

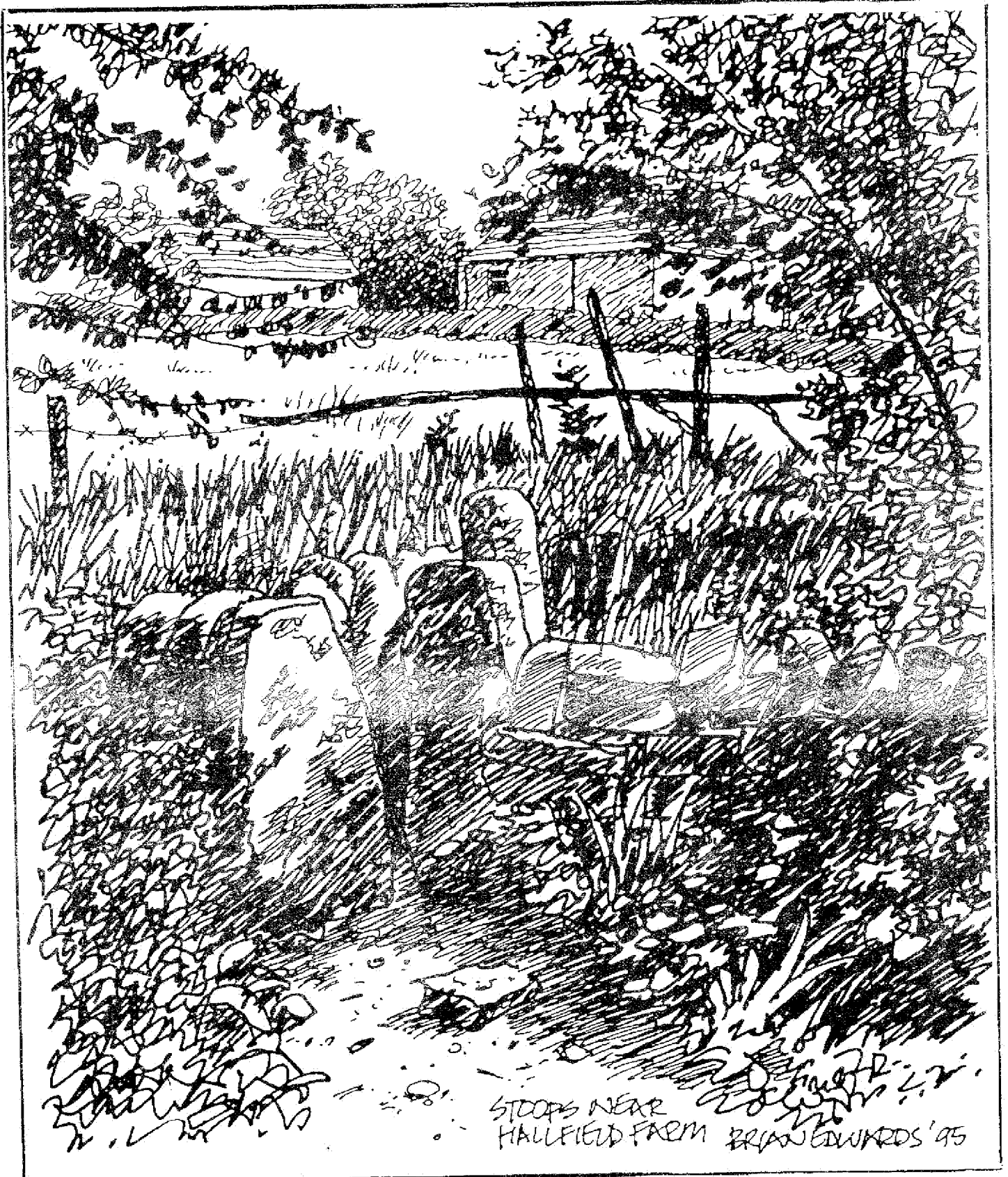
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COVER PICTURE HALLFIELD FARM

On the way from Strawberry Lee Lane to Shorts Lane the footpath passes through several sets of stoops and crosses two streams.

The first is Lee Dike which winds its way from near Bole Hill Lodge, the second larger stream is Blacka Dike. The two watercourses join just above Avenue farm and would have been the reason for an old reserve water dam at that point. The old stone shuttles can be seen at the side of the path down to Old Hay Lane.

This sketch is taken from near the Leening bridge and shows Hallfield Farm in the middle distance. Records of Hallfield Farm go back many centuries. The inventory of John Barber, who died here in 1706, makes interesting reading and is a mine of information on the goods and chattels of a fairly well to do owner of 160 sheep who also had the maize mill at Beauchief.

Brian Edwards

TOTLEY PINFOLD, HILLFOOT ROAD.

