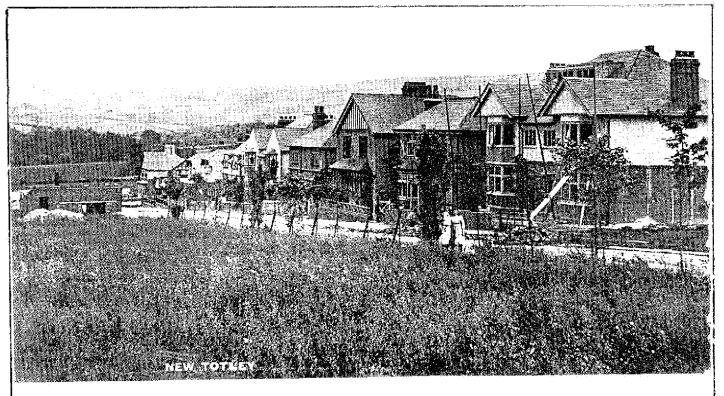
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MAIN AVENUE

The above photograph shows the houses numbers 2 and 4 in the process of being built around the 1920's, these pair of houses were the last to be built on that side of the road near the top. Later number 2A was built just below Avenue Stores.

As you will see on the opposite side of the road there appears to be just fields and some form of building, also a row of trees running along side the road.

Around the 1930's a further 120 houses were to be built on this land all the way down Main Avenue, this estate was called New Totley. The houses on this side ranged from £375 to £430 each and could be purchased with only a £10 deposit and repayments of 10 shillings & two pence per week for 22 years. The Rates were 3 shillings per week and the ground rent £4 per annum, room was left for the erection of garages, if required, for £15 to £50.

Interesting advertisements in the brochure were Herbert Bishop dairyman who lived at number 11 Main Avenue and Twentywell Brick Co. Ltd. who supplied bricks for

John Perkinton the houses.

NEARER we get the FURTHER away

are! Totley Bridge Road Works

The bridge temporary road works have been in place for about two years now and it looks like it could last at least another year before anything is done.

WHY have they suddenly put up a load of new signs saying that it is so many yards to the single lane over the bridge.

WHY is it the nearer you get to the bridge the further away it is according to the signs which before the traffic lights are 150 yards then 100 yards but then later are 300 yards, then 200 yards and finally 150 yards, have the council different tape Whisperer measures to any one else?

PUBLIC MEETING-TAYWOOD HOMES PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON THOMPSONS'

METHODIST CHURCH HALL 7.30pm. 11th May 1998. Chairman Mike Williamson - TRA Councillor Colin Ross - Liberal Democrat Jim Lomas - Sheffield City Council Planning Department.
David Heslop - Conservative.
Peter Colebrook - Taywood Homes.
Approx. 90 Local Residents.

welcomed Williamson Mike present to the meeting which had been organised by TRA, he explained the role that TRA played before introducing the

platform party.

meadow behind Totley Rise shops is possibly the last bit of 'green' area in Totley, where a development of this sort can take place. Formally grazing land

and the dam for a rolling mill.

Les Firth - past Chiarman of TRA
and Editor of the Totley Independent and Editor of the Totley Independent outlined the previous history of the site. The initial application was made on 29.9.87. On 13.10.87 there was a meeting held at the Scout Hut as the proposal was for 25 dwellings. 6. 1.88 the application was refused. Again a proposal for 25 dwellings on 19.7.91 many concerns raised but this application became a reserved planning application became a reserved planning application for 21 dwellings after the initial refusal was over-ruled by a government department.

Mr. Lomas confirmed the outlined dates and informed the meeting that some access had been made to the site with approx. 13 metres of gravelled roadway and kerb edges. This means that legally the application has been started and the application has been started and that legally the proposal could go ahead tomorrow. To date he has received 26 letters, 24 objections, 1 in support and 1 giving comments. The main objections being traffic/highway problems; unsuitable land - risks of flooding, loss of trees and natural habitat/ open space; loss of light; access being too narrow, plus various matters of detail which will be looked into. All letters will be placed in front of the planning committee when it meets. All public feeling has to be reported to the committee. committee.

