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UNITARY DEVELOPEMENT PLAN – IS TOTLEY'S GREEN BELT SECURE?

In a recent conversation with the Planning Department, I was told that the Department of the Environment's report on Sheffield's UDP is expected in October. Once the report has been to committee, it will be available to the public. As far as Totley residents are concerned, the main item which may affect us is the possible loss of Green Belt land in the Totley Hall Lane area for development, notably fields belonging to Hall Lane Farm for housing and the playing field belonging to Hallam University also for housing. Over

the last few years many residents have done everything possible within the framework of planning law to object to this threat. I hope that the DoE Inspector will agree to the council's recommendations that these fields stay within the Green Belt. If the Inspector asks Sheffield to allocate some Green Belt land for housing, it is thought that other Green Belt sites which do not have the same scenic quality as Totley's will be considered in the first instance. Watch the local press in the autumn.

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TOTLEY HALL LANE & STOCKS GREEN DRIVE

Notwithstanding the UDP issue, there are still matters affecting the Totley Hall Lane and Stocks Green Drive area. Hallam University's Lowfield and Highfield sites are definitely going to be transformed in the near future. It is thought that a planning application for housing is imminent. With the prospect of this new development in sight, two questions spring to mind; firstly, will Stocks Green Drive be opened up to cater for the access requirements of the new development? It seems, unfortunately, an option that the road will extend and cross over Hall Lane Farm's track and then cut into the Hallam site to make Stocks Green Drive either a through road or else a much longer cul-de-sac. The reason why this might be an option is that Totley Hall Lane is within a conservation area and it is too narrow to take all the extra traffic generated by both sites. Widening the lane would be fraught with both practical and environmental difficulties. The second question is, what will the density of housing be? Obviously, the greater the density, the greater the impact it will have on all residents in the immediate vicinity. This is an issue which residents can try to influence as part of the planning objection process. Please note; at the time of submitting this item for publication (July) no planning application had been received. Be vigilant though if you feel strongly about this issue.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

As if all this wasn't enough to keep us on our toes throughout the autumn, I groaned when I heard that once again the current UDP is established,

the whole process starts all over again! Yes folks, the next plan will need to be drawn up to take effect from 2001. I could start developing a specific form of neurosis, or siege mentality as a result of this. The symptoms might include having a chronic compulsion to challenge every stranger seen lurking in a smart car with a map spread across the dashboard. It used to be the house burglar who posed the greatest threat, but for some of us at this end of Totley, the biggest threat comes in the form of the sharp suited developer with yet another plan up his designer sleeve and f signs in his eyes. They'll never give up when they have so much to gain - and neither should we - as we have so much to lose.

Katie Bramall,
Hall Lane Farm, Totley.

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The small amount of profit it makes each issue, goes into the Totley Residents Association funds which in turn give donations to local charities and help towards the annual events it organises such as the Library Talks, Senior Citizens Christmas concert, Totley Show and Totley Sports day etc.

We do therefore rely very much on our advertisers for revenue but unfortunately we are let down by non payment from a few and are still awaiting payments from three who may be named in the next issue.

