walked up on to the North Yorkshire Moors. After a short distance we had a wonderful view all the way back to Swaledale and to the east Teeside and the North Sea. Our goal was in view but it was still going to take

us four days to reach Robin Hood's Bay. By now we were well into the third section and the glimpse of the North Sea made us feel that barring accidents, nothing would stop us reaching our destination. The weather was still unkind to us, cold, grey, wet and windy, in fact when we spent the night at High Blakey, in the highest house on the North Yorkshire Moors, there was horizontal rain and sleet blowing across the moors. Gill remarked that this was the only place she had ever seen birds flying backwards! They simply could not battle against the wind. We, however battled on. It was a shame that we could not see this area in better weather, because the walking is fairly easy and the views down the dales would have been beautiful.

Saturday, dawned as grey as ever and we set out on the last 16 miles from Grosmont to Robin Hood's Bay. We had very mixed feelings this day. Although we wanted to complete the walk and feel we had achieved something, we had had such an enjoyable time and found so much comradeship amongst ourselves and with other walkers we met along the route, that we didn't really want it to end. We had to slow down somewhat, because various people were meeting us in Robin Hood's Bay and we didn't want to arrive before they did. We reached the Yorkshire Coast just north of Robin Hood's Bay and approached it along the cliff tops. We stopped to don the Coast to Coast T-shirts we had bought way back in Patterdale and rounding a bend met the Guide Commissioner, who had organized a reception committee, coming to meet us. She accompanied us down through Robin Hood's Bay to the sea, where other Guiders were waiting to meet us with a banner and Les with his video camera. We threw our pebbles and dipped our toes into the North Sea, that was the end of a wonderful walk and not a blister between us!

The walk when first planned was simply something we all wanted to do, a personal challenge, but we decided that we may as well try to raise funds for charity by being sponsored for our efforts. I want to say thank you very, very much to all the generous people who sponsored me. Thanks to them I was able to donate £965 to the Hallamshire Asthma & Lung Trust. The money is going towards the cost of buying equipment to help in the diagnosis of lung disease and for teaching purposes.

THANK YOU,

Dorothy Firth.

GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Phew!! What a heat wave. The poor old gardens are looking a sorry sight, I hope you are managing to keep your produce O.K., especially those earmarked for the Totley Show. It is difficult when the water is so short, I don't know whether the apples will taste soapy with all the washing up water they are getting. I hope not, I don't want to be foaming at the mouth when I eat one.

I've lost one or two flowers up to now, but old mother nature is very adaptable and most of them will pick up when we have a nice drop of rain.

FLOWERS. Continue dead heading or cutting back herbaceous plants, remove summer bedding plants, especially if they have dried up. Prepare the beds for Spring bedding. Lift and store begonia tubers making sure they are clean and not eaten in parts. Lift and pot up any fuschias you want to keep. Try taking a few cuttings to increase your stock. Take several 3" to 4" shoots without footers, place them round a 5" pot filled with a sandy compost, water well and place in a clear plastic bag and keep in a steady temperature around 60 deg. Inspect them from time to time and discard any dead or dying ones. Geranium cuttings are treated similarly but you can dispense with the plastic bag, when they have rooted. You can usually tell this by the extra new growth forming. Pot them up individually into 3" or 4" pots.

Prepared hyacinths planted early in September should be in flower by Christmas and tulips soon after. You could have narcissus sooner, the two early varieties are "Paper White" and "Soleil d'Or". Both have a nice scent and carry several flowers per stem. Plant them in bowls of bulb fibre and gravel, place narcissus in a well lit position straight away. They should be growing in a few days and flower in November. Hyacinths need to be kept in a cool dark place until the shoots are about 1" long, when they can be gradually introduced to warmth and light. They must be kept moist so regular inspection will be necessary.

