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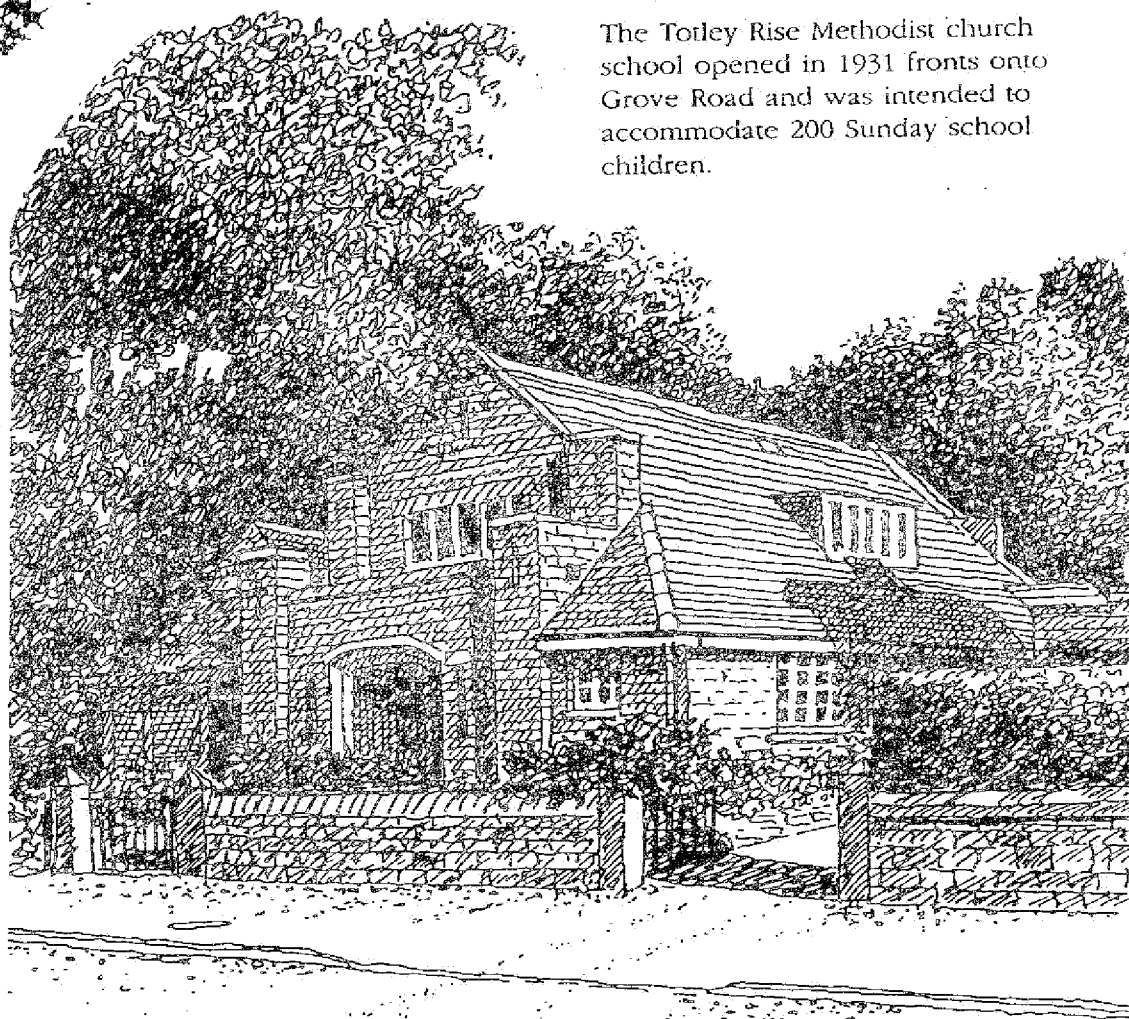
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The Totley Rise Methodist church school opened in 1931 fronts onto Grove Road and was intended to accommodate 200 Sunday school children.



TOTLEY RISE METHODIST church school

ERIAN EDWARDS 1996

A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

PLANNING NEWS

A Planning application (ref:97/1217P) has been lodged at the Town Hall by Vodafone Ltd to construct a 20 metre high transmitter mast topped by antennae (that's an additional 7 metres approximately). The location is at Totley Hall Fruit Farm near the water tower on the Highfield site. It is adjacent to the top end of Stocks Green Drive and it lies within the Conservation Area. At the time of writing the farmland there is owned by Sheffield City Council. This planning application is being processed by Paul Jessop, Dept. of Planning and Economic Development, and he can be contacted on 2734590.

A planning application (Ref:97/1073P) to construct a house at the rear of Baslow Road (near the junction with Totley Hall Lane) has been lodged by the Earnshaw Trust who own the land. This land also lies within the Conservation Area. At the time of writing an officer had not been allocated to process this application and the person answering my enquiry said enigmatically that there was something wrong with the application. For information, phone the enquiries desk in the first instance on 2734215.

Regarding the Sheffield Hallam University site, Paul Jessop, Development Control Officer, tells me that there is still no movement and the university is currently contemplating the list of objections, constraints and issues arising from their planning application. In the meantime Kevin Walker and myself are making use of this breathing space by holding discussions with planning officers both in person at the Town Hall and by phone to maintain an awareness amongst the planners and decision makers of the short term and long term implications of this major development and of how our community feels about them.

Katie Bramall.

TOTLEY RISE POST OFFICE

LAST AIRMAIL POSTING DATES - XMAS POST.

Outside Europe Airmail - 6th December 1997

European Airmail - 13th December 1997.

Any queries or further information can be obtained from Royal Mail Customer Services on 0345 740740 (local call)

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS - HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

To assist customers during the busy period before Xmas, Totley Rise P.O. and shop will suspend half-day closing (Monday afternoon) from Monday 1st December to Monday 22nd December 1997.

The Post Office will be closed for Xmas from 12.30 on Wednesday 22nd December 1997 until Friday 26th December 1997 inclusive.

*Normal opening hours will apply on Saturday 27th December 1997.

New Years Day (Thursday) CLOSED ALL DAY.

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RECYCLING OF CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Totley Rise P.O. will again participate in collecting used christmas cards for recycling.

Many thanks to customers who contributed to last years collection of 875 tonnes of cards (Approx. 87.5 million cards)

Beneficiaries of this years scheme will be The Woodland Trust in Scotland, Community Forests of England and the British Trust for the Conservation Volunteers in Wales and Northern Ireland. Collection of used cards will operate from 29th December 1997 to 31st January 1998.

Finally, Glen, Jim and staff at Totley Rise P.O. thank all our customers for their business during the last twelve months and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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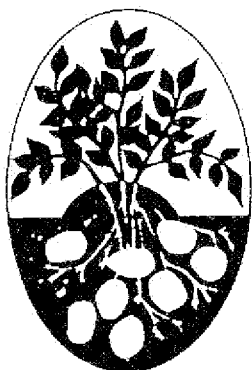
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CAROLS FOR CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN

Wednesday December 10th is the date this year for the annual 'Carols by Candlelight' organised by Totley Rise Methodist choir and the Wednesday Friendship. With a varied programme of Christmas music from different countries and different centuries, it is always an enjoyable event, a good way to begin the celebrations of Christmas.

It is also an occasion for helping others. Last year £210 was raised for the charity Childline. This year the collection will be for Friends of Chernobyl's Children.

