

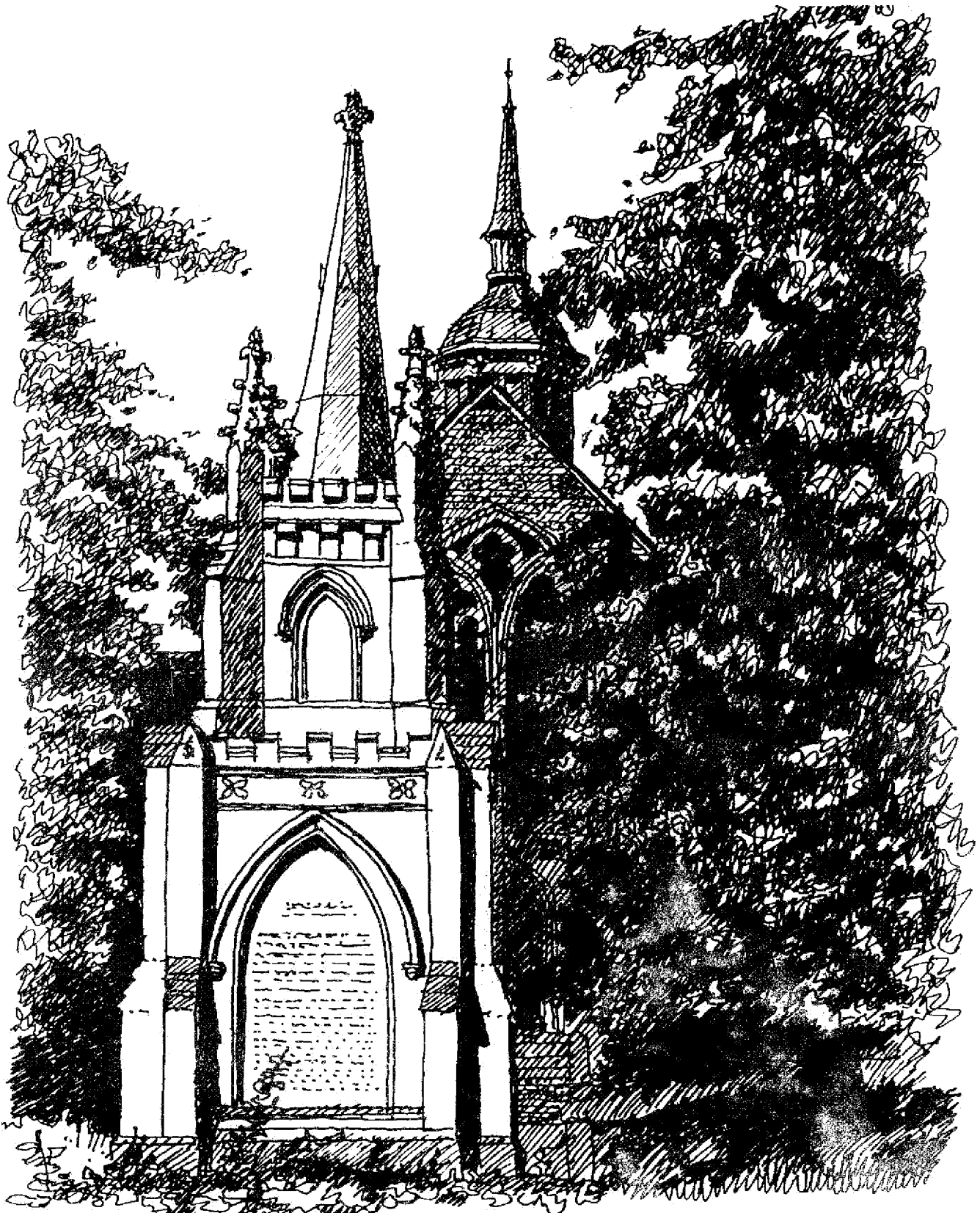
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Memorial at the Licensed Victuallers Asylum, Dore. Brian Edwards 1995.