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2	50m. Girls 5/7	Lucy Smith	Georgina Higgins	Frances Belcher
3	50m. Boys 5/7	Ben Steel	Michael Hibberd	Thomas Neal
4	40m. Mixed Wheelbarrow 15yrs./under	Emma Marley	Sarah Marley	Michael Laycock
		Rosanne Moore	Nicola Allum	Howard Pearson
5	40m, Open Wheelbarrow	Emma Hayes	Emma Marley	Fraser Gormanly
		Derek Baxby	Rosanne Moore	David Walker
6	60m. Girls 8/10	Nicola Allum	Jennifer Booth	Justine Baxby
7	60m. Boys 8/10	John Lawton	Mark Hardwick	Kamuran Ezel
8	50m. Mixed 15yrs/under 3 Legged	Carli Burnham	Naomi Allum	Adam Walker Laren Belcher JOINT 3rd.
		Charlie Barber	Emma Marley	Tebijah Brown Jodi Smith
9	60m. Open Mix. Pairs, Three Legged	Emma Marley	Julie Reid	Fraser Gormanly
		Naomi Allum	Alister Reid	Amy Wood
10	1LapGirls, 11/13	Nicola Allum	Naomi Allum	Lauren Belcher
11	1 Lap Boys 11/13	Dominic Willis	Nick Millington	Matthew Smith
12	Mums 60m.	Beth Booth	Amanda Hardwick	
13	Dads 60m.	Alistair Reid	Geoff Steel	Cliff Belcher
14	One Lap Age 15 to 20	Guys Adam Everson	Stephen Mould	Paul Savage
		Dolls Lauren Belcher	Nicola Allum	Emma Marley
15	Marafun 3 Laps 15 Under	Boys Nick Millington	Dominic Willis	Michael Laycock
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Welcome to the last quarter of 1996 and our diary of fund raising events. As I have said before, some of these are run by us and some by our supporters. Their help is very much appreciated. We are totally committed to getting our passengers out and about to their lunch and social clubs and other do's which we hope they will enjoy. We try to make our fund raising interesting and sociable. Everyone is welcome. Did you know that also that for £1 you can become a shareholder in Transport 17?

Saturday 7 September

Totley Show - we have a stall at this event at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

Many people work very hard in organising this show. I know as an 'incomer' that there are many gardeners, artists and good cooks in Totley. Why not enter something?

Saturday 14 September

'Combined Clubs' Coffee Morning at United Reformed Church from 10 am 'til Noon.

Saturday 21 September

'Afternoon Teas' at Ashcroft, Hillfoot Road, from 2 pm. Tickets cost £2 - stalls & raffle

Friday 27 September

Ladies Fashion Show/Sale 7.30 pm St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road.

The organisers are a National Company who travel all over the country giving shows to schools and other fund raisers. They come highly recommended. The clothes are modelled by the Company's own models and the items sell for around one third of the shop price. Many items are under £10 and coats and jackets are the most expensive items at £20-£25. Clothes must be paid for on the night but the company does accept cheques and major credit cards as well as cash! Clothes may be tried on prior to purchase. The clothes are not seconds

and are available in a range of sizes. There are no children's clothes available, but some styles may appeal to teenagers.

We are committed to selling 100 tickets, otherwise the show may have to be cancelled and we would incur a financial penalty.

Tickets are £2.50 each which includes a glass of wine or orange on arrival as well as coffee or tea and biscuits at the end. Please bring your family and friends along and make it an enjoyable evening. Ring 2362962 for tickets or ask any of the T17 personnel. Transport can be arranged at a small extra cost but this must be booked as soon as possible.

Saturday 30 November

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at Irene and Colin's. More details nearer the time.

We are always in need of bric-a-brac (not Jumble), cakes, books, plants and gifts to be used for raffles.

May I thank you in advance for coming to our events and also for the donations of time and money which we have received and hopefully will continue to receive throughout the year.

God bless,

Margaret Barlow

The story is told of a country postman who a little while ago enjoyed his first holiday with pay.

When he went back to work he was asked what he had done during his holiday, and he replied "Well, the first day I pulled my onions, and the next day I dug up my taters, and all the other days I thought the new postman seemed a bit lonely, so I went with him on his rounds to keep him company."

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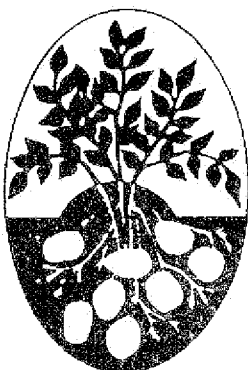
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Now the picture has been published in a limited edition of original prints, each signed by the artist.

