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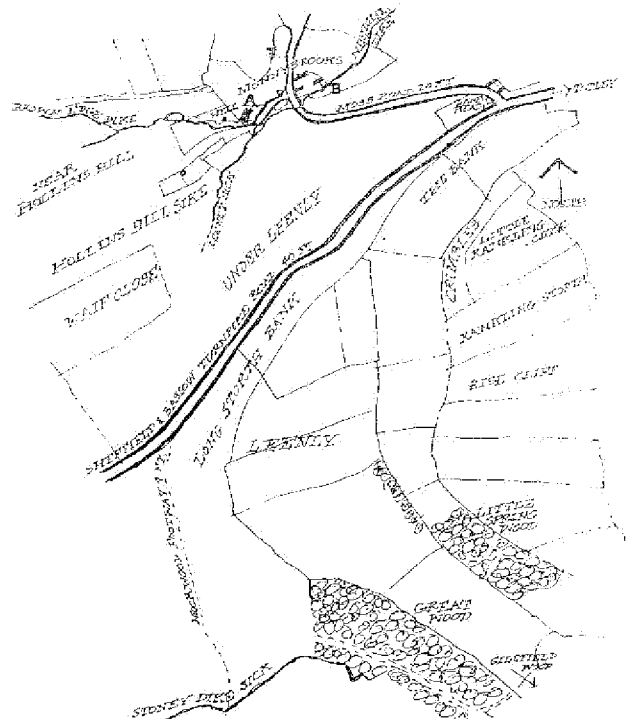


THE RUINED CHURCH AT MOUNTAIN BROOK ~~BRIDGE~~ BRANFORD CT. BRANFORD CT. 4/19/97

The drawing shows the remains of the old cottage at Moneybrook as seen nowadays from the rifle range. On the horizon is the belt of trees on the top side of Baslow Road. I have seen references to this section of the Baslow to Sheffield turnpike calling it Windy Ridge or Devils Elbow.

In 1842 the hill rising up to the road was named as "Under Leeny" with the tiny brook, which only runs in the winter, called Leeny Sick. On the accompanying map of the area in 1842, the cottage is marked "A" and was to be found on the now overgrown Monneybrook Road. "B" indicates the old Tolley poorhouse, now stables.

TOTLEY
REDEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 5th
in the BARN at
TOTLEY HALL LANE
FARM.
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SPECIAL OPEN MEETING FOR ALL RESIDENTS

REDEVELOPMENT of SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY SITE, TOTLEY HALL LANE

Plans have been submitted for planning approval from a company called Yuill Central Ltd. They are seeking approval for the construction of just under 100 houses the styles, density and layout are currently generating responses ranging from mild indignation to extreme alarm.

Many questions are being raised about the development when seen in relation to the sites' proximity to the green belt, the conservation area and to listed buildings, there are no clear cut answers to some of these questions at present.

To try and co-ordinate community feeling and influence the planning and consultation process, the Totley Residents Association planning group has put up a display in Totley Library for your information. We have also set up an open meeting to be held on Thursday June 5th. in the barn at Totley Hall Farm, Totley Hall Lane. The meeting will start at 7-30 pm.. Our new MP, Richard Allen, will be leaving Westminster that afternoon in order to attend the meeting. A representative from the Council for the Protection of Rural England will also be there which should prove to be extremely informative. Local councillors of every political party will be invited. We hope that as many Totley residents as possible will join us for this stimulating debate. We need a strong voice if we are to influence the consultation and decision making process.

In the meantime the council is keen to encourage written comments and these should be made as soon as possible to Mr. P.Jessop in the Planning Department. If you wish to see a council officer about the plans, it is wise to make an appointment beforehand. If you wish to see detailed drawings of the houses, you can inspect them at the Planning Department. A letter from the TRA has been sent to the Planning department informing them of our meeting.

SEE YOU ON JUNE 5th.

CELEBRATORY EVENTS AT TOTLEY ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

This year sees the 120th Anniversary of the school on its current site - the original school in Totley Hall Lane being 170 years old - and Joan Stratford retires at the end of this term after 12 years as Headteacher.

The 12 years have also seen tremendous growth - both in pupil numbers and in the size of the building. Numbers have risen from 70 in 3 classes to 184 in 7 classes from September 1997. This has necessitated a well-designed internal conversion of the Victorian block, and by inserting an upper floor it has given the space for two extra classrooms and increased toilet, washroom and shower facilities. An extension to the front of the school has provided two additional offices and an enlarged entrance. Hopefully by the end of this term a new Library will be built.

During this term the school will be holding various events to which you are invited. Do come along - you will be very welcome!

On Saturday 19th July the P.T.A. will be organising a social function to mark the two events. It will be held during the late afternoon/early evening - more information will be available nearer the time.

On Monday 21st July between 2pm and 7pm the School will be open for people to come and look round to see all the changes that have taken place. If any pupils have photographs or other memorabilia which they would be able to lend to put on display they will be most gratefully received. If you require any further information, or if there are any ex-pupils who want to visit the school but are unable to come on the Open Day, please ring Mrs. Joan Stratford at school on 0114 2361934.

CLOTHES SHOW

Totley All Saints' School on Hillfoot Road are holding a clothes sale of good quality Ladies and Children's chain store seconds on Tuesday 10 th. June at 8-00 pm.

Tickets £1-50 which includes a glass of wine or fruit juice, available from the school or at the door.

ABBEYDALE HALL

ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC MEETING RE PROPOSED SALE OF ABBEYDALE HALL, held on 15th May 1997.

Addressing the meeting:-

Roger Smith - Head of Norton Centre
Paul Proctor - a governor of Sheffield College
Alan Biggin - Sheffield College Marketing Manager.

Present - about 30 people.

Roger Smith explained some of the background to the Hall being put on the market. With running costs of £200,000p.a. only 25% using during the daytime sessions and urgent repairs needed, it was not possible to keep it running. Alternative uses had been considered (e.g. Conference Centre) but a huge sum would be in competition with other under-used conference facilities in Sheffield. Study programmes have already been re-located for the autumn at either Abbeydale Centre or the main site at Norton.

