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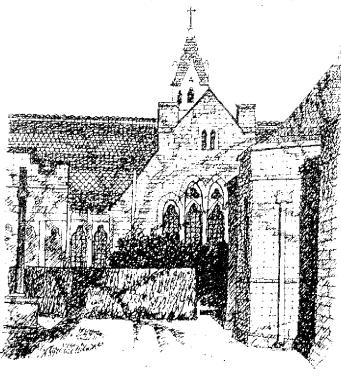
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OF THUS ABBREIDAGE

St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road South was consecrated in 1876. The new parish established itself clearly with 6 boundary stones which are still scattered through Dore and Totley.

The major part of the building cost was borne by Mr. Roberts who lived nearby at Abbeydale. His friend and successor Ebenezer Hall paid for the building of St. John's Church Rooms in 1983. However during the first world war they were used as a hospital before being taken over by the post office for use as a sorting office.

Extract, with kind permission, of Brian Edwards, from his book "DORE TOTLEY and BEYOND".

PLANNING NEWS

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In last month's issue I mentioned planning application 97/1073P which seeks consent for the erection of a house at the back of <u>Baslow Road/Totley Hall Lane</u>. An earlier problem with the application has been dealt with and it is likely to be considered during February. Any comments on this should be male to the Dept. of Planning and Economic Development as soon as possible. This plot lies within Totley's Conservation Area.

Also inthe Conservation Whitbreads are currently considering what kind of alterations to make to the interior and exterior of The Cross Scythes pub. The idea is to make it more attractive to members of the Totley community. The pub is a grade Il Listed Building. Representatives of the brewery have attended the January TRA Committee Meeting. They have said that they are very interested in the views of the local community. So, if YOU have any views about the kind of pub you would like the Cross Scythes to be, pop down to Totley Library as soon as possible and write your views on the slips provided and leave them in the envelope on the desk, or else do the same at the pub itself. These will be collated by the TRA and sent on to the representatives. We do not yet know when the brewery will submit a formal planning application. (See article on a Public Meeting to discuss the proposals.)

Planning applications to alter Abbeydale Hall have been lodged. 97/1406P seeks consent for the extension, alteration and vehicular access to turn it into a pub. A separate application, 97/1407P, seeking consent for the alteration of the Hall is necessary as it is a grade II Listed Building. Petitions objecting to the application have been in your local shops. See the diary for details of a Public Meeting at Bannerdale Centre.

A planning application to alter/extend the frontage of <u>Dore Junction</u> (the old station building) has been lodged. Ref. 97/1380P.

Once again there is still no news to date about the <u>Sheffield Hallam University</u> site on Totley Hall Lane, though meetings have taken place at the Town Hall to which we are not privy.

For more detailed information about any of the above planning applications, visit the Dept. of Planning and Economic Development at the Town Hall.

The planning application 97/1217P to erect a 20 metre vodaphone mast with antennae which attracted a lot of local opposition has been withdrawn.

Compiled by Katie Bramall. Planning Group.

TRANSPORT 17

We received a cheque for £1250 from Bradway Community Association. This was half the proceeds from their 'Fun Run' held last September. Christine Bird and her team presented the cheque to Danny Barlow at a very pleasant 'Cheese and Wine' evening. Lilian Hollard was also present as it was those two who did T17's wheelchair run - 2.5 miles of it!

Many thanks to Irene and Colin Wells and everyone who made the 'Mulled Wine' evening such a success. We made about $\pounds140$.

Our new minibus will be ordered soon. Renault are bringing out a new "Master" and we would be better off having one of these. Watch this space.

We are still working with S.Y.P.T.E with regard to our funding and any changes that have been proposed with regards to charges etc. As soon as possible we will, of course meet with all clubs and their organisers.

Best wishes to all our drivers and escorts for 1998. We can't manage without them and everyone else at Transport 17.

Our phone number is 236 2962.
Margaret Barlow

ANIMAL WELFARE

Many thanks to all those who supported the R.S.P.C.A. Winter Food Appeal for the animals at Spring St. Shelter, also thankyou to Totley Co-op, Totley Library, Oldales (Halifax Building Society) and Valerie of Dore for their help in acting as collection points. We collected over two hundred tins of food plus some biscuits, also a quantity of blankets and bedding which is so badly needed this time of year.

Labrador Welfare wish to thank all those who contribute to their collecting boxes in Totley shops. At the moment they are short of bric-a-brac, but may be able to run a Coffee Morning in the area later this year.

The P.D.S.A. opened their new Veterinary Centre at Newhall Rd. Sheffield 9. Tele: 0114 2433232 appointments only 9a.m.-6p.m. Monday -Friday.