THE UNKNOWN ARRANS

Next to Snowdon the most popular mountain in Wales with tourists is Cader Idris. This fine mountain with impressive ridges of some 6 miles in length dominates the township of Dolgelley and the Mawddach estuary, yet over to the east of this region is a high ground massif that is hardly known, The Arans. Aran Mawddwy or Aran Fawrddwy (meaning large) crowns the highest ridge walk south of Snowdonia at 2970 feet, 40 feet higher than Cader Idris and 60 feet higher than the Brecon Beacons in South Wales. Access routes are not so easy as the approaches to Cader, rather like a picture with its face to the wall as viewed from the main Bala to Dolgelley road, presents a dull scene; yet tackle these slopes from the east over the Bwlch-y-groes Pass (the highest road in Wales and now an improved surface) and the Arans present a rugged impressive scene with its gleaming quartz rock glinting like snow. This narrow road pass runs from the hamlet of Llanuwchllyn at the head of Bala Lake and down the lovely valley of the Dovey river to Dinas Mawddwy. Tackle the Aran ridge from the Cwm Cowarch (valley) passing the cliffs of Craig Cowarch, a rock climbers' paradise on to the slopes of Hen Gwm and Dyrsgol and there is a continuing line across the Mawddwy summit and its twin peak of Aran Benllyn 2901 feet to finish down to Llanuwchllyn via the Twrch river. This is a superb walk of about 8 miles, with glorious views of Snowdonia, the Berwyns and all the coastal areas.

I first visited this area back in 1944 with the unpleasant duties of recovery of crashed aircraft crews; searching for a Mustang fighter 'plane across the cliff face of the Big Aran was no easy task. Hauling the stretchers from the ruined farmstead of Ty-Nant and across the bogs of the Lleathnant Valley to the head waters of the Dovey river was hard work - then a sweep search across the gullies above Llyn Dovey, 1000 feet of broken crags. We visited the same locality a few weeks later to a Beaufighter crash - several bits are still scattered around the high level lake site.

Another crash the following year was a P47 Thunderbolt on the Drws-y-Nant side of the mountain. Altogether the Aran has claimed 5 aircraft crashes. The mountains can certainly show a cruel streak. Even one member of the Saint Athans' R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team, whilst on a routine practice trip, was

struck by lightning on the ridge of Dyrsgol back in 1963. There is a plaque erected to his memory on the spot.

Despite these rather grim events I have always been impressed by the unknown Arans. Many holidays have been spent camping at Llanymawdddy and close to the banks of the River Dovey - 40 square miles to explore of hidden delights of crags and tumbling waterfall cascades. The Arans are grand hills.

If you can repeat the spelling of some of these strange Welsh names, you are certainly a 'better man than I, Gunga Din.

John C. Barrows.

SOME THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Most folk see Lent as a time for giving up things which they consider either 'sinful, illegal or fattening'! True, it was intended to be a 40 day period of fasting leading up to Easter, so there's nothing wrong with our using Lent to take stock of our lives. Perhaps then I could invite you to do four things:-

- a) Consider how you relate to your family and friends. Do you spend enough time together as families and do you care for your neighbours as you should?
- b) Think about how you spend your money. Do you spend it all on yourself or do you use it to bring some comfort and happiness to others in the world?
- c) Reflect on your eating habits. To use an excellent Christian Aid slogan, could you "Live more simply so that others may simply live"?
- d) Consider your spiritual life. How about joining one of the Lent Groups arranged by our local Churches, seeking to draw closer to God and asking him to take full control of your life.

May God bless you and help you to have a helpful Lent this year.

J. David Benson (Vicar of All Saints').

We welcome letters about local affairs and will publish as many as possible. However the views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor, Editorial Staff or Totley Residents Association and must not be imputed to them.

TOTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

In August last year, the Residents' Association provided £200 to help set up the TYFC. Dyson's Refractories became the team's official sponsors providing the squad's kit. Midland Bank provided the kit bags, Flint Electrical the match balls and Sheffield Hallam University provided a pitch, posts and ground staff to ensure we had one of the best grounds in the GT league.

I am pleased to report that your faith and investment in my idea of an official team in the area and a squad of 16 boys has been worthwhile.

I have attached a league table which shows Totley second in Division "E" (we had to join at the bottom). Since the league was printed we have moved into top slot but Britannia boys have 4 games in hand. The league is tight but the boys have worked hard to earn their position.