The Hall has not yet been sold. It is on the market with no fixed price. Speculative interest has been expressed by breweries, restaurant owners, a nursing home and a church (they wouldn't specify which). A lot of the questions were about the future of the wildlife garden and access to it. There was a suggestion that access to the garden should be a condition of the sale but at the moment no constraints have been put on the sale. It was something which would be considered but no guarantees could be given. There is apparently no public right of way to the garden despite access having been allowed for a number of years. The governors would have the final decision about the sale and it was made clear by various people present that there would be vigorous local opposition to the Hall being converted into a pub or restaurant. Alan Biggin confirmed that the resident caretaker would remain until the sale was completed.

Criticism of the short notice and lack of circulation about the public meeting was made. Roger Smith said posters had been put up at the Hall so that users would be informed. He hadn't thought it necessary to let local people know at this stage. Paul Proctor promised another public meeting and communication will be improved. It was suggested that leaflets could be displayed at G.P.'s surgeries, Post Offices, churches etc. and an entry made in the Totley Independent (of course!).



Transport 17

Our thanks in advance to English Martyrs Catholic Church for their Cakes and Cuttings event on Saturday 7th June. This will be at Baslow Road, next to our office from 10a.m. till noon. It is a great sight to see people coming from all directions with plants, trees and shrubs. A sunny day will also mean that the tables and umbrellas will be out. After buying at the various stalls what better way to end than with refreshments! This support is very much appreciated.

Dorothy Firth is walking 90 miles along Offa's Dyke this month. She has asked us to get sponsors and will give the proceeds towards out new minibus. Contact any of Transport 17 staff or call at the office. Some of the Clubs will be asking their members to sponsor Dorothy as well.

I have the tickets for the Ladies Fashion Show/Sale to be held on Friday 13th June at St. John's, Abbeydale Road. Tickets are £2.50 each. On arrival you may have a glass of wine or orange. Coffee or tea and biscuits will be available at the end. Clothes may be purchased and tried on. Many items are half price or less. They are all new goods. There will be transport available at a small extra cost. Please buy a ticket and book transport well in advance. We look forward to seeing you all. There will be a good raffle during the show.

Ring our office on 2362962 or me on 2365063.

All Saints Church have kindly allowed us to have a stall at their 'Pete' on Saturday 21st June. We are all hoping for sun on this midsummer day. Come along and meet us and support everyone else who works hard to make this a pleasurable afternoon.

Thank you, Best wishes,
Margaret Barlow.

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ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

Continuing on from May article, here are further Nicknames, again all are in current use within the Sheffield Area. Where possible I have given an early date and in some cases an alternative.

GALBRAITH- Gaelic Gall-Bhreathnach, Stranger-Briton, a Briton who settled among Gaels 1208.
GALL- Gaelic Gall Stranger, Foreigner 1170
GALLANT- Old French Galand, Middle English Galant, Dashing, Bold 1066
GAPES- Old French Gape, Weak, Enfeebled 1243
GATHERCOLE- To gather cold, become weak, nickname for an old man 1327.
GAULT- Old English Galt, a boar pig, one who looked or behaved as such 1198.
GAUNT, GANT- Middle English Gaunt, Slim, slender, thin haggard looking, 1219.
GAWKRODGER- Yorkshire dialect Gawk, awkward or clumsy roger 1539. Gawke is recorded in 1379.
GAY- Middle English Gaie, old French Gai, full of joy 1176.
GELLATLY, GOLIGHTLY- Go lightly a nickname for a messenger 1196.
GENT- Middle English Gente, Old French Gent, noble, courteous 1195.
GENTLE, GENTLES - Middle English Gentil, high born, noble. 1202
GERRISH- Middle English Gerysshe, wild, wayward 1275.
GEDYE, GIDDY- Old English Gydig, mad, insane, possessed of an evil spirit 1115.
GIFFORD- Old French Giffard, chubby-cheeked, bloated 1086.
GILDERSLEVE- Old English Gylden, golden, one with sleeves braided with gold 1275.
GLEW- Old English Gleaw, wise, prudent 1219.
GOACHER- Middle English Chere, old French Cheir, good face, cheerful appearance 1343.
GODWIN, GOODWIN - Old English God Wine, good friend, Earl Godwin dies in 1053. He was the father of King Harold Godwinson who was killed at Hastings 1066.
GOODCHAP- Old English God Ceap, good cheap, good price 1166. Believed to be nickname for a vendor who called it out.
GOTOBED- As it says, Go to bed, 1269 also believed to come from the forename Godebert.
GREATHEAD- Old English Great Heafod, big head, 1278 also may be a location such as our local Meadowhead.
GRIME, GRIMES, GRIMM- Old English Grim, fierce, resolve, determination 1066. Also from place names such as Grimesthorpe.
GROSS, GROSE- Latin Grossus, thick, Old French Gros, big, fat, 1086. One who is large, fat or heavy.
GRUBB- Middle English Grubbe, a grub, a small person 1176.
GUEST- Old Norse Gestr, the received stranger 1100.
HACKWOOD- Nickname given to a woodcutter 1230, also place name in Devon.
HAGGARD- Old French Hagard, wild untamed 1275.
HAKES- Old Danish Hake, a hook or crook 1066, could refer to the person who carried the Bishops Crook. The names Crosier, Crozier also refer to this job.
HAMILL, HAMMILL- Old English Hamel, scarred, mutilated 1055.
HARDEY, HARDIE, HARDY- Middle English Hardi, bold, courageous 1194.
HARE- Old English Hara, a hare, a nickname for speed or timidity 1166.