Comments made by Wisperer in the Dec/Jan issue of the Independent and a subsequent comment by Mr.S Reynolds regarding the ownership of the "Pinfold", Mr. Stan Bingham has given us the following letter regarding the above which was dated 26th October 1976.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letters of 10th May and 24th September, 1976 and apologise for the delay in replying.

I note that you wish to secure the use of a piece of land in Hillfoot Road as a public garden and it is clear that the main obstacle is determining the present ownership of the land.

I have now studied the Enclosure Award of 1840 and this states that the Pinfold is allotment No. 61 and is "bounded on the North West...by allotment 62... and on or towards the South by an allotment number 60". The Award goes on to state that this land was awarded to "the said Surveyors", who elsewhere in the document are stated as being the Surveyors of Highways for the Township of Totley. The land to the East of Totley All Saints' Primary School, which is bounded by a stone wall and which adjoins Mr Edward's land in Chapel Lane, forms approximately half of plot 61, and it is therefore reasonable to assume that this land was once the Pinfold, in a modified form.

I would assume that the successors to the Surveyors of Highways for the Township of Totley would have been Sheffield City Council prior to local government re-organisation, followed by South Yorkshire County Council after April, 1974. However, I have been unable to find any record of previous ownership by the City Council, and it would therefore appear that either the records have been lost, or the land was sold by the Surveyors or their successors.

With regard to your proposal to use the land as a public garden, this would require planning permission for the change of use, and I enclose the necessary forms for you to make an application. I enclose information regarding the Section 27 Certificate which should accompany an application and from this you will see that, where you do not know the present owner, you should publish a notice in a local newspaper.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you every success in this very worthwhile project.

Roland Adamson
Chief Planner

TRANSPORT 17

Our Pea & Pie Lunch at All Saints' Church hall on 20th April drew an audience in excess of 60. Our thanks go to Jack Cartledge for his show and his time.

As I was preparing this item Totley Rise Methodist Church were deeply involved in celebrating their Centenary. Everyone at Transport 17 sends them their good wishes and hope that they enjoyed their week. Good luck in their endeavours for the next 100 years.

We have no fund-raising events of our own in May but many of us are off on a break to Eastbourne. Please remember the "Cakes & Cuttings" event at the Catholic Church, Totley on Saturday, 8th June at 10 a.m. till noon. The funds raised from this are kindly donated to Transport 17. Our own "Open Morning" is on 22nd June also 10 a.m.till noon.

The "Outward Bound" Club is in full flow again now that the weather is improving.

Best Wishes to you all,

Margaret Barlow.

Dear Editors

In the spring of 1949, former Totley Brook Road resident Joseph W. Batty, wrote the following tribute to former Moorwood Lane resident, G.H.B. Ward, who amongst other things was the founder in 1900 of the 'Sheffield Clarion Ramblers':

Will Ward gain thanks in all the years to be
For all he did to help the poor roam free
On moor and hill? It may be that he will
But more than likely that his name will pass
Along the mem'ries of his printed page.
It may be too, that gall will fill his cup
And spoil for him the mellowed years of age
Because he - inadvertently enough -
(His blessings all perforce included fools)
Has by his goings showed some uncouth souls -
Untaught, intractable and black of heart -
How they each Sabbath could by want of wit
Break all the canons of unwritten law
And make a Babel in the haunts of peace.

In 1996, if you go for a stroll in the 'haunts of peace' adjacent to Totley, on the Sabbath or any other morning, you can enjoy the fruits of forty-seven years of Progress. Perhaps you will climb onto Totley Moss and hear the groaning of four-wheel-drives which have flouted the bridleway signs and are now labouring to extricate themselves from deep-rutted mess of mud and puddle which they have manufactured. Or perhaps you will wander down Strawberry Lea Lane and hear the frenzied, fuming racket of motorbike scramblers at the foot of Blackamoor, or even meet the pestilential drone of a machine which has not-so-accidentally strayed onto Blackamoor itself. If your stroll takes you to Strawberry Lea Plantation, by the car park off Hathersage Road, you may be lucky to hear the insidious whine, like a wasp trapped in net curtains, of a remote-controlled aircraft. If you cross Hathersage Road and stroll onto Houndkirk Moor, you might find Hathersage Road safer to walk on. Sheffield's Golden Frame is a far more valuable and permanent asset than any of its sporting facilities, and this is what we allow to happen to it.