The explosion of a reactor at Chernobyl in April 1986 exposed the peoples of Belarus and The Ukraine to radiation 300 times greater than that released by the atomic bomb at Hiroshima, and the land will remain contaminated for thousands of years.

There has been a 800% increase in cancers among children in the area, especially thyroid cancer and leukaemia. The lack of even the most basic forms of medication makes treatment difficult, as does the meagre diets of the children. Where agriculture was once the main occupation, nothing now grows, and many live in extreme poverty. In the summer, radiation levels rise, so it is important for as many children as possible to be taken away from their contaminated homeland.

The charity Totley Rise is supporting brings children (many of them orphans) to Britain for a month's respite holiday each year. This autumn, fourteen 6 to 8 year old children, together with an interpreter came to the Sheffield/Dronfield/Chesterfield area, staying with volunteer families.

They were given medical and dental checks, new warm clothes, good fresh food plus daily vitamins, together with lots of love and care. It is hoped to bring them back for a further month each

year during the time when they are most vulnerable. (The teenage years are especially dangerous). Doctors say that a month away from the contamination boosts a child's immune system for at least two years, helping them to resist or recover radioactive Caesium which has built up in a child's body.

Money is desperately needed for the air fares, at least £200 for each child. The more money is given, the more children can be helped. So come and enjoy the carols which celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and help the innocent children who suffer to-day because of the Chernobyl disaster.

CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS

Dec.19th. 7-30pm. Carols by Candlelight
Church Hall

Dec.21st. 12.00 noon Christmas Memorial
Service.

6.30pm. Nine Lessons and Carols.
Dec.24th 4.30pm. Christmas Crib Service.
This will be a short service for
all the family. Please bring a
Christmas gift for a child. These
will be taken by N.C.H. Action for
Children for use in their Family
Centres.

11.30pm. First Communion of Christmas
Dec 25th. 8.00am. Holy Communion.

10.00am. Family Communion with
Carols.

11.30am. Cheshire Home Communion

COUNCILLORS SURGERY

There is a Councillors surgery held
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INTERLUDE WITH SPIRES AND LARGE YELLOW TEETH

By C.N. Railton Holden.

I am inclined to believe, though I cannot be one hundred per cent certain, that all the various churches of Totley are soundly built with rugged walls and with roofs capable of diverting heavenly torrents no matter how violently they fall. But it must be acknowledged, because I am a fair-minded thinker, that some of you are very much more concerned about the walls and roofs of the 'Crown', the 'Fleur-de-Lys' and the 'Cross Scythes'. So be it! Now we may proceed on our way to the crux of the matter: Barcelona, where they apparently play football, where their taxis carry radios and where, if you are obliged to listen to a high-speed football commentary in excited Spanish for all of forty miles before reaching your hotel, you are thoroughly pooped and altogether clapped out. On the day following this clapped out pooping episode, Thomson's tourist representative promised, if her timetable permitted, to escort personally any of our party who might need hospital treatment. With such a thoughtful reassurance how could our holiday fail to be utterly enchanting? Perhaps there is too much digression building up in this narrative, and therefore I must return to the earlier mentioned religious architecture. Well then, one day we stood in wonder, eyes raised to the ten or more soaring spires of Barcelona's new cathedral, The Sagrada Familia. Its construction began in 1882, supervised by the architectural genius Senor Antoni Gaudi, who died in 1926 - run over by a Spanish tram. 'This' declared Godfrey Shorthouse, who drifts around Totley inflicting useless information upon anyone he is able to buttonhole, 'is why I have never designed a cathedral'. From my personal experience of Godfrey, I suspect other reasons keep him out of the cathedral business.

But it was soon time for my family and me to enter into this incredible building, and I took off my sunhat out of respect for the Catholic faithful, for I had no wish to cause any offence to Catalonia, the people of which, being Spanish and descended from The Inquisition, might possibly make life uncomfortable for me. Not exactly a funeral pyre, of course, but better be safe than sorry. And there it was, the interior of the amazing cathedral, roofless, choked by mountains of raw scaffolding, workers mixing concrete and cranes hoisting this earthly brew up into the heavens. Since that momentous year of 1882, various Spanish finance committees have floundered on the way to glory, over-spending, dithering and disagreeing, and if the Sagrada Familia is completed in the next hundred years I shall be very much surprised, and so will the Catalans. Doesn't this story remind you, if I may put it as tactfully as possible, of a certain city council?

Sheffield's statue of Queen Victoria stands in Fitzalan Square, regal and rigid, just as we expect her to be. On Le Rambla, Barcelona's main street, you may find, as we did, a splendid metallic statue of Don Quixote, created, possible, in stainless steel from our own fair city. In front of Don Quixote stood a bowl inscribed with the word 'gracias' and we soon came to understand that a coin dropped into this bowl would activate the stainless steel figure. His lance, held at parade ground

attention, would swing upwards in mechanical jerks into a more warlike attitude. A few hundred yards away we came upon a bronze Roman Centurion statue which also came to life at the drop of a coin. There is a faint suspicion in the mind that at the end of the day, or in response to calls of nature, these statues collect their bowls and move realistically away to their homes, or the nearest taverns, while our stony queen continues day after day, rigid and regal.

On the Catalan railway, modern double-decker coaches give their passengers up-to-the-minute news on coach-end strip lighting; the exact time, the temperature of the coaches and the names of the next stations to be halted at. If on the timetable a train is due to leave Sitges at 10.30 then as soon as the clock moves from 10.29 to 10.30, the train leaves. Not a moment before not a moment after. To an Anglo-Saxon mind it was truly bewildering. The general manager of this foreign railway must have no sense whatsoever of tradition or of history. Trains, like aircraft and buses, were never intended to start on time. It is impossible to imagine one of our bus drivers, for whom I have great regard, consulting his watch outside the 'Cross Scythes' and then at precisely 0947 crashing his gear lever into first and zooming down the hill. There is something heretical and malignant about the idea. And, good gracious, how would the unions react? We must be infinitely thankful that ours is not a foreign country.

Five or six miles to the south of Sitges is a small fishing community of Vilanova. My daughter and I, much addicted to fishing ports, strolled down the quay, examining newly landed conger eels, squid and also one particularly intriguing crate of swordfish. October had begun but the Western Mediterranean was still hot and so presently we sat down on a low wall and calculated that our afternoon drinks were overdue. Almost immediately a moped appeared, bearing upon its saddle a brawny Gestapo-like Spaniard. Grim-faced, he signalled to us with an imperious movement of his arm, that we should remove ourselves from the wall, and this we did without hesitation. Why was I plagued once more by hallucinations featuring that long since disbanded Inquisition? I really should have pulled myself together and presented something of the courage of old Don Quixote, especially in front of my daughter. The moped man proceeded to generate a liberal helping of Spanish dialogue, though he eventually came to realise that his mother tongue was making no impact. Next, by using an occasional French word, or perhaps it was the only one he knew, and using also a theatrical display of miming, he made the situation clear to Alison, and in due course to me. On the other side of the low wall from which we had removed ourselves, stood part of a wooden crate, the temporary residence of a large bad-tempered dog, which might, had the thought occurred to it, have savaged our Anglo-Saxon buttocks. I agree that Stonehenge deserves to be preserved, but so also do other sacred areas.