On Monday 19th January the former clinic on Napier St. closed down. The new centre is purpose built and although not so convenient for people this end of town, it will provide excellent care for many people. Please continue to support the P.D.S.A. Charity shop on Cumberland St. The cost of veterinary care is considerable and funds are always needed to support the centres.

Mrs. D. Styles,

WORK

What images does this word conjure up? Do you enjoy work or do you do it because you have to? Do you think of the wird including all voluntary work as well as paid work? Do you think of housework or shopping as part of the concept of work or Is you just simply think of earning enough so pay for the things that you want to do or to have? Are you retired and think that work is something from the past?

There are many different ways of looking at the word but work has its roots in the early Bible accounts of creation where we are told that God made the earth. saw that it was good and gave man power over the earth to look after it. Clearly this was the origin of work and we are told that Abel kept the flocks and Gain worked the soil. This was a very early acceptance that there are different kinds of work but they are complementary to each other.

In February (22nd) many churches will be keeping Unemployment Sunday. This is not only a recognition of the shame of our society that still so many people who want to work cannot do so; it is also a recognition that we don't recognise the needs of such people. Perhaps we have not recognised what work really is contribution to the well being of the whole of society. Perhaps we are too selfish about work - following the 'I'm alright, Jack,' principle? Perhaps too many people work too many hours and keep others out of work? There is room for a deep re-appraisal of our attitudes to the whole question of work and employment.

Then again how does worship fit in with work? At 6.30pm on Sunday February, All Saints church is holding a special service to explore the link between work and worship. Even if you can't join in it is a topic which deserves your attention. Maurice Snowdon.

On behalf of Churches Together in \$17

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The Competitions will be judged at 3pm. For further information:-

Telephone 2361601.

JOHN ANDREWS

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of John Andrews on the 12th. June last year. His brother Squadron Leader Graham Andrews says it was very sudden and John was not pain.

John, unfortunately, missed seeing all his contributions to the Independent on his memories of Totley which ran from April to July and also missed a planned visit to Totley which was to been later

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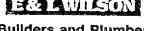
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FOSSILS IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

What are fossils and how were they formed? They are the remains or traces of animals and plants preserved in sedimentary rocks. If we divide the Peak District into the White and Dark Peaks, one can state that the numbers of fossils in the limestone are countless, but few in the Millstone Grit, sandstones and shales of the Dark Peat.

THE WHITE PEAK.

At the start of the Carboniferous Period, 345 million years ago, the region was mostly covered by a warm shallow sea in places possibly only 3-5ft deep; in some sections the depth was 160ft or more. It is the fossil content and texture of the various types of limestone that provide the clues for this knowledge - for instance the cliffs and outcrops in the vicinity of Castleton are composed almost entirely of corals and crinoids (sea lilies), indicating that here was a reef. In some places there were shellbanks, eventually to be consolidated as layers of rock containing fossils of shelled creatures, mainly brachiopods, the largest of which is Gigantoproductus, and some bivalves; both types were two-shelled animals.

animals.

There are few fossils to be found in limestones of the main plateau. The light grey shelf limestone was deposited as a mixture of lime particles (sand sized) and mud; much of this is made up of tiny fragments of shells cemented together by the mineral calcite. The darker grey rock is called basin limestone and occasionally contains beds of mudstone or clay.

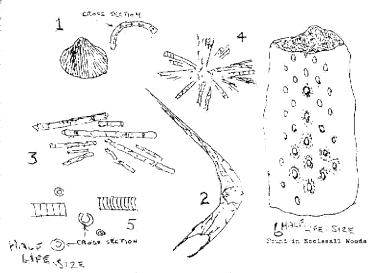
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Any fossil we discover in limestone is not the original shell of an ancient creature, but a replica. When the original creature died, any soft parts which had not been consumed by a predator or scavenger, would have quickly decayed. The shell would quickly become embedded in sludge at the bottom of the lagoon and soon its organic content would decay and be replaced by crystals of calcite (a mineral held in solution in the water). So the fossils we find in limestone are composed of calcite which, being harder than limestone, explains why most fossils are slightly proud of their surrounding rock. This also applies to corals, whose outer skeletons were already composed of calcite.

Much of the satisfaction in finding a fossil is in the actual search; so-where are the best places to look for them? You would expect rock outcrops to reveal the best specimens, but this is not so. Because the rock has been broken, dry stone walls, disused quarries and scree slopes will often reveal the third dimension.