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DESTINATION LAKELAND

Before I became an OAP, I had the ambition to do one last back-packing trip, so I planned a round walk of some 365 miles to the Honister Pass and return to Totley via the Yorkshire Dales. The Falkland War was being waged as I stepped out into my long adventure in the merry month of May 1982. Rucksack packed with food, spare clothing, compass, but no tent or maps to save weight, bivouac gear included a good sleeping bag & outer cover, plus a spare pair of hiking boots. The weather was perfect as I strolled across Blackamoor on the first leg. Route as follows - Houndkirk and Burbage Moors, Stanage and High Kneb, Moscar, Derwent Edge, Back Tor to Abbey Brook, where I slept the night close to the ruined shooting cabin, cooked my breakfast over an open fire and an early start.

For the second day, via Featherbed, Moss, Margery Hill, Upper Derwent Valley, and Saltersbrook Bridge. Across the long stretch of Witherns Moor, where the headwaters of the Rivers Mersey and Don almost meet - past the site of wreckage from a World War II Liberator to the summit of the Holme Moss road. Tarried awhile at the mobile tea-wagon - the first person I met since starting the walk. Headed for the peaty wastes of Black Hill, where I joined the popular Pennine Way route, and taking the alternative line via the ruined site of the old Isle of Skye Inn (brings back early memories).

Then down the Wessenden Valley to Marsden and the Standege Cutting, where I slept out under the stars for the second night.

Third day over the bleak Castleshaw Moor, Slippery Moss, bridge over the M62 highway to the delights of Blackstone Edge. The long slog past the endless chain of reservoirs to the dominating

tower of Stoodley Pike, down into the Calder valley towards the mill-town of Heptonstall. Across the moors near Hardcastle Crags and entered the Bronte country via the Wadsworth Moors. The one big fault with a long trek is one is always thirsty rather than hungry, so I was always dipping my head into a mountain stream at every location. The third night was once again behind the shelter of a wall, and once again the weather was kind.

The fourth day across Bronte country at Ponden Hall and Top Withens, crossing Ickornshaw Moor, the hamlet of Cowling. Numerous ladder stiles seemed endless - then a more pastoral scene around Lothersdale and Thornton-in-Graven, spending another night behind a barn. Fifth day through the gentle rolling landscape around Gargrave and the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool canal. The scenery improved to the limestone hills above Airedale and the River Aire. Up to the popular Dales village of Malham (en route I rescued a sheep, which had fallen into a dyke and was almost drowning). Enjoyed a glass of milk in the village square. The afternoon was really hot on the ascent to Malham Cove, met a party at the head of the rocky gorge. Carried on past Malham Tarn and the field study centre. Then the long traverse across the slopes of Fountains Fell. It was after a long day when I finally bedded down for the night on the lower slopes of Pen-y-ghent. Sixth day - perfect weather for the ascent of Pen-y-ghent, passing Hull Pot and by-pass route over the Roman Road of Cam Fell and Dodd Fell. Then the water-shed line of Snakeholme Beck and the Wensleydale village of Hawes, where I decided enough of sleeping out in the wilds and went bed and breakfast. After a good bath, life was wonderful - popped into the local tavern, where I met a party from Sheffield - complete with blistered



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feet, who were tackling the whole Pennine Way. They offered me the chance to join them, but I stated I was turning north west for the Mallastang Ridge. My feet were rather sore, but the challenge was too special. Seventh day - from Hawes I turned left to Mosedale and Cotterdale. Then over the wild tops of High Abbotside Common and destination of Garsdale Head Youth Hostel - often known as 'Shaw's' - a magical spot, nestling in the fold of the hills. A pity this superb hostel closed down for good about 1986. Could not pay, lack of custom. Anyway, I rejoined the YHA on the spot and officially I got there when it was their day off, but the kindly old lady let me stay, for I was the first customer for a month. Eighth day, traversed the whole ridge of Mallastang - crossing the tops of Hell Gill, Hugh Seat 2,257 feet and High Seat 2,328 feet. Leaving this grand edge at High Pike 2,105 feet and descent towards Kirkby Stephen, meeting a motorist along the lane. He enquired "Have you come far?" On reply "From Sheffield" he simply stared in complete disbelief. Kirkby Stephen is a grand little town, nestling under the northern flanks of the Howgill Fells. It has real character. I booked into the recently new Youth Hostel (a converted chapel) - first class food and luxury style, situated in line with the coast-to-coast walk. After a pleasant stay I headed west again on the ninth day, for the Shap Fells. To save cash, I once again reverted to sleeping out the hard way.

Tenth day, I walked into the start of the Lakeland Hills from Bampton and the lovely valley of Hawes Water. Whilst ascending the steep fells around Kidsty Pike I witnessed the sight of the eagle in full flight, a day to treasure. Crossed the slopes of High Street and finally to the shores of Ullswater and Patterdale. Stayed the night back in

comfort of Glanridding Youth Hostel (site of the old smelting works at Greenside mine). The Youth Hostel was busy, so I was glad to get back to the peace of the hills on the eleventh day.