Seeds of cowslip, primrose, auricular and other primulas require repeated frost and thaw to germinate them, sowing them now should ensure a good germination in February or March. Sow them on to the surface of gritty compost in seed trays, do not cover the seed. Place in an open cold frame, cover the frame with light glass in February. The young seedlings should be ready to prick out by March. Plant out Spring flowering bulbs narcissi, lilies, crocus, irises and daffodils will benefit from early planting. Tulips and hyacinths are best left till end of October, a dusting of bone meal will be beneficial. Do not use animal manure.

It would be wise to bring all chrysanthemums that are to flower into the greenhouse now, before frost damages their tender buds.

VEGETABLES. I hope you have managed to keep your vegetables healthy. The runner beans have made good plants, but the crop is not so good. They are not keen on excessive heat or wasps, which nip the flowers at the base to get at the nectar and this stops the young beans from forming.


Time to clean up the kitchen garden. Main crop roots such as potatoes, carrots and beets should be lifted and stored before the first air frost. It seems odd to be talking of frost when the temperature at the moment is 75deg. and 120deg. in the greenhouse. Leeks, parsnips and winter brassicas will live happily outdoors until needed. Marrows (if they've survived) are coming to an end but mature marrows, pumpkins and squashes will store for long periods indoors. Thin out turnips. Plant out Spring cabbage in the open. Sow herbs like chervil for the Spring, divide and replant thyme, chives and Welsh onions. It's a good time for growing mushrooms in outhouses or sheds. This needs special preparation, unless you use a mushroom growing bag.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT. Prepare ground for any new plantings you are planning. Dig in plenty of humus and a sprinkling of bone meal. Make ready your storage space for apples and pears. Slatted shelves in an airy cool place are ideal.


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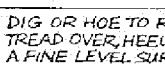
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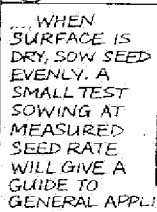
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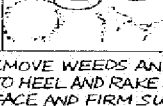
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Pick up any fallen fruit to prevent diseased fruit spreading an infection such as brown rot. September is a good time to plant next years strawberry plants. Always buy guaranteed virus free stock. If you use your own runners make sure they are clean. When your plants are clear of fruit commence pruning. Place your Bonsai in their winter quarters. Take cuttings of honeysuckle, berberis, privet etc.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS. There are changes to be made in the greenhouse. Tomatoes could go on cropping for sometime yet, but you need to make room for tender plants, which will have to be brought in from the garden. Lightly trim the plants brought in, don't cut them hard back, remove dead foliage and flowers.

Nights will become much colder so ventilation will have to be carefully controlled. The side vents can be closed and shading removed about the middle of the month, except where the shade loving plants are ferns for example. Gradually reduce spraying and watering of most indoor plants.

If you want a colourful greenhouse in Spring sow annuals now. Germinate them in a frame or cold greenhouse, shade until seedlings appear, then give them plenty of light. Transplant a bit of parsley for kitchen use into the cold greenhouse.

LAWNS September is a good time to set a new lawn by seed or turf. If it's dry keep it well watered (bearing in mind hosepipe bans, it may pay to wait until Spring, if the drought continues). Keep your lawn clean and free of leaves, barbeque bones etc. Don't cut it in drought conditions or at least have your mower set high.

I hope we've had a bit of rain by the time you read this.

Cheerio for now,

Tom, Busy Bee.

TRANSPORT 17

SEPTEMBER 1995

I begin this report with some good news. We are in the process of ordering the new bus. Many thanks to everyone who has helped us to achieve this. Keep reading the Totley Independent for news of when we receive it.

As you may know, we get some money from S.Y.P.T.E., but the rest has been raised through hard work and begging. Please do not stop giving your donations and help as we have to keep the three buses in good condition as well as run the office for the benefit of our customers.

Totley Residents' Association have kindly allowed us to have a stall at the Totley Show on September 2nd. The other fund-raising events to come are:-

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Coffee Morning at U.R.C. - 10 a.m. 'til Noon.

