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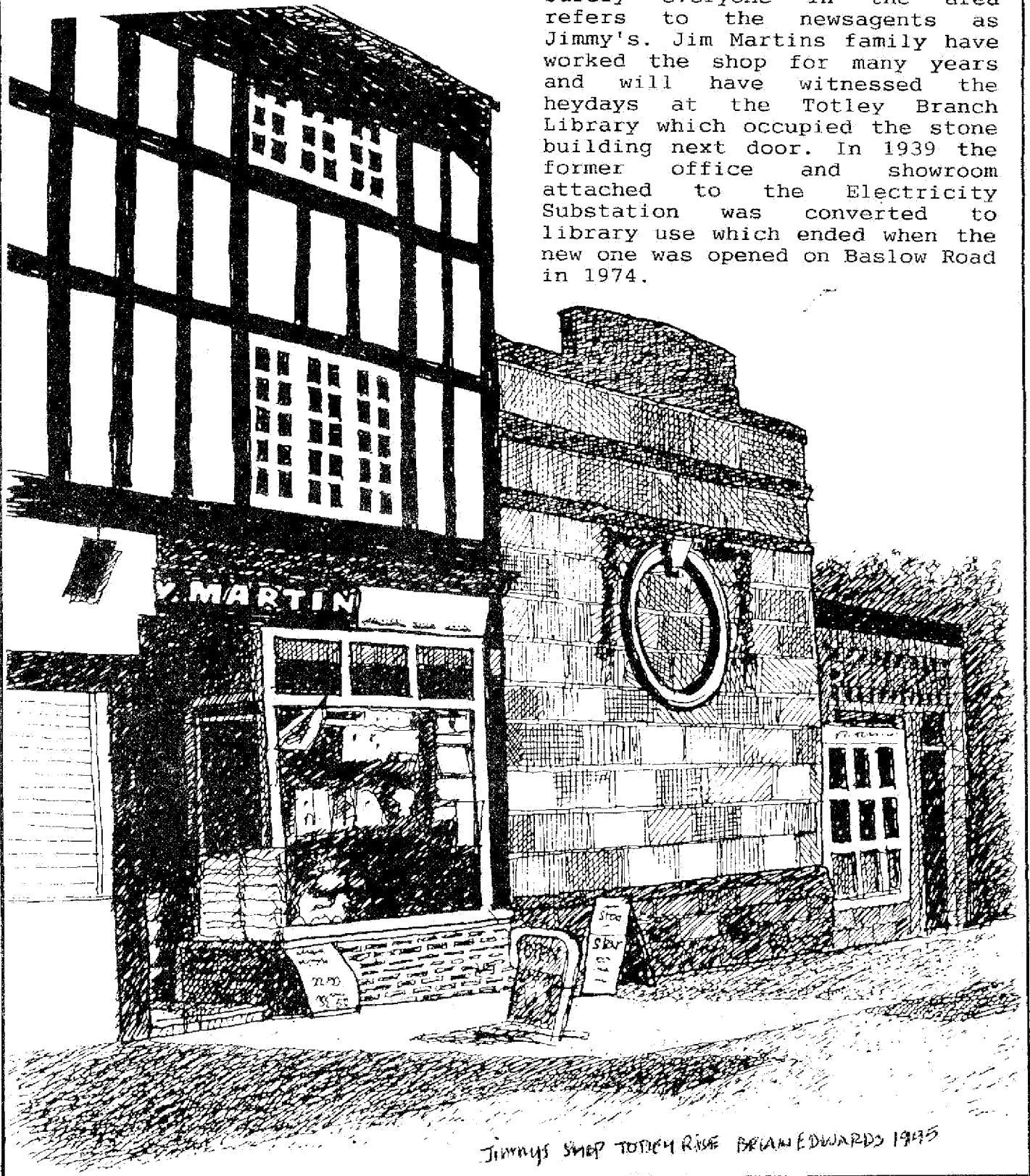
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Surely everyone in the area refers to the newsagents as Jimmy's. Jim Martins family have worked the shop for many years and will have witnessed the heydays at the Totley Branch Library which occupied the stone building next door. In 1939 the former office and showroom attached to the Electricity Substation was converted to library use which ended when the new one was opened on Baslow Road in 1974.



## MORE ABOUT BIRDS

FROM ALAN FAULKNER TAYLOR.

I try to keep well ahead of deadlines, but it does seem to be a long way ahead for the April issue. But we have a holiday booked for the end of February.

So - I'm putting the finishing touches to this article in January, a week after the last of the snow had melted. Let's hope that we've had the worst. At least the days are noticeably lengthening.

What's been happening to the birds during the long cold spell? I am personally finding it difficult to make an assessment based on the numbers of visitors to our garden. My wife and I think there have been fewer bird visitors taking food from the two tables, two nut dispensers and suet. On the other hand, I sat in a friend's lounge in Dore a week ago and watched blue and great tits feeding from the nut dispensers all the time. A nuthatch paid at least six visits while I was there.

Is it possible that the articles I have been writing for Totley Independent, plus the talk 'Birds in a Totley Garden' which I have given to three different audiences in Totley, have been responsible for more people in Totley putting out more food? If this is the case, then this may be the reason why fewer tits have been visiting my garden.

In the last issue you may remember my mentioning that 1996 had been a bad year for successful rearing of blue and great tit chicks, due to the cold spring. Possibly this may be the reason for fewer tits? Yet why has my friend in Dore been receiving so many?

There has been no apparent decrease in numbers of blackbird, starling, robin, dunnock and magpie.

Just as I write, my wife shouts, 'heron'; as she made a movement at the kitchen window one flew up from the lawn, only a few feet from one of our pools. But the fish are safe underneath plastic netting.

One morning, nearing the end of January, I was walking up to the shops at the Rise, and had just crossed the railway bridge when a heron flew across the road with a carrion crow in hot pursuit. The heron seemed to be doing more grumbling than the crow. It seemed likely that the crow had already established its territory in preparation for nesting and regarded the heron as a potential menace. The reason is that most birds look upon a larger species with suspicion, although heron has never been recorded (by examination of stomach contents) as having taken eggs or chicks of tree-nesting birds.