My route was over the top of Catchedicam and the scramble of 'Swirral Edge to Lakelands' most popular summit of Helliwell, at 3,118 feet - the highest point of the walk. Glorious views of all the Lake District hills, then a descent by the easy route to Low Man and the pony track to Thirlspot and final resting abode of Thirlmere Youth Hostel at the head of the Vale of St Johns (not my favourite Youth Hostel). Twelfth day, round the shores of Thirlmere Reservoir and high level path over Armboth Fell to the hamlet of Watendlath, from the tarn, the pony track and descent to the lovely valley of Borrowdale and the village of Rosthwaite. Still the weather was perfect as I brewed a cuppa by the shores of the River Derwent. I lazed in the sun for a spell before tackling the slopes up to Lobstone Band and Dalehead Tarn. It seemed almost a crime to leave this high level haven but my final goal was Honister Pass, where I enjoyed a great night's stay at the newly rebuilt Youth Hostel, nestling under the shadow of Honister Crag. It had been 35 years since I had stayed the night here. John the warden really made me welcome, for he was not even born when I last stayed here. Great memories of Great Gable and Black Sail Youth Hostel. Thirteenth day started the long homeward journey, descent back to Rosthwaite via the old toll road and Seatoller. Then to the hamlet of Stonethwaite, branch off under Eagle Crag into the hidden glen of Langstrath Beck. Scenery of a high order on the long slog up to Anglet Tarn - from here skirted the summit of Esk Pike and the steep line of Ewer Gap. The giants of Great End and the Scafell range were a magnificent sight. The descent into

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lonely Mosedale and under the bulk of Bow Fell was slow progress. Finally, Cockley Beck Farm and the head of the Duddon Valley came into view. Here I stayed the night at the rather basic Black Hall Farm Youth Hostel, having only met 2 people all day. Fourteenth day, tackled the Conistone range of mountains - first summit, Grey Friars at 2,537 feet, then onto Carrs, scene of a tragic Halifax bomber air crash, October 1944 - loss of all 8 crew, still plenty of wreckage strewn around.

The next summit was Swirl Howe at 2,630 feet, then Brim Fell with the Old Man of Conistone at 2,633 feet - the once highest mountain in Lancashire, before the daft boundary changes calling the whole region Cumbria. Coming down the Old Man, I tripped over a boulder and gashed my knee, so looked like a wounded warrior, whilst walking around the shores of Conistone Lake. Spent a few minutes around the popular delights of Tarn Hows, before heading away from the traffic and across the lanes to Hawkshead and the large mansion house converted to a Youth Hostel, close to the shores of Esthwaite Water. The hostel was packed with school parties, but the warden gave me VIP treatment - highly recommended. Fifteenth day - headed for the Windermere ferry to Bowness, and was not relishing the long haul to Kendal. I had only strolled one mile from Bowness when a motorist offered me a lift to the outskirts of Kendal - gratefully accepted. After a hot-dog butty on the Kirby Lonsdale road, I was soon on my trek towards Ingleton and the Dales. Using part of the old railway track as a route to Ingleton Youth Hostel, where to my surprise on a Friday night I was the only visitor - once again VIP treatment.

16th day - field paths to Austwick and Clapham, Stainforth in Ribblesdale, Mastiles Lane and route to Malham Youth Hostel - always a lively Saturday night in

this village - popular youth hostel. The 17th day - headed south along the Pennine Way route to final resting place at Earby Yough Hostle, near Skipton. 18th day - the weather changed to the first spell of rain crossing the Bronte country - in the afternoon the sun broke through and the long haul to Mankinholes Youth Hostle, below Stoodley Pike. My boots were now in a sorry state. The lady warden passed them on to the odd-job youth who helped out at busy times. She gave me a super breakfast for the next stage, homeward-bound.

19th day - got an early start for a hard day of some 27 miles to Crowden in Longdendale. Raining again - tough going across Blackstone Edge, but at least travelling lighter. The rain ceased and the fresh breeze soon dried my clothing. The final leg was down Little Crowden Brook, passing the site of the two Meteor Jet aircraft that crashed in 1951 on Sliddens Moss. Arrived at the Crowden Youth Hostel too late for meal provided, so had to buy provisions and cook my own supper.

20th, and final, day : after a good breakfast headed straight for the wilds of Bleaklow via Wildboar Clough, Bleaklow Stones and familiar terrain of the West End River into the upper Derwent valley. Never saw a soul until I was down in the valley adjacent to Howden Reservoir. This was my lucky day - met a keen birdwatcher who was returning home to the Fulwood area, so he offered me a lift by car - so I cheated on the final leg - for I had intended a last night at Hathersage Youth Hostel. He dropped me off at Ringinglow, where I finally completed the journey home via Houndkirk and Blackmoor.