This is not the first time Brian has produced a montage of views of a subject. "In the past it has tended to be private houses, with a number of interesting aspects or features which mean something special to the owner and which can't be captured in one view. With so much to see at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, it lends itself very well to this sort of treatment".

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet is a restored 18th and 19th Century scythe and steelworks, with working water wheels, a unique Crucible Steel furnace, Workman's Cottage and Victorian Manager's House.

Mounted and framed prints are now available either from the Gift Shop at Abbeydale Hamlet or direct from the artist, price £49.95

For further information contact Brian Smith Tel 0114 2747339 or Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet Tel 0114 2367731.

TOTLEY SHOW, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7th.

Totley rise Methodist Church Hall
10-30am. Entry registration
12-30pm. Judging & presentation of certificates.
2-00pm. Doors open to the public.
3-30pm. Auction of donated items.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ethel Beeton, formerly of Mickley Lane.

Ethel who was Totley Residents Association's Secretary for several years died 5th. July 1996 aged 87 years.

Ethel always enjoyed life playing scrabble and cards, she also loved to dance, but her greatest joy was walking and could often be seen, even in her seventies wearing her boots, red jacket and her rucksack on her back. When Ethel reached her 80th. birthday she told me she was going to re-think her life for the future, but it was not to be, for in her early eighties she suffered a severe stroke and spent the last few years of her life in Greystones Hall Rest Home. Ethel's funeral took place July 19th. at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium and the service was conducted by Mr. Maurice Snowden, from All Saints Church, Totley, who is the Totley Residents Association's Treasurer. Ethel was a good friend.

Mrs. Joan Willoughby

Joan who died suddenly August 1996 aged 62 years while in Hospital, became a member of the Totley Residents Association after the Totley Tenants section ceased to function. Joan was very community minded and enjoyed meeting people. Her funeral was held Thursday 22nd. August 1996 at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, she will be sadly missed.

Margaret Coldwell

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.

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THE NANTLLE RIDGE WALK

I really enjoyed Mr. Railton Holden's article Italian Rhapsody, it brought back old memories around the Naples area. Whilst awaiting a posting to Austria I spent time at a transit camp in southern Italy and did a spot of exploring around the ruins of Pompeii. Plus the sight of Mount Vesuvius drew me like a magnet to its summit. The local Mountain guide had just taken a party to the boiling rim when he spotted my lone figure. Strong words came forth about ascending the slopes without a guide but when he saw my tricouni nailed boots he was rather envious and enquired could I get him a pair. The crater of Vesuvius was most impressive but the scree slopes reminded me of a giant pit coal slag heap.

I thank you for the kind words as a dedicated hill walker, but alas no longer the case for the old legs have given trouble, just about 4 miles is about the limit. The spirit is still willing and the great days on the hills will always be treasured.

Let us sample one great ridge walk in North Wales, the late celebrated mountaineer Frank Smythe classed the Nantlle hills as the finest ridge walk in Snowdonia. So the next time you take a holiday around the Caernarvon and Bangor area try this classy ridge walk of about 10 miles.

Starting from the hamlet of Rhyd-ddu, situated along the Caernarvon to Beddgelert Road and nestling under the foot of Mount Snowdon and finish the trek at Tal-y-sarn near Pen-y-Groes.

Tackle these hills only if you are fit. Ordnance survey map and compass essential. Organise transport or local Crossville bus service and allow at least 7 hours for the trip, so on with the walk.

After leaving the Cwellyn Arms Inn at Rhydd-ddu footpath sign past Drwsycoed Uchaf Farm to ascend well marked track to the first summit of Y-Garn at 2080 feet. (There is another mountain of the same name above the Llanberis Pass).

Next scramble a delicate line of rocks known as 'Piles of Stones' to Clogwyn Marchnad and the fluted escarpment of Myneydd Drws-y-Coed. These airy heights give views unsurpassed of the Snowdonia range of hills.