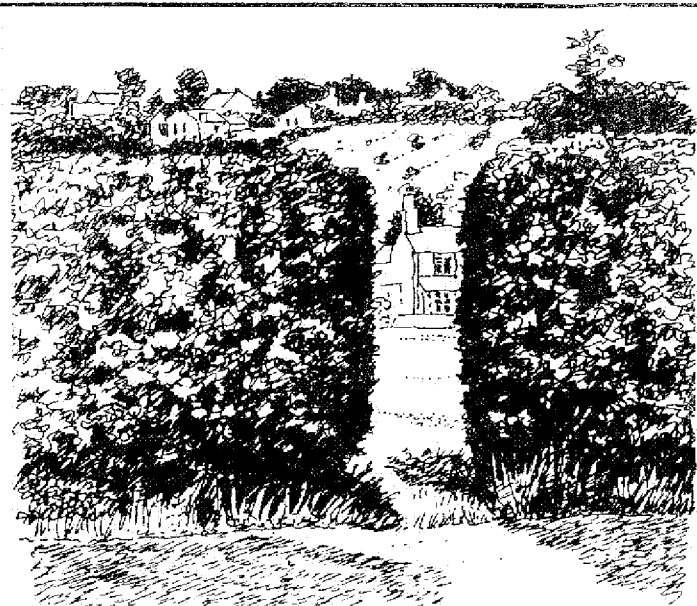
If you would like to come and support the boys and see a great game for the price of a raffle ticket, we have only a few home games left as follows: Sunday 3 March - Chapeltown, Saturday 9 March - Britannia and Saturday 30 March - Emmanuel. All games kick off at 11am on the pitch behind the tennis courts next to the Halls of Residence.

Once again please accept our thanks for your support.

UNDER 13 "E"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Britannia Boys	13	11	2	0	69	22	24
Totley Youth	17	9	4	4	70	40	22
Woodhouse Juniors	17	10	2	5	60	42	22
Brampton Rovers	15	9	3	3	75	37	21
Emmanuel Juniors	15	9	2	4	40	28	20
Aston Boys	15	8	3	4	60	25	19
Birley Spa	16	6	5	5	35	36	17
JFC Woodseats	16	7	3	6	47	57	17
Westbrook Juniors	15	6	3	6	29	34	15
Chapeltown Athletic	16	3	3	10	40	60	9
Langold Boys	14	2	4	8	35	41	8
Wisewood Juniors	16	3	2	11	33	72	8
Ecclesall Rangers	17	0	0	17	26	125	0

Kevin Walker



TOWARDS CRICKET INN FROM TOTLEY BEISTS 1998
BRIAN EDWARDS
RGSB

Another view of the Cricket Inn from the top side of the Recreation ground. On the hill is the former Totley Methodist Church built in 1848 and now a house.

COMPUTER PUTS YOU WRITE

Eye have a spelling chequer,
It came with my Pea Sea,
It plainly marques for my revue,
Mistakes I cannot sea,

I've run this poem threw it,
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It's letter perfect in it's weigh,
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TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH CENTENARY

For a week during April the congregation of Totley Rise Methodist Church will be celebrating the Centenary of their Church building. The body of people have been meeting together for over a hundred years as the Church had its beginnings in the early 1890's, when missionaries were sent out to the wilds of Totley from the Brunswick Methodist Circuit. They preached on some open land known as 'The Piece', which was at the junction of Glover Road and Baslow Road. The listeners tended to be the local folk and some of the navvies who were working on Totley Tunnel and who lived in cottages on Totley Rise. Local tradition has it that bad weather, combined with heckling from navvies, made Mrs. Wint - who lived locally at Woodside, 2 Back Lane - so sorry for the would-be worshippers that she invited them into her home for their services. (Mrs. Wint was a great-grandmother of local newsagent Jimmy Martin). The Totley Rise Methodist congregation continued to meet at her home from around 1892 until around 1894, when they moved to a house on Totley Rise. Eventually they opened their Chapel in 1896 on a piece of land gifted by Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Hall.

Over the years the Church premises have been extended on several occasions, and in 1917 the Lodge Cottage of Totley Grove House was bought for the use of the caretaker. As part of the Centenary celebrations, a full history of the Church and its organisations is being published and a week of events and activities will take place from 20th April to 28th April. These will include a Coffee Morning and 'Now and Then' Exhibition, Party, Walk of Witness, Celebration Choir Concert, Good Old Days Concert and special services on two Sundays. Totley Rise invites Totley residents to come and join in the festivities, especially the evening service at 6.30 p.m. on 21st April, when local churches are invited to the service conducted by Richard Hare, retired Bishop of Pontefract, who blessed so many on his visit to the Pentecost '95 event.