In which localities of the White Peak should you search? Well - why not start at Castleton? Start at the south eastern corner of the market place and follow the signpost through the narrow gorge into Cave Dale. This was a coral reef and as soon as you have passed through the gate start looking, firstly in the small disused quarry on your left; then in outcrop, also on the left, 100 yards or so beyond. There are brachiopods, goniatites, corals and crinoid fragments but don't expect to find them uniformly distributed, they tend to occur in concentrated patches.

Whilst in the Castleton area, visit Winnats Pass; examine the wall on either



The most commonly found fossils in the limestone

side of the style a few yards below the entrance to Speedwell Cavern, by now you will have started to recognise some of the common species. Then proceed to the end of the road below Mam Tor, where there is the entrance to the old Odin Mine. On your right hand, just before the vehicle turning point, is a stile leading to the lead-ore crushing circle. Look in the wall for a multitude of small crinoids.

Next visit Monsal Head. Just after squeezing through the stile leading down into the dale, look at the paving stone under your feet; this is tightly packed with crinoids. Then take the track that leads down to the weir downstream from the

Next visit Monsal Head. Just after squeezing through the stile leading down into the dale, look at the paving stone under your feet; this is tightly packed with crinoids. Then take the track that leads down to the welr downstream from the viaduct; about 30 yards before the path levels out, turn up a narrow track on your left. This takes you to Hob's House - a rock 'tower' split by chasms 25ft high, which create walkways 8ft wide. The outer walls contain a wealth of fossils - both single and colonial corals. Incidentally, the layers and nodules of smooth black rock are chert, a substance similar to flint.

THE DARK PEAK.

There are so few fossils in the Millstone Grit and sandstones of the Peak District that only the dedicated geologist would find any of interest, even the few are rather uninteresting plant remains.

We can find a more interesting shape in and on the edges of Ecclesall Woods. First familiarise yourself with the two rock types in Ecclesall Woods. There are two types of boulder, mostly up to 24ins across; Millstone Grit and ganister. The former is dark, rough to the touch, and mostly rounded. Ganister however, is a yellowish stone colour, irregular in shape and smooth as you stroke your hand across its surface. Ganister is a fine-grained sandstone and at one time was ground into fine particles and shaped into refractory (heat resisting) bricks which were used in the earlier steel furnaces. It is some of the chunks of ganister that contain fossils - a giant club moss called stigmaria. Some specimens, either the actual shape, or its impression, can be up to 18ins long. The original plant material would have decayed within a year or so of it having been surrounded by deposits of

sand, but its precise shape remained as a cavity. This cavity would later have been filled with similar sand, however the boundary between the two faces remain to this present day - some 300 million years

The best areas to look are:- (a) between 20 and 60 yards to the Sheffield side of the brook in Ryecroft Glen, (b) south-east of the junction between the path leading to the right from the Abbeydale Hamlet dam and where this joins the main track and where this joins the leading in from Abbey Lane. CAPTIONS FOR ILLUSTRATIONS:

brachioped group of of Shells the

marine animals Gigantoproductus is the largest of the 3-9ins brachiopods, size ranges from

across. 3.Lithostrotion, a coloured coral, it not too abundant but can be found in Coombs Dale and Hob's House (Monsal Dale).

4. Dibunophyllum is the most attractive of the corals, it is common in Hob's

House. 5. Crinoids were marine animals having a skeleton consisting of a body, arms and stem, the latter attaching the animal to stem, the latter att the floor of the sea.

Giant club moss, stigmaria, found in ganister.

Alan Faulkner Taylor.

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SCOUT NEWS

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Mr. Clark, Marstone Crescent.

DECEMBER. 1st Prize. No.50. Christmas Hamper. Mrs. Worth. Totley Grange Drive.

2nd Prize No.23. fl0 Voucher. Mr. Bayliss. Baslow Road.

HELP REQUIRED.

If anyone can help and has any 3 x 2 or 2 x 2 Paving Slabs we can have for outside our Scout HQ on Aldam Road. We have had a lot of water and mud deposited near the main entrance and another few rows of paving will stop the boys trailing in a lot of mud. We will collect.

CHRISTMAS SCOUT POST

A note to all who helped with the Scout Post for Christmas Cards. We sent out to all districts 5676 cards and delivered to Totley just over 10,000 cards. A Mrs. B.Timmins was the only one without a tracing address. Many thanks to all who paid for stamps and used the post. The Sheffield Scouts have now raised over 2 million pounds in 17 years.

Peter Casson

SCOUT LINKS BETWEEN 85th St. Johns and 1st Totley Scout Groups.