In the February issue I mentioned a winter heron roost up from Old Hay Bottom. This winter's roost would appear to have been in trees bordering Rycroft Glen, because a friend of mine, in late January saw five in a field adjacent to the woods.

Now let's discuss other visitors to our garden; those who come in the night. But firstly let me go back about three years. One night I happened to be awake when our outside security light came on. I looked out into the back garden and just by the pools there was a badger. Next morning I told my wife, who asked 'are you sure you didn't dream it?' This set me thinking, and after a week I decided that I couldn't be certain. Some 5-6 months

later I knew for certain - it had not been a dream. This time there were two badgers and I made quite sure that I was well and truly awake. I didn't rouse my wife because sometimes she finds returning to sleep difficult. But next morning she believed me. On both occasions I examined the garden for signs of badgers; such as bulbs dug up, but no signs. Actually badgers eat more worms than anything else.

I know something about the badgers that create havoc in gardens. I wonder if my wife and I would be tolerant if our bulbs were repeatedly being dug up? Because badgers are protected by the Law, I suppose the only realistic way of keeping them out of a garden is to erect a plastic-covered wire-netting fence around all parts of the perimeter that join with a field, at the same time sinking the fence some one and a half feet into the ground. This just may dissuade the intruders.

We love to see our foxes. Most nights we put out scraps such as pork crackling, the chewy bits from steak and chops, bones, chicken skins. We can never predict the times of the visit; it can be any time between 6.30p.m. and 2.00a.m. Sometimes we may have visits from two different individuals. During one period about four years ago, we had regular visits from a vixen just on dawn. We succeeded in getting photographs; one with the fox only 6ft from my wife; then one with myself in the picture. Although independent, she was probably a youngster who had not yet learnt to fear humans.

Don't worry about the safety of your cat. When the BBC have made programmes about foxes it was proved that a fox would not approach a house in search of food if a cat was already there. There has never been an instance of a fox attacking a cat.

## GARDEN BIRD WATCH

Gardens are an important habitat for many birds, including the common ones. Many birds, even house sparrows and starlings have shown a decline over recent years. The British Trust for Ornithology (B.T.O.) launched Garden Bird Watch in 1995. Observations from over 3000 gardens in town and countryside are helping to build up a detailed picture of how birds use gardens throughout the year. The information collected is helping to monitor any changes in bird populations and may help to give insight into the problems facing our most familiar birds, and so aid their conservation.

My husband and I began to participate in the survey when it began in 1995. We have found that taking part means we now look more carefully at the birds visiting our garden. My husband was an R.S.P.B. (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) warden and I was a bird ringer for the B.T.O. for over 30 years. The birds are given food both winter and summer as recommended by the B.T.O. and R.S.P.B. We are now into the third year of recording, so it is possible for us to look back at our records and compare results. Birds feeding in the garden are counted on a weekly basis. For blue tit, robin, blackbird, house sparrow, starling, dunnock, chaffinch, great tit, green finch and collared dove exact numbers are required. Other species are recorded as

having been seen feeding in the garden. The information is placed on a computer card and sent in quarterly. Participants receive a magazine 'The Bird Table' giving details from the survey and interesting information from around the country. The scheme is run jointly by B.T.O. and C. J. Wild bird Foods and costs £10.00 a year. This helps to pay for running the scheme. C. J. Wild bird Foods generously give £5.00 in vouchers to buy bird food. Anyone interested in joining should write to Garden Bird Watch, B.T.O. The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2PU. Birds visiting or flying over our garden during the last few years number 59. Of the February list we have not seen buzzard, pheasant, woodcock, snipe, spotted flycatcher, redstart, reed bunting, and nuthatch, but have seen osprey, pink footed and Canada geese, red kite, Montagu's harrier, lesser spotted woodpecker, cuckoo, curlew, linnet, red poll, mealy red poll and mute swan. The garden is on the main Baslow Road, overlooked by houses and other gardens.  
(Name & address supplied)

### FIRST AGAIN FOR SLIMMING WORLD.

Slimming World, the UK's largest and fastest growing slimming organisation, which has a local class in Totley is second to none when it comes to advice, help and guidance for members - that's official.

Consultant Sue, who runs the class on Monday explains: 'We've just become the first slimming organisation to be awarded the prestigious investors in People Award, which amongst other things, recognises that our consultants are trained to the highest standards so our company can achieve its goals.'

'One of the most important goals is providing all the support our slimmers need. Let's face it, you can have the best diet in the world, but if you don't have someone to congratulate you when you do well and help you when you're facing temptation, then you're much more likely to fail.'

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Slimming World now has 6000 classes across the UK with around 250,000 members. Members at the Totley class have lost a massive 25 stones since opening in November, and Sue is confident this will continue.

For more information ring Sue on 2368626.

## NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

Several years ago I wrote an article in The Independent titled 'The Strange story of Watercress Jack' a subject dealing with the cave dweller whose abode was high in the woods of Taddington Dale at the early part of this century. Alas that great character Harry Greenwood who also chose the spartan life of a traveller (the word tramp seems rather unkind) has finally gone to his last resting place. His funeral took place at Baslow Church just last month.

Stony Middleton and the villages around Baslow remember him as a special friend. It was reputed that he had trained as a Barrister early in his life, but later chose the Spartan life of the open road. For many years his home was a cave high in the woods above Eyam Dale. The rook line was a tarpaulin sheet to keep out the rain. He would chat to all the rock climbers and cavers who invaded the crags in Stony Middleton at the weekends. The local farmers would find him odd jobs to do. His alarm clock would simply work from the sirens sounding when blasting took place in the near-by quarries. After many years in the Stony Middleton area he changed his address to a cave along the Baslow to Chesterfield A619 road, sited a few hundred yards below the popular Robin Hood Inn. This cave was really a simple cleft into a gritstone rock face, hidden by bushes, but really tight to the road. As traffic levels increased over the years the noise must have been alarming. His bed was a straw mattress. The roof of the cave is covered in soot from countless fires. Obviously this hard life must have told on his health and fortunately he finished his last few years with the luxury of a barn at Yeld Farm, Baslow. Harry is probably the last of all the special travellers who could never accept the conventional life, he will be missed.