HARFOOT- Old Norse Harfotr, hare's foot, a swift runner 1038.
HARKER- Middle English Herkien, to listen, an eavesdropper 1280.
HASTIE- Old French Hastif, Middle English Hasty, hasty, speedy, quick 1202.
HAZARD- Anglo French Hasardour, a dicer, gamester, gambler 1170.
HENDY- Middle English Hendy, courteous, kind, gentle 1279.
HERON, HERRON- Middle English Heiroun, Old French Hairon, a heron, a tall thin person resembling a heron 1212.
HONEY- Old English Hunig, honey. A term of endearment 1275, also an abbreviation of Honeyman, a gatherer or dealer in honey.
HOODLESS- As it says, one who does not wear a hood 1292. Hoods were commonly used by Friars, possibly one leaving the calling.
HORRABINE, HORRABIN- Norse Orrabeinn, scar-leg, also Old English Har Robin, grey robin 1596.
IRONSIDE- Old English Iren Sid, ironside, warrior. A nickname given to King Edmund who died 1016, the first to bear it.
JAY, JEYES- Old French Jay, a jay, a chatterer, a gaily dressed person 1105.
JEUNE- Old French Jeuvne, young 1279. Used to distinguish the younger of two bearers of the same name.
JEX- Middle English Geche, Geke, a fool, simpleton 1275.
JOLLIFFE, JOLLEY, JOLLY- Old English Jolif, gay lively, 1275.
KATES- Old Norse Kati, The merry one 1095
KEEN, KEENE, KEENS- Middle English Kene, wise, brave, proud 1188.
KENNEDY- Irish O'Cinneide, ugle head 1180.
 Please note correction to May entry:-
CHUBB- Middle English Chubbe, a Chub fish, used to indicate a lazy, rustic foolish person 1180.
CLATER- Middle English Clater, noisy talk, gabble, babler 1327.
FOLLETT- Old French Folet, little fool, foolish 1086.
FORT, FORTE- Old French Fort, strong, a strong person 1200, also place name, one who lived near or by a fort (Fortwilliam).

Terry Peckett FFA.

SCOUT NEWS

SCOUT LOTTERY

The First Totley Scout Group Lottery, April Draw

1st. Prize Gents Wrist Watch

No.90 Mrs. Harrop, Greenoak Avenue.

2nd. Prize £10 voucher

No. 15 Mrs. Sturgeon, The Quadrant.

ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS TREASURE HUNT

SUNDAY, 15th. JUNE, FATHER'S DAY.

This years Treasure Hunt, a circular one, will start from Abbeydale Sports Club between 9-45 am. and 10-30 am. Come along and join us for an enjoyable day.

Everybody welcome.

TOTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL STAYS IN TOTLEY!

Totley FC have been given verbal assurances that TYFC will be given use of the University site at the end of Totley Hall Lane for the foreseeable future.

The only other alternatives would have been to disband the club or move out of Totley to pitches in Dore and Ecclesall. The latter would not have been an option if not for the support of Councillor Colin Ross in getting alternative pitches and the former was a non option, TYFC is here to stay!

So, the season is over and we need to look forward to the future. However, I would just indulge it a brief look back at some of the high points. TYFC fielded two teams last year at U10 & U14 ages in the GT Sunday League which is the largest league of its kind in the UK. Despite injury problems the U14 finished a creditable sixth after gaining promotion last season. The U10 went from strength to strength reducing the deficits and eventually winning 2-0. Thirty two boys played organised football at a senior level.

The high point of the season came for the U10's at the TYFC presentation night which was attended by our sponsors Dyson and Hinckley, the TRA, the leagues registrars, John Newsom and Richie Humphries from SWFC and Simon Tracy from SUFC. On the night the Chairman of the GT League announced that the U10's had been voted the most sporting team in the whole league by the other teams and their parents. The boys were invited to and attended the GT presentation night at the Dial House Club where they were the first of thirteen teams to be presented with their awards by Dane Whitehouse of SUFC. This is a major achievement for the boys and TYFC building on the U14's award of the sportsman trophy for their division last year and is in keeping with the clubs philosophy to play to win, accept defeat in a sporting manner and show respect for the opposition and officials of the game.

With the clubs future secured I intend entering another U10 team to start next season which means we will have an U10, U11 and U15 contingent with 48 boys representing Totley across Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley and Chesterfield.

Please contact me on 2351 862 if you have or know of any boys aged 9 on the 1st September 1997 who would like to join the club and try out for the squad. Full training will be provided both on skill and the laws of the game by qualified coaches and referees. The boys play approximately 24 matches on Sundays between September 1997 and April 1998.

In addition to football TYFC is keen to support boys in other developments. Next year three boys Steven Wilkinson, Adam Walker and Nick Millington will start training towards their coaching and referee qualifications and assist in training the U10/11 squads. These activities will support their Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards and for two of the boys will support their career options in sports administration.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery go to Adam Walker who broke his arm saving a goal for King Ecberts in the Snickers / Sky national competition. This is the third time since last September he has broken the arm, the good news is he will be back in the striking line up for TYFC next September.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOTLEY

The old 'United News Shop' premises on Baslow Road, which has been empty for quite a while has finally been sold.

The new owner, local businessman Keith Popplewell and his wife Sharon Hall, intend to use it as offices for their expanding business, Professional Briefing.

Professional Briefing and its associated companies carry out a variety of services for the insurance and financial profession, including text books, audio tapes, training courses and analysis of pension schemes.

Watch out for a 'facelift' to the property very shortly - this must be good news for Totley Residents who have put up with this deteriorating property for too long.

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REMINISCENCES OF MY LIFE IN THE VILLAGE OF TOTLEY

by John S. Andrews (Part 3)

In 1939 I sat my 11-plus examination at school and managed to get a high enough mark to pass for High Storrs Grammar School. The top school in Sheffield was King Edwards, the next was High Storrs, so my parents were very pleased with me! There was only one problem and that was that my parents were not wealthy enough to buy my school books and uniform. However they made a claim for assistance from the Education Department and they made a grant that allowed them to be able to purchase my school uniform and the necessary text books required. I was due to commence school in the September of 1939, but War was declared on September 3rd. Because the school had no air raid shelters we were not allowed to attend until these were built. Therefore we commenced what was called Home Service. This meant that a number of us in the same area used to have to go to someone's house for a morning or afternoon and the teacher used to come and teach us there. Each day including Saturday, we had lessons in someone's front room, either in the morning or the afternoon. At school all writing was done with pen and ink. As it was not practical to have ink wells in people's houses for us to use, we were instructed to buy a fountain pen. Normally these were not allowed to be used at all, so you can imagine the excitement of not only owning a fountain pen, but being able to use it during lessons. I am afraid that I cannot remember when we were allowed to go to school properly, but it was certainly after the winter of 1939/40.