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Pea & Pie Supper and Quiz - All Saints' Church Hall, 7-00 p.m. TICKETS £4. This includes supper and tea or coffee, but feel free to bring something stronger!

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Cheese and Mulled Wine and Christmas stall at Irene's. More details later.

We will also be transporting people to Totley Residents' Association Christmas Party at the United Reform Church. If you have any queries please contact our office on 2362962 or come in and see us.

Many thanks once again from all of us. Keep up the good work.

MARGARET BARLOW.

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SCOUT LOTTERY RESULTS

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1st. Prize No. 105 9" Pifco Oscillator Fan & Morphy Richards Radio Clock and Tape Recorder.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Haugh Lane

2ND. Prize No. 77 £10 Voucher

Mrs. Walton, Stonecroft Road.

JULY

1st. Prize No. 25 Black & Decker Strimmer & Danichi Bedside Clock Radio.

Mr. & Mrs. Billard, Sunnyvale Road

2ND. Prize No. 16 £10 Voucher

Mrs. Sturgeon, The Quadrant.

AUGUST

1st. Prize No. 23 Braun UK10 Food Processor

Mr. & Mrs. Stokes, Aldam Way

2ND. Prize No. 91 £10 Voucher

Mrs. Hobson, Totley Hall Lane.

1ST TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP NEWS

There are spaces for new members in each section of 1st Totley Scout Group - Your Local Troop - meeting at our HQ off Aldam Road. As a reminder, here are some notes from each one:-

Beavers: aged 6 to 8 years, meeting on Tuesday nights from 6.00-7.00 p.m. with a general theme of "Fun and Games" with indoor and outdoor activities, sport and craft work. Beaver leader - Alan Smith, Tel: 2361287.

Cubs: aged 8 to 10 1/2 years, meeting on Tuesday nights from 7.00-8.15 p.m. Lively activities throughout the year including joining the District Cub Camo at Walesby camp site with the theme "Escape from Alcatraz". Cub leader - Mick Stokes, Tel: 2351669.

Scouts: aged 10 1/2 to 15 1/2 years, meeting on Friday nights from 7.30-9.15

p.m. Programmes cover a range of scout skills (camping, survival, First Aid), service projects, hobbies, interests and sports; also various outdoor activities. We have our own indoor climbing wall. Scout leader - John Lawry, Tel: 2368566.

Our HQ is cleaned regularly, has its own fitted kitchen, and is available for private hire at £5/hour. Contact Howard Barton, Tel: 2364994.

Future Dates:-

Saturday 16th September, Jumble Sale 11.00 a.m.

Jumble wanted/collected anytime.

Tuesday 5th December at 7.00 p.m.

Coffee & Carol Evening,

Both events in the Scout Hut.

SHEFFIELD CHESHIRE HOME

The Summer Fete has once again been and gone and preparations are already underway for 1996. The opener this year was Miss Dora Bryan who was most charming and raised money for the Fete from the signing of autographs. The amount raised this year was a little down on last year but nevertheless is still very much appreciated. The total net of expenditure was £4,837 which will be used for the purchase of special fully-adaptable easy chairs on wheels.

The next event on the calendar will be the Christmas Coffee Morning - yes, we are already preparing for Christmas - this will be Wednesday 6th December 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Hand-made cards, gifts and bric-a-brac will be for sale from the Activities Centre and there will be tea or coffee served in the Dining Room which is included in your entrance fee of 50p.