Can any readers recall the slightly eccentric gentleman who resided in a cave at the head of Borrowdale, Lake District, and sold lovely scenic paintings of the area? I do believe he lived in the cave for over 40 years up to the period of the second World War. Maybe these unusual characters found a special contentment.

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17.

### EASTER SERVICES

The following are details of Easter Services in our local churches. All the Totley Churches are joining together in an Act of Worship on the Wednesday in Holy Week (March 26th) at 8.00p.m. at the U.R.C. in Totley Brook Road. In addition there will be a joint service of Tenebrae on Good Friday (March 28th) at 8.00p.m. at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

#### DORE METHODISTS.

March 28th Good Friday 11.00a.m. Morning Service.

March 30th Easter Day 10.30a.m. Morning Service.

#### TOTLEY RISE METHODISTS.

March 27th Maundy Thursday 8.00p.m.

Combined Service at U.R.C.

March 28th Good Friday 9.30a.m. Combined Service at Totley Rise.

March 30th Easter Day

8.00a.m. Holy Communion

10.30a.m. All Age Worship

6.30p.m. Evening Service

with Holy Communion.

#### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, TOTLEY BROOK ROAD

March 27th Maundy Thursday 8.00p.m.

Combined Service with Totley Rise.

March 28th Good Friday 9.30a.m. Combined Service at Totley Rise.

March 30th Easter Day

10.30a.m. Communion

6.30p.m. Communion.

#### DORE & TOTLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

March 30th Easter Day 11.00a.m. Morning Service at Dore Parish Hall.

#### PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST. THOMAS

March 27th Maundy Thursday 8.00p.m. at Meadowhead. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

March 28th Good Friday 3.00p.m. at Meadowhead, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

9.00p.m. at Meadowhead, Vigil of Easter.

March 30th Easter Day 8.00a.m. Mass at English Martyrs'.

Other Services at Meadowhead.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, DORE

March 27th Maundy Thursday 8.00p.m. Communion Service, Commemoration of the Last Supper.

March 28th Good Friday, 10.00a.m. Family Service.

2.00p.m. Devotional Final Hour of the Cross.

7.30p.m. Choral Good Friday Service.

March 30th Easter Day 8.00a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30a.m. Family Communion Service.

11.00a.m. Holy Communion.

5.30p.m. Evening Communion Service.

#### ST JOHN'S ABBEYDALE

March 27th Maundy Thursday 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

March 28th Good Friday 10.30a.m. Short Family Service.

2.00p.m. An Hour by the Cross.

March 30th Easter Day 8.00a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30a.m. Parish Communion.

11.15a.m. Young Family Worship with Holy Communion.

6.30p.m. Easter Songs of Praise.

#### ALL SAINTS' TOTLEY.

March 27th Maundy Thursday 8.00p.m. Holy Communion.

March 28th Good Friday 10.00a.m. Children's Service.

12-3.00p.m. Three Hours Devotion.

March 30th Easter Day 8.00a.m. Holy Communion.

10.00a.m. Family Communion.

6.30p.m. Memorial Service.

### The Glorious

### Reality of Easter.

#### 'NO GAIN WITHOUT PAIN'

Nothing in this world that is worth having or becoming is ever got easily. This is a lesson which life's experience constantly teaches us and is true whether it refers to scholarly endeavour, academic achievement, career progression, looking good or attaining physical fitness.

Setting goals in life for oneself is a necessary and rewarding discipline; how else can one discover one's potential and limitations, one's capacity to grow in knowledge or grow thinner (if that is the aim), handle responsibility or exercise one's faculty of judgment.

The bible reveals to us (if you know where to look) that God out of pure love for his creation (that means you and me) set himself the tough goal of reconciling the whole world to himself. God's intention was to break through the alienating barriers between him and us and open up a new and eternal way for all to choose, so that he might depopulate hell and populate his heaven with people like you and me. The means of achieving that goal, was the Man and Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth.

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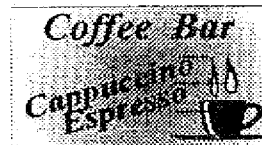


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Like any athlete who is aiming to win gold, Jesus in his life disciplined his mind and body by the daily exercise of prayer (listening and responding to the encouraging loving voice of the divine coach, God the Father) and of self-sacrifice for the greater task of winning us for God's Kingdom. The Gospel writer, John, expresses this in the following way: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.'

As human beings, we know what it is to get our priorities wrong. Even when we have identified goals which are desirable for us, we often lack the will-power to make it a reality, to do what is best. Jesus echoes the mind of our heavenly Father, when he utters the words in Matthew's Gospel, 'But seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness (what God requires) and all these things will be yours as well.'

There is no denying the costliness to Jesus of the way he chose to live and to die, but we understand it was for our everlasting good. For in giving up his right to live as he did on a Roman cross on Good Friday he has removed for all time every vestige of alienation, every sinful word, thought and deed of ours, which in the past has become a barrier to God and our view of God as our own loving heavenly Father.

Admitting where we have gone wrong is a strength not a weakness; it is the engine of change. That is why confession is good for the soul, as it is between the pupil and the teacher, the trainee and the trainer, the athlete and the coach, the weight-watcher and the weight loss consultant.

It was not for nothing that Jesus died. He suffered and died to give us new life. He rose with the new gift of resurrection life in himself, and because of the perfection of his sinless self-offering he has become the gate-keeper and the gateway to wonderful eternal life in the kingdom of God to all who seek him as their daily coach for successful living (the bible invites us to call him Saviour and Lord, and so he is). Eternal life is not something you begin when you die; it is the gift of Jesus now through our baptism and belief in him.

Easter means that he is the supreme gold winner. He has won the victory of life and has conquered death that we might enter into this new way of living with him.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 7th 1997 and St. John's Church will be filled with women from every denomination in S17 to celebrate a World Day of Prayer. This is a world-wide movement of Christian women, cutting across barriers of race, culture and tradition, which meet together on the first Friday in March to observe a common day of prayer.