TOTLEY RISE CENTENARY DATES

Saturday 20th April

10 am. to 3 pm. Coffee Morning and 'Now & Then' Exhibition.
3 pm. to 5 pm. balloon Launch & Barbeque Party

Sunday 21st April

10.30am. Retired Bishop Richard Hare. & Rev. John Thompson
6-30pm. Retired Bishop Richard Hare, Joint service - Churches in S17

Tuesday 23rd, April

2-30 pm. Women's Fellowship. "Shopping - Then and Now"
6pm. Brownies Open Evening, 25th. Birthday Party with Guides.

Wednesday 24th April

9-30 am. to 12 noon Playgroup Open Day
7-30 pm. Prayer Walk around area.

Thursday 25th April

9-30 am. to 12 noon Playgroup Open Day
1-30 pm. to 3 pm. Pushchair Club
7.45 pm. Centenary Celebration Concert led by St. John's Singers of Dronfield. Hosted by Totley Rise Choir.

Friday 26th, April

5-30 pm to 9-30 pm. Boys Brigade Meeting.

Saturday 27th April

7.45 pm. Good Old Days Concert. Audience in period costume, admission by ticket only.

Sunday 28th April

10.30 am. Rev. Dr. Bill Davis Retired Principal of Cliff College.
Faith Church Lunch and Cake.

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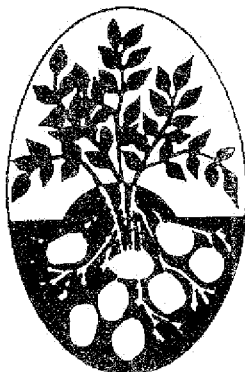
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TRANSPORT 17

As I write this, money is still coming into our office from the Hymn Singers and their Sponsors. Many thanks to all who organized it, sang and helped with refreshments.

I would like to list a few events we have organized for the coming months, for our fund-raising. We have an on-going bus replacement theme!

There are, of course, other things organized by our friends and supporters in the district for this purpose. We are always glad of Bric-a-Brac, books and cakes. We often have raffles in our office before our events.

23rd MARCH - "SOUP & SANDWICHES" at Ashcroft, Hillfoot Road from 11a.m. We will also do just Coffee & Biscuits for you if you prefer.

There will be a stall with Bric-a-Brac, books etc. and a raffle.

Olive will be making the soups. They have everything in them but the kitchen sink and are fabulous!

£2 for Soup etc. 50p for Coffee & Biscuits, finish 3p.m.

20th APRIL - "PIE & PEA LUNCH" at All Saints' Church Hall at 12.30. followed by a Film Slide show. This will be given by Jack Cartledge and there will be an interval with Coffee or Tea and Biscuits. Jack uses suitable music to accompany his shows. Tickets will be £4 each.

22nd JUNE - OPEN MORNING at TRANSPORT 17 OFFICE, 172, Baslow Road from 10a.m till Noon. Refreshments, stalls and raffle.

Details of other events will be in Totley Independent during the year. We look forward to seeing you. If you need transport please let your club know or ring our office on 2362962.

Best Wishes from us All,
Margaret Barlow.

Dear Editor

Writing as a responsible dog owner I have noticed that the continual problem of dog excrement is as much a nuisance in Totley as anywhere else in Sheffield.

Complaints in the press usually come from non dog owners but I can assure you that responsible dog lovers find this just as offensive.

The footpath between Sunnyvale Road and Hallam University seems to be a particularly notorious dogs toilet. How many clean up in Green Oak Park which is a popular early morning exercise spot? not many I'm afraid.

The solution lies entirely with the dog owners who need to be shamed into cleaning it up. As well as Neighbourhood Watch we should also have DOG WATCH! Carrying plastic bags by the majority instead of the minority should be second nature.

May I advise the owners who open the front door to let Fido do his business first thing in the morning or have not got the stomach to use the plastic bags think twice before replacing their faithful friend.

As a community we need to put pressure on the council to provide dog waste bins in strategic places the same as other authorities, example Chesterfield and more litter bins which are far and few in this area.

With a bit of effort from everyone young and old, Totley could be the cleanest and tidiest suburb in Sheffield, a place to set an example. Any more views and ideas please write to Totley Independent.