Lost a stone in weight after this marathon trip - doubt if I could ever repeat this performance, but an adventure never to be forgotten.

John C. Barrows

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FARMING SCENE

What, a cold month April has been. Very little plant growth has occurred as air frost and cold soil temperatures have persuaded everything that winter is still with us. Most plants will not grow unless the temperature exceeds 42 degrees farenheight (5 degrees centigrade), while many "warm climate" plants like potatoes and tomatoes require a minimum of 12 deg. centigrade to make real growth.

Our Gooseberries and Blackcurrants are just beginning to look "green" in the rows, but everything else is still nearly dormant. A late start to fruit picking looks inevitable. The cold winter has done a lot of good killing all the annual weeds along with many pests including most aphids (greenfly etc.) while drastically reducing disease carry-over from last year.

Our sheep have nearly finished lambing now, with only seven ewelams to go. These will probably not finish until well into May. All the sheep that have lambed are now back out in the fields, although there is little grass for them to eat, so we are still feeding them on hay and high protein pellets.

Much has been said about the current B.S.E. scare so I will not bore you with any more propaganda. Suffice it to say that most farmers recognise that the politicians have made a right hash about, and talking bull, they have turned a problem into a mass slaughter disaster, while leaving the heart of the food industry on the horns of a dilemma, consumers in a stew and farmers jointly in the oxtail soup!! The treasury is bellyaching about the cost, while a rump of Euro Sceptics are roasting the E.U. and calling for us to abandon our steak

in Europe. The public is trying to fillet the truth from the H. bones while turning liverish when faced by a Beefburger.

There must be a silver side to this story, perhaps when we get topside of this problem we shall have the brains to ensure it does not happen z n udder time!

When we have developed a thick flank to protect us from the tripe the media faggots churn out, we will be able to sit down to a veal and kidney pie with calves foot jelly and rib one another about this tail!

Yes, it is a very tongue in cheek response to a serious situation, directly affecting up to 600,000 people employed in the food industry, as well as all consumers.

Edwin Pocock

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GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

Did you know that 1996 is the year of the tomato? It has been so designated to mark the 400th Anniversary of the introduction of this most popular fruit (or vegetable). If you grow yours from seed they should be planted now unless you have already planted them - in that case you will have had to keep them warm during the cold spells we have had. I am growing three varieties this year (one catalogue lists 22) - Gardener's Delight, Shirley and Sungold. Sungold is my favourite - it's really sweet and full of flavour and ripens quite early. I am looking forward to the first one already - there is a lot to do before then, however.

FLOWERS Prepare beds for Summer bedding whilst hardening off the plants. Give plants which are growing fast, such as delphiniums, hollyhocks etc., a dressing of fertiliser or liquid feed. Plant dahlia tubers outdoors. Cover them with 8 cm (3") of soil - make sure you mark the spot. Protect any shoots from late frosts.

Sow hardy and half hardy plants if you want a show in early Autumn, the seeds should be broadcast where the plants are to flower and covered lightly with soil. Stake, tie and train sweet peas and keep them well mulched throughout their growth. Dead-head bulbs which have finished flowering. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants, such as phlox, michaelmas daisy and golden rod, to ensure bushyness. Don't overdo this as it may delay the flowering too long. Watch out for slugs and snails and deal with them, especially around young growing shoots.

Get window boxes and hanging baskets ready. Plant them up if you have space indoors - otherwise wait a week or two until chances of frost are past, or make a temporary shelter for them, bringing them out in the daytime. Don't forget to water all newly set out plants. Watch out for greenfly - eradicate as soon as you see them - they reproduce at an alarming rate and can devastate a young plant in a few days.

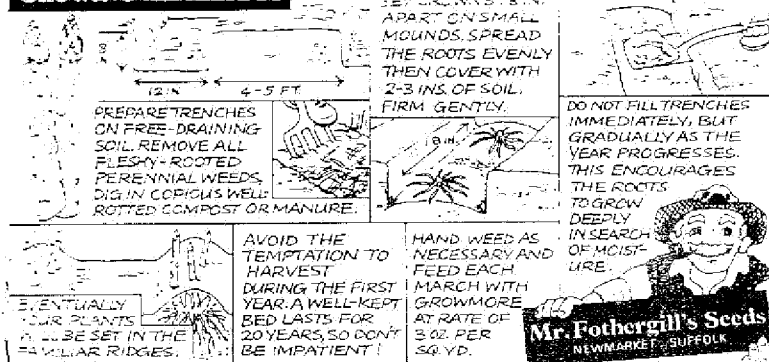
VEGETABLES Earth-up potatoes; give support to peas and beans. Prepare mounds for marrows, pumpkin and squash. I grow my marrow in rich compost placed between two bales of straw, this keeps them moist and off the ground away from too many slugs and is nice and clean for the marrow to rest on. If you are growing outdoor tomatoes this year, prepare the ground now - they need a good rich soil. Plant out winter greens as soon as they are hardened off. Sow dwarf beans, main crop beetroot, sweetcorn etc. Thin out vegetables sown earlier, such as carrots and parsnips. These are best grown under a tent of fleece if you have had trouble