For many years there have been close collaborations between the two scout groups, shared activities, camps etc. and now there are even closer links. A lack of leaders has resulted in a temporary amalgamation of the groups at the Cub and Scout level. All leaders are happy to take new recruits:-

Boys aged 6 - 8 yrs, can attend Beavers either at:-

1st Totley HQ - Beaver Leader - Alan Smith Tel: 0114 2361287. Meet Tuesday night from 6.00 - 7.00pm.

85th St.Johns HQ - Beaver Leader - Ruth Godbehere. Tel: 0114 2365976. Meet Wednesday night from 6.15 - 7.15pm.

Boys aged 8-10.5 yrs, can attend Cubs which will be mostly based at St. Johns HQ. Cub Leader - Rosemary Ellis. Tel: 01246 412124. Meet Thursday night from 6.30 - 8.00pm.

Boys aged 10.5 -15.5 years, can attend Scouts which will be based at 1st Totley HQ: Scout Leader - John Lawry Tel 0114 2368566. Meet Friday night from 7.30 -9.15pm.

St. Johns HQ is between St. Johns Church and Parish Hall on Abbeydale Road South.

1st Totley HQ is off Aldam Road near the Green Oak Road/Mickley Lane junction, Totley.

To enrol your son or put his name on a waiting list, phone now.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING CUSTOMERS OF TOTLEY LIBRARY

During the past twelve months we have managed to hand over £155 to the Library as a result of our coffee mornings, and those of you who were at the Library on the morning of Friday 12 December last will know how enjoyable the Nativity Play, by Totley County School children was, and weren't the costumes darvellous? We are always pleased to see you on Wednesdays, our coffee or tea and biscuits are still only 30p and it is always warm in the Library, so drop in and join us. Many thanks to our regular customers and of course to all our voluntary helpers.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TOTLEY.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that the New year brings everything you hope and wish for. I've managed to get a few days break from my watery career but am still training hard.

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My final competition last year was my most successful in terms of times and positions. It was an able bodied competition for Masters.

I won 2 Golds and 4 Silvers and a Bronze, bettering my times considerably and my world rankings. I still can't believe I swam so well. I kept wondering if the time keeper had got my times wrong, or that the pool had suddenly become smaller. It's great to have achieved so much in such a short time. My times would have given me a medal in Spain, so my increased training schedule has obviously worked and my coach is more than pleased, but to say I am tired is an under-statement, so lots of rest, plenty of fresh air, good training and nutrition should go a long way to helping me get through to the world championships. I don't want to get my hopes up though, after my disappointments in Spain last year.

A few weeks before Christmas I got my Great Britain sweatshirt through, its

A few weeks before Christmas I got my Great Britain sweatshirt through, its great, I feel so honoured to have one.

I wore it eating my breakfast in bed that morning - well we all celebrate in

different ways.

Now we really have to address our sponsorship with a vengeance as last year Now we really have to address our sponsorship with a vengeance as last year played havor with our personal finances and despite sending out hundreds of letters we had few helpful replies. So readers, if you have any helpful ideas, please let us know. We are also having to purchase a new wheelchair, as my requirements have changed dramatically with my hip and shoulder problems, but the main concern has been the deterioration of my chair through the damp conditions in the pool and the hammer it gets on a daily basis, out in Derbyshire on the moors, in the parks, Meadowhall you name it, that chair has been there and done it. David reckons the way I load the chair in the car doesn't help, but I'm afraid when I'm on my own there's no finesse about it, I aim and swing it in.

about it, I aim and swing it in.

Training is hard at present and hard to adapt to, 6 evenings of 1 1/2 hours training in the water and half an hour land training - flexibility, exercise and pull cords - which are like long strings of elastic whereby you simulate your stroke work

on lane providing resistance - hence my strong

arms.
I've no more competitions until March but if 'big' anything interesting happens between now and then I'll let you know. But I had a neighbour who once described swimming to be as boring as watching paint dry, so with that in mind, I'll end here. Thank you once again for your support everyone.

Helen

Another new year

The New Year gives people a fresh start on their old habits.

Year's New is resolution something that goes in one year and out the other.

Robert Colclough

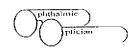
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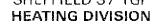
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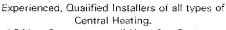
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GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

By the time you read this my onion seeds will have been in a month, the fuschias will be shooting and geraniums coming into fresh growth, the signs of spring being just around the corner. The seasons seem to come and go faster than ever (a sign of growing old, they tell me). No sooner one lot of seeds are through than its time to put in some more. I hope you have done all the planning needed to keep a garden looking good. Cleaned up all the pots, tubs, planters and hanging baskets ready for planting later. It seems we have to have two sets of planters these days, one lot for winter/spring and another lot for summer bedding plants, so that we are not discarding a good display of pansies and primulas before they have finished.