Peter Colebrook - Taywood Homes. Pleased to have the opportunity to face the residents at what is still an early stage in the proceedings, however they want to start building as soon as possible. They have carried out developments recently in Penistone and

Hoylandswaine.

Planning has been enacted for 21 dwellings, the original application has not been changed and they are aware of the water and access problems/concerns. As the application is still in the early and under consultation, officers are still gathering on and they are awaiting planning information and they are awaiting solutions from the Environment Agency and the Highways Agency. Copies of information will be sent to TRA when it is available. Another picture of the site was made available to the meeting by Mr. Colebrook. Details of elevations etc. Are in the process of being

Gouncillor Ross commented briefly, he was present mainly to listen. Aware of flooding problems and referred to

August 1997 when there were problems in the area with flooding and sewerage. As the meeting went on, Mr. Ross said that he felt that Yorkshire Water will need to be lent on heavily over this planning application. He was concerned about the taking away of a meadow and covering it tarmac, and the effects

drainage. Mr. Heslop endorsed what Colin Ross said. The potential for flooding was a main concern, the trees and the open

Comments were then taken from the floor. The main concern seemed to be that of flooding, and the effects on the sewerage system as witnessed by several residents on Milldale Road, particularly last summer. The pipes that are in place are old and inadequate. There is ongoing correspondence with Yorkshire Water over this issue and it has yet to be resolved. The new development could make matters worse. There was general agreement from those present that there was no confidence in Yorkshire Water. What intentions do they have in the area, what help can be offered? TRA will Comments were then taken from the was no confidence in Yorkshire Water. What intentions do they have in the area, what help can be offered? TRA will be contacting Yorkshire Water over the matters raised. Can the development be postponed until Yorkshire Water have carried out the necessary work? Mr. Colebrook informed the meeting that there are engineering methods which could resolve the problems. Flash floods could resolve the problems. Flash floods occur occasionally below the occur occasionally below the development, what provision is to be made? The Environment Agency is looking at video footage taken last year and some survey work is being undertaken as a result. The developer is not looking to changing the shape of the brook. However, some present felt that the removal of trees would undermine the stability of the bank sides and therefore the nature of the brook.

General concerns raised about surface water/flood water in the area. occasionally

General concerns raised about surface water/flood water in the area. Blocked gullies on Mickley Lane and the bridge in particular, despite frequent phone calls from residents, consequently after a heavy downpour the bridge and the avenue become inundated with excess water. Development on the Highfield and Lowfield sites of Hallam University

Lowfield sites of Hallam University could also have an adverse effect on the drainage system of the area.

Concern that this was the last piece of green land that the local children have and enjoy playing on, as well as the ecological and environmental concerns. Over the last 6 weeks it has become illegal to up-root bluebells, and permission has to be obtained from English Nature to do this, naturally the wood has bluebells growing in it. It is a quiet road and a haven for wildlife, and there was a barn which 'burnt down' which was a home to bats.

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Originally Laverdene Avenue was a private road, it is severely pot-holed now, how will it look once construction starts? What is the Council going to do? As Laverdene Avenue is at the moment, it is felt that it is too narrow for access to the site. It is virtually a one-way street, as the number of cars being parked by residents has increased since the original application 10 years ago. The population of the avenue has also changed and there are more young children on the avenue than 10 years ago. Will the proposed cul-de-sac be the appropriate length for access for both refuse lorries and emergency services? As it is the refuse lorry has to reverse down every week! Concern about traffic was also expressed by residents of Clover Pood as construction traffic in Glover Road, as construction traffic in the first instance, and then increased residential traffic will no doubt use the road. Again it is a narrow road with parked cars. Similar issues were raised by residents from Queen Victoria Road. What can the Council do to limit can the do to What Council traffic, particularly construction traffic? The question of traffic calming measures for the future was also raised. measures for the future was also raised. It can be a condition of the planning which access routes are used. However, there is a problem with the bridge on Baslow Road over the railway, weight restrictions! The quality of life and the value of homes on Laverdene Avenue are going to be adversely affected for at least 2 years. Can residents claim against the builders insurance for damage to their properties caused by against the builders insurance for damage to their properties caused by heavy traffic? There will be extra traffic during building from the site workers, where is that to go? Taywoods policy is to put a temporary car park on site as soon as possible, to prevent parking on the avenue itself once initial access has been made. initial access has been made.

initial access has been made.