The movement began in America over 100 years ago but after World War II, there was an upsurge of interest throughout the world born of a longing for peace and understanding, and many countries joined, each forming its own National Committee. Later, an International Committee came into being and this now meets to discuss which country will prepare the service which all will use.

This year, Korea has the privilege and has taken as its theme 'Like a seed which grows into a tree'. Eunice Kim, General Secretary of Korean Methodists, has written, 'We have longed to write the World Day of Prayer service because for a long time we have wanted the world to focus on the Korean reality, where so many suffer because of the division of the nation, the loss of human rights and the social deprivations in the aftermath of war. God called us to respond to this theme and we have worked very hard on it'.

Once the service has been written, the National Committees take over to adapt it when necessary. Translation may be a problem; idiomatic expressions require translation into their closest local equivalent, e.g. 'white as snow' means something to us, but nothing to a woman in equatorial Africa, where 'white as cotton', or 'white as milk' would have more meaning. Eventually the service is published and issued to local branches who arrange venues, a speaker and publicity. One of the great joys of W.W.D.P. lies in the knowledge that women - men and young people are not excluded in spite of the title and will be welcomed at services - are praying as one with others in so many and varied countries of the world. 'An Nyung Haseyo' Korean for 'Peace be with you'.

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# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17 CHRISTIAN AID CHALLENGE WALK

This walk takes place early in May and covers a distance of 53 miles, all round the perimeter of Sheffield. An overnight stop in the Totley area is anticipated and accommodation is being sought from volunteers who will help with hospitality. The date in question is Sunday May 4th and the request is for facilities for a bath or shower, an evening meal as well as bed and breakfast. If you feel that you might be able to help or want to know more about what is involved, please contact Clive Keech on Sheffield 2351248 or speak to Maurice Snowden. The success of the walk depends on local response to this request.

## HYMN

Tune: Totley (8.7.8.7.8.7) (SEC)

1. CHRIST our Saviour reigns in glory,  
Christ, who conquered death and hell;  
We His people tell His story,  
We His glorious gospel tell;  
Jesus Christ, we all adore Thee,  
Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

2. Jesus Christ, you showed by living  
How to live in loving ways,  
Jesus Christ, you showed by giving  
Your own life sin's debt to pay;  
Teach us, Lord, to be forgiving  
And to love you day by day.

3. Holy Spirit, by your teaching  
Help us all each day to grow,  
May your people be outreaching  
In new hearts your gospel sow;  
May we help those who are seeking  
To our Saviour Jesus know.

4. (Unison)  
Praise to Father, Son and Spirit,  
Glory to our Saviour King,  
Come, O Lord, our hearts inherit  
May we all our praises bring;  
Christ alone our praise does merit,  
Ever we His praises sing!

S.E.Chandler (St.Albans) 1996.  
(This hymn may be put onto OHP or  
photocopied for use in public worship or  
study. Please acknowledge author).

## DEAR ED

I have just finished reading the 200th. edition of the Totley Independent and would like to add my congratulations to it and the Totley Residents Association for their anniversaries.

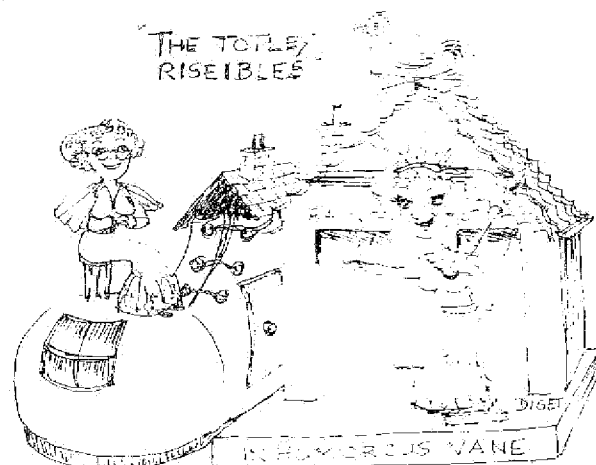
Unfortunately there seemed to be a lot of doom and gloom with the college closing, the threat to the green belt, poor attendances and the cancellation of events.

I particularly agreed with Richard Lamb's article and would like to add two more points which cause me anger.

1. The number of vehicles which go through the "No Entry" and "One Way" signs at the top of the Rise.
2. The number of street lights that are not working. We must urge residents to report them.

One event I would have helped in would have been the "Clean up Totley" day but I was not available. If another one was organised I would help. Perhaps the local schools and churches could help!

Steve Wiles



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## ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

Following on from the previous article, I continue with the Surnames originating from Trades or Occupations, together with an early date and again remind you that all of these are currently in use today in the Sheffield area.

KEMBER A wool or flax comber 1327  
 KIDGELL A masker or seller of cudgels 1221  
 KILNER A lime burner 1292  
 LATIMER An interpreter of a speaker of Latin 1086  
 LESTER )  
 LISTER ) A dyer of cloth 1286  
 LIDSTER )  
 LINTER A flax dresser 1263  
 LIMMER An illuminator of manuscripts 1230  
 LORIMER A maker of spurs, bits, and metal parts for harness 1130  
 MANGER A dealer, trader, 1255 (Monger now more commonly used)  
 MESSER A harvester 1172, a type of work that relates to a Hayward, 1095.  
 NAPIER  
 NAPPER One in charge of the napery (Table Linen) 1148.  
 OFFER A maker of Orphrey (Gold Embroidery) 1265.  
 PARGETER A plasterer using gypsum, a higher quality and finish than dawb. 1533.  
 PARMINTER From old French Parmentier a Tailor. 1177.  
 PEDDER One who sold goods out of a pannier (Basket) a Pedlar. 1165.  
 PETCHER A Fisherman 1210.  
 PHIMISTER A fee master, one in charge of the flocks and herds 1458.  
 PILCHER A Maker or seller of an outer garment made of skin and hair 1214.  
 PLAMPIN From old French Blanc Pain 'White Bread' a nickname for a baker 1184.  
 POKE A maker of bags and small sacks 1200.  
 POTTINGER A maker of Pottage, a thick soup or broth, a staple diet until recent times 1300.  
 RAPER  
 RAPIER A rope maker 1219.  
 RASTALL A maker or user of a rake 1185.  
 RIDLER A sifter of sand and lime in making mortar 1230, also a nickname for a corn sifter, a miller.  
 RUNCIMAN A man in charge of Rouncies (Draught Horses) 1230.  
 SACKER ) A maker of course cloth  
 SECHER ) (sackcloth) and sacks 1225.  
 SANGER A church singer (chorister) 1296.