FLOWERS Winter flowering jasmine should be pruned as soon as it has finished flowering. Trim back winter flowering heathers as blooms fade with shears to prevent them getting straggly. Don't forget to look at dahlia tubers in store, and dust any mould with flowers of sulphur, don't let Jack Frost nip them, protect them well.

Give herbaceous plants a feed of rotted manure or compost, lightly forked in, or a dressing of good general fertilizer. Fill any gaps in your wallflowers now before they start into active growth. Make sure all plants are firmed in, as some may have been loosened by frost.

Give any roses which have suffered with black spot a spraying with fungicide to help prevent a further occurrence, clear away any leaves lying about. Glean up rockeries, top dress with compost and chippings.

VEGETABLES Check vegetable plots for lime content and add any lime required at least two weeks before sowing or planting, work in a dressing of Growmore or similar, onions require a very rich soil to get the really good ones for the shows.

Before sowing carrots, rake soil pesticide into the ground. Put seed potatoes in a light airy frost free place to sprout. Watch out for slugs and deal with them as quickly as possible. Top dress spring cabbage and sprouting broccoli with nitro chalk. Plant out autumn sown onions. Dig trench runner beans and celery. Sow herbs chervil, chives, dill and parsley in slight warmth. Sow leeks to be ready for the Totley Show, plant the best seeds in individual pots in warmth to start them well, moving them to cooler positions later, prior to planting out when the frosts are past, or under cloches. Cauliflower and broccoli benefit from a long growing season. Plant seeds now in deep trays in a cold frost free greenhouse. You will have strong healthy plants in good time for spring planting out.

TREES, FRUIT & SHRUBS Prepare ground for any spring planting which you are

considering. Plant out deciduous shrubs and heathers later in the month. Prune late summer flowering clematis. Cut back hard shrubs like callicarpa trumpet creeper, spirea and tamarisk. trees growing in grass will need a feed of sulphate of ammonia or nitro chalk to make up nitrogen deficiency, about half an ounce (30grams) to a square yard (sq.m). Prune autumn fruiting raspberries. Prune gooseberries. Firm in any cuttings of black, red and white currants and gooseberry.

This is the perfect month for tree planting, care at this stage will pay off with rapid and sustained growth for the future, take care choosing the right tree for the site, note its eventual size, this will avoid drastic pruning later, bear in mind that pretty blossoms will look lovely for a week or so but how will the tree look in summer and winter? Is it colourful in autumn? Select only the best specimens with even open growth and a good root structure and no obvious defects such as a faulty graft or damage on the trunk, do not be seduced by size. A small light standard tree will grow just as well as a large heavy tree, need less staking and will most likely be less expensive. Small mature trees called ships will be even less expensive but of course will take longer to mature. Make the planting hole big enough to spread the roots evenly and make sure they never dry out during the planting process, a little slow release fertilizer blended with well rotted compost will improve the soil, firm the soil onto the roots using your heel to tread it in. Then stake your tree securely. Water frequently in the first season while the tree is becoming established and mulch with bark or compost.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS Gradually increase watering, keep African violets, cyclamen and indoor primulas humid by standing them on moist pebble-filled saucers. Plant indoor gladioli corms. Pot up January sown seedlings of geraniums, fuschias etc. Plant rooted cuttings of late chrysanthemums and

carnations. For a nice summer display sow seeds of plants like bush violet, busy lizzie, carnation, gloxinia and schizanthus, (poor man's orchid). cyclamen, indoor primula and primrose for winter flowers. Cut back last years shoots of fuschia, passion and plumbago. particularly seedlings like fresh air, but not cold air, so on warm days ventilate freely, especially cold frames, but keep a weather eye open for frosty forecasts.

Pollinate and train early vines, later in the month sow half hardy annuals and greenhouse plants. Start into growth resting plants such as clivias, bird of paradise etc. Freesias which finished flowering some weeks ago can now be laid on their sides in their pots to dry off. Lobeli cardinalis is becoming popular, it can be potted now, pull away single shoots with a little attached and pot each separately in a 3 1/2 pot.

LAWNS Rake, spike and top dress with sand, keep off especially when frosty. Spring is just around the corner.

Cheerio for now.

TOM. Busy Ree.