Anon.

Have you any views, news, facts you would like to share, if so why not share them with the Totley Independent.

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVAL

Before you start reading, it should be said that this tale is only for toddlers - or strictly for the birds. It should carry a health warning if read by adults. However, long tufty growths of grass do not mean much to us except for looking untidy, but they do to Hoppity. I should explain that Hoppity was an elf, and a small elf at that, and the long grasses were a veritable jungle to him. He was plodding his way through one morning when he had the misfortune to step on a long folded stalk of grass, and as he did so the grass suddenly straightened and he found himself being catapulted through the air. We might have found a badly bruised elf crawling around the garden that morning, but Hoppity was lucky - he went straight up into the branches of the big tree. He sat very carefully on one of the branches - he did not want to fall off, but as he sat there pondering there came a rustling and Mr. Thrush came pushing through the leaves. Mr. Thrush came and stood beside him. "What a nice fat grub" he said "but I don't usually find a grub so high in the tree as this". Hoppity had to call out "No, I am not a grub". "Don't argue" replied the thrush "all good elves are still in bed, they have done their good night's work. You are up and about far too early to be an elf, but I will take you to Mrs. Thrush and see what she wants to do with you".

So Hoppity found himself flying through the air with one corner of his jacket firmly gripped in Mr. Thrush's beak. Suddenly he found himself lying amongst the mosses and grasses at the bottom of the thrush's nest, while Mr. & Mrs. Thrush stood on the edge looking down very seriously at him. Near to him were the baby thrushes with their beaks wide open, waiting for their first feed of the day. Hoppity trembled and sobbed - he wanted the babies to have their breakfast, but he did not want them to have him. "I really AM an elf" he pleaded. "Perhaps



it would be as well if we think about this for a little while" said Mrs. Thrush. "So go and see if you can find something else to eat for the time being". Mr. Thrush grumbled "Woe betide you if I do not find something soon", and off he flew.

Hoppity was most relieved when he saw Mr. Thrush returning with a nice fat juicy worm in his beak, which was soon shared out amongst the family. "Whilst he is here, he may as well do something useful" was Mrs. Thrush's opinion, so Hoppity found himself with a little brush and shovel cleaning out the nest and then tidying up the babies, smoothing and combing their feathers, with the two thrushes standing over him to see that the task was properly done. Now when I walk round the garden and see little piles of bird droppings and see little feathers here and there I know that Hoppity is still usefully employed. Good Luck to him!

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A POEM DISCOVERED

I came across this rhyme in an old book I used for my first horticultural examination in 1949 'Plant Names Simplified'. It was first quoted to me by 'Old Herbert' with whom I worked in the 'Pot-house' on the old Seagrave's Nurseries at Gleadless, producing 'Sykes' for their stall in Sheffield Market. I thought it might fill a corner in the Totley Independent and perhaps raise a gardener's smile.

Mrs J Rundle.

How shall we sound its mystic name
Of Greek descent and Persian fame?
Shall "y" be long and "a" be short,
Or will the "y" and "a" retort?
Shall "y" be lightly rippled o'er,
Or should we emphasise it more?
Alas! The doctors disagree,
For "y's" a doubtful quantity.
Some people use it now and then,
As if 'twere written "Sickly-men";
But as it comes from KAKLOS, Greek,
Why not "kick-laymen" so to speak?
The gardener, with his ready wit,
Upon another mode has hit;
He's terse and brief - long names
dislikes,
And so he renders it as "Sykes".

TOTLEY LIBRARY

Totley Library will be closed for two weeks from Monday 18th March. This is to allow the staff to prepare and train for a new computer system. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, but the service will be greatly improved when the library re-opens. The new service should be in place in all libraries in Sheffield by the end of the year. The library re-opens on Monday 1st April.

Please remember that the library will be closed, as usual over the Easter weekend ie. from Thursday 4th April, re-opening on Wednesday 10th April.

Pauline Rosser
Community Librarian

LIBRARY TALK

The Totley Residents Association have organised a talk on Monday 18th. March at Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road. 7-45pm.

The subject will be "TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY" by Jim Webb, of Totley Rise Post Office.