A Totley acquaintance of mine, Phyllis Cowlshaw, frequently tries to convince me that her Alsatian, the one with about a hundred large yellow teeth, is as playful as a kitten, and may be tickled under the

chops with impunity. But I am not a complete fool. I should need at least ten feet of impunity before I attempted to tickle that dog anywhere. Years ago a Harley Street specialist told me categorically that I was allergic to creatures with open jaws and large yellow teeth, and I decided to believe him. Probably this explains why my early career as a lion-tamer in Bertram Mills Circus was such a short-lived affair. All part of the rich tapestry of life, so my friends tell me.

CLASS OF '77 REUNION

A good time was had by all at the King Egbert School Reunion on 11th October. Almost 100 ex-pupils and staff met up at the Fleur de Lys to reminisce on school days and catch up on 20 year's gossip! People travelled from as far as Exeter and London and many who could not attend sent letters and photos.

The consensus was that the evening was just not long enough. Many had not seen each other for 20 years and luckily, with the help of a few name badges, we all recognised each other! The evening was also attended by teachers, and one actually brought 1977 school report details which were warily received.

All in all, a superb night, very emotional and well worth while for those who made the effort to attend.

Thanks to the Fleur de Lys for excellent management and service.

Sharon Popplewell

CHRISTMAS

"Time was with most of us, when Christmas Day, encircling all our limited world like a magic ring, left nothing out for us to miss or seek; bound together all our home enjoyments, affections and hopes; grouped everything and everyone round the Christmas fire, and made the little picture shining in our bright young eyes complete."

Charles Dickens.

The season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

Washington Irving.

From 1937 - THE YORKSHIRE MAGAZINE.
'CHRISTMAS TIME'

Bring in the green holly, the Box and the Yew

The fir and the Laurel all sparking with rime

Hang up the ceiling the mistletoe bough and let us be jolly this Christmas time. (Rime is an old word for frost).

SANTA CLAUS.

Apart from being one of the names for our old friend Father Christmas, Santa Clause is also the name of a town in Indiana USA, founded by German settlers in 1852 and named on Christmas Eve.

In 1935 a giant Santa Clause statue was erected in the town park dedicated to 'the children of the world in memory of an undying love'.

The town runs a week's training course for prospective Santas and those who pass the exam receive a diploma - 'Bachelor of Santa Claus'. These new recruits are much in demand in stores at Christmastime.

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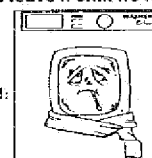
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FARMING SCENE

Those of you who regularly walk up the lane to Woodthorpe Hall, will have noticed that our ewes are sporting yellow or black crayon marks on their rumps. This indicates that our Texel Tups have been very busy, and the ewes should now all be in lamb. Those with yellow 'bums' are the early lambers - due to start on February 10th, the black 'bums' on March 12th. The ewes are currently in very good condition due to the exceptionally good grass growth this autumn, and are unlikely to require any other supplementary feed, i.e. hay, until the New Year.

May I apologise now to anyone who has bought a stem of sprouts from us and found an area of black leaves inside some of the sprouts. This problem is undetectable from the outside and seems to have affected the bigger, earlier formed sprouts only. It would appear that the problem has been caused by botrytis spores infecting some leaf area during the late summer. It could even have spread from out fruit areas as the same disease causes fruit rot. We are now cutting a mid-season variety called Icarus which is clear of this problem, having formed its sprouts later in the year.

Those of you who are avidly following the Hallam University site development saga, will be interested to know that we recently had an independent noise assessment company on our farm, recording the noise levels emitted by our machinery etc. As we understand it, they had been jointly commissioned by the council and developers to give an independent report on the level, range and extent of the impending problem. Suffice it so say they were impressed (is that the right word?) by the range and levels of noise generated. One of the 'spin off's' of the planners interest in this area has been the action taken to enforce the regulation re-signage around the Baslow Road/Totley

Hall Lane junction. This started after the Big Action Meeting' and has culminated in several businesses having to remove their advertising signs around this junction. This will undoubtedly lead to reduced customer numbers for those affected. To those of you who may think we are closed due to the lack of signs, can I say, yes, we are still very much into the retail sales business.

While on planning matters, I have to report that Vodafone have very cheekily, without our consent, applied for permission to erect a transmission tower at the top of our farmyard. Should they succeed, which is unlikely, I would be tempted to exchange my mobile phone for one of theirs, reception would be unbeatable!

Our new woodlands adjoining Gillifield wood, are now beginning to look like a wood, as the trees start to rise above the grass and nettles etc. that have perennially hidden their presence. A plantation of spruce or larch would have shaded out all this undergrowth by now, due to their rapid growth habit. I am sure however, that the eventual picturesque nature of a broad-leaved forest will be worth waiting for. As part of the contract, we shall be making a picnic area, with tables, on the brow of the hill overlooking Totley Bents, Blackamoor, Dore etc, this spring. This should be an attraction to those who like to view the landscape o'er while eating their cucumber 'sarnies' and 'mashing' tea.

We are now settling into our winter routine, pruning raspberries if the weather is dry and grading potatoes if it is wet. Neither is very stressful, just boring after the first two weeks! Roll on Christmas - at least Turkey plucking gives us a break from the other boring jobs!

Edwin Pocock

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NEWS FLASH

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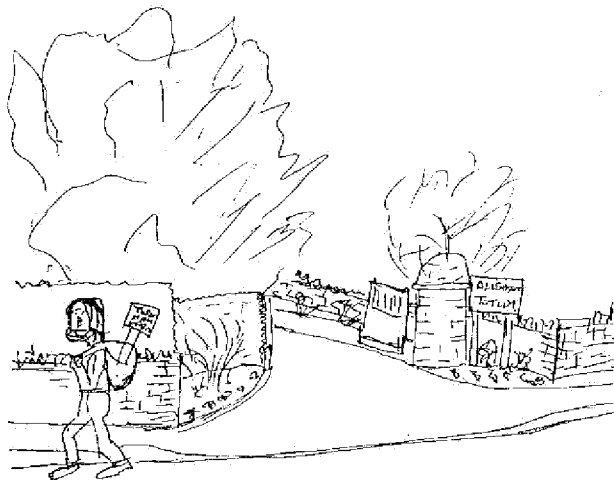
After belated consultations between myself and the property services department in which it was pointed out that their application was very unlikely to succeed, their surveyor offered to withdraw the plans forthwith.

WATCH OUT!

The Totley sign snatcher is about!!

Recently a number of signs have gone missing in the Totley Hall Lane area. Until the middle of this year it was blamed on the students, but recent disappearances cannot be of their doing. Who can it be? Bonfire night has come and gone and still they go, the most recent from the Church drive garden. Is there a fanatical sign collector about or could it be the handiwork of that mysterious new organisation called the Totley Conservation Group, taking matters into their own hands by doing the councils work for them? Keep your eyes peeled and your signs in a safe place!

Edwin Pocock



ABBEYDALE BOWLING

The Abbeydale Park Bowling Club Presentation dinner was held at the Club on Friday 24th October.

The following members received their trophies.

Mid Season Comp. Ken George shield.

Winners A.M. Stobbs K.A. Byers

Run.Up H. Foley. G.A. King

Captains Day Harry Johnson Cup.

Winners J. Church. F. Young.

Run.Up C.A. West. R.A. Clarke

End of Season Autumn Shield.

Winners. D.W. Pilley, F. Young.

Run. Up. A. Wright. C. H. Watson.

Handicap singles Curvacious Cup.