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FARMING SCENE

If you read our article in last month's Totley Independent, you will recall that I mentioned that as part of our 'Woodland Contract' we would be making a picnic area overlooking Baslow Rd etc. Plans have now been drawn up for this, and a car parking area, and sent to the Planning Department for their approval.

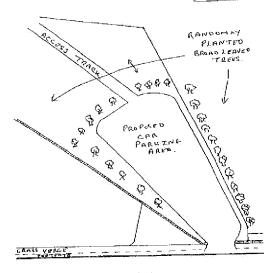
The existing access/hardstanding adjacent to Baslow Road will not be altered at all (unless the planners determine otherwise) as it is considered entirely adequate for the proposed use. Approval is sought for the parking of up to five cars on this area, although I would be surprised to see more than two at any one time.

The only works to be done on the picnic area are 1) the grass is to be mown 2) two standard size picnic tables are to be 'planted'

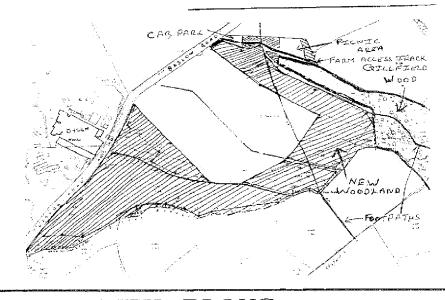
on the mown area 3) a suitable litter bin is to be installed in a convenient position. This whole scheme is part of a nationwide drive to improve/encourage public access to the countryside.

Many of you will have read in the press that Sheffield CC is to sell some of its farms. Indeed a few outlying units have, or are in the process of being sold. However the ownership, occupation and use of Totley Hall Farm is NOT about to change, nor is it likely to in the near future.

Edwin Pocock



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OBER-AMMERGAU MYSTERY PLAYS

St. Performed every 10 years. Church, Holmesfield Swithin's organising a trip to Ober-Ammergau for the next performance of the Mystery Plays in the year 2000. (Exact date later). Demand for tickets given great, and early application

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PLAN SHEFFIELD'S UNITARY DEVELOPMENT

The Unitary Development Plan (UDP) is Sheffield's first city-wide development plan since 1957. It covers all the Metropolitan District except the area in the Peak Park. It aims to provide a vision of where Sheffield is going over the next 10 years and beyond. Its main concerns are the environment, use of land and development.

Ros Stokes.

The Plan is made up of a book of policies and proposals and a set of maps showing the designated use for all the land in the city. The policies cover:

built environment green environment industry and business housing community facilities and institutions shopping. mixed area use leisure and recreation

pollution and waste transport

The Plan was produced in draft form in 1991 for public consultation. Next, there was the Deposit Version in 1993 for comments. A Public Enquiry was held in the town hall between March 1995 and March 1996. At this an inspector from the Department of the Environment listened to evidence from objectors. Most of the objections concerned proposed land use designations, but some Most of the objections concerned proposed land use designations, but some related to the policies in the Plan. The inspector's proposed modifications were inspector's proposed modifications were published in 1997 and the public were given just six weeks to comment. The Plan is likely to be adopted in June 1998. It is now too late to submit any objections or comments on the Plan.

Whilst the UPD process is meant to be open and democratic, in reality it is very much a planner's process. Although the Council publicised the Draft Plan widely, most Sheffield people remained unaware of it, or did not recognise its importance for their local area. Too late they discovered that their valued informal open enace was designated for informal open space was designated for housing. The planning procedures are very formal and giving evidence at a public enquiry is daunting for most people, particularly when the opposition is likely to have retained a barrister.

Another problem with the Plan is in the 10 years since it was ted, people's attitudes and started. started, people's attitudes and priorities have changed. For instance, ten years ago, the word 'environment' was just another scientific term. Now, far more people recognise the value of our open spaces to wildlife and our quality of life. It is likely that a UDP stated today would be a very different document. document.

Sheffield's UDP can be inspected in Totley Library or at the New Town Hall. The maps are excellent, Totley is The maps are excellent, Totley is covered by maps eight and nine. I will not go into detail about specific sites in Totley, but I would recommend that people have a look at the Final Version when it is published. Many of the policies in the plan can provide good ammunition when submitting objections to planning applications planning applications. Totley Residents' As Totley Residents' Association has a planning sub-group that monitors all the planning applications submitted for Totlev.

CHAPEL LANE FOOTPATH

Totley Residents' Association is negotiating with the Council's Public Rights of Way Unit to obtain a small grant to undertake improvements to the Chapel Lane path that leads from Hillfoot Road to Penny Lane. If the grant is forthcoming, we propose to clear back the vegetation from the cobbles to reinstate the path to its original width and to cut back overhanging shrubs and brambles. The grant is unlikely to be sufficient to enable a handrail to be put in.