When we got to our new school we found that what had been the cricket field, was covered in a sort of wire mesh stretched on top of poles about four or so feet high from the ground. In the centre of this was an oblong building which used to rotate. We were told that this was a radio location device to pick up approaching aircraft. What of course it was, was the forerunner to Radar, which was very secret then. Further down the sports field were two anti-aircraft guns in their sandbagged emplacements. Many was the time that I used to get into all sorts of trouble when we used a classroom at the front of the school. Those classrooms overlooked these guns and when they used to receive some sort

of warning that planes were somewhere approaching, bells used to sound and the gunners would dash out of their rest huts to man the guns. I used to watch this happening until the blackboard duster flashed past my ear, having been thrown by the master as I was not paying attention to him! We used to have air raid drill, when we had to vacate the school and file into the shelters built underground in front of the school. Also if you arrived at school without your gas mask you were sent home to get it. Getting to school from Totley either meant the bus from Dore to Bents Green, or the No.45 bus down to Abbeydale and then the inner circle bus to Bents Green. There were three of us from the village who attended High Storrs Grammar School at this time, and more often than not we used to travel together. During the better part of the year weatherwise, I used to walk across to Dore and catch the Bent Green bus. It was a walk down through the allotments to Hillfoot Road, then down past the Crown public house and a turn right after the big wall surrounding a large house on the right hand side. This footpath went down the field alongside the wall to a bridge over the river, then up the fields to Dore village. The return journey being made later in the afternoon and if the river was low we would make a short cut by crossing the river on some boulders rather than go round by the bridge. The river is the one that flows across the railway cutting by means of an aqueduct over the railway, just before it goes into Totley Tunnel, alongside Totley Brook Road. The railway tunnel smoke chimneys, one at the start of Penny Lane, another behind the village cricket field pavilion, and one over by the Army Rifle Range, were all guarded by soldiers during the War. Each chimney had a finer mesh 'pepper box top' placed over the metal grid that covered them when they were built. The reason being so that bombs could not be thrown down them to sabotage the tunnel and railway system. Each 'pepper box' as we used to call them, had a sentry box by it, and the sentry used to march round every so often with his rifle at the slope. When we were in the area playing we used to stop and talk to the soldiers when the

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truck used to arrive with the relief guard aboard. They often used to give us sweets. The soldiers were billeted in bell tents on the rifle range, which was used daily for practice firing. Army trucks and tracked vehicles which were Bren gun carriers used to be constantly driving past our house on Baslow Road, and down the road to the range. Twice it happened that a Bren gun carrier came up the hill and didn't engage his other track quick enough after turning the corner onto the main road, and crashed into our front garden wall. Each time it was rebuilt by the Army.

During the war the village was quite cut off early in the evening, as the last bus from Pond Street to Totley was 9.00p.m. Therefore the last bus from Cross Scythes to Sheffield was 9.30p.m., the journey being 30 mins. The cost of a return was 1ld or 6d single (nearly 5p and two and a half pence). Children's fare was one and a half pence with no returns (approx half a pence). The trams were even better as anywhere on the network for a child was a half penny. When mother wanted to start her shopping at the bottom of the Moor, we used to get off the bus at either Beauchief or Millhouses and catch the tram which, providing we caught the correct one, used to travel along to and up the Moor. At the bottom of the Moor was the big CWS (Co-op) store, where you could get anything from a button to a bed and groceries as well. That was one of mother's favourite stores, as was Robert Brothers up the Moor, then past Barkers Pool and down to Coles store and Walsh's. Then it was down to Fitzallan Square and so to Pond Street to get the bus home.

One of our big treats was being taken to the pictures as a child, and our nearest one was the Abbeydale Cinema. It was not until I was older and allowed to go to the pictures with my friends that we went into the City, then it was to queue for one of the big Cinemas, The Gaumont, The Hippodrome, Palace, Union Street, Central Cinema House or the News Theatre in Fitzallan Square. Very occasionally, when funds could run to it, I went to the Lyceum Theatre to see a show, but in my later teens it was a seat every Saturday night, first house, at the Empire where a seat in the circle cost 3/6d (seventeen and a half pence). The commencement of the Second World War did not affect the village too much until after the evacuation from France

at Dunkirk in 1940. Then the road blocks started to be built in case the U.K. was invaded. There was one on Baslow Road just above our house. Traffic had to negotiate the large concrete blocks placed across the road which were guarded by the Army. The Army were also helped by the Home Guard. The other major thing in the village denoting that there was a war on was the complete extinguishing of the street lights. The buses also had very dim interior lights that made travelling very difficult. Apart from not being able to read it was difficult to know which stop you were at with no street lighting and a complete blackout of houses and shops.

The biggest blow to the children, including myself, was the first 'blitz' on Sheffield. On the night of the 12/13 December 1940, the Germans bombed the centre of the City. We were able, being high up at Totley, to watch the bombing and see the mass of fires. It was a terrible sight, and the noise was frightening. As it was just before Christmas, all the stores had their Christmas gift and toy displays on, and virtually the whole of the Moor shopping centre was wiped out. The big store of Walsh's was gutted by fire, as there was no water to douse the flames due to water mains being cut by the bombs. It was a miserable Christmas that year, with next to no presents. Two nights later the bombers were back and this time blitzed the East End works side of the City. Again we were able to view from a distance the fires etc. in the city on that night. The morning following the first nights blitz there were no buses arriving at Cross Scythes, so we couldn't get to school. We were told by the local policeman that this was due to bombing at Beauchief. We set off to walk there to see the damage. A very large bomb, some did say that it was a landmine dropped by parachute, had cratered the road just past the junction of Abbeydale Road and Abbey Lane. The crater was very deep and contained a double decker bus and another vehicle. It was also filling up with water and sewerage, as all the main services had been broken. We were without water and electricity at home. Walking further on we came to the next lot of destruction at Millhouses. The line of shops just past the junction of Abbeydale Road and Archer Road had received a direct hit, and all the debris was blocking the road.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

Usually the garden can 'relax' by the time June comes around, chances of frost are remote, the pricking out should be done by the end of May. Although there are plenty of routine jobs to be done over the next few months, it is now the time to enjoy the sunshine, flowers and long evenings, everything is nice and fresh, especially when we have had a drop of rain. I like this bit of poetry by J. Thomson, part of a longer piece:

Refreshed fields with pearly dew do shine,
And tender blades therewith their tops incline.
Their painted leaves the unblown flowers expand,
And with their odorous breath perfume the land.