Winner. J. Perkinson.

Run. Up. D. Hudson.

Handicap Singles. Leslie Hulse Cup.

Winner D. Hudson.

Run. Up. P.W. Thorpe.

Handicap single. Hallett Egg Trophy.

Winner. D. Hudson

Run. Up. A. Wilson.

Open Singles. Hargreaves Cup.

Winner. D. Hudson.

Run. Up. J.M. Hastings.

Handicap Doubles. Roebuck Cup.

Winners. A. Wright. W. Hewitt.

Run. Up. J. Perkinson. A. Astley.

TOTLEY BUS

TERMINUS

It has apparently been indicated by the brewery owning the Cross Scythes that from February 1998 they wish to have discontinued the use of the front car park as a bus turning space. As a result, the Councils Transport Policy Unit is currently considering several alternatives, hence recent detailed surveying of the Totley (Post Office) cross roads etc.

If the Council are unable to obtain a continuation of the present Bus turning facility, then "other options will be considered", one of which will be a small roundabout at the Post Office cross roads and a bus lay-by further down the road.

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ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

Over the past seven months or so I have mentioned some of the Surnames within the Nicknames group, and will now endeavour to give some information upon Surnames which are uncommon, unusual or rare. These will therefore originate from all groups namely, Place names, Trade or occupational, Nicknames, Forenames (which are also referred to as First names, Christian, or Baptismal names). Here are around fifty such names starting with the letter 'A' where possible I have given an early date and would again remind you that all these names are currently in use within the Sheffield Area.

AARON Hebrew Har-on 'Mountain of Strength'. In history the brother of Moses. Brought into Europe by Jewish Immigrants, has tended to be used more as a Forename in this country.

ADEY. ADDEY ADDIE, a PET FORM OF THE First name Adam 1290. The more popular Addy is from the same source.

ADEN. From a place name in Aberdeenshire, the Barony of Auden. Andrew Aden is recorded as a weaver in 1683, may also be an alternative spelling of Hayden. Old English Heg Denu (Hay Valley) 1200, or Middle High German Heiden a Nickname meaning heathen.

ADLAM- From Old German Adalhelm 'Noble Protector' Anglo Saxon Ealdhelm 'Noble Helm' the Saint Ealdhelm was recorded in 680.

AINGER. ANGIER. From French Angier and German Ansgar 'God Spear' originally a First name in Domesday Book 1086.

ALDHOUS. ALDOUS. From the place name Auldhouse in Renfrewshire 1265, Old English Eald Hus, Old House 1327 Suffolk.

ALFLAT. From Anglo Saxon Aefflaed 'Elf Beauty' a womans name, the daughter of Oswiu King of Bernicia bore this name 653.

ALKER From the place name Altcar in Lancashire, recorded at Ormskirk 1545, William Alker was recorded in Norfolk 1212, could also be a corruption of Alger.

ALLARD. Anglo Saxon Ealheard, meaning All Strong, recorded in 785, Richard Alard recorded in Gloucester 1209.

ALLBONES. Sounds like a Nickname for an old person, but is in fact a corruption of the Fore name Alban, William Albone was recorded in 1376, the first British martyr St. Alban c.300 AD. The place name was recorded in 1421 as Seynt Albones.

ALBERT. ALBRECHT. ALLBRIGHT. Anglo Saxon Forename Aelbeorht (Noble Illustrious) 840, Alexander Ailbriht recorded Surrey 1205, Albertus Bedford 1066.

ALLBUTT. Germanic personal name Albodo (Noble Messenger) recorded Ransey Abbey 1114.

ALLCHIN. Sounds like a Nickname for Jimmy Hill, but is regarded as from the Flemish place name Haulchin. In Domesday 1086 the spelling is Alchen.

ALLDREAD. ALLDRED. From Anglo Saxon Forename Ealdread (Aged Councillor) 765, Roger Aldredus recorded Devonshire 1207.

ALLEYNE. Gaelic Ailin (Little Rock) Richard Aleyne recorded Stafford 1309, a variant of Alain.

ANKERS. Old French Anchier, an anchorite, a person who lives in seclusion, a religious recluse, hermit, Anker de Fressenvill recorded Northampton 1208.

ANSELM. A Germanic Forename meaning God Helmet (God Protection) became popular through St. Anselm who died 1109, Anselm do Gornay is recorded in Somerset 1269, the name Ansell has gradually taken over.

ANSTICE. An abbreviation of the female forename Anastasia meaning Resurrection, a popular name in eastern Europe since the Saint was martyred in the 4th century, Ralph Anstayse recorded Somerset 1327.

ANTROBUS A place name in Cheshire, shown in Domesday Book as Entrebus, William Antrobus recorded at Over Peover 1596.

APLIN Son of Appoline, the female form of Apollo, the sun god. The English and French form of St. Apollonia martyred at Alexandria, John Applyn is recorded as a Freeman of York 1547.

ARBUTHNOT. From the place name in Kincardineshire, Scotland. The first record shows a Hugh de Aberbothenoth around 1200.

ARDEN. From the place name of Arden in Warwickshire, Thurkill of Arden was a rich landowner before the conquest, he was the son of Aelfwine Sheriff of Warwick.

ARKELL. ARKLE. From Old Norse Arn Ketil (Kettle) meaning Eagle Cauldron a helmeted warrior Norfolk 1019.

ARMISTEAD. ARMITSTEAD. Old French Wermite (Hermit) Old English Stede (Place) one who lived at, near or by the hermitage, the name Armitage has the same origin.

ARSCOTT. From the place name in Shropshire and Devonshire, 1201 Cornwall.

ASHBEE. AS place name, a settlement by the Ash Tree, 1200 Norfolk, generally spelt Ashby.

ASKLE. AXTELL. Old Norse Ass Ketil (Gos Kettle) A sacrificial cauldron 1180 Yorkshire, the Anglo Saxon name was Ascytel 1023.

ASLING. Old French Ascelin, Old German Azzilin meaning Nobler and were forenames, the feminine being Asceline, Northampton 1162.

ASTLE. ASTILL. From place name in Cheshire believed to be an abbreviation of East Hill, 1225 Staffordshire.

ASTOR. Old Provençal Astur, a Goshawk, a Nickname for someone with a resemblance to a bird of prey.

ATHERSYCH. Middle English at their sicke, one who dwells by the brook. A corruption locally has given us Hathersage.

ATMORE. Old English Mor (marsh) One who dwells at or near the marsh 1276.

ATTRILL. At the hill, one who dwells at or near the hill 1330, similar other names are Attewell, Atwell, Attwood, Atwood, Attridge, Attwater, Atwater, are all obvious.

AUCOTT. ALCOTT. Old English Eald Cote (Old Cottage) someone who lives at or near an old cottage. 1255.

AUSTEN. Old French Aoustin. The Forename Augustine. The Latin Augustinus (Venerable) which have been abbreviated 1224, now usually spelt Austin.

AVELING. Old French Aveline, Old German Avilia, the feminine form being Avelina 1175, These Forenames believed to derive from the Latin Avela the meaning uncertain.

AVEYARD Someone dwelling at or by the Oat Yard. An Avenier from Old French Avenier was the occupational name of the person in charge of animal feed (Provender) both Avenier and Provender are rare names today.

AULT. AWDE. Old English Eald (Old) the Scottish form being Auld 1488 and Alde 1284. The English version Old is not common.