We propose to close off the route that has grown up bypassing the squeeze

that has grown up bypassing the squeeze stile at the top. This should deter cyclists, but may cause problems for

cyclists, but may cause problems for people with limited mobility or with pushchairs. At the Penny Lane end, we may be able to replace the traditional kissing gate that is now missing.

This project is the start of a programme of work to be undertaken by local contractors and volunteers on Totley's footpaths. We shall shortly be doing a survey of all our public rights of way to ascertain what needs to be done. done.

If you have any comments on our proposals for Chapel Lane, or would like to volunteer to help with a footpath survey or practical work, please contact me on 236 1460. Thank you. Ros Stokes.

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TOTLEY CLEAN-UP

A big thank you to all the Totley residents who turned out on Saturday morning to clean up Totley. Thanks also to Sheffield Wildlife Trust for help and the loan of the litter pickers and to the Council's Cleansing Services for the bags and gloves. We were lucky to have such a warm sunny day. We collected 17 big bags of litter from the pavements and verges on and around Baslow Road and pruned back some of the garden shrubs that were overhanging and causing a danger to passers by. We covered the area from the Fleur de Lys and Cross Scythes down to Milldale Road.

Before we started, I walked round the area to see where the litter black spots were, and what types of litter were most common. The two worst spots for litter were the grass by the bus stop outside the Co-op and the corner of Baslow Road and Glover Road, again by the bus stop. The bottom of Totley Rise where it joins Back Lane was pretty bad and the prickly shrubs outside the library seem to attract litter like a magnet. The three most common items of litter were crisp packets, pop cans and cellophane off cigarette packets. On a positive note, there was very little dog dirt on the payements. Probably it is all in Greenoak Park. There was also very little litter associated with the take-away shops in Totley Rise.

Most of the litter seemed to have originated in Totley shops. We have all seen people get off the bus, buy crisps and pop, consume them as they walk home and then drop the packaging. Much of the litter seems to be dropped by youngsters who live in Totley and catch the bus to school, but they are not the only culprits. To change this litter habit, we need to make dropping litter a socially unacceptable activity, smoking has become in many places. It is a hard task, but worth persevering with.

We are holding another tidy up in April. We shall be approaching the local schools, churches and scouts etc. for help. Meanwhile, if everyone were to keep the area outside their home litter free, and if all the local shops were to collect up the litter that has been by dropped outside the shop customers, we would have the problem under control.

Totley looks much cleaner now. Let's keep it that way.

If you would like information on the next clean-up, please call me on 236 1406. Ros Stokes.

RECYCLING

Tesco and Sainsbury's now make it easier to recycle many materials as they can all be taken to one point. Other recycling sites only deal with one or two materials and are sometimes out of sight. The table lists all the local recycling points that I know of:-

Glass, Newspapers, Plastic bottles. Clothes. Aluminium Cans, Sainsbury's:
Newspapers, Glass, Newspapers, AL Plastic bottles. Clothes. Aluminium Cans. The Rise:

Newspapers, Clothes. Abbeydale Sports:

Glass. Wagon & Horses (Millhouses Park): Bottles, Aluminium Cans. Plastic Clothes.

who have These are for those fine transport, but does not help those who do not. As well as publishing other collection points, I would like to add another table of local people or organisations that are willing to COLLECT material for recycling. In addition to the basic materials listed above, this new table could include furniture, electrical modes broke or bric-a-brac for bric-a-brac for goods. books or refurbishing or re-sale.

Please send me a note of: The organisation (if any) Contact Name and Telephone Number. Types of material collected.

A new table will be published in the March or April Issue of Totley March Independent. Colin Wells.

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WEATHER REPORT 1997

The most amazing thing this year was on opening my back door to find a frog sitting on the doorstep, sheltering from the rain. He sat there for quite a while. Not that I blamed him - it was raining with great force and determination. This happened on the afternoon of 31st. August, the wettest day of the year, during a thunderstorm when 42mm (1.68") fell in 2-3 hours. It was so dark that the street lights came on.

Yet again Totley(T) has had more rain than Weston Park(WP). June produced 2.5 times more than WP. average and was the wettest month of the year. February and March showed double the WP average. January had just 1/8 th of the WP average whilst November had the most wet days 27 Totley and 22 Weston Park. Snow lying 12 days against 10 for WP. Sleet fell on 2 days in May (6th. & 7th.) and there was a quick 3 degree centigrade drop in temperature on the 5th. May produced more unseasonable weather with 5 days 16 - 20th) shrouded in mist.