SARVENT A servant 1242  
 SENTER A bell founder 1160.  
 SCRIVE ) One who writes and copies  
 SCRIVENS ) books, manuscripts 1208.  
 SCRIVENER)  
 SHINGLER A roofer (Wooden tiles) 1327.  
 SHREEVE A sheriff 1016  
 SKEPPER)  
 SKIPP ) A basket maker 1221, 1210.  
 SKERMER A fencing instructor 1279.  
 SLIPPER A maker of sword sheaths 1248.  
 SOUSTER A woman who sews, a seamstress 1279.  
 SOUTER )  
 SOWTER ) A shoemaker 1066  
 SUTER )  
 SPELLER A speaker, preacher. Story-teller 1202.  
 STABLER A stable keeper (ostler) 1196.  
 STALKER A hunter of game by stealth 1202.  
 STANYER  
 STONEHEWER A stone cutter 1279  
 STEEPER A bleacher of flax, cloth 1327.  
 TABBERER A drummer (tabor a small drum) 1222.  
 SUNTER A driver of a pack-horse 1206.  
 THEAKER One who roofs buildings with tiles 1199.  
 TIPLER A seller of ale (Barman) 1250.  
 TOWLER  
 TOWNER A collector of taxes 1199, 1221.  
 TOLMAN A collector of tolls 1219.  
 TOZER A comber or carder of wool. 1249.  
 TRAINOR )  
 TRAYNOR ) A trapper 1243  
 TREATOR )  
 TROTTER A messenger 1148  
 TWINE A maker of thread 1422 also one of twins 1407  
 ULMAN A maker or seller of oil 1275  
 VINTER A wine merchant 1170.  
 WAGSTAFF ) A beadle (a minor local  
 WAGSTAFFE ) official who acted as an usher and kept order) 1219.  
 WAINER )  
 WAINMAN ) A wagon driver, 1381, 1297, 1327  
 WENMAN )  
 WAKEMAN A Watchman 1200  
 WARRACK ) A maker of scaffold wedges  
 WARRICK ) (warrocks) 1271  
 WEATHERHEAD From old English Weder (sheep rams) a shepherd 1200.  
 WHITEAS A white leather dresser 1224.  
 WILLERS A basket maker 1327.  
 WOODIER  
 WOODGER A hewer of wood (woodcutter) 1301.

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## GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

March already, it seems we were wrapping things up for the winter just a little while ago, and here we are getting ready to unwrap them again. The time does seem to fly by these days of rush and bustle.

The mixed weather of March makes life a bit more difficult for the gardener, one day winter and the next glorious spring, seeds will be coming through in the propagators and temperatures will have to be watched carefully, it is so easy for them to be damped off by sudden changes of temperature.

Lawns will start their seasonal growth, and the slugs will start their slimy march, so get cracking.

**Flowers:-** March is a good time for planting or dividing most perennials. When transplanting old clumps always break them into smaller pieces if you have plenty of stock throw away the central portions, keep only the younger outside pieces.

Sow sweet peas outdoors, always pinch out the central stem when the first side shoot forms, this will give a better show of flowers. Herbaceous perennials and Alpine seeds can be sown now in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse.

Make a first planting of gladioli, don't plant them all at once, spread out the plantings over a period of a month to six weeks, this will give you a longer flowering period.

Plant carnation layers in the place where they are to flower. Prepare vacant beds for planting and seed beds, work in a dressing of Growmore around herbaceous plants. Prune roses. Weed established beds. Keep newly planted perennials well watered in dry weather. Remove and destroy any daffodil and tulip bulbs showing signs of yellowing or mould. Keep checking for slugs and destroy them as soon as they are seen use your favourite eradication method.

**Vegetables:-** Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame, preferably with a little heat. You could sow main crop onions now, I prefer sets for kitchen use, the ones for the Show should have been sown earlier. Sow broad beans in boxes in an unheated greenhouse or cold frame, later in the month sow culinary peas outdoors. If you want to move or make a new bed of mint, now is the time, it will be just right when the new potatoes are in. Onions and leeks sown in the greenhouse in January can be introduced to the cold frame, ventilate cautiously at first, and be ready with covers on cold nights, this will harden them off nicely for planting out in April. Plant early potatoes, try some in large pots, they can be quite prolific grown this way. Prick off early celery sown in February into deeper seed boxes,

water freely and return to greenhouse average temperatures (55F) 13C for the time being, but gradually harden them off so that they can go into the frame later. Sow spinach beet, this is a very useful form of the beetroot, grown for its leaves, which are used like those of spinach.

If March is fairly warm you could sow an early row of lettuce outdoors, cover with cloches if it turns cold. Clear up old crops and prepare areas for salads or new vegetables. Dig a trench for runner beans and celery. Sow herbs, chervil, chives, dill, parsley under a cloche or on a windowsill. Sow basil in a container in slight warmth (green fly love basil).

**Fruit:-** Feed cane and tree fruit with a balanced fertiliser, feed black currants with nitro-chalk. Firm in newly-planted fruits, mulch and keep well watered. Spread out and tie in young rods of cane fruits. Plant out raspberries and strawberries. Tree and bush planting must be completed early in the month. Cut back any damaged rods of blackberry to sound wood. Cut back bird-damaged shoots of gooseberries and currants to good buds.