AYKROYD. Old English Ac Rod. An oak clearing 1612. One who dwelt at or near such a place, usually spelt Ackroyd but also Akeroyd, Akroyd.

AYLING. Old English Aedeling (Noble Prince) 1006. The Anglo Saxon name was Aetheling.

AYLWARD. Old English Aedelweard (Noble Warden) 1095. Anglo Saxon Aethelweard King of East Anglia 837-850.

Now count up, how many people do you know or have known bearing these names.

TERRY PECKETT. FFA.

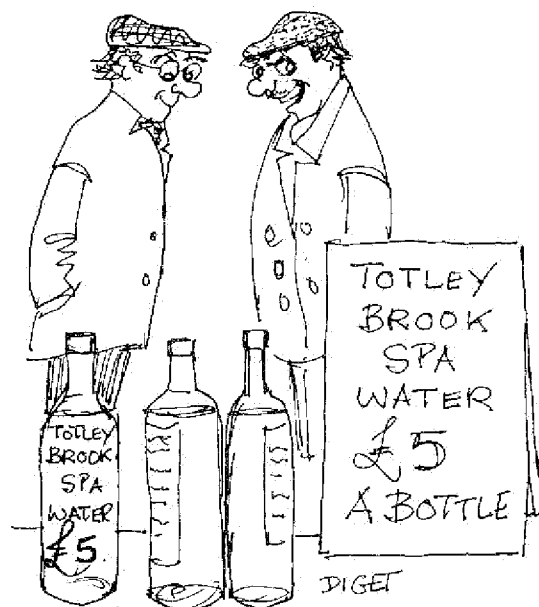
LET'S CLEAN UP TOTLEY

I should like to support C. Parsons suggestion in the October Totley Independent, that we organise a litter pick in Totley. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a beautiful area. In a ideal world people would not drop litter and if they did the Council would clear it up. In reality people, including Totley residents, do drop litter, allow their dogs to foul the footpaths and their hedges to overhang the pavements.

It is we who benefit from a clean Totley, and we who have to live with the litter if we do not clean it up. Surely it is worth a little of our time to look after Totley? The secret of success is to have regular clean-ups, not just once a year. I am willing to organise these. I have spoken to Sheffield Wildlife Trust, who have offered to help by lending us litter-pickers and gloves. The community skip in the library car park is a great help, particularly for those who cannot get to the Council's tip. I believe that we can have a skip every two months.

My suggestion is that on the day when we have the skip, we meet in the library car park in the morning and have a go at cleaning up Totley. Even one hour can make a lot of difference and, believe it or not, it can be fun. So come on, Totley residents, let's do something, rather than just complaining about litter and apathy.

R.Stokes.



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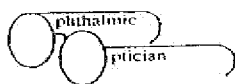
Tuesday April 28th - The Little Buffaloes: A Sheffield-based trio playing traditional music from the British Isles, France, America, Canada and Mexico.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER

These may be cold wet months but the garden is still there, and changing all the time. Clumps of daffodils are marking their place by pushing their noses to the surface, the winter flowers are more or less on their own now, occasionally you will find the odd flower lurking under a shrub, callandulas (marigolds) seem to be there all year round, an early primula and pansy give a bright spot to winter gloom, winter flowering jasmine comes into its own now, cut a few stems for indoors to enjoy the lovely fragrance it gives off when warmed up a bit. In fact most of the winter flowering plants and shrubs have lovely perfumes. There is an old Chinese proverb which says 'If you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden.' There are still things in the winter garden to bear this out.

FLOWERS.

As soon as the daffodils, tulips and other bulbs can be seen clearly, go over the beds carefully with a small border fork, pricking up the soil between the bulbs, don't go deeper than an inch, this will improve aeration and kill moss, green scummy growth and weeds, at the same time give the soil a dusting of your favourite fertilizer.

Protect tender plants using straw, bracken or fleece. Check on plants placed in cold frames, take off dead leaves and debris, dust with fungicide, deal with any slugs and snails, place matting over frames at night to give extra protection from frost. Dig over and prepare any new beds when the weather permits.

You can plant or move the late flowering perennials which flower in late summer, such as michaelmas daisy, golden rod, red hot poker at this time.

VEGETABLES.

Boxing Day is the traditional day to plant onion seeds to give those large onions you see at the Totley Show in September. Plant Kelsae or Robinsons mammoth for the big exhibition ones. The record is over 12 lbs, yes one onion, you'll have to have special facilities to achieve these weights, a good one in the local shows would be about 5 lbs. Sow cabbage, summer cauliflower and lettuce indoors in January. Pull off yellowing leaves from sprouts and stake them if they get top heavy. Mint roots can be planted in trays and forced indoors. Firm in any plants loosened by wind or frost.

TREES, SHRUB & FRUIT.

Gently knock off snow from conifers and evergreens. Spray trees with tar oil wash to kill off eggs and aphids, choose a fine still day. Avoid spraying plants underneath the trees, sheets of newspaper spread over them helps. Check all ties and wires and stakes and firm them up. Wrap up any tender shrubs that

may be affected by severe frosts. Azaleas and rhododendrons are particularly vulnerable. Use a fine netting and mulch around with straw.

During mild spells you could plant deciduous trees and hedging plants. If your new plants arrive during bad weather preventing planting, open up the packaging to expose the tops to light and air, store in a frost free area until a mild spell allows you to plant or heel them in. Prune apple and pear trees, removing any cankered branches. Prune fruit bushes and canes and newly planted fruit.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS.

Watch the weather, ventilate greenhouses and cold frames on warmer days, check for signs of mildew and rot and deal with it as soon as it is spotted. Dead head plants which have flowered, such as cyclamens and primulas. Use insecticide pins to control aphid and whitefly. Water indoor plants sparingly, increase humidity by standing plants on trays of grit or pebbles. Start taking chrysanthemum cuttings etc. Plant amaryllis and indoor gladioli. Pot on cinerarias, primulas etc. In late January sow indoor perennials, geraniums, begonias, cyclamen, African violets, carnations and fuschias in warmth. Sow also annuals for pot plants, lobelia, French marigolds and petunias.

LAWNS.

Clean up leaves etc. spike and top dress then rake in. Apply an autumn/winter fertilizer to give your lawn a real treat. Keep off grass if it is frosted over. Mower servicing is usually cheaper before March, so it is a good idea to inspect your machines and take advantage of the winter service reductions.

Have a Joyful Christmas and a Happy Gardening Year.

Cheerio for now.

Tom,

Busy Bee.

TRANSPORT 17

The 'Pie and Pea' supper and slide show on 1st November was attended by over 70 people. Our thanks to Jack Cartledge, all the helpers and of course, everyone at All Saints.

Our last fund-raising event for 1997 is on Saturday 13th December at 4, The Grove. This is a mulled wine and Mince Pie evening. It runs from 7.00 to 9.30pm. Tickets are £2 each and there will be a bring and buy stall and raffle. Have a break from the Christmas preparations and come along. Colin's mulled wine is famous! Non-alcoholic drinks also available. Ring 2362962 for details and to book buses.

On behalf of Mike Finn, our Manager, and all the T17 management committee I would like to thank everyone for their support and help during 1997. The Churches, shops, Post Offices and organisations who have enabled us to raise enough money for our new minibus. We hope to take delivery of it in the new year. Many thanks to each and every one of you. Of course, none of our fund-raising could take place without Mike, our driver and escorts and the helpers in the office. Before our Chairman, Danny Barlow adds a footnote, may I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year on behalf of us all.