Our next summit is Trum-y-ddsgl 2329 feet with its huge stone tower dominating the sky line. We march across

grassy slopes to Mynydd Tal-y-Mignedd at 2148 feet.

Then a steep scramble across Craig Pennant to the gem of the entire walk and the highest point, the whale back top of Craig-Cwm-Silyn 2408 feet. This mountain played an important role in the actual formation of the early days of the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service with several aircraft crashing in the area.

In their wisdom the Air Ministry had a warning transmitter placed on the summit during the war years. These beacons were known in R.A.F. slang as "Squeakers". I climbed to this summit more times than any other mountain with heavy batteries during those days. But never a dull yard for we would approach the mountain plateau often via different gully routes.

Pause to gaze into the valley dominated by the twin lakes of Llynau Cwm Silyn and the magnificent crag of the "Great Slab". Here are some of the classic rock climbs in North Wales. Not so well known as Igwen and Snowdon but just as important.

There is an easy slope now to our final summit at Larnedd-coch 2301 feet before we descend the moorland path to our left and the long slope to Maen-llwyd farmsteads. Then further tracks through disused slate quarry areas towards the Nantlle valley, note the imposing waters of Llyn Cwmdulyn (reservoir) as we descend the last slopes.

To end a great day on these fine hills with maybe a well earned pint at the "Victoria Arms" in Pen-y-Groes.

Wish I could repeat this walk just once more.

John J Barrows

INVITATION TO WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP

September sees the start of the new programme of Tolly Rise Methodist Wednesday Friendship which meets at 8 pm. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall.

The meetings are open to all and a warm invitation is extended to anyone in the community who is free to come along, either occasionally or regularly.

At the first meeting, on September 11th., Cllr. David Heslop will talk about his year as Lord Mayor, whilst on September 25TH. the subject will be "Hospital Chaplaincy" by Rev. Peter Edwards.

THANKS

As we gathered yet another margarine-tub's-worth of fresh raspberries and looked forward to their being "sugared and creamed" and surrounded by apple trees, runner beans and potatoes, our thoughts turned - - - "How well provided for we are!"

Though we are frequently reminded on our T.V. sets of famine and starvation in other parts of the world - here, in the British Isles, God is good to us! Though the birds may take more than their fair share of the rasps, codling moths spoil some of the apples and the runner beans suffer from bud-drop, seed-time and harvest do not fail! It is easy, in these mechanised days, to forget that, day in and day out, farmers are providing our food - milk to drink and dairy products to eat, meat for the dinner-plate; market gardeners produce vegetables and fruit; fishermen trawl the seas - all for our "good".

In giving thanks to them for their daily work and our "daily bread", we remember those countless workers abroad who grow (more) wheat, maize for our cornflakes, peaches and pineapples for our fruit salad, oranges for our vitamin C - and all the necessary and exotic and out-of-season goodies to tempt our palates.

We should remember to give thanks to all those who transport our food - from humble bread-van's driver to mighty cargo-vessel's captain. And...what about the shop-keepers?

Take the opportunity of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the local Churches to say "Thank you" to those who grow, gather, farm, fish, harvest or transport our food - and "Thank you" to God, the Creator of this wonderful world and Provider for His Creation.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

(in chronological order) are :-

September 29th at All Saints' Church, Totley.

September 29th at Dore Methodist Church.

October 6th at United Reformed and Totley Rise Methodist Churches and at the Dore & Totley Christian Fellowship (House Church).

October 13th at St. John's, Abbeydale and Christ Church, Dore.

Details of times of Services obtainable from each Church.

The Roman Catholic Church of the English Martyrs, because of their new Service arrangements, will not be holding a Harvest Thanksgiving at Baslow Road.

Judith and Rupert Norris

Churches Together in S17.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

The water shortage has certainly affected the gardens; apart from a very rare shower or two and the odd thunderstorm, the garden has been really parched despite the carrying of gallons of water to the veg patch and my favourite flowers.