### Greenhouse and Indoor Plants.

Shade seedlings, young plants and those established plants (e.g. ferns) needing protection from strong sun. Gradually increase watering, feed actively growing plants with high potash liquid feed (tomato fertiliser). Top dress plants such as ferns, aspidistras with potting

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PREPARE TO SOW NEW LAWNS OR TO REPAIR OLD ONES NOW. DIG OVER REMOVING WEEDS, LARGE STONES, ETC.	FIRM WELL...THE BEST WAY IS TO TREAD OVER, HEEL TO HEEL...	HOE OFF ANY WEEDS THAT APPEAR AND LEAVE READY TO SOW IN MARCH. WAIT FOR A WARM SPELL AND SOW WHEN THE SOIL IS DRYING OFF AFTER A SPRING SHOWER.
RAKE TO PRODUCE A FINE TILTH, ADDING A LITTLE LAWN OR GENERAL FERTILISER AS YOU GO.	Mr. Fothergill's Seeds	



compost. Pinch out tips of young plants to encourage bushing habit. Pot up late chrysanthemums, geraniums and fuchsias. Plant bulbs, corms and tubers such as begonias, gloxinias etc. Re-pot cacti towards the end of the month. Summer annuals can be sown now for later planting in pots. Sow indoor plants like indoor primulas, winter cherry and cacti, take leaf cuttings of African violets and Cape primroses. House plants like maiden hair fern, button fern, spider plant can be divided and re-potted. Those of you who have a heated greenhouse can increase your stock of plants by taking cuttings of popular plants such as heliotrope, marguerite, fuchsias and pelargonium (geranium) as soon as they are long enough. Take chrysanthemum cuttings throughout March. Pinch out seedlings which have reached the two/three leaf stage in addition to the first seed leaves. Sow aubergines and capsicums. A sowing of tomatoes made now will give good sturdy plants for planting outside in June, they will need a temperature of 16C (60F).

Dahlia cuttings can be taken now, if you started them earlier sever the firm young shoots when they are about 5cm in length, cut cleanly below a joint, remove the lower leaves (if any) insert in sandy soil about 2cm deep, they will need 16C to 21C (60-70F) water freely. Watch your temperature at this time and ventilate when necessary. An automatic vent is great, especially if you are away from home all day

**LAWNS:-** Deal with bare patches, repair edges by re-turfing or seeding. Aerate and spike compacted areas. Keep newly turfed or sown areas well watered. Keep off the lawn if frost is on it.

Cheerio for now.

Tom. BUSY BEE.

## PLEASE RESPECT OUR LOCAL WOODLANDS AND TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME.

Recently the path to Shep's Hill from Gillfield Wood has taken on the appearance of a brewers' secret convention. One day I must have cleared close on 100 tins and bottles, they were strewn every way, even floating down the river, maybe the young drinkers have money to burn, for they were best quality beers, ciders and lagers etc. to delight any alcoholic.

The problem is getting worse. It is bad enough that the newly built brown bridge had been vandalised recently. Why don't these youngsters take up some hobbies, for there is always plenty of conservation work to be done in the countryside.

The Sheffield City Council and Peak National Park will always welcome volunteers. Play the game and respect our green belt.

JOHN C. BARROWS.

## PLANNING APPLICATION

An application has been made by Sheffield City Council for the use of a building formally the Public Toilets adjacent to the Beauchief Hotel to be used as a retail unit.

Applications have also been made for similar use for other toilets in and around Sheffield, they must be closing them down so they can sell them off.

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## EARLIER THIS CENTURY

Jack Slack was a great character in the district, cleaning out the cesspools and middens.

Jack Fox lived in a hut near number one shaft in Totley Bents.

John Osborne, otherwise known as 'Sweedy' lived rough in farmers barns.

Dan Reynolds is writing an autobiography of his life in Totley and wondered if anyone had a photograph of any of these chaps?

Some months ago I was contacted by a Mr. Atkinson of Lowedges, a former steam train fireman, who remembers one time when he climbed out of the car and up onto the tender to check coal levels just as the train was approaching Dore and Totley station. He jumped back down and in so doing narrowly missed being decapitated by the foot-bridge (now demolished).

Mr. Atkinson remembers passing through Totley Tunnel when icicles the thickness of telegraph poles broke off.

His grandfather W.H. Elliot helped to build the tunnel and sustained two broken arms in the process.

I am tracing all the small brooks, streams, springs and wells in the district so that I can put them on a map.

I would be pleased if anyone with any information on names, adventures, stories on the subject of water in Totley could contact me on 2620476.

Brian Edwards.

## T.O.A.D.S. Spring Production

TOADS have decided for their next play to venture again into the calamitous world of the Farnsdale Avenue Townswomens Guild's entry to qualify them for the Finals of the Welwyn Garden City Dramatic Societies' Competition.

The dear ladies have chosen 'Macbeth' as their tour de force, and attack it with all their usual gusto and enthusiasm. But, true to form, all their planning and preparation somehow seems to come unstuck. All this leads to an evening of great fun and enjoyment, and anyone who has been involved in AmDram, will recognise the characters, the situations and the 'show must go on' attitude of the stalwarts. Also, who on earth appointed the Adjudicator??

All this takes place at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, on Wednesday to Saturday 14th to 17th May, at 7.30p.m. More details to follow in the next issue.

## WHISPERER.

Totley All Saints playgroup have been given permission to replace their temporary building with a new one, the old one has been in temporary use for about 25 or more years.

Totley All Saints Church of England Primary School have applied for planning permission for further extensions and alterations to form a library and washing facilities.

The school is certainly moving along in leaps and bounds since becoming self funding.

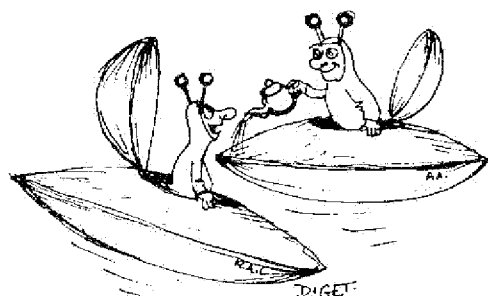
The Shepley Spillere, Hardy and Hansons PLC brewery are seeking planning permission to alter and extend the pub on Mickley lane.

The results of the Unitarian Development Plan which concerns various pieces of land around the area which should have been published last September or October and then put off to the end of January has now been put back once again to the end of February at least.