Margaret Barlow.

T17 is partly funded by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. They have proposed a change in the way we are funded, which should result in an increase in the amount we receive. To qualify, we will have to change our charging basis. For most luncheon clubs this should mean a reduction in charges.

A number of club organisers attended the General Meeting held recently and the proposals were approved unanimously. We are now waiting for SYPTE to confirm the charge. We will know the result before the New Year.

DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The choir will be performing 3 concerts this year in support of local charities.

The first will be at St Cuthbert's Church Fir Vale at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday 6th December. For your entrance fee of £2.50 you will not only be treated to a feast of Christmas music but also to a glass of sherry and a mince pie at the interval.

The second will be at Dore Parish Church on Thursday 11th December at 7.30 p.m. and will be in aid of the Sheffield Kidney Research Foundation. Tickets £3.00.

The last concert will be at Dore Parish Church on Saturday 13th December at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. and will be in aid of the Sheffield Branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Again tickets will cost £3.00.

Tickets are now available from:-

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Although our recently opened workshop is not exactly in Totley, we do provide meaningful employment for at least one Downes Syndrome young lady who lives in the district, as do her parents. I am also a member of the Abbeydale Writers Group who meet at All Saints Church every Tuesday evening.

There are approximately 2,400 people with a learning disability (mental handicap) on Sheffield's Case Register. When they leave school or college the vast majority are unemployed. Sheffield's Family and Community Services (F & CS) provide only 450 day care places, a reduction of approximately 300 during the past six years. The recently announced policy of F & CS is to concentrate their efforts, so far as day care provision is concerned, on the more profoundly handicapped. Whilst this policy is understandable, it leaves the more able ones with nothing to do but sit at home all day, or wander the streets. WORK Ltd is trying extremely hard to address this situation for at least some learning disabled people. For over thirty years I have undertaken voluntary work for the learning disabled, through Sheffield Mencap and similar organisation. The past four years have been spent working on a scheme to set up an entirely independent sheltered workshop. At a cost of approximately £250,000, this is now a reality.

Although I have always known that learning disabled people, given love and patient training, are capable of making excellent products, the quality of the goods produced at the workshop has surprised even me. Without exception, everyone visiting the workshop is amazed at the range and quality of the goods produced. This is entirely due to the efforts of our manager Geoff Sawle, who formerly taught craft work at Sheffield College and horticulture at Whirlow Hall Farm.

The only other paid member of our team is Julie Foulds, who is also Vice Chair of Sheffield Mencap. Although Julie's official title is that of secretary, this covers an enormous amount of different jobs. This includes typing up price lists, appeals letters, stock control, production control, invoicing and so on. In addition to this she is often found painting, making jewellery and jewellery boxes or dealing with a customer. So far, and this is our biggest disappointment, we have received no financial support from the City Council, and can only survive by selling what we produce. We also have several voluntary helpers but are always on the look out for more.

Despite the fact that the workshop only opened in March this year, our range, which is being extended all the time, is quite extensive. We now have a commercial size greenhouse producing a range of plants, for example, Christmas flowering cacti, individually potted, which sell at only 75p each. We also assemble, etch and package two exclusive ranges of cutlery. A good quality stainless steel cake server, with a turned wooden handle, individually gift boxed sells at £6.80. We have a set of twelve nativity figures, that can be bought individually or in a complete set, together with a thatched stable also made in the workshop.

Propelling pencils and ball point pens with genuine rosewood bodies are also included in the range, as are an extensive range of cast concrete and wooden garden ornaments, planters, bird baths, nest boxes and bird feeders. The latest products that I personally am most excited about, are garden water features. Starting at only £29.95 with the dearest one at £150.00 all the water features are supplied complete with a pump. Delivery in the Sheffield area is free.

We have been fortunate recently in obtaining the voluntary services of Sheila Snowling, who is now a trustee. Sheila is an expert at making dried flower arrangements and Christmas decorations, the handicapped girls love to work with her and when they see the colourful and attractive results of their efforts the look of pride on their faces is a joy to behold.

Our sales shop and tea room is due to open on Monday the 10th November, the hours of opening will be Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 3pm. Anyone bringing along a copy of your magazine will be given a free pot of tea or coffee. We have some really good and competitively priced items that will make excellent Christmas gifts. Please come along and see the young people working, you will not be pressed to buy anything.

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MILLDALE ROAD, TOTLEY

A reply to councillor Ross' letter to the works department.

Further to my memorandum dated 11th September, 1997, I confirm that the problems experienced on Milldale Road have been referred to Yorkshire Water and are still being investigated.

However, as a matter of course, I have arranged for the highway drainage gullies and their connections to the water sewer to be checked and any defects rectified. This work should be carried out within the next month.

Regarding the flooding on Abbeydale Road South affecting the 'Carriages' Restaurant in recent weeks. I confirm that two heavy rainstorms, one on 17th August 1997 and the other on 31st August 1997 caused severe flooding throughout Sheffield particularly Abbeydale Road South because of the nature of the landscape around this area.

The storm on 31st August was exceptional and measurements taken indicate that rainfall of such intensity and duration would only be expected to occur once in every seventy years. It is unlikely that any highway drainage system would have prevented flooding.

THE TOTLEY TWIRLIES

Having recently chosen to retire in the best city in England, and with an interest in public transport, I have become aware of the fact that there are two rush hours in the morning. Those who travel regularly on the 97 bus just after the FIRST rush hour will no doubt have become familiar with the Totley Twirlies.

Soon after nine o'clock Twirlies can be seen gathering at the various bus stops down from the Cross Scythes. The typical Twirly has a shopping bag, wears glasses and has hair that is either going grey or thinning somewhat. However, they all carry a small blue coloured plastic document. Their objective seems to be to see how early they can get onto a bus into town.

The normal bus times are at 2, 17, 32 and 47 minutes past the hour, but at this time there is also an X23 from Stoke due at 9.15 and a 9.22 number 97 which terminates at town and not Parson Cross.

When a bus arrives Twirlies besiege the driver to try to be allowed onto a bus. They never state their destination, but merely ask 'Am I too early?' (Twirly) and hence the name. Research suggests that complicated negotiations can take place to establish what the exact time is, the outcome is not always to the satisfaction of the Twirlies, who then become resigned to waiting for the next bus. Punctuality of buses and accuracy of watches can be important in these discussions.

If you use the 9.32 from Cross Scythes, one can guarantee that the lower deck will be full of Twirlies and that other passengers will have to use the upper deck, which is usually relatively free of Twirlies. Recent research has suggested that the Twirly phenomenon is not unique to Totley, they have been reported to have been seen elsewhere in Sheffield at similar times during the day. I have also found out that taking early retirement does not automatically convey Twirly status.

So when you do go to town to do your Christmas shopping, the moral is to use the 9.02 97 bus to escape the Twirlies.

Happy Christmas
Stan Chandler,
Retired Civil Servant.

A TRUE CHRISTMAS

Here's a starter for ten 'Christmas. True or false?'

Most of us teach our children to believe the Christmas story; the baby in the stable - the star in the east - peace on earth. But as we grow up, so many of us become numb to it all. We'd love to believe it - it sounds so romantic; so attractive; so good. But it sounds too much like a fable.