The reason for the venue being changed is because Totley Library will be closed for 2 weeks from Monday 18th. March.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

The Totley Show date is organised for the 7th September - plenty of time for you to plan and execute your produce, be it a large carrot, a lovely trio of leeks or, in the art department, a masterpiece of painting, decoupage etc. PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

You won't have done much in the garden during February so there's lots to catch up on. Things are starting to stir after the winter; daffodil shoots are showing through and shrub buds are swelling - time to clear and clean the greenhouse of debris ready for the influx of new plants and seedlings.

FLOWERS March is usually the best month to lift and divide the majority of herbaceous plants. When transplanting old clumps throw away the hard central portion and keep only the young outside pieces. Sow sweet peas later in the month, bed out wallflowers, forget-me-nots and other spring plants.

Keep checking the ground for slugs and put down bait when they are seen. Plant lily bulbs - put some grit sand at the bottom of each hole to help prevent the bottom of the bulb rotting. Plant gladioli corms in trays and start offering warmth for planting out in April.

When snowdrops are overcrowded lift and divide when majority of flowers have finished.

VEGETABLES Make a sowing of broad beans in boxes ready for planting out later. Clear up old crops and prepare area for salads and new vegetables. Dig trench for runner beans and celery. If you only have a small vegetable garden sow a few seeds of each chosen variety in small pots and bring on in the greenhouse. Transfer to cold frame later to harden off, prior to planting out.

Sow basil in a container in slight warmth. Prepare plots ready for planting next month.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT If gooseberries were not pruned earlier, do it now before growth is too advanced - shape the bushes as you prune. Check any cuttings of black and red currants, gooseberries and shrubs put in during the autumn, and firm them in; they can soon be loosened by frost and wind. There is still time to spray apple and pear trees with winter wash thiocyanate, if tar oil was not used earlier.

Prepare proposed site of any new plants - keep roots moist of any new plants if you cannot plant them when they arrive. A good general fertilizer or a special fruit fertilizer can be sprinkled between rows of strawberries and around the plants. Take care not to get it on the leaves or crown while doing this. Pick off any dead leaves, then prick over the beds lightly with a fork. Mulch between rows of raspberries with

well-rotted compost, peat or straw - the purpose of this is not only to feed the raspberries but also to protect the roots and keep them moist.

Protect the blossom of wall-trained fruits against frost at night with fine netting or fleece. Plant out new raspberry canes. Complete the planting of tree and bush fruits as early as weather permits. Cut back any wind-damaged branches to a good bud.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS Shade any plants, especially young seedlings, from strong sun. Gradually increase watering. Spray fuchsias with diluted fertilizer to encourage growth. Feed actively growing plants with high-potash feed (tomato fertilizer is ideal). Top dress plants such as ferns and aspidistras with potting compost.

Stop petunias and salvias at 4-6 leaf stage. Pinch out the tips of bush fuchsias and geraniums. Pot up late chrysanthemums, geraniums and fuchsias. Pot on cyclamen seedlings and rooted offsets of house plants. Plant bulbs, corms and tubers such as begonias, gloxinias and hot water plants. Re-pot cacti towards the end of the month.

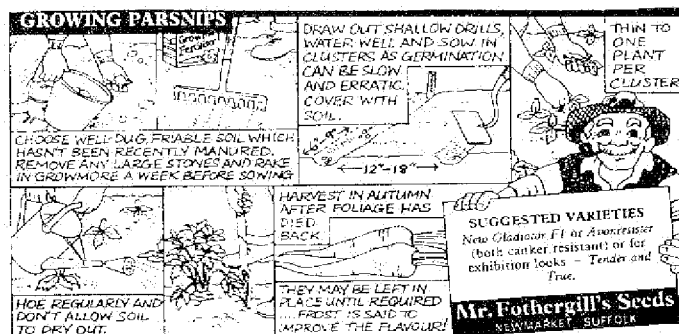
Summer annuals can be sown now for later planting in pots - cigar plant, busy-lizzie, stocks, marigolds and zinnias. Houseplants like maidenhair fern, button fern and spider plant can be divided and re-potted.

Keep an eye on ventilation - remember the greenhouse can get very hot when the sun comes out even when it's cold outside. In a moderately heated greenhouse cuttings can be taken of popular bedding plants such as heliotrope, fuchsia and pelargoniums. Put cuttings in boxes or pots of sandy compost; place them in a propagator and keep them shaded. Sow annuals for summer bedding in a heated greenhouse - favourites are mesembryanthemum, busy-lizzie, clarkia, salpiglossis. Sow seeds in well-drained seed trays and germinate at 13 - 16 deg.C, 55 - 60 deg.F. Prick off the seedlings as soon as they have made 2 true leaves; select a few sturdy ones for potting on the greenhouse bench to give a bit of colour early on.