In light of Government initiatives for open spaces and brown field sites could the permission be rescinded? Since 1990 this area has been in the UDP which has been adopted, however the question will be asked, and Mr. Lomas took note of this point as did the Councillors who will approach the Dept of the will approach the Dept of the Environment TRA will keep in touch with

Mr. Lomas on a regular basis.

Concern about the finished heights of the buildings. Will they be higher than the properties on Milldale Road?

This needs to be checked.

The public footpaths should remain open, or permission will be applied for should closure be required for a short time. There was doubt about where the new houses could access with vehicles. It was thought only on to the avenue, but what about the possibility of doing but what about the possibility of doing a U-turn onto Back Lane. This will be looked into. Back Lane is not going to be changed. The Public Right of Way from Back Lane to Clay Woods is to be retained.

The land at the bottom of the gardens backing on to the brook should be uncultivated and this should be a of the the those deeds of covenant on properties. Can this be ensured by the

the Council? Alternatively, boundaries of the properties were not the stream, could the strip of land become planning belongs to the bounding the stream gain? Ās Clay Woods Council could they buy/look after another strip?

Can restrictions be put on the developer over the hours that the site works? Unusual, but possible. The question of noise pollution was also

raised.

Mike pointed out to the meeting that letters to the Independent can be a voice piece for the area and those who are our guests. If there are any further amendments to the plans then those who have objected will be informed. Mike also pointed out some members of TRA to the meeting who could be of assistance in this matter. in this matter.

The main concern is that this is going to happen, and we have little chance of having an effect on the results. Those who have not yet written were urged to do so and submit photographic evidence if possible. There will be an opportunity to speak when the planning committee meets. Mr. Colebrook said that he was happy to make himself avallable to individuals of groups. Mike thanked everyone for attending

Mike thanked everyone to account and the meeting closed at 9.30pm.
P.S. A reply has been received from Mr.
Jim Lomas of the Sheffield City Council Planning Department relative to the above, in particular the possibility of above, in particular the possibility of objections, via the Secretary of State. A copy of the letter is displayed on the TRA Notice Board in the library. Residents local to the above proposal may be particularly interested in the contents. contents.

Mike Williamson.

CONDUCTED TOUR OF CUTLERS HALL THE

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE IMPAIRED HAVE ARRANGED A CONDUCTED TOUR OF THE CUTLERS HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9th. SEPTEMBER, 11 am. COST £2-00. PLEASE LET PAT KNOW IF YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS VISIT BY JUNE 30th. TEL. 0114 255 0758.

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PLANNING NEWS

At the recent AGM I mentioned that the Planning Group does not routinely report on every planning application from the Totley area that is lodged at the Town Hall. As a general rule, the plans that the TRA looks at closely on behalf of the community, involve listed buildings, houses in Totley's Conservation Area or houses adjacent to the Green Belt or else developments which are so large or obvious houses adjacent to the Green Beit or else developments which are so large or obvious that they could have a significant impact on the community. Plans which fall into these categories will be discussed at the TRA Committee and a decision to comment or not on behalf of the community is taken. In the case of smaller applications such as single storey extensions in existing as single storey extensions in existing housing areas, we rely on individuals to make their views known in the normal way. Planners must advise immediate neighbours of a planning application so that they have the opportunity to comment.
Since last month a public meeting was

application sent for the regarding planning 98/0276P, which seeks consent for the erection of 24 houses on Thompson's Meadow. See separate report in this

edition. The committee date for the planning application to enlarge Ash Cottage, a Grade II listed building, was deferred until after the local election, and is now set for May 28th.