with carrot-fly, as I have. Sow runner beans outdoors. From now on make successional sowings of salads - lettuce, salad onions, radish, leaf chicory and also parsley. Plant up your herb garden: increase your plants by dividing or cuttings.

TREES, SHRUBS AND FRUIT As before, keep all newly-planted specimens well-watered. Give all fruit a good feed when the buds start to swell up. Tie-in new growth of blackberry and loganberry. Prune overcrowded raspberry canes and then mulch. Watch out for aphid and caterpillar on gooseberries and deal with them as soon as possible by spraying or dusting. The same applies to blackcurrants. Clean straw can be put round strawberries - make sure it is well tucked underneath the plants: you could use black polythene as an alternative. Remove all 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 heathers after flowering. Water azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, wisteria and hydrangeas with some sequestrene plant tonic. Complete the planting of container-grown roses, heathers, clematis, etc. Prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria, willows and dogwood as soon as they have finished flowering. Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS Liquid feed and water flowering and fruiting plants, including any which have been in their pots for more than a month. Shade most plants from strong sunlight and ventilate well. Pinch back any straggly shoots on pot plants. Pot-on spring-rooted pelargoniums and other greenhouse plants. Allow nerines, arums, freesias to rest by gradually reducing the amount of water given. Feed, disbud and pollinate tomatoes. Train and feed melons and cucumber. Sow cinerarias if you want to have plants in December. Pot begonias, gloxinias and streptocarpus. Greenhouse primulas sown in April will need to be pricked-

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off into other boxes or seed trays, water them well and place them in a sheltered frame. Harden-off bedding plants - watch the weather and protect from frost. Feed tuberous begonias as pots fill with roots. Time to think about shading as the sun gets stronger. Although the weather (hopefully) is getting warmer at this time, clear frosty nights can follow warm days so watch out for these variable conditions.

LAWNS Feed established lawns and treat for weeds. Keep new lawns well-watered. Top-dress joints in new turf. Set your mower high for the first few cuts. That should keep you busy for a while!

Cheerio for now -
TOM, BUSY-BEE.

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An afternoon of entertainment is planned to mark the anniversary of last year's event. There will be music - the first half of the programme will be given by the City of Sheffield Youth Band - and drama, speakers and separate activities for the children. Come along and join in the festivities. Bring a picnic and folding chairs/ground sheets to relax on the grass. (If wet, the event will be held at Totley Rise Methodist Church, commencing at 3.00 p.m.)

The theme will continue under the title "PENTECOST '96 - MEET JESUS". More details will appear in posters nearer the date. All are cordially invited to come along and celebrate.

Richard Lamb - Chairman, Churches Together in S17.

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THANK YOU.

I would like to thank the ladies who came along to the Totley Clean-up on Sunday, 14th April, 1996, also the gentleman and his small son, who brought his small sweeping brush. The area was cleaned from the War Memorial, down Baslow Road to Totley Rise and the shops and the whole area looked very much as it should be - CLEAN!

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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

"I have not seen you lately" said my friendly sheep. "I suppose that you have been away again". I had to admit it and to add how grand it was to be back in our own familiar surroundings again. There is always the thought about holidays that a change is as good as a rest, and to enjoy and explore some new district. The sheep continued "I have often said to you that I cannot understand how you manage to find any pleasure in rushing madly somewhere the other side of the globe". "You do not understand", I had to explain. "There is an aspect of our modern everyday life which does cause strain now and then and there is a feeling of 'getting away from it all' for a short space of time. Very often one can relax whilst someone else does the cooking, makes the bed and the other chores whilst one can appreciate the luxury of idleness". The sheep shook her head again. "You are off again. You cause your own strain by your mad rushing here and there. You do not see me and my friends rushing about in a frenzy. We take life nice and easily. If a change is necessary Mr. Pocock will take us slowly along to another field. Now tell me honestly, do you enjoy waiting at airports, finding disreputable half-finished hotels and coming home with a funny tummy?" "Not at all" I had to say. "You have been listening to too many horror stories of crowded beaches and sunburned backs, and most of us do have a nice quiet relaxing holiday. Although I cannot really see you going abroad, I imagine the Customs people would look suspiciously at your passport and even a railway ticket might cause a little difficulty. You are right, you must stick to the fields". "I do have to admit" I went on "that packing is a bit of a worry of how much to take, how much



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one can carry and you finish up with everything packed except the kitchen sink. I do remember that there was one couple who had packed everything that they could lay their hands on and they struggled to the airport. As they stood surrounded by their luggage, the husband said "We seem to have got everything, but I wish we had brought the piano". "Don't be silly, why should we want that?" asked the wife. "Because" said the husband "our airplane tickets are on top of it" !