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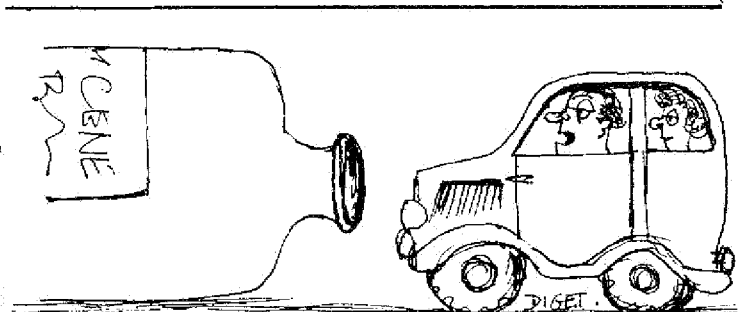
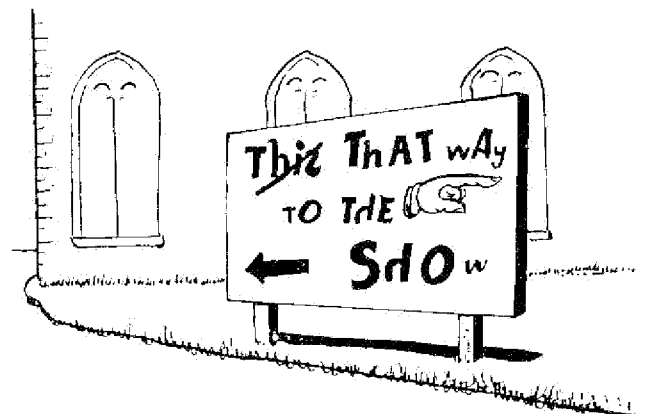
TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

The July/August issue of the 'Totley Independent' is always one which I try to get early in the month - so that I have a few weeks of frenzied preparation of my exhibit at the Great Totley Show. This year is no exception as I scan quickly through the list of the various Classes. Now many readers will remember that some of my previous efforts have not been an unqualified success. Few will forget the year when I produced an over-proof-spirit marmalade, and the judges were in no condition to carry on with judging after a few spoonfuls.

I am sorry too that when I produced rock cakes, by sheer misfortune one of the finished exhibits fell onto the toe of one of the judges, and she was hobbling about for weeks on end afterwards. I do not wish to remind you of the huge vegetable marrow which reached a peak of corpulence - fat enough for the warmth of the room to cause it to explode. Some say that there are still marks here and there on the walls.

It is very evident that my fingers are any colour but green, so this year I have decided that I must employ my talents in an entirely different direction. I looked very closely at the Needlework section, and decided that whilst one end of the needle is harmless enough, the other end can do untold damage, not only to the article, but to the operator. One has read stories where a single prick with a needle can send one to sleep for a hundred years. Whilst the romantics may be fascinated to be awakened with a kiss after all that time, one feels certain that the awakening will be to the still dismal news at six o'clock on T.V. So how about a little dabble into the arts? This may seem odd for one who has

difficulty drawing a straight line, even with rule - but I remember that a certain Grandma Moses ventured into this classic art at a great age, and with great success. The next difficulty is in finding a suitable subject, conjuring up a design which will appeal to all ages and tastes. Does one pick on Still Life? - or does one set up an easel on Baslow Road to reproduce the marvellous view across the moor? I took a long time to decide - it had to be useful, and tasteful and colourful - very pleasing to look at. You may see it if you look round carefully - there should be an old bit of cardboard - and scrawled on it:- THIS WAY IN.



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CRISIS AT THE ORPHANAGE

"Damn!" said the Matron in her most refined, yet emphatic manner, "What shall we do now?" Then, in a slightly less fiery vein, for matrons are not really supposed to use a big, big D---, she continued after a few moments reflection, "There really is nothing else for it. We shall have to manage till breakfast time, but then ---- Yes, then drastic action is definitely called for."

And so it came about that early the next morning a long crocodile of the children formed up outside the kitchen door. Most of the children were girls, as by this time there were only a few boys living in the Orphanage and some of these were only about four or five years old. It was a beautiful summer morning. The sun was shining brightly, even though there was something of a haze over the fields. Everything looked idyllic. Each of the children was carrying a bucket and it just looked as if everything was set for a wonderful day's outing.