But what if it were true? What if G. S. Lewis is right when he said that Christmas is 'the central event in the history of the earth'? What if this baby did grow into a man who did amazing, life-changing things in the lives of those he met? What if Christians are right when they say that he is alive today and wants to make a difference in our lives?

If it is true, then the message needs to be heard - and responded to.

Our forefathers believed it to be true. They thought that the birth of Jesus Christ set in motion events that changed the world - so much so that they chose to divide time by it - 'BC' and 'AD'.

There is a challenge to Christmas that's often lost in the trimmings and tinsel - and that, at its most basic is simply this: is it true?

Why not re-read the Christmas story again, perhaps go to your local church. Maybe many of us need to rediscover the heart of the celebration: God coming amongst us - as one of us - to show us how much he loves us.
Christmas. True or false?

Matthew Porter.

Curate, Christ Church Dore.

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UPDATE FROM TRA

The skip sited on the library car park on 23rd October appeared to be well used. We are offered a community skip by the council bi-monthly, and the committee feel that we should accept this on a fairly regular basis so as to keep the service going. We shall probably not request another now until the spring, we invite your comments. Still on the subject of rubbish, we may introduce litter picks on a regular basis, more on this later.

On Remembrance Sunday a wreath was laid on behalf of the residents of Totley by Ken Coldwell, during the service at the Baslow Road Memorial. We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Joe Abson who always tidies up at the Memorial just before the service. Does anyone know of any ladies who lived in Totley who were killed in active service and not named on the plaques?

Plans are being made for an Exhibition of Crafts by local residents on Saturday 28th March at 2.00pm to 4.30pm at Totley Rise Methodist, put the date in your diary now. We are looking for residents to demonstrate and exhibit, especially some of the more unusual crafts. Please contact Pauline (2361601) or Delya (2351515) for more information. We hope to have a hat competition with prizes for the whackiest hat and the prettiest hat, competitions for the children, and much more, watch this space!

I went to the library on 3rd November to speak with our local M.P. Richard Allan. I told him of some of the problems we have including overgrown pathways, no news on the Hallam Site, and the Totley Rise problem of cars exiting on the Glover Road junction etc. As a committee we do keep trying to push for solutions. It was encouraging to see other residents taking the opportunity to speak with our M.P.

Other concerns at the moment are:-

- the dilapidated state of the notice boards, and we respectfully ask that unauthorised members of the community do not use them but contact me with any request to insert posters,
- Parking on Hillfoot in conjunction with All Saints School.
- Flooding at Mickley Lane,
- Keeping an eye on planning applications and
- the speed of traffic on Baslow Road.

Do you want the TRA to plan events such as Library talks, and Sports Day? We need to know your views. We did not hold a sports day this year, no one asked about it, did you miss it? How should we celebrate the Millenium? It's nearly here. Letters to The Independent please.

Please note, EVERYONE who lives in Totley is automatically a member of the Association - no membership fee and no discrimination.

Pauline Perkinson

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A DIARY OF A WOULD-BE PARAOLYMPIAN STRUCK GOLD FINALLY

Training is very hard at the moment, with one and a half hours pool work and half an hour land training. I'm still tired and find it very hard going but I'm going to hang on in there because I'm getting the results.

The masters event was indeed a great success. I bettered all my times considerably and came 11th overall, which in able-bodied sports for the entirety of the country was a very pleasing result.

David also swam very well, still 'out of training' he also swam a faster time so obviously being without a car and running and cycling everywhere is getting him very fit. He was placed 19th.

However that weekend was extremely tiring and recovering from a virus left me in great doubt as to how I could manage the next weekend at Darlington.

Friday afternoon we waved goodbye to the girls as they ran circles round my mum. We braved the A1 road works and arrived at Darlington in time to do some Christmas shopping before tea.

We stayed in the Kings Head, we had a lovely suite and when I could prise David off the Sky TV controls, I eventually managed to get to sleep. 6.30am. Woken by the clock tower in the square and with the dawn arose my nerves and one of many visits to the bathroom. 7.00am. Breakfast - I had to force every bite down as without a meal I'd have no energy to race.

A foggy Darlington market square greeted us as David pushed me across to the pool. I had a brilliant warm up and a brilliant mornings races, despite the nerves - dlorylite to the rescue once more.

At the end of day one, I'd won

three bronze medals and a gold, British Champion in 50m breaststroke. Exhausted we retired to the hotel for a snooze before the championship dinner.

Sunday morning loomed bright and early with our ever-ready clock tower and we found ourselves back at the pool wondering if we'd ever been away, and with a long session ahead of us.

I won another bronze, I think, I hope, I'd shown the selectors I could make the grade in my new classification; but it was plainly obvious that I was in the wrong group - once again competing with people with hand disabilities, but good leg kicks.

My appeal to be re-classified is in the pipe-line although it will be a long wait until May when the medical board next meet.

My coach still thinks I can get a lot faster and is working out a strategy - that sounds tiring. I've got one more race this year, the South Yorkshire open masters at Pond's Forge in a fortnight. It is a pretty low key event and good fun, so we're looking forward to that. Health wise, I'm hanging on in there, but its been hard. I've had a couple of falls and viral arthritis, not I've got sinusitis - I think I'm ready for the rest home, not miles of swimming.

Next year the World Championships are in New Zealand in October. Obviously I'd love to qualify, but I've a long way to go and if I remain in my present classification, it looks unlikely, but if I train hard and win my appeal, who knows! I'll keep you posted.

A Merry Christmas to you all, and a Happy New Year for 1998, and thank you for all your Good Wishes and support.

Helen.

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HAPPY DAYS

I was in the Fruit Shop at the top of Main Avenue, Totley, when I came across a copy of the Totley Independent. What a feast of information, and to my surprise an article on Old Totley. There in print was my father Tom Salt who had lived at Woodthorpe Hall Farm. In the old days dad did the snow ploughing round Totley with a pair of horses, he also did the milk round - except on pay day - that's when his father collected. He was the boss and liked his whiskey and I'm sure that not all the money went home on collection day, the 'Fleur de Liz' as it was called was too tempting a place.

Dad's best pal was Reg Barber from the chemical yard (opposite the Shepley Spitfire and down a lane). When they had done their day's work, often starting at 4am ploughing the field where Rowan Tree Dell houses are now, it was Dad's turn to go to the Fleur de Liz. With beer at hand a pint, a good night was had, then on to Totley's Last Hope, or the monkey run as he and Roy called it. That was Sheffield's last train bringing the maids home to Dore and Totley. 'Eee' he'd say, 'there were some grand uns ont train.'

During the war years Dad was in the Home Guard, looking after the moors and based at Owl Bar. This was a big mistake - there was a pub The Peacock! Dad call the Home Guard L.D.V. 'Look, Duck and Vanish', and vanish they did

into The Peacock, owned then by old Johnny R.Braum. First thing that had to be done was try and get the Sergeant drunk. This would leave the night free for them to do the same. They had one gun between them all and no bullets. Dad would say that 'if Ikla (Hitler) landed it ud be a poorish job.'

Before Dad died in March he made his fame in many areas of life, being on the committee of Longshaw Sheepdog Trials, Hope Show, Holmesfield and Barlow Ploughing, Norton Ploughing, The Felons (the oldest police force) and Footpath and Bridle. The famous David Bellamy learned of my father's story so he was invited to do a series for Southern TV and there is also a video out about him.