Harry Kelham

THE CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

Following the success of our Christmas Coffee Day, we are holding a Grand Spring Coffee Morning at Heatherfield Conservative Club, Baslow Road, Totley on

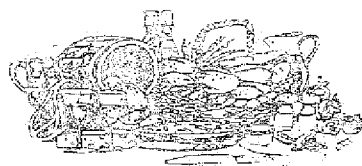
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SLIDING UP THE HILL

As I mentioned in the April edition, I gain a lot of pleasure in giving slide shows to various old people's homes, church fellowships etc., and it seems that they do also, as I get invitations to return. I don't charge, though if a group is sufficiently affluent, I gladly take a small donation for Christian Aid.

I worship at St. Gabriel's Church, Greystones. Like many churches, we have been faced with considerable costs in repairing and redeveloping the building. After the first shock of the huge sum of cash required, we realised that other church fellowships had faced such challenges and had come through. I for one had heard of the wonderful effort made recently by Totley Rise Methodist Church under similar circumstances. I took part in the sponsored hymn singing there and was impressed by the quality of what had been done.

So we rolled up our sleeves and gave until it hurt. The Lord blessed us and an amazing sum was, and is, being given. But more was still needed and in different ways money-raising efforts were organised. Mine was to give a monthly programme of slides, similar to that which I gave for Transport 17 on the 20th April, on Sunday afternoons. Again I make no charge, but donations made at the meeting have so far raised £400 for which I am grateful.

There are two actual programmes at these events, divided by time for the inevitable cuppa. One is of some aspect of the Peak District of Sheffield, of visits to Scotland, to Wales or to Norway, of flowers, or of themes such as bridges or castles. The other usually has a taped background of music or, music and poetry (a welcome change from the audience having to hear my voice all

the time!, with slides of history, or scenery, or illustrations appropriate to the music of the various featured composers.

The numbers coming are not large but my friends keep coming for more. I'm not writing this to gain more customers, but if anyone who enjoyed my Transport 17 show would like to see another, there is one due on Sunday 12th May at 2.30p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, Dobbin Hill (the lower door at the right side of the building). Dobbin Hill is the fourth road on the left as you climb Greystones Road from Ecclesall Road. The 83 bus goes up the hill. The church is at the very bottom as you turn the corner. The programme will be 'A bouquet for Chopin' (his more popular music each with its own flowers) and 'Heads I Win, Tails You Lose' (views of and from Win Hill and Lose Hill).

Jack Cartledge.

COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS

This event will be held on Saturday June 8th at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Apart from the Cakes and Plant Stalls, there will be Bric-a-Brac and books on sale. Proceeds are in aid of Transport 17. Obviously we shall be grateful for any contributions to the stalls. If these require picking up please 'phone 236 7176. What we want most of course is your presence on the morning which has always been a pleasant social occasion. We are hoping that the sun will shine this year unlike last, when we had to repair to the Conservative Club.

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THE LIFE OF A HARASSED MUM, CONTINUED.

Yes, it is morning, no it's not the weekend. I hear myself repeating familiar words - "You'll be late, hurry up, the bus will have gone". Now here they come, who'll get to the bathroom first, it's OK, I've learnt, I don't wake them until I've finished in there. "I wanted bacon, where are the branflakes, I put the kettle on for me!" Sure sign that they're up. "Mum" I hear (oh, so I am needed) "where are my jeans?, what, not ironed, please mum or I'll be late". "How long is he going to be in that bathroom, what is he doing?" Just when I thought that the refereeing skills I learnt watching school football had been filed away, they are needed. The rattle of the letterbox has them sprinting to the door; who has the most fan mail! "Is the one from B.T. here?" I call, I should guess - when it is, they leave earlier than usual promising never to use the 'phone again.

By now you've probably guessed that my offspring are of the teenage era. The article last month reminded me of our playgroup days - the rushing about, the quick chat and a coffee, the paint, the glue and the friends. Now it's make-up, car oil and 'music'! Those late nights and early mornings still occur, now it's me who wakes up early and cries - "what time is it, are they in yet?" When they are in I'm the one who goes to bed first. My children made lots of friends at playgroup, some of them call round even now. I know when they've been, I go to the cupboard remembering what I want only to find if it's edible, it's probably gone. Sometimes I find out 'whodunit', when they crawl down for more next morning.