Then the crocodile set off under the strict control of the senior girl. Up the yard and down the hill to the bottom of Mickley Lane. At the stream, known as the Totley Brook, just where it passes under the narrow bridge carrying Mickley Lane, the crocodile stopped. The crocodile broke up, and each of the children went to the stream and filled the bucket with stream water. But this was no picnic for the children. It was a routine that was to be repeated many times before the crisis would be over. Then the crocodile formed up once more and set off back up the steep hill of Mickley Lane, a distance of some 300yds or so, to take the buckets full of water to the Orphanage.

So what devastating event, or events, had brought about this crisis. The problem, as is so often the case, could be stated quite simply. The solution, as also is often the case, was clearly going to be much more intractable, short of a special manifestation of Divine Providence taking place. The problem, stated in its most basic form, was simply that the well on which the Orphanage relied completely for its normal water supply had dried up. And since there were nearly sixty people, children and staff, who relied on the water from this well, it clearly was a crisis of the highest order. And what was so particularly

galling about it all was that the Orphanage had pinned such high hopes on this well for providing for their every need.

When the children formed up in the crocodile each morning none of them could know that this was just a repeat performance of some previous occurrence. If any of them, a girl of course, stayed for the maximum length of time in the Orphanage then she would be there for eleven years, i.e. from age five to sixteen. Boys left at fifteen years, at the latest so none of the children would know, still less remember, that thirteen or fourteen years previously the children had been obliged to do exactly the same thing in fetching water for each day's supply. The circumstances were quite different, but the effect on the children was precisely the same. And it was in response to this earlier crisis that the well, on which such high hopes was pinned, was sunk at considerable expense.

After due consideration, it was clear that the only solution which had any hope of providing adequate security of the water supply to the Orphanage lay in the provision of a connection to the Water Company's mains.

The village of Dore had been connected to the Water Company's mains a year or two earlier. But Dore Village was about two miles away. And even if the new development near Dore & Totley Station was connected to those mains, that was about a mile and a half away. What was worse was that the Water Company regarded Totley as beyond the pale; they had told the Rural Sanitary Authority that there was no prospect of Totley being connected to their mains, as the financial return would nowhere near justify this. And, depending on the route of any connecting main, the Orphanage might even be yet further beyond the pale!

The crisis was indeed extremely acute. Connection to the Water Company's mains was the only really satisfactory long term solution. A special fund was set up. And by the great efforts of Mr. Roberts and Ebenezer Hall, ably assisted by the Hon. Secretary of the Orphanage, the connecting main was constructed. Nine months later, at the Annual Meeting of the Orphanage, the management could report that the crisis had been dealt with.

J. Handley

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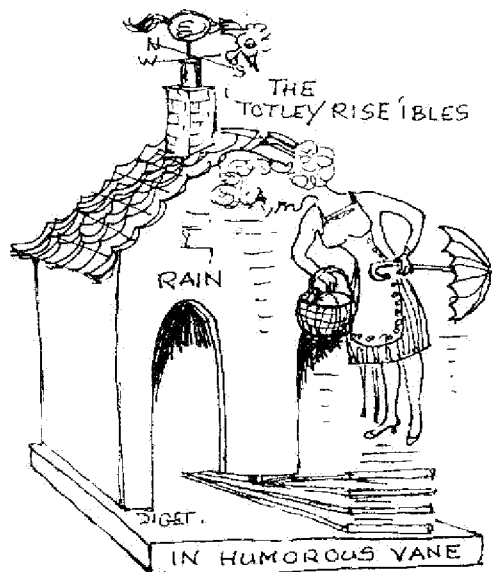
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**UNITED NATIONS
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Wednesday 13th. September at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8-00 pm., Mr. Jack Shaw, of Radio Sheffield, will talk on "Leading the God Squad". All will be welcome.

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The centre continues to offer some of its traditional courses and these vary from arts and crafts to writing, assertiveness and ballet and tap.

Following the success of the evening courses last year, these are now being introduced in the daytime and provide a wide range of gardening and garden design courses. Abbeydale Hall is an ideal place to study these subjects as it is intended to make use of the gardens wherever possible (daytime courses only).