You can smell it can't you?

FLOWERS

Keep an eye on all newly planted bedding and other plants, and keep them well watered during dry spells, a bit of liquid feed added to the water now and again will give an added benefit, keep it off the leaves if it is sunny when you are applying it. Stake and tie any taller plants as they grow, otherwise they will be damaged or broken by the wind.

You can lift and divide hardy primulas such as *primula denticulata*, *primula japonica* etc. as soon as they have finished flowering. As alpine plants in the rock garden finish flowering, trim back the growth to keep them neat and compact.

Biennials such as *canterbury Bella*, wall flowers and sweet williams may be sown now. Bedding plants should be safe enough now from frost, so if you haven't planted them, do so now.

Place chrysanthemums in their summer quarters, stand them on ashes or gravel to give good drainage, keep them well watered.

Divide mossy saxifrages if they have a brown centre. Discard the brown pieces altogether, and replant the green clumps in a semi-shaded place in a good humus soil leafmould or moss peat, keep well watered for a few weeks. Deadhead peonies after flowering and cut back oriental poppy.

VEGETABLES

Keep all vegetables well watered and fed, especially during dry weather. Earth up potatoes. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars and deal with them as soon as they are seen. Plant out outdoor tomatoes, sweetcorn, runner beans, marrows and ridge cucumbers.

Plant out leeks for winter/spring use and celery for autumn/winter.

Sow leaf chicory, endive, spinach and leaf beet for use in autumn/winter. Make succession sowings of beet, carrot,

dwarf beans, peas, lettuce, salad onions and radish.

Take cuttings from rosemary and sage and root in pots on a window sill. Pick any vegetables as soon as they are ready, this will encourage more cropping.

To help rhubarb build up new crowns for next year, stop picking. Any flower shoots that appear should be removed and the plants well watered and fed. They would also appreciate a top dressing of compost. (I put custard on mine!! Ha ha) Pinch out the tips of broad beans.

TREES SHRUBS AND FRUIT.

Keep newly planted shrubs and trees well watered.

Remove the dead tips of cotoneaster and cherry. Don't forget to pick the seed of laburnum, especially if there are children around.

Give azaleas, rhododendron, camellias and hydrangeas a feed of sequestrine. You can take semi-ripe cuttings from quite a lot of shrubs and trees, root in a frame or window sill (not in bright sun). Keep fruit tree trunks clear of weeds and grass.

Trim apples and pears after the June drop of fruitlets.

Do not allow newly planted fruit trees to produce flowers, pick them off to encourage strong plant growth for the future. Tie in a support growing blackberry and loganberry, check supports on other fruits.

Cut out any badly cankered apple branches.

Summer prune gooseberries, grape vines and red and white currants.

GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS,

As the weather gets warmer (we hope) ventilation is very important. Watch out at the beginning of the month and be ready to close up if the temperature drops, most plants are happy at 16C or (60F). As usual watering and feeding is the order of the day except of course

the ones that are resting.

Stand pots on damp pebbles to maintain humidity. Pot up cuttings taken in May. Watch out for aphids etc. and deal with them as soon as they are seen. Smoke cones can be very effective, don't use them if you have seedlings growing, some cucumbers don't like them either. Keep an eye out for mildew and spray or dust with an effective fungicide as soon as possible. Sow calceolaria, cineraria, busy lizzy, French marigolds and indoor primulas to use as pot plants.

Take cuttings of most indoor and greenhouse plants, such as fuchsia, heliotrope, kalanchoe, plumbago etc. Leaf cuttings can be taken now from African violets, rex begonias and echeveria. Established fuchsias can be given a new lease of life if they are taken out of their pots and the old bottom root screwed off and the plant re-potted in fresh compost, do not damage any new paler roots as you do this. Nip out the side shoots as tomato plants develop. Stop them when you have five or six trusses, regular feeding improves flavour.

LAWNS

Clean up raking regularly, get into a cutting, feeding routine. Keep edges tidy. Don't worry about your lawn drying up in dry weather, it soon recovers when it rains, keep the mower set high during these dry spells, and try to keep children and animals off. I think I said you could relax this month, looking at this lot I think I shall have to eat my words.

Don't forget the Totley Show 6th September, we are all working hard to make it a success so all we need is your encouragement by turning up and better still, having your work on show.

Cheerio for now.

Tom, Busy Bee.

PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

June 14-18 CHELMORTON FESTIVAL & WELLDRESSINGS.

Tel: 01298 85381) Flower Festival in Church, daily 10am until evening, well dressings in Main Street. Refreshments available. Party bookings in advance. June 14th 2.15pm Fancy Dress Parade. 3.00pm Well blessing. 3.30pm Morris Men. 7.30pm Band Concert. 8.30pm Barbecue. Dusk fireworks.

June 15th 6.30pm Hymns of Praise.

June 16th 7.30pm Treasure Hunt.

June 17th 7.30pm Flower Arranging Demonstration.

June 21-26 YOULGREAVE WELLDRESSING. Tel 01629 636603

June 21st Service and procession. 2.30pm from Parish Church, service held in front of Wesleyan Reform Chapel in Holywell Lane. Five wells floodlit each evening.

June 21-19 LITTON WELLDRESSINGS. Tel 01298 871569 after 4.00pm.

June 22nd 3.15pm. Well Blessing. Visitors may see well dressing in progress from 15-20 June inclusive from 10.00am to 10.00pm (these times may vary)

June 22-30 TIDESWELL WAKES WEEK AND WELLDRESSING.

June 22nd 3.00pm blessing the wells.

June 29th Carnival parades 2.30pm and 7.30pm Other events as advertised locally.

June 28 - July 5th HOPE WELLDRESSINGS' Tel 01433 621312.

June 28th Carnival procession at 2.00pm from Sherwood Avenue, Crowning of queen at 3.00pm.

June 29th Blessing of the three wells at 7.00pm at St. Peters Church.

June 23rd - July 6th BAKEWELL WELLDRESSING AND CARNIVAL.