Totley had 56 nights of frost against 24 at Weston Park the coldest being -7 centigrade in Totley. On just 2 days in the year (January) it didn't rise above freezing. The hottest day in Totley was 10th. August with 28 centigrade and Weston Park 28.9 but WP. managed 29.3 on 12th. August.

In Totley March, April and September produced 8 days without rain, 9 in August and 12 in May and October.

WP. recorded the sunniest day as 30th. May, 16.1 hours and 1594 hrs. sun for the year compared with an average of 1308 hrs. WP. state that 97 was Sheffields second sunniest year since

records were kept 100 years ago - 125 hrs. less than the sunniest. 10 months had above average sunshine. November was the dullest since 1946 and June had less sun than March, below average temperatures and most rain for June in 10 years.

They also recorded the average of Maximum and Minimum temperatures at 10.5 centigrade for the year, while the average 1961 - 1990 is 9.5 centigrade.

There were 2 days in February and May when gales blew the rain gauge over and WP. recorded the highest gust on 19th. February (57 knots).

The gales on 24th. December recorded gusts of 85 mph. in the local newspaper.

TOTLEY	WESTON PARK
Rain for the yea	
1997 994.5 mm	784.8 mm
1996 859.7 mm	757.6 mm
1995 717.1 mm	667.8 mm
Wettest Day	
1997 42.2 mm	31.9 mm
1996 47.5 mm	38.3 mm
1995 46.8 mm	41.4 mm
Coldest Night(De	egrees centigrade)
1997 - 7	-4.1
1996 - 6.1	-6.1
1995 10	-7.8
Hottest Day (Degrees centigrade)	
1997 28	29.3
1996 29.5	30.4
1995 30	31.3
Sun hours (Weston Park only)	
1997 1594.0	
1996 1457.1 (Estimat	ted)
1995 1586.3	
Highest Wind speed WP. only)	
1997 57 knots	
1996 55 knots	
1995 61 knots	
Vivien Filleul	

TOTLEY SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE. PUBLIC MEETING.

WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 1998

You may be aware that Whitbreads intend shortly to refurbish and enlarge the Cross Scythes public house on Baslow Road (subject to Planning Permission, etc.). Once these works take place, it will no longer be possible for the number 97 bus service to turn round in the forecourt of the Cross Scythes, as it does at present. Clearly, this has potentially serious implications for the 97 service and the City Council is anxious to find a solution.

Consequently, City Council officers have produced a number of possible options for resolving this problem, through the provision of turning facilities, including

new roundabouts at alternative locations. Not only would one of these provide a Uturn facility for buses, it would also have the beneficial effect of slowing down traffic approaching Sheffield from the south west, some of which travels along Baslow Road at excessive speeds.

The City Council is holding a public meeting at 7-30 pm on Wednesday 11th February 1998, at Totley County Junior and Infant School, Sunnyvale Road. Plans of the various proposals will be on display and City Council officers will explain the objectives and implications of each one. There will then be an opportunity to discuss the proposals and ask questions. Please note that the school hall is wheelchair accessible with assistance.

SHOPS

We find ourselves getting worried as week by week it seems there are less people in Totley using the local shops. Presumably the various Supermarkets are taking their trade, and we feel that if this continues to the detriment of 'local shopping' we could be making a great mistake affecting ourselves as well as the shop keepers.

On the parades near the top of Mickley Lane we have been pleased to welcome three new 'Services' taking over empty premises, but we wish there had been enough trade to attract shops.

Along with the Library, neighbourhood shops are very much part of the social 'gel' that holds a community together. Local shops are a necessity for some of us, particularly perhaps the elderly, mothers with young children and those without cars. In addition, many of us can relieve a sense of isolation, and sometimes depression, by 'popping out for a loaf of bread'. There will invariably be someone to chat to, as well as a meeting with well-known and friendly shop assistants. Neighbourhood trade also offers welcome employment near to home for many workers, particularly part-timers.

Obviously Supermarket shopping has advantages for car-drivers, but could it not be combined with a regular use of local shops? Extra pennies on goods at local shops are probably balanced by the cost of petrol and car maintenance.

In really bad weather, the majority of us can be very grateful for our local shops, but if the current trend continues there will be no local shops - and by that time it could be impossible to bring them back!

If we don't USE them, we will LOSE them. E.M.Bennett & M.S.Haworth.



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WED. 11th. PUBLIC MEETING CROSS SCYTHES CHANGES. 7-30 pm. Totley County Junior & Infant School, Details inside.

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