LAWNS As usual, keep off if frosty. Later in the month is a good time to lay turf. Prepare ground for seeding a lawn later. Give a pre-seeding fertilizer on all but the richest soil. Make sure your mower is in good fettle for the start of the grass growing season.

Was it A.C. Swinburne who said "And in the green underwood and cover Blossom by blossom the spring begins".

Cheerio for now - Tom, Busy Bee.



PLANNING A SPRING CLEAN?

King Egbert School Association are holding another bumper jumble sale on Saturday March 9th. at 2-00pm. at Wessex Hall, King Egbert School. Totley Brook Road, Dore. If you have anything to give please ring one of the numbers listed below and arrange for it to be collected. Thank you for any help you can give.

Admission £2 from 11am. to 12 noon
20p from 2pm. onwards.

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Chris Ridgway, Dalewood Rd. 281 7420
Neville Lethbridge, Furniss Av. 262 0954
Ann Powell, Totley Brook Rd. 235 0612
Francine Brazil, King Egbert Rd. 236 0305
Sue Burn, Rowan Tree Dell 236 6478

Other events organised by the association at King Egbert's School are:-

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 26th. April, Wessex Hall, 8pm. Adults £1-50, U18's £1, Teams of up to 8 members. Tel: 236 8497 for further details.

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These are some of the questions which might be answered at the Open Meeting organised by UNA for Monday, March 18th. (8pm at Totley Rise Methodist Hall) when Frank Hooley speaks on "The UN and the World's Trouble Spots". Frank has been an active member of UNA since it was first formed and has served on its National Executive Committee, as well as being a former Chairman of Sheffield District Council and of the Dore & Totley branch of UNA. When he was Labour MP for Heeley, he was always committed to an internationalist stance in foreign affairs. He is one of the most knowledgeable speakers we could have on the UN and it is hoped that as he is coming specially from Sutton Coldfield to speak at this meeting, there will be a good attendance to hear what he has to say, ask questions and join in discussion.

Dates for March:-

Wednesday 13th. - 8-00 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. David Simons "The Cavendish Centre". Support work with cancer patients and their families.

Monday 18th. 8-00 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, Open Meeting, of U.N.A. "The U.N. and the World's Trouble Spots" Speaker Frank Hooley.

Wednesday 27th. 8-00 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church Lounge "Easter Reflections, led by Dr. Marion Jepson.

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Since we last mentioned in Whisperer we have lost the Gun shop, the Totley Delicatessen, the top United News shop and more recently the Marstone garage.

The Travel shop is also to close shortly, let's hope that will be the last of the closures for a while.

The good news is that work is to start very soon on what was the old video shop and grocery premises, news is that there is to be at least one office and the rest made into flats that should surely improve that area.

The United News shop is rumoured to become a Chinese take-away any views on this.

The Travel shop is to become a Nail Studio with fashion and accessories, the new proprietors are Mrs Jean Howsham and Dawn who will be opening sometime in March and will look forward to meeting and making new friends in the area.

"Yorkshire Water" that well known name have been digging a lot of holes on nearly every road in Totley recently, with a view to replacing a lot of the main water pipes. So it looks like there are going to be a lot of road works in the area this summer.

The footpath on Baslow road between the War Memorial and Lane Head is looking a bit dodgy a crack has appeared and with all the bad weather and the weight of traffic could one day finish up in the allotments.

There has been an upsurge of break-ins both at shop premises and private houses recently. The public are being asked to keep an eye open for strangers looking suspicious around properties.

The senior citizens party will probably take on a new look this year due to falling attendance. The committee are looking into changing the venue and may change to just putting on an afternoon entertainment with just cups of tea and cakes etc. instead of a full tea and evening do as in the past, further details later.