Tel: 01629 813241. Events as advertised locally. No stalls or stands.

July 1st - 5th ROWSLEY FESTIVAL 7 WELLDRESSINGS.

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EDGES OF ROCK

As we travel into the Peak District the scenery is dominated by the edges of Millstone Grit.

Starting the descent to Baslow, Gardom's Edge towers above us on our left. Incidentally Gardom was the name of a mill owner in Baslow. As Michael Caine would say 'not a lot of people know that!'

Driving between Fox House Inn and Toad's Mouth, your passengers will look to their right and see two edges- Carl Wark (an ancient hillfort) and Higger Tor.

Then of course we all know Froggatt, Curbar, Bamford and Stanage Edges. Stanage is the longest - a magnificent three and a half miles.

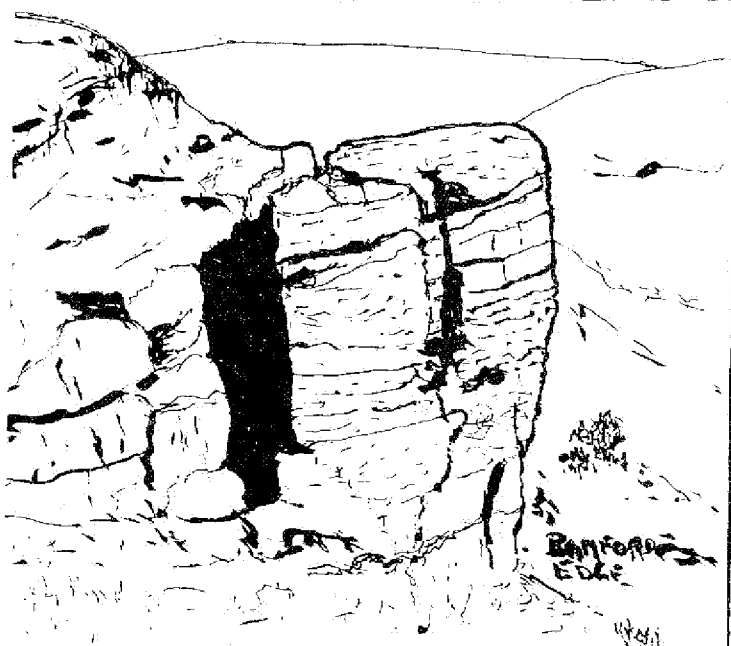
These edges of Millstone Grit are the vital elements of the landscape that makes the Pennine areas of Derbyshire and Yorkshire unique in the British Isles. There are no rock edges in other districts of scenic grandeur such as Snowdonia, The Lake District and Scotland. So we - living so near the Peak District, should consider ourselves very fortunate.

Many of us find the concepts of geology frightening because we think of events occurring many millions of years ago. The formation of our Peak District edges started a mere 18,000 years ago. Quite recently!

Let's consider the Ice Ages. But better, think 'Ice Age' with a number of advances and retreats. The final advance of ice, 18,000 years ago, halted just north of Kinderscout and Bleaklow, but continued south for some fifty miles or so both to the west and east. The ice stayed in position for 6,000 years before the final melt commenced.

The climate in the Peak District would have been sub-arctic, with gales, snow, rain; the weather constantly changing - alternating between intense frosts and thaws.

We can only imagine how the landscape looked: there would have been hills and valleys with smooth rock surfaces. However, there were vertical cracks caused by initial shrinkage when the silts of the delta dried out and became hard rock (see April issue). Snow and ice would penetrate these and when the mixture froze the ice expanded - splitting the rock and pushing the loosened boulders away from the solid bedrock along horizontal lines of weakness and down onto the sloping valley sides.



Then the process called periglaciation, repeated freezing and thawing, caused the boulders to split into smaller chunks and progress down the valley sides. Further weathering broke them into even smaller particles which could be washed down the streams and rivers.

Progressively the valleys became deeper and wider and their edges became more and more precipitous.

The process is not easily understood unless you have stood and studied sections of the edges - then tried to visualise how the changes occurred. But look at my drawing of part of Bamford Edge. The black cleft is approximately 3ft wide, 35ft long, 18ft deep. It separates an immense block from the main bedrock on the left. The surface where the bottom of the cleft reaches the bedrock is square, not tapering. This indicates that expanding ice pushed the block outwards (to the right), causing it to slide along a horizontal layer of softer rock. One wonders how many years would have been required to cause the block to tip down into the valley.

The line of edges still continues to recede, but at a very slow rate. After every downfall of snow and rain, followed by a severe frost, chunks fall from the main faces.

Alan Faulkner Taylor.

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REMINDERS AND SURPRISES

By Mike Williamson

Looking back through piles of old (very old) paperwork is similar to rummaging through old cupboards and drawers, there to be found memories, reminders and surprises, or maybe even disappointment (also known as junk). Recently I came across a poem, which may be of interest.

Some 20 years ago, back in 1977, Totley All Saints School celebrated its centenary. A most enjoyable Victorian Evening was held at the school to commemorate the occasion and photos were later displayed, in evidence, in Totley Library. (The evening was adults only, why should kids have all the fun?)

One of the opening events, on the night, was the public reading of a poem, written especially for the event by former pupil Beryl Barden, now of Dronfield, but nee Cutts of Green Oak Avenue.

Beryl's poems have been printed before in The Independent, so here is:

THE OLD CHURCH SCHOOL.

Welcome to the Old Church School,
Set beneath the Moor,
Step back in time one hundred years
As you pass inside the door.

Return to an age of grace and charm,
To an elegant gentle pace,
For this evening at least, forget for a while
All the modern day bustle and chase.

Don't hurry back into present day life,
But linger a while in the past.
Take your time and savour delights
That for your entertainment are massed.

Raise your glasses and drink a toast
To an era long out of sight.
For without our Victorian forbears,
What excuse for this soiree tonight?
Beryl Barden.

150 YEARS AGO: 1847.

His Majesty's Inspector visited Derbyshire schools at Dore he found the children dirty, many of them sitting without any means of employing their time and no check offered to their fighting and squabbling among themselves. The teacher said that he did not consider it to be part of his duty to question the children as to the meaning of what they read. And we think we've got problems with the curriculum.