The beer garden that was formed in an area of the car park at the Crown Inn on Hillfoot road has had to be removed as it was done without planning consent. The piece of wall that blocked off the top entrance to the car park has also been removed it never did match the rest of the wall.

And yet another empty shop has been re-opened at Green oak as Felicitys Hat Hire where you can hire hats for all occasions.

Totley Residents Associations hard working secretary Amanda Hardwick has recently celebrated the big 40 congratulations Amanda.



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## WEATHER REPORT 1996

In my opinion the most notable weather happening for 1996 was the iridescence or mother of pearl clouds which were seen on 16th February. These are said to occur about every 70 years and were a truly wondrous sight. After that the sun, snow, rain and temperature seem very tame, but are what make our lives pleasant or uncomfortable.

The first thing that stands out in comparing the records for Totley and Weston Park is the difference in rain/snowfall, principally because of the extra 100mms of snow and rain which fell in Totley in February, November and December. Three months, August, November and December had more than 100mms each, with November showing the highest total of 179.2mm compared with W.P.'s recording of 134.3mm. The average rainfall for W.P. is 818mm (61-90) and for Totley 921mm (taken over the past 8 years). The W.P. total in 1996 was 757.6mm compared with 859.7mm recorded in Totley. On the wettest day, 19th November, W.P. recorded 38.3mm and Totley 47.5mm. Snow lay for a total of 41 days in Totley and 35 in W.P. with snow falling on some days during the first 4 months and the last two. Totley recorded 3 days with thunder and W.P. 5, the most notable storm being on 27th August when W.P. recorded rainfall of 36.1mm and Totley 15.4mm (although 5.4mm was recorded in 15 minutes). Rain was recorded on 188 days at W.P. and 195 in Totley.

The hottest day was on 18th August, W.P. reaching 30.4C and Totley recording 29.5C that day (the same temperature as on 22nd July). Our first day of over 20C was on 30th May. There were 19 days above 20C in July and August. The coldest nights were 26th December at W.P. -6.1C, and on the 25th and 28th December in Totley.

During the year there were only 3 days when the temperature failed to rise above 0C but there were 89 nights of frost.

There were three notable dry spells July - 8 days; August - 10 days and September - 15 days. Seven months had below average rainfall and the rest above - November having more than double. March and August were the only months when less rain was recorded in Totley.

According to W.P. January was the dullest ever recorded in Sheffield, with only 5.8 hours of sun for the whole month. In March W.P. recorded 38.6 hours of sun against the average for the month of 102 hours, but from June onwards sun hours were above average.

### TOTLEY

Rain for the year.

1996 859.7mm  
1995 717.1  
1994 1047.5

Wettest Day

1996 47.5mm  
1995 46.8  
1994 37.5

Coldest Night

1996 -6.1C  
1995 -10C  
1994 -8.5C

Hottest Day

1996 29.5C  
1995 30C  
1994 29C

Sun Hours W.P. only.

1996 1457.1 estimated total owing to loss of equipment.  
1995 1586.3  
1994 1361.7

Highest Wind speed. W.P. only.

1996 55 knots  
1995 61 knots  
1994 60 knots.

### WESTON PARK.

757.6mm  
667.8  
895.1

38.3mm

41.4

58.9

-6.1C

-6.2C

-7.8C

30.4C

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29.6C

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## ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet looks forward to a bumper Summer, beginning with a Treasure Hunt on Easter Monday morning. There will be other activities for children and families during the Easter, Spring Bank and Summer Holidays - see local press or telephone for further details.

Treasures in Trust examines the role of Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and Shepherd Wheel in Sheffield's industrial development, and emphasises their importance in heritage terms. Other exhibitions at the Hamlet include 'Art and Industry' - a series of paintings by June Morphew-Smith, giving an artist's interpretation of industry, and 'Dodeka Steels the Show' - a mixed media exhibition by twelve craftspeople (hence the name) exhibiting works inspired by their visits to Abbeydale.

The month of May heralds a Steam Gathering on the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, with a collection of steam, fairground and traction engines all lovingly maintained and 'In steam'. Also during May are Museums Week and International Museums Day, with a number of special activities planned, including talks, demonstrations, quiz-sheets, museum trails and competitions. The month draws to a close with Working Days over the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend, with demonstrations of traditional and modern crafts, including scythe-grinding, bread baking, rag rugs, jewellery and much more.

The Craft Fair in July brings together a range of top quality craft demonstrators, plus a showcase of young craft workers, supported by the Princes Youth Business Trust. Also commencing in July is an exhibition of new photography by artist and photographer Laurance Richardson. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet is open all year round, catering for the general public, school visits, academic historians, coach parties and group visits. Living conditions during the Victorian era can be seen in the Workman's cottage and the Manager's House. Working conditions are described in the museum display and the various forges and workshops around the site.

Diary Dates.  
Continuing to Sun. 23rd March TREASURES IN TRUST - Exhibition about Abbeydale and Shepherd Wheel Action Trust.

March 7th 8th 9th WORKING DAYS  
28th March to 26th May ART AND INDUSTRY - Exhibition.

May 3rd, 4th, 5th STEAM GATHERING.  
May 17th INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY

17TH - 25TH May NATIONAL MUSEUMS WEEK.  
May 24th, 25th, 26th WORKING DAYS.  
31st May to 29th June DODEKA STEELS THE SHOW - Exhibition.  
Mid July PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION - Laurance Richardson.  
July 19th & 20th CRAFT FAIR

### MARCH WORKING DAYS.

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th March.

10.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. daily.

Admission: Adult £3.00, Conc. £1.50, Family (2+2) £6.00.

### MARCH DOWN TO ABBEYDALE HAMLET.

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet stages its popular Working Days on Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 1997, with displays and demonstrations of traditional and modern crafts - many of which are unique to Abbeydale Hamlet.

Visitors to the Hamlet can discover the skills involved in such diverse activities as Metal Spinning, Broomstick Knitting, Metal Casting, Chair Caning, Crafter Walking Sticks, Scythe Grinding, Puppets and Marionettes, Pewterware, Designer Jewellery, Mark Making, Blacksmith's Wrought Iron Work, Pottery, Leatherware, Sculpture, Wood Carving, Illustration and Textile Art. Craftsmen and women will be in attendance throughout the weekend, demonstrating and discussing their particular area of expertise.