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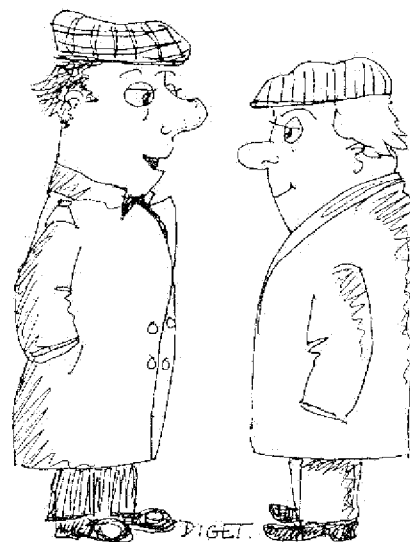
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This exhibition commemorates William Morris, the outstanding 19th century designer and craftsman who died one hundred years ago. His designs for wallpapers and printed fabrics and much of his writing on art and society are still available today - some of these can be seen in this exhibition.

In 1888 members of Morris's circle founded the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society which later became the Society of Designer Craftsmen. It has flourished ever since and craft work by members of the SDC today forms an important part of 'A Vision in Action'.

Morris's firm described themselves as 'art decorators'. A group of artists (who included names such as Rosetti, Burne-Jones and Madox Brown) designed furniture, metalwork, tiles, tapestries and the stained glass windows still to be seen in many Victorian churches, as well as wallpaper and textiles for furnishing. The firm also included women - like Kate Faulkner who designed wallpaper and Morris's daughter May was a leading embroiderer.

A key exhibit is one of Morris & Co.'s best known products - a light, rush-seated chair with slim framing in turned wood. The story goes that one of Morris's partners found a chair rather like this in a country workshop in Sussex in the 1860s and decided the firm should make a chair "light enough to move around with one hand". The inexpensive Sussex chair became one of the firm's best-sellers for over 60 years.

Alongside the work of Morris & Co., each section of "A Vision in Action" shows the work by craftsmen and women living today who share Morris's views on honest craftsmanship and respect for materials. In the catalogue one of our leading cabinet makers, Alan Peters, writes "In 1996 I am still influenced by the Arts and Crafts pioneers of the last century and the early 20th. century exponents of the modern movement, for I still believe passionately in honesty to materials and construction and overall visual simplicity".

Among the generous sponsors of the exhibition are the John Lewis Partnership, Liberty and Sanderson, three firms which sell Morris designs and fine contemporary craft work.

This exhibition has been organised jointly by the Society of Designer Craftsmen and the William Morris Society.

For further information please contact Julie Milne, Keeper of the Mappin Art Gallery

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"We are over the moon to have been nominated and even more pleased to hear it has been shortlisted, we are keeping our fingers crossed," says Kathryn, who will be using the four figure prize money on a holiday with partner Phillip and their daughter Claudia later in the year.

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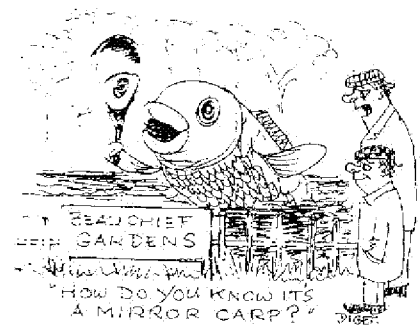
These houses standing high above Baslow Road just past the Fleur De Lys were built around the turn of the century as stone faced brick buildings, the date stones are clearly visible.

Danny Reynolds, who lives with his wife Isabel at the top house, reckons he has one of the finest views in Sheffield.

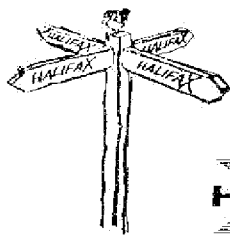
Quote a book "Good in Everything" by H.L.Gee, 1947.

"I dunno how it comes about, and I guess the Lord don't make mistakes, so may be He goes out of his way a bit to scatter his fairest flowers alongside the roughest roads."

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 FRI. 8th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, "NORWAY" by Ms.B.Brierly, 7-30pm. Abbeydale Hall.
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 Details inside.
 SAT. 9th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR, 7pm. Christ Church Dore, Details inside.
 WED. 13th. THE CAVENDISH CENTRE, U.N.A. talk, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.
 8-00 pm. Details inside.
 THUR. 14th. TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 4, Grove Rd. 11am.
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 SAT. 16th. ANTIQUE FAIR, St. Johns' Church Hall, 10am. Details inside.
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 MON. 25th. WILDLIFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP, Abbeydale Hall, 7-30pm. Details inside.
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