I'm afraid the show bench at the show will not have as large specimens as before, but I'm sure they will be well worth a visit and if you are thinking of participating bear in mind we have all had the same growing conditions to contend with so that shorter carrots or lighter marrows might still win a prize, and there might well be some funny shaped vegetables for the children to make their vegetable animals from. I certainly look forward to seeing them so please encourage them to put forward an entry; aged up to 7 can enter. The 7's and over can enter a sketch or painting, the art section last year was really good, we have a real wealth of talent in Totley. I look forward to seeing you all there (it's at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall).

FLOWERS

Keep up with the dead heading of flowers as this prevents moulds from forming and spoiling later flowers. Take some cuttings of lavender now, they root quite easily outdoors in a sheltered spot. Put them in a shallow trench to which plenty of sharp sand has been added.

Reduce the growth of herbaceous plants which have finished flowering, don't overdo it though, stake up plants that might be in danger of rocking or breaking when the winds pick up. Take cuttings from violas, insert non-flowering shoots in a sandy soil and put them in the cold frame. In fact there are lots of plant which can be propagated this way, penstemon, calceolaria, honeysuckle, potentilla, weigela etc, etc.

Winter flowering pansies may be producing a few flowers by now, if they are, it will pay off later to nip these flowers off now - the plants will be stronger before the winter sets in. Plant hardy primula plants, they will make better plants prior to winter. Plant out bulbs and corms and tubers in beds and borders to flower next spring.

September is the month when mildew can be a real nuisance, try to deal with it as soon as it is seen; a good fungicide will help. Pot up hyacinths, tulips, narcissi for forcing, keep them as cool as possible 48 deg (9 deg C) for the first 8 - 12 weeks, this can be achieved by covering them with 3 - 4 inches of moist peat in a sheltered north facing corner, if the pots are not drained, they should be kept covered from rain etc. Towards the end of the month pot up geranium, fuchsia, begonias which were outdoors etc., which you want to protect over winter, this must be done before the first frosts.

VEGETABLES

Gather french and runner beans regularly, never leave any pods on the plants to become old and stringy unless they are required for seed (or you're entering the longest runner bean at the show). Earth up celery a little at a time. Prepare ground ready for planting Spring cabbage later in the month. Marrows can be stored if there are too many for immediate use, hang them in nets or old nylons in a frost free but cool place. I put collars around my leeks at this time to help the blanching process, I find it cleaner than earthing them up, though a little earthing on the outside of the collar helps to keep them stable.

When the stem of main crop potatoes is set that is it cannot be easily rubbed off by pressure with the thumb; this is a sign that they are ready for lifting. Keep a weather eye out for warnings of frost so that outdoor tomatoes and marrows can be picked before they are ruined. Lift some parsley seedlings, transplant them into a frame in good soil, they will provide pickings throughout the winter if you use the lights to protect from frost.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT

Dead heading is the order of the day especially for roses, you should get a late flush of flowers if you have kept up with the job. Prepare ground ready for planting evergreens, heathers and conifers. Always keep newly planted trees & shrubs well watered. Give new conifers a treat by syringing them on warm, dry, windy days.

Take cuttings of shrubs and climbers, root in a cold frame or indoors. Cover autumn fruiting strawberries with cloches. Prepare your storage area for apples and pears in a

cool, airy place. Place grease bands round fruit trees especially apples. Unwanted laterals should be removed from peaches and nectarines for the last time.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS

Gradually decrease watering all round and dry off tuberous begonias, cacti, gloxinia, clivias etc. Feed plants in flower such as African violets, begonias, bush violets, chrysanthemums. As flowering finishes, discard summer annuals which have been used as pot plants. Disbud carnations and chrysanthemums, bring indoors tender plants which have been enjoying their holiday outdoors during the summer. Repot arum lilies to flower at Easter.