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Prospective new members are always welcome to come and listen to one of our weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30p.m. at Dore Church Hall on Townhead Road, Dore.



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TO THE HEIGHTS OF BLEAKLOW

Let us tackle a tough walk of some 11 miles across a truly moorland wilderness known as Bleaklow. Scenery of the highest order and revealing hidden secrets of war-time aircraft crash sites. Dark Peak map and compass essential also hiking boots and warm clothing. Allow 8 hours to savour this trip. Travel by car, Route A628 Manchester Road to Woodhead ex Railway Station. Park on the slip road after Salters Brook Bridge on the left just above the banks of the River Etherow.

A stile on our left takes us along a broad track for nearly half a mile along delightful woodland and river scenery to the large ruined ex-shooting cabin at the junction of near and middle Black Clough, all these moorland streams are tributary feeders of the mighty River Mersey. Adjacent to the cabin cross the stepping stones and scramble the fairly steep hill to the left bank of the middle Black Clough.

Proceed along a peaty path for two miles, scenery of the highest order as rock, heather and cascading stream intermingle. The clough bed forks away after two miles at Round Hill, so cross the stream bed to the right to the flat moor and 150 yards from Middle Black Clough we locate our first crash site. A Blackburn Botha aircraft with plenty of wreckage strewn about, crashed 10th December 1941. Ferry flight from Sherburn in Elmet to Harwarden. The engines have been removed to a Museum.

Cross the peat hags to the south for three quarters of a mile and locate a dominant group of rocks on the skyline known as Near Bleaklow Stones. The head feeders of the Black Cloughs show metal traces in the steep gullies as we approach the main crash site of our second aircraft, the engine (Rolls Royce Merlin) block laying exposed in the rocks. This is a Boulton Paul Defiant plane date 29th August 1941. En route from Lincolnshire to Turnhouse near Edinburgh. The tragic story of this epic is recounted in the Aviation Historians Book by Ron Collier, 'Dark Peak Wrecks'. All of these sites have now got a memorial stone to honour gallant aircrews. We pause to pay homage and drink in the wonderful panorama of distant peakland landscapes.

Next head slightly in a south westerly direction across the lofty plateau for one mile to the summit of Bleaklow Head. A huge stone cairn marks a height of 2060 feet. Easy walking from here to the gritstone blocks known as The Wainstones. Here we join the well-trodden line of the Pennine Way through the peat trenches and head due south to the Hern Stones. Always plenty of bog trotting hill walkers in this vicinity. From the Hern Stones is a short stroll and slightly to the right of the Pennine Way track we locate our third crash site strewn across the high shelf stones. The B29 Super Flying Fortress with the 4 Wright radial engines. 3rd November 1948. Routine flight from Scampton (Lincolnshire) to the USAF base at Burtonwood, Warrington. A tragic loss of 13 lives.

Keep the Trig point to our left and head due west crossing low shelf stones for less than half a mile towards the direction of Glossop and at the head of Ashton Clough we find another crash site. A C47 Douglas Skytrain (Dakota) undercarriage sections lying on the open moor. The rest plunged down into the stream bed of Ashton Clough where you can locate part of the fuselage and radial engine in the river.

You have got to feel really energetic to scramble down to view the latter though. This troop carrier aircraft actually had a jeep as cargo. Flight route was from Amiens, France to Prestwick, Scotland. Date 24th July 1945. This is the Dakota that really hit the headlines with the recent ghost plane story. I'm afraid I can only take this with a pinch of salt, but everyone is entitled to their own opinions.

Back track to the crest of the ridge and a few yards to our right along a section known as James Thorn we find the scattered pieces of our fourth plane, an Avro Lancaster Bomber. Routine delivery flight from Linton-on-Ouse, date 18th May 1945. The views across to the Kinderscout area are first class. From this high level plateau we start the long journey back towards the Wainstones and the Black Cloughs. Take a straight course for the prominent rockscapes.

After Bleaklow Head take the Pennine Way north for about 1 mile, leaving the track at Wild Boar Grain and John Track Well. Keep due north for half a mile across Sykes Moor to the stream bed of Torside Grain. To locate our fifth crash site a twin engine Blenheim fighter bomber. Date 30th January 1939. Sections of tail unit remain in a gully. Plus Bristol Mercury engine close by. Based at Church Fenton, Yorkshire. From Sykes Moor head east across the top feeders of Wild Boar Clough and Shining Clough towards Stable Clough and Dowstone Rocks (popular climbing area).

Just beyond Stable Clough and along the flanks of Birchin Bank Moss we attempt to locate our last crash site. A Vickers Wellington. Night flying exercise from RAF Wymeswold, near Loughborough. Date 30th January 1943. I was serving as a Flight Mechanic at Wymeswold at the actual time. This site has very little wreckage marked with a wooden stake but very hard to find. All along this return route the views are excellent, as we keep in line with the Woodhead Road. After crossing the peat hags above Smithy Clough we hit a decent track alongside the flanks of Near Black Clough. Lovely scenery as we make the final leg down the valley and back to the junction of streams at the shooting cabin. A glorious woodland finish to a tough but most unusual walk.

Only attempt this outing in good reliable weather. You will either love the wilds of Bleaklow or never want to see a peat hag ever again. If you miss a few aircraft sites you will still have tasted a real wilderness adventure.

Approx. Map references:-

1. Botha on Round Hill 110974
2. Defiant Near Bleaklow Stones 106970
3. B.29 Shelf Stones 090950
4. Dakota, Ashton Clough 082946
5. Lancaster James Thorn 079949
6. Blenheim Sykes Moor 081971
7. Wellington Birchen Bank 097978

John C. Barrows.

LIBRARY TALKS

Over the past few years the Totley Residents Association has organised a number of events in the Totley Library. These have been of varied interest and attendance has varied too! Following discussions at the recent Annual Meeting and subsequent Committee meeting TRA. are now asking for some public-spirited individual to organise a few such talks over the next twelve to eighteen months. There is no great difficulty about this except that it means finding speakers and topics which will have some appeal to at least a few people in the area. If anyone might be interested in doing this or just wants to know more about what is involved please contact Maurice Snowdon (236 2822) or at 1, Quarry Rd. There is no salary (!) but it is a worth while job.