The world is still upside-down, the house in total disarray (you should see their bedrooms) but who cares, they grow up quick, don't they!

Diane Wilkinson

P.S. I was admission clerk at Acorn Playgroup, then the United Reformed Playgroup, the first time 'Playgroup of the Year' was won. Congratulations, well done to you all, keep up the good work.

SCOUT NEWS

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

As from 24th April, Beavers will meet on Wednesday evenings, same time 6.15 to 7.15. New members are welcome, please contact the Beaver Leader, Ruth Godbehere, 236 5976.

Following last Christmas' Scout post, cheques totalling £11,750 have been presented to local charities. This makes a total of £110,980 since the scheme began, in addition to; the money also earned directly by the many Scout Groups throughout the city.

Pete Stevenson, who originally conceived the scheme and has master-minded it since 1981 was given a presentation, as 1995 was his last year in charge.

Many thanks to all those who help in the scheme and to those who use its facility. Watch this space for Christmas 1996.

Sunday 21st April saw the annual St. George's Day Parade in Sheffield City centre, attended by thousands of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Our Group joined the District Service in the Cathedral after the March Past outside the City Hall.

Now Easter is behind us and the daylight is getting longer and hopefully the weather getting better, all the sections are looking forward to being outdoors for various camps, expeditions and outings.

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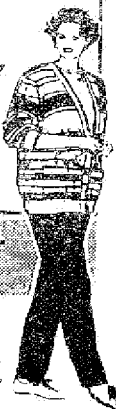
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Blessing 11 am 6 May
- 16- 22 Tissington (on A515)
Blessing 11 am 16 May
- 18- 20 Etwall (on A516 nr Derby)
Blessing 12 noon 18 May
- 25- 27 Endon (on A53 Leek - Hanley Road)
Blessing 1.30 pm 25 May
- 25- 28 Brackenfield nr Ogston Reservoir
- 25- 28 Chester Green (Derby)
Blessing 2 pm 25 May
- 25- 31 Wirksworth
Blessing 11 am 25 May
- 25- 31 Middleton-by-Youlgreave
Blessing 6.30 pm 26 May
- 25- 1 Monyash
Blessing 2.15 pm 25 May
- 25- 1 Over Haddon (nr Bakewell)
Blessing To be advised

JUNE

- 1 - 9 Ashford-in-the-Water
Blessing 3 pm 2 June
- 9 - 15 Marston Montgomery (nr Uttoxeter)
Blessing 1.30 pm 9 June
- 9 - 16 Penistone (off A629)
Blessing 2 pm 9 June
- 15- 16 Palterton (nr Junction 29 M1)
Blessing 10 am 15 June
- 15- 22 Mayfield (nr Ashbourne)
Blessing 11 am 15 June
- 21- 27 Ripley (nr Alfreton)
Blessing 2.30 pm 21 June
- 22- 27 Youlgreave
Blessing 2.30 pm 22 June
- 22- 28 Old Whittington nr Chesterfield
Blessing 7 pm 21 June
- 22- 30 Tideswell
Blessing 3 pm 22 June
- 22- 30 Litton near Tideswell
Blessing 3.15 pm 23 June

- 28- 30 Elmton near Creswell
Blessing 2 pm 29 June
- 29- 4 Rowsley, A6 Bakewell-Matlock Rd.
Blessing 10.30 am 30 June
- 29 - 6 Hope
Blessing 7 pm 30 June
- 29 - 7 St Werburgh's Nsing Home, Spondon
Blessing 11 am 29 June
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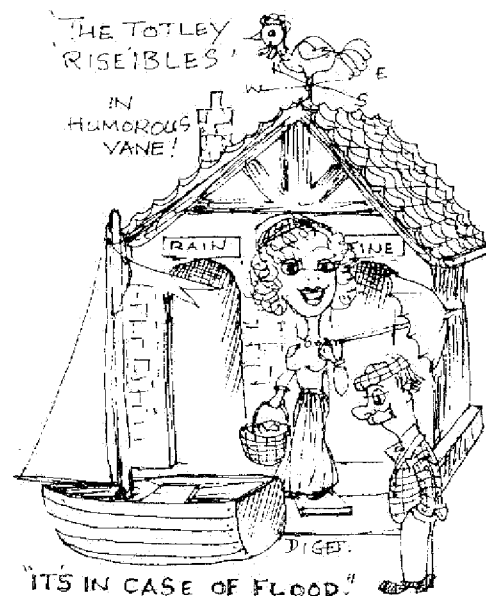
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JUNE

- 16- 21 Litton, from 10 am (Mrs Turner
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