If you want a bit of greenhouse colour in the spring, sow a few annuals such as clarkia godetia, or perhaps a few snaps. Most pot plants will stand a few cuttings taken at this time. Pot up freesias using 5" pots, put 6 to 8 bulbs in each. Give ferns a feed of very weak liquid manure. As I nearly always say, but always needs repeating - watch the ventilation; close up side vents until spring. Wash off any shading except where you are growing shade loving plants of course. Discontinue spraying and damping down. Clean up your heaters make sure the wicks are OK and the tanks are safe to use, have paraffin or gas, ready for use.

LAWNS

Continue regular mowing and raking. Give lawns a treat by scarifying, spiking and a top dressing of sieved potting compost. You could mix in some autumn lawn food for good measure. September is a good time to sow or turf a new lawn.

I look forward to seeing you at the Totley Produce Show.

Cheerio, Tom BUSY BEE.



Footpath from Chapel Lane

Brian Edwards 1995

Most Totley Residents will have walked down Chapel Lane squeezed through the gritstone stoops and then down the path which crosses Needham's Dike.

The granite steps were laid by a Totley man in the 1940's.

This area was until 1839, part of Totley Common.

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The following letter has been received by P.N.Sherwell

Dear Sir,

TOTLEY RAILWAY BRIDGE

Thank you for your enquiry dated 26th April 1996, concerning the bridgeworks on Baslow Road.

These have been brought about by a routine inspection which revealed problems with the bridge bearings. As you have observed, prompt action was taken to prevent further deterioration by closing the outside lanes of the road.

Since that time, and of which you will be unaware, further investigations have taken place with consultations with other involved organisations such as Railtrack and the utilities. This has identified a clear need for repairs to the bridge.

Unfortunately, this scheme competes with many others in the City for grant aid from the Department of Transport. Partly because the success of grant applications cannot be guessed in advance and partly because priorities are under constant review, you will appreciate that I am unable to predict with any certainty when the repairs can be funded. However, I think that it is unlikely that any work could begin before the end of the next financial year and possibly not in the following year either.

On a more positive note, the present traffic measures have produced a safe and stable interim situation and have not as far as I am aware, caused problems for either pedestrians or road users.

If you have any specific concerns or are aware of any problems caused by the lane closures please let me know and

I shall endeavour to make whatever changes may be necessary.

Yours faithfully

J.L.Taylor (Acting Chief Engineer, Drainage & Structures)

WELL DRESSINGS IN DERBYSHIRE and THE PEAK DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER

14- 21 Chesterfield

Blessing 10 am 14 September

14- 21 Hartington (on B5054 off A515)

Blessing 2.30 pm 14 September

21- 26 Whitfield (Glossop)

Blessing 3 pm 22 September

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SEPTEMBER

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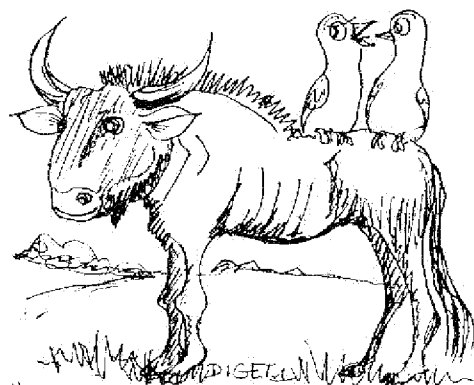


GLOVER ROAD FROM MICKLEY LANE
Brian Edwards 1995

On the left hand corner near the street sign is a short remaining length of hedge from the old fields.

I once read somewhere that Glover Road was originally a short cut to the turnpike so that travellers could avoid paying the tolls at the Greenoak Bar.

Some years ago one of the houses shown was a police house and bore a constabulary plaque. Totley bobby Sid Andrew occupied the house.



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WEA Art Class also on Thursdays, 1.15 - 3.15 pm at Mount Pleasant Community Centre, Sharrow Lane, S7.