The names they had for people were wonderful, like 'Old Pot Mole Coates' who was the fellow who would pot mole your steps, it was the fashion then to have white around the doorstep.

Dad's family's land was from the bottom of the drive (Shepley Spitfire) up to White Gates, as they were called, the land each side of which was home to the air-raid shelters and search lights. Every time there was an air raid my Dad'd father would grab him money bag and say to Kate his wife 'come on missis, up the orchard' and they would go and sit in the hen hut until it was all over. Happy Days!

Carmen Salt

REMEMBER THE PRICE

I recall my father went up market from a Douglas Motor-bike and sidecar to purchasing his first saloon car in the year 1937. His pride and glory was a second hand two years old Ford Popular, he paid £45 for this model which retailed new £100. Known as the working man's Rolls Royce. The spare wheel was strapped outside. Shaped like a biscuit box on wheels, this little car gave sheer pleasure on those almost deserted roads. Petrol prices National one shilling a gallon, best Quality R.O.P. on shilling and threepence (old money). Pre-war motoring was a second heaven. Came the war years petrol was on ration, cheap enough but you were lucky to get two gallons a month from hand cranked pumps. For an outing into the Peak District one had to save up the petrol coupons. I recall the rather unofficial art of free-wheeling from Owl Bar right down to Busheywood Road and from Stoney Ridge top right down to Millhouses to conserve this precious liquid. Manual brakes in those days. I first learned to drive in this little car. If you travelled at over 40 mph you seemed to be really speeding on the open road. Plus, if you saw another car in the space of ten minute intervals the roads were extra busy. I used to call this car 'Company Sergeant Major'. The registration number was GSM 345. After selling the car I spotted it still driving around the streets of Rotherham in the early 1950's.

Can any reader recall this rather strange and almost comical incident. The year would be around 1940, the venue, the Woodseats area of Chesterfield Road.

A parked car (an Austin Ruby model) ran out of control from the top of Chantry Road. Maybe someone had not set the hand brake properly, or a youngster had been messing about. Anyway, the car trickled down the hill bounced across the tram tracks and gently wedged itself down a narrow passage and hardly scratched the door handles.

This entrance between two shops is situated just above the Charity Shop and adjacent butchers, close to the junction of Chesterfield Road and The Dale. I often gaze at this passage way for it hardly seems wide enough to hold a motor cycle. It was certainly a good job that no other traffic was around. Derbyshire Lane was the scene of a more serious nature when a car ran out of control and crashed into the side of a tram car.

But when one thinks about the traffic chaos to-day, we were lucky to be able to sample motoring in those early bone shakers.

John C. Barrows.

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.

Brian Edwards

QUARRY THREAT

THREAT OF LARGE QUARRY AT LONGSTONE EDGE IN THE PEAK NATIONAL PARK FORMATION OF ACTION GROUP.

Longstone Edge is a beautiful hill ridge right in the heart of the Peak District National Park. It is criss crossed by delightful paths and is easily seen from surrounding villages and roads. The edge also lies in direct view of that most popular of walks along Froggatt, Curbar and Baslow Edges.

Under recent proposals, RMC Roadstone (Eastern) Ltd have given notice that over 15 years they intend to quarry limestone from much of the eastern end of the edge, at a rate of one million tonnes a year. Later stages of the workings lasting to the year 2042 could gouge out a crater the area of built-up Bakewell, desecrating the main part of the edge. The quarry working would blight an unspoilt tract of a National Park, bringing noise and dust to Longstone Edge and much extra lorry traffic through local villages and on the roads to nearby conurbations.

In response to a groundswell of local feeling, an action group has been formed with the aim of halting this quarry - the 'Save Longstone Edge' group. The group is about to leaflet all local villages to invite residents to join, and will be open to a wider membership nationally. The main planks of the campaign are to:- support the Peak District National Park Authority in its action to prevent the quarry; to raise public awareness; to put pressure on RMC; and to lobby government.

The RMC proposals if submitted as a normal planning application would almost certainly not get approval; they run counter to the principles of development in a National Park since no national need exists for limestone to be extracted from this specific quarry and adequate supplies are available from elsewhere.

However, RMC hold the lease on a mineral permission issued in 1952 but still valid that allows them to 'win and work fluorspar and barytes and to work lead and any other minerals won in the course of working those minerals'. Essentially this is a 'vein minerals' permission, but RMC argue that they need to quarry limestone in order to take ore from the mineral veins, even though the mineral veins are only two metre thick and their proposals imply removing some 60 cubic metres of limestone for each

cubic metre of vein mineral. In our view, they are seeking to legitimise limestone quarrying by misinterpreting the mining permission they hold. To allow quarrying under this permission poses another danger; by setting a precedent quarrying could start in many other vein mineral sites, further along Longstone Edge and in other locations in this and other national parks.

We understand our view on the mineral permissions is similar to the official position of the National Park Authority. If, as expected, they serve an enforcement notice on RMC to prevent the removal of excess limestone, the 'Save Longstone Edge' group will offer its fullest support to the National Park Authority. We will also support them in any subsequent appeal by RMC, in which we will work to obtain an interpretation of the meaning of the minerals permission that excludes mass limestone quarrying.

We believe it is bizarre for a permission granted in 1952 to take precedence over current planning procedures. In 1952 conditions and the scale of operations were quite different from today's. The application in 1952 quoted workings 15 feet deep compared with 200 feet in the current proposals.

The 'Save Longstone Edge' group will now start campaigning to prevent this destructive and unjustified development in the Peak District National Park. As Brian Redhead said of National Parks, they are 'Not ours, but ours to look after' The 'Save Longstone Edge' Group
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DECEMBER

FRI/SAT 5th./6th. JOHN WADE SINGERS St. John's Church, Abbeydale, 7-30 pm. Details inside.
 SAT. 6th.DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR St. Cuthbert's Church, Fir Vale. 7-00pm.
 Full details inside.
 MON. 8th. SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY, MESSIAH Sheffield Cathedral, 7-00pm. Pre booking advised. Tel. (0114) 266 8257.
 WED. 10th.CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT Totley Rise Methodist Church. 8-00pm. Details inside
 THUR.11th.DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR Dore Parish Church 7-30 pm. Full details inside
 FRI. 12th. CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT by Children from Totley Primary School, Totley Library. 10-30 am. Free coffee & mince pies. All ages welcome,
 FRI. 12th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD No Meeting Church.
 SAT. 13th.CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING Totley Primary School, 10-00 am. to Noon
 SAT. 13th.CHRISTMAS FAIR St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale, 2-00pm. Details inside.
 SAT. 13th.DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR Dore Parish Church, 7-00 pm. Full details inside
 SUN. 14th.STEAM TRAIN RIDES Ecclesall Woods 1-00pm. to 5-00pm. Annual Santa's Special Event.
 MON. 15th.COME & SING MESSIAH Dore Parish Church, 7-30pm. Sheffield Bach Society.
 TUES.16th.TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.

JANUARY '98

WED. 7th. THE WORK OF VICTIM SUPPORT Speaker Pat. Blatherwick. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall 8-00pm.
 FRI. 9th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, New Year Party, St. John's Church, Guild Room, 7-30 pm. New members always welcome.
 WED. 21st. HIGHLIGHTS of NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA by Hilary & Eddy Grundy. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8-00 pm.
 TUES.18th.TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.
 TUES.27th.GLOBAL WARMING - the POLITICAL DIMENSION
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