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Also on May 28th, the planners are taking the issue of Stocks Green Drive to committee. Until a few weeks ago planners were preparing to extend Stocks Green Drive without any consultation with the community, as I reported in the May edition of the Totley Independent. Following strong protests from residents about lack of consultation, including solicitors' letters, planners have decided to place it before committee. The committee will decide on whether or not the road should be extended over the farm track and up to the boundary of the Highfield site. However, the decision will be arrived at before residents have had a Highfield site. However, the decision will be arrived at before residents have had a chance to study and comment upon the revised planning application from Yuill Developments/Sheffield Hallam University. This revised plan will not be submitted until AFTER May 28th. The reason for this is that the planning officer, Graham Whithers, insists that Stocks Green Drive should be the access to the Highfield site come what may. An independent impact appraisal of this proposal by agricultural advisors ADAS has been commissioned.

An Application for the redevelopment An Application for the redevelopment

of Totley Bridge Service Station has been lodged. Ref: 98/0368P by BP Oil Ltd.

I tend to use the word committee in order to save space when referring to the group of councillors at the Town Hall, who decide upon our planning applications. For your information, the full title of this important decision making body is:- The South and East Planning & Highways Area Board. Katie Bramall. Planning Group.

SHEFFIELD PASSENGERS' ASSOCIATION

Residents of Totley may not realise yet that a change has taken place recently in the status of Dore railway station. The South Yorkshire PTE have at last accepted that the station is in the last accepted that the station is in the county and so Senior Citizens can now use their bus passes to buy concessionary fares on the trains to Sheffield, or indeed to Meadowhall, Rotherham, Barnsley or Doncaster. The Sheffield Passengers' Association has been campaigning for this change for several years, so it is good to report a successful conclusion.

We also report a change in bus services through Totley. The 241 service which ran to Bakewell on Sunday mornings

which ran to Bakewell on Sunday mornings (but did not return!) has been (but did not return!) has been discontinued. However, there is a new 210 service at 0935 on Sundays to Bakewell, Matlock and Crich (0902 from the City Centre). This is due back in the evening, passing through Totley at 1805. It will probably not run in the winter unless there is a big protest. Hugh L. Porteous

SCOUT LOTTERY

The winners of the 1st. Totley Scout for April Group Lottery follows: -

1st. PRIZE No. 73

Pifco 9" Oscillating Fan & Tefal Toasty Maker.

Mrs. Wood, Totley Grange Drive.

2nd. PRIZE No. 21

£10 Voucher.

Mr. Sygrove, Glover Road.

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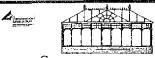
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ENVIRONMENT

GREENOAK PARK

We have received 67 replies to the questionnaire about Greenoak Park. The purpose of the survey was to find out

purpose of the survey was to find out what improvements local people would like to see in the park. We have the opportunity to apply to the Council for a small grant for this.

Of the people who replied 53 (79%) would like a dog toilet or bin to be installed in the park. I will talk to the park Manager in the Council about this, to see what success such facilities have had in other parks. If a this, to see what success such facilities have had in other parks. If a 'dog bin' is installed, we will need to 'dog bin' is installed, we will heed to have a campaign to encourage responsible dog ownership. I have just glanced out of my window, which overlooks the park, and can see four dogs defecating on the grass. Three of these are on leads.

The other facility that most people (63%) are craving is more seats. We would like to spend part of any grant obtained on two more seats, probably along the path up the park behind the football goal.

football goal.

Over a third of respondents would like bulbs and wild flowers to be planted in Greenoak Park. It would be good to turn the bank between the path and the tennis courts into a wildflower meadow.

Litter continues to be a problem in the park, but we are tackling this through our community clean ups. The full response to the survey is shown below:-

Install a dog toilet/bin 53 (79%) Put in more seats 42 (63%) Plant bulbs/wild flowers 28 (42%)

Remove litter 23 (34%) Plant more trees 21 (31%) Plant more shrubs 21 (31%)

In addition ten people requested improvements to the play facilities, which I understand have not been upgraded for a generation. Unfortunately any playground improvements require thousands, not hundreds, of pounds. Perhaps a 'playground user group' could start fund-raising, I know such groups have been very successful elsewhere in the city.

So what happens next? TRA will apply to the Council for a grant, backed up by the results of the survey. All being well, the Environment Group should be able to install new seats and do some planting in the autumn.

CHAPEL WALK.

TRA is holding a work morning at

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Chapel Walk on Saturday 20th June, between 10am and 1pm. Do come along and help clear back the brambles and grass from the path,. We have made a good start, but there is still lots to do. Please bring a small spade, secateurs and gardening gloves if you have them. Meet at Chapel Walk any time from 10am onwards. Ros Stokes. onwards.