For further information, please contact WEA Branch Secretary, June Fisher on 272 4983.

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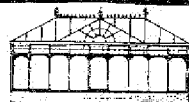
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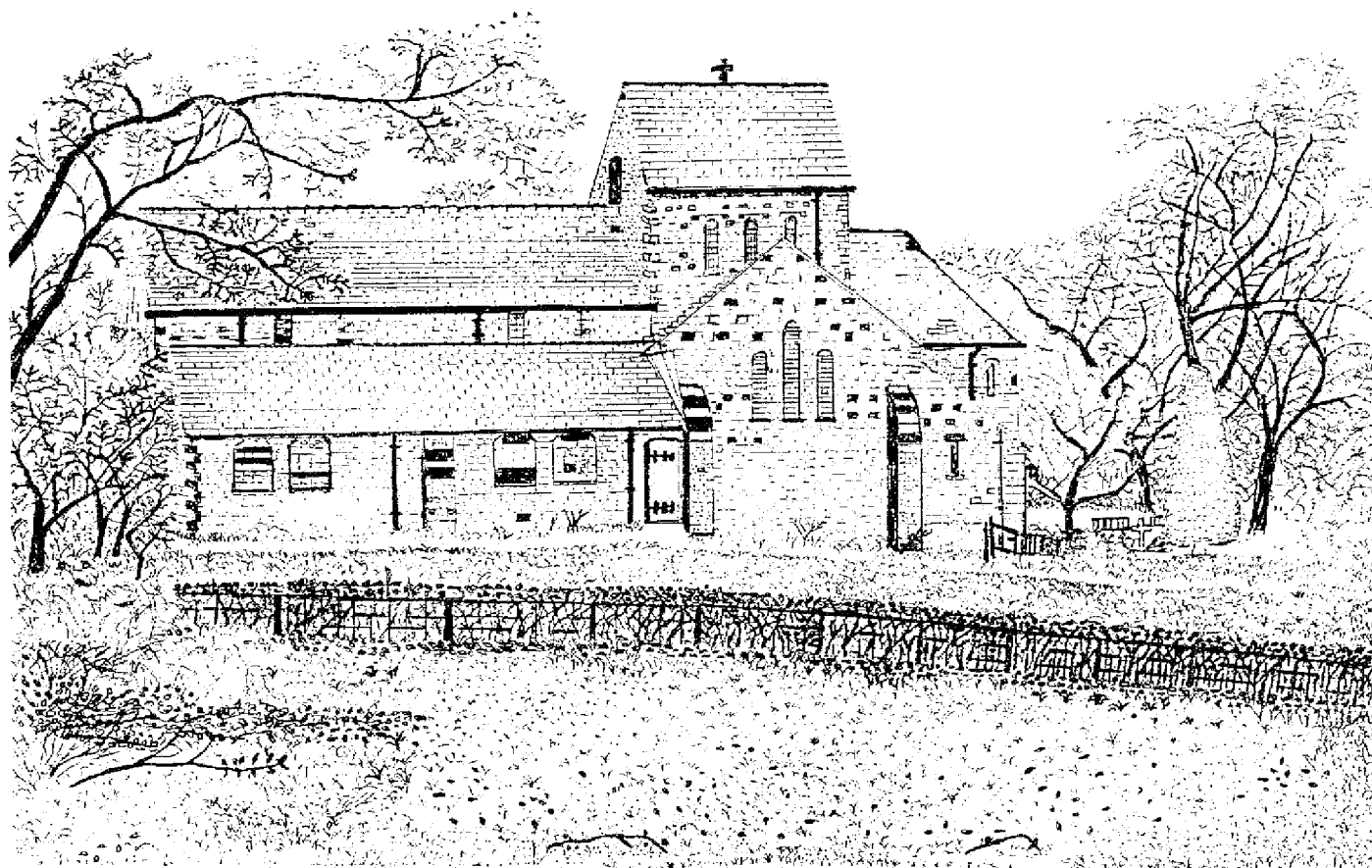
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A VISIT TO CANADA

by Maurice Snowden

Learning that the Totley Independent was short of contributions, I could not help but wonder if our recent trip to Canada would be of interest. It was not our first trip and we know of several people in the area who have connections so perhaps our impressions are not new.