Enrolment for all The Workers' Educational Association courses (WEA) at Abbeydale Hall will take place at 2.00 p.m. Wednesday 13th September.

R.S.P.C.A.

The Sheffield Branch of the RSPCA are holding an Autumn Bazaar at St. Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield 17 on Saturday 4th November 1995 from 11.30am onwards. Refreshments will be available and the entrance fee is 20p.

STIRRINGS IN GREEN OAK PARK

For a whole week in June there were varied activities taking place morning, noon and night in Green Oak Park.

Events were given a rousing send-off on Saturday 17th when the Carnival and Sports Day organised by the Totley Residents' Association was held.

The centre of attraction throughout the week was the large Marquee erected by the Churches in the area, and offering a most varied programme of happenings under the title: "Pentecost 95 - Meet Jesus".

Visiting speakers came from far and wide, and Rev. Rob Frost from London led the assisting Youth Teams, assembled from all over the country, and even from as far afield as Estonia. Support was given by the Shiloh Gospel Choir and the Salvation Army Band, and presentations included drama, dance, and mime. Children and young people were particularly well catered for.

- All in all a memorable week, which blessed many of those who attended each day to fill the tent. The enthusiastic Youth Teams sent out groups to visit pubs, schools and local community groups in the wider area.

It is hoped that many lives were touched by this Out-reach. The hospitality team did a wonderful job feeding and entertaining the teams.

Sincere thanks are also due to the organising Committee, ably led by Rev. George Palmer, and our best wishes go out to him and his wife Maureen when they move to Plymouth in September, after spending 10 years in Sheffield.

Totley, Bradway and Dore, and particularly those living round Green Oak Park will certainly remember Pentecost 95 for a long time to come.

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BOOK REVIEW

Walks Around Totley



John Campion Barrows

Regular readers of the Totley Independent will recognise the name of John Barrows, 'Campy' to fellow ramblers, as a frequent contributor of local walks over the years. His new book, just published, pulls together his 60 years of local experience and walking into 30 "Walks Around Totley".

Available from Greens, Dore Post Office and Jimmy's, price £3.95, the book contains a series of walks, some building on earlier ones and varying in length from 3 to 15 miles. The walks criss-cross some of the finest local scenery around Sheffield and many are brought to life by John's own memories of years gone by.

The length of each walk and approximate timings are given, offering together sufficient scope to cater for the local amble or to stretch the competent Rambler. With autumn fast approaching now is the time to look out those Ordnance Survey maps, push John's book in your pocket and get out and about on our local byways!

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SEPTEMBER

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 FRI. 8th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, Mr. D.M White, Sheffield's Notorious Criminals 7-30pm. Abbeydale Hall.
 WED. 13th. "LEADING THE GOD SQUAD" by JACK SHAW, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8-00pm. All Welcome, Details inside.
 SAT. 15th. TRANSPORT 17 COFFEE MORNING, United Reformed Church, 10-00 am. to noon.
 SAT. 16th. JUMBLE SALE, Totley Scout Hut, 11-00 am. Details inside.
 SUN. 17th. FARM FAYRE, Whirlow Hall Farm, 10-00 am. to 5-00 pm. Details inside.
 TUE. 19th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00am.
 WED. 20th. U.N.A. DISCUSSION on CURRENT NEWS ISSUES, 130, Westwick Road, 8-00 pm. All Welcome, Details inside.
 SAT. 23rd. JUMBLE SALE, Totley All Saints C of E School, 10-00 am. to 12-00 noon.
 SAT. 23rd. SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM SPECIAL OLYMPIC GROUP FUN DAY, Midland Bank Sports Ground, Dore 10-30 am. to 4-30 pm. Details inside.
 SUN. 23rd. JEWELLRY SALE, Dore & Totley, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11 am. to 12-30 pm.
 SUN. 24th. GURNEY KIDZ MARKET, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 8-00 pm. to 9-00 pm. See website for details.

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