TRANSPORT 17

I would like to start this article by sending our heartfelt thanks to Lol Wildgoose. He has been driving for T17 and became a firm favourite with our passengers. He has now reached three score years and ten and that is out cut-off point for drivers. We wish him and his wife well. Perhaps we will see them at our ten pin bowling night in July at our ten pin bowling night in July

(staff only!)
 We had beautiful weather for our afternoon at All Saint's Garden Party on 16th May. It was a very pleasant occasion. We don't know how much we raised yet. Margaret Benson opened the proceedings, as it is the last one before she and David leave Totley. She looked very pretty.

We have booked the Johnny Mann quartet for our social evening on Saturday 17th October. There will be a Pie and Pea Supper, coffee or tea and a raffle. The evening starts at 7.30pm and is at All Saints. Tickets for this are £6.50 each. These will be available later on but if you want to give your

f6.50 each. These will be available later on but if you want to give your name in now, that would be marvellous. Bring your own alcoholic drinks please.

The new minibus is now being prepared. There was a hold-up over the floor and safety is paramount. We will keep everyone posted when it is due to arrive, especially our shareholders. (only fl to be one of these). Best Wishes, Margaret Barlow.

Margaret Barlow.

PHOTOGRAPHS OLD TOTLEY

It may not be known generally that there is a large album of photographs of old Totley (and a few of Dore) in our local library, which is available for all to see and enjoy, but only at the library due to its importance. Anyone wishing to browse through it need only ask for the 'Big Red Photograph Album' it's faccinating it's fascinating.

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FARMING SCENE

The record rainfall in April stopped all arable operations in their tracks. The associated high winds meant that even crop spraying was impossible at the time of year when normally sprayer operators are going flat out. This has severely affected crop fertiliser programmes,

protection programmes, fertiliser application schedules and crop vigour, particularly those on heavy clay soils that have been semi-waterlogged throughout April. No bumper yields this year!

We did manage to get out 'Early Potatoes planted last Saturday (May 9th) before further rain stopped play. The variety Maris Bard has been planted again this year because of its very good growing and cooking characteristics. The area and cooking characteristics. The area planted with earlies is 10% down this year, with the total area of all varieties planted by the end of April the lowest since records No bumper yields here either!

The cuckoo arrived at the end of April, when some farmers still had spring barley to plant. These crops will now be called 'cuckoo barley' a derogatory term denoting barley planted after the cuckoo arrived, which has very limited growth and yield

potential.

Those of you who walk the footpaths into Gillifield Wood may have noticed some of our spring lambs acting very strangely! No, they are not drunk although their continual circling would suggest this. They are in fact partially, or completely blind, having been born with deformed or missing eyeballs. There are three possible reasons for this, either individually or as a combination. combination.

They have ingested a substance that has affected the foetal development, maybe a

poisonous plant or chemical.

2, It is a result of inbreeding, with our oldest tup being inadvertently let loose with some of his daughters.

3. The effects of Toxoplasmosis, a disease that is carried and spread by domestic cats. Tachyzoites are passed on to sheep when they eat hay etc. soiled by cat urine. These affect the reproductive systems of the affect the reproductive systems of the animals, causing barrenness, abortion, foetal deformity, still birth, and the early demise of weakly lambs This disease can be passed to humans as well. Those particularly at risk are AID sufferers, those undergoing chemotherapy and women of child bearing age, particularly if they are pregnant.

We had out first outbreak 9 - 10 years ago when we suffered very badly with quite significant losses. As a result we had been vaccinating our replacement ewes as they

vaccinating our replacement ewes as they entered the breeding flock, but as we had not been reminded by new cases, we had forgotten to immunise them last year. The fact that we have been 'Toxo Free' for a false butter of years also builted we have a false number of years also lulled us into a false sense of security, which has been shattered this year with above average barrenness, 2 abortions and 8 lambs born blind, or with no eyes at all. This shows that the disease is still in the flock and will attack non-vaccinated ewes. Once the ewe has been infected or vaccinated it becomes immune for life, the