Canada is a Big, Big country. It is as far across Canada as to reach the Eastern seaboard from the U.K. Inside the country everything is big too! The main road running through Toronto in places has 14 lines of traffic, divided up into expressways and collector lanes in each direction. All the cars on these lanes are big because petrol is half the U.K. price and large distances imply high mileage. By and large Toronto is flat so it is not surprising that most of the roads are laid out on a rectangular grid with traffic lights at the main intersections. The city (as so many in that continent) is new and largely built in an age when wheeled transport was the norm. Today in Canada most families have at least one car and to see pedestrians walking along the main routes is quite unusual. This, of course is also a result of spaciousness - everything is spread out widely.

I suspect that appetites are large too, but then food is often much cheaper than in the U.K. Direct comparisons vary as do our own living standards but it is certainly possible to purchase a number of items at half U.K. prices. On the other hand some speciality products can actually be more expensive. Examples of the economy include a joint of pork which worked out at the equivalent of 25p per head per meal or coffee and a doughnut at the equivalent of 80p per person.

The number of channels on the T.V. set is bewildering especially (as in the U.K!) one can only watch one at once. All of them are frequently interrupted by adverts which are very repetitive and numerous.

Thinking of size of course one has to think of the Niagara Falls (largest in the world by volume) or the C.N. Tower at 1815 ft. But Canada also has some less obvious claims to size - the largest coastline in the world for example. This particular statistic is partly because of the fact that Canada has more than 50,000 islands - surely also a record in itself.

Hudson Bay (measured by shoreline) claims to be the biggest bay in the world which may not surprise anyone but associated with it are 300,000 square kilometres of wetland - a less obvious record perhaps.

If you ask "Will you go back?" the answer is "Yes!" but it was nice to get back to Totley!

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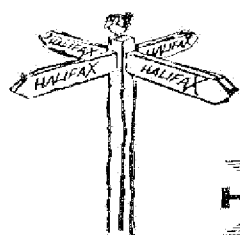
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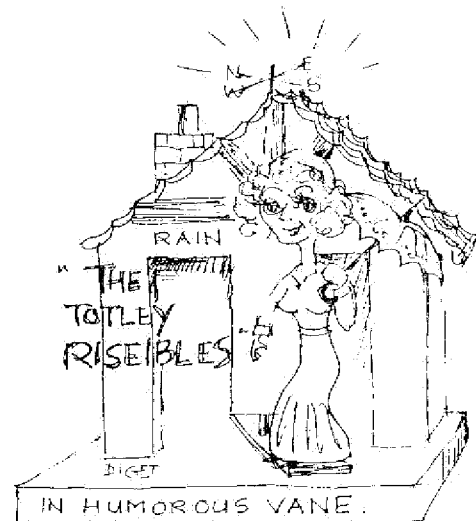
On Sunday, 18th August following the 3.00pm service, a cheque for £3,500 was handed over to Beauchief Abbey.

The money was raised by four local drama groups all members of SADATA, who worked with local churches, scout groups and Newfield Community Concert Band to stage a production of Beauty and the Beast in the grounds of the Abbey.

Support for the production came from large organisations such as NatWest, who were main sponsors and Sheffield Hallam University plus industrial concerns such as IEP Doncaster and the Hinckley group of companies, Gilders of Banner Cross and local shops, societies and individuals.

The event was designed to promote amateur drama in the area and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of SADATA. It also made the local community more aware of the existence of the Abbey and its need for support and there are plans to stage a similar event each year.

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