SHEFFIELD CHESHIRE HOME

So far this year Sheffield Cheshire Home have had their Spring Coffee Morning at the Home which raised over £800, thank you to all who supported us. In March the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire allowed the home to share a Coffee Morning at Chatsworth House with Help the Aged. Each charity raised over £2,000 which could not have happened without the never tiring support of everyone in the area. Several events organised by the residents have also been well supported. Should you feel that you could help the Home by becoming a volunteer driver, escort or by visiting the residents we would be extremely grateful.

For further information please ring 0114 236 9952.

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the kind person who worked hard to give us the beautiful show of spring flowers in the Pinfold on Hillfoot Road. They have been a cheering sight and much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Angela Kingdom

ONE HUNDRED

YEARS AGO:1897

Totley Parish Council refused a request by the Duke of Devonshire to light a bonfire on a high hill. However it appears that Edward Sampson decided otherwise for he lit one close to his farm (now demolished) on Strawberry Lee.

Brian Edwards

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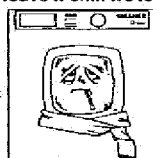
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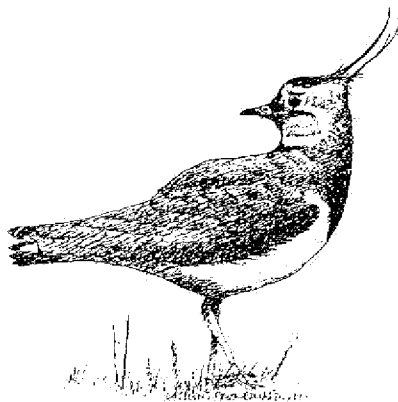
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THE PEWIT CAFE



Following my piece on the Pewit in Totley Independent 202, Mrs. Styles wrote in with her fond memories of the place and we thank her for that contribution. She asked for the date when it was built but I am afraid I cannot help her beyond saying that it was certainly there in 1954. Can any other reader help?

She also asked for the origin of the name. I had shown a large flock of rooks, a common sight around Owl Bar, which seems to be a gathering place for them. However, the lapwing is also a local bird and I have often watched their incredible tumbling displays and was once nearly frightened to death when a flock came shooting across the road only inches from the car roof. Most readers will know that the countryside name for a lapwing is the PEEWIT or PEWIT, derived from its call; I remember that I was in the Peewit patrol at King Edwards Scout Troop! Strangely, the bird is a member of the wader family, and although it is generally seen as a black and white bird the back plumage is actually an iridescent greenish colour. It has a striking long crest at the back of its head. Evidence of the popularity of this bird was shown in the 1850's when the Duke of Devonshire built a farm for George Kay, one of the Chatsworth

stone masons. This two storey building (never quite finished, according to G.H.B. Ward) was called Pewit Castle. It was deserted by the 1890's after George's death. The buildings were put up to keep an eye open for trespassers (after the game) and could look over both the old and new roads from Baslow to Chesterfield which meet at the Robin Hood Inn near Birchen Edge.

P.S. A Mrs. Owen rang the Independent regarding the Pewit but the number appears to have been taken down incorrectly, can Mrs. Owen please ring Brian on 0162 9640752. Brian Edwards.

SEASON 97 AT BEAUCHIEF ABBEY

During June this year the Abbey are organising a season of entertainment by local groups. The idea has evolved from the success of the SADATA production of Beauty and the Beast last year and it is hoped that it will become an annual event.

The objectives are to raise money for the maintenance of the Abbey and for other charities and to provide a platform for local groups to perform.

On Saturday 7th June Denys Edward's Players open the season with a one act play 'A respectable funeral'. The group are performing this play in festivals at Sheffield and Long Eaton. The following Saturday, 14th June the Ecclesall Male Voice Choir will provide the entertainment under their Director, Roy Longden. Saturday 21st June is the turn of the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society and the season ends Saturday 28th June with Director David McClaren putting the Newfield Concert Band through their paces. Tickets, price £5.00 per performance (£4.00 unwaged) are available from 0114 2745000. There are reductions for bookings for more than one performance and prices include interval light refreshments. All performances begin at 7.30p.m.

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JUNE

SUN. 1st, 15th. & 29th. STEAM TRAIN RIDES Ecclesall Woods, 1-00pm. to 5-00pm.
 SAT. 7th. COFFEE CAKES & CUTTINGS English Martyrs Church, Baslow Rd., 10am. to 12
 noon. Proceeds to T17, See last issue for further details.
 SAT. 7th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIRE and STANNINGTON MIXED Atrium, Hallam University
 7-00 pm. In aid of the Sheffield Kidney Research Foundation.
 TUES. 10th. CLOTHES SALE Totley All Saints' School, Hillfoot Rd., 8-00pm. (Details
 inside)
 FRI. 13th. FASHION SHOW St. Johns, Abbeydale Rd..
 FRI. 13th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, WALKING COAST to COAST by Mrs. D. Firth, 7-30pm.
 Abbeydale Hall. New members always welcome.
 SAT. 14th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR Edensor Church, Chatsworth, 7-00pm.
 SUN. 15th. ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS TREASURE HUNT Start 9-45 am. to 10-30 from Abbeydale
 Sports Club. (Circular route)
 THES. 17th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
 TUES. 17th. WATER FUN DAY St. John's Playgroup St. John's Church Hall, 10 am. to noon
 Ballon Race, Cakes, Stalls, Obstacle course.
 THUR. 19th. COFFEE MORNING Totley & Dore Support Group for the Visually Impaired
 A Talk on GUIDE DOGS, 11 am. 4, Grove Rd., Totley.
 SAT. 21st. SUMMER FAIR All Saints' Church, 2-00 pm., Nearly New, Crafts, Books, Plants
 Games, Afternoon Teas. Everyone welcome. Come and join us!
 SAT. 21st. SUMMER FAIR King Egberts School, Mercia Site, 2-00 pm.
 THUR. 26th. FUN DAY Totley Rise Methodist Church, 9-30 am. to 12 noon, Bouncy Castle
 Ball pool, Side stalls, Come along & have a coffee,
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 SUN. 28th. SUMMER PETE Sheffield Cheshire Home, 2-00 pm.

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