An Ancient Monument, with Grade I Listed Status, Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet provides a superb backdrop for this range of skills. A restored 18th Century Scythe and Steelworks, the Hamlet has Working Water Wheels, a Victorian Manager's House and Workman's cottage furnished as they would have been in the 19th century, plus many other fascinating and unique historical features. The Crucible Furnace will be lit, with demonstrations of metal casting using the traditional method taking place throughout the weekend.

The Hamlet has a Cafe specialising in home-baked delicacies, while the Gift Shop stocks a range of British and Sheffield-made souvenirs.

With a wealth of history and a wealth of crafts, plus a great deal more to see and do, the March Working Days at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet offer a memorable day out for all the family.

For further details, please contact Julia Waterhouse, Marketing Officer, Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Tel 0114 2367731.

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We are always in need of gifts for raffles. If you have any surplus Christmas gifts that you don't need, please remember us, we would be very glad of them.

Our coffee morning on Friday 14th March is in Totley Library from 10.00a.m. till noon. We will have bric-a-brac, plants, books and a raffle. Coffee or tea and biscuits will be 50p. Please come along and see us.

Dorothy Woolhouse has had to resign as Treasurer due to other commitments. We are very pleased that she will be staying on our committee. I am sure all our passengers join with us in thanking her for all her work on our finances. John Savournin will move up to take over as Treasurer.

Best Wishes,  
MARGARET BARLOW.

Local pigeon racer revealed recently that one of his birds had finally arrived home. It had achieved 142 miles and had only taken 7 months.  
Must have been a hell of a walk!

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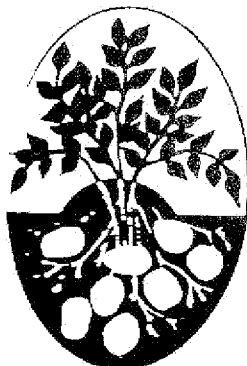
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## WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN YOUR DRAWERS?

Are you the type of person who carefully lines all the kitchen and dressing table drawers with newspapers, or old magazines? If so, you could be a God send to Lesley Rowntree who is stage managing Leslie Sands thriller 'Intent to Murder' for the Dramatic Society at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, this spring.

She is looking for covers to, or copies of 'Radio Times' in the early 1950's. You know - when the BBC reigned supreme and Ena Sharples' character had not yet plucked one happy actress Violet Carson out of retirement into stardom.

When cinemas flourished and bingo halls had not been invented. When most people walked, or caught a bus to the Union Church plays on Totley Brook Road and few had cars. Yes, those were the days!

More significantly, those were the days when you would certainly hang for murder, or being an accessory to murder - and this is where the relevance to Lesley's search lies. For, when Leslie Sands wrote his thriller in 1949, his audience had no illusions about what happened to anyone associated with the shooting of a policeman. Scotland Yard would not rest until the guilty person had been apprehended - nor, for that matter - would the nation.

Lesley's problem is finding props that firmly establish the era in the mind of today's audience and that ranges from newspapers of the day to sherry glasses and exchange operator assisted telephones. If you could help in any way she would be very grateful. Please give producer Richard Moffat a call on 2350061.

When is the play? From March 19th - 22nd at 7.30p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets may be obtained from Martin's Sweet Shop or the Box Office on 2364440. Come along and see if you can catch Leslie out.

## DRAMA AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR COMIC RELIEF

The Totley Rise Methodist Brownies and Dore and Totley URC Beavers are joining up with the Jackie Collins School of Drama to present a performance in aid of Comic Relief.

The Beavers and Brownies will provide a short variety show and children from the Jackie Collins School of Drama will perform 'The M-Files'. This play takes the form of a court case drama and has been devised by the children themselves.

The performance is on Tuesday 11th March at 6.30p.m. at the Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

Tickets priced 50p can be purchased on the door, all proceeds will be donated to Comic Relief.

## SCOUT LOTTERY

The winners of the 1st. Totley Scout January Draw were:-

- 1st. Prize No. 78 Tefal Steam Cuisine and Philips Radio Cassette Player
- 2nd. Prize No. 37 £10 Voucher

Mr. & Mrs. Holding, Sunnyvale Rd.

The 1st. Totley Scout Group would like to thank all who posted Christmas cards through the Scout Post.

Our thanks also to scout parents who helped sort and deliver the cards.

There were 5-77 cards sent from Totley.

Cards coming in by weight was 106 kilos, about about 5500 cards, there being some 80 to a kilo.

Peter Casson

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### MARCH

**SAT. 1st.** JUMBLE SALE, Totley All Saints' School, 9-30 onwards, Admission 20p.  
**SAT. 1st.** NEARLY NEW SALE 2-00pm. United Reformed Church Hall, on behalf of Acorn  
 Play Group.  
**SAT. 8th.** JUMBLE SALE, Wessex Hall, King Ecgbert School, 11am - 12 noon admission £2  
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**FRI. 7th.** ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET Working days to Sunday 9th. Details inside.  
**SAT. 8th.** DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR 7-00pm. Saint John's, Ranmoor.  
**WED. 12th.** JOURNEY THROUGH LENT led by Dr. M. Jepson, Readings, meditations, music.  
 Totlet Rise Methodist Church Lounge, 8-00pm.  
**FRI. 14th.** TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, 7-30pm. Abbeydale Hall  
**TUES. 18th.** TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.  
**FRI. 21st.** OPEN MEETING United Nations Association, Veronica Hardstaff, M.E.P. for  
 Lincoln will speak on European Union in the U.N.  
**SAT. 22nd.** ANTIQUE FARE St. Johns' Church Hall, Abbeydale Road, 10 am. to 4 pm.

### APRIL

**SAT. 26th.** COFFEE MORNING in aid of ALZHEIMERS DISEASE SOCIETY at Totley Rise  
 Methodist Church 10-00am. to 12 noon. Cake stall, books, stationary, white  
 elephant etc. Admission 50p including coffee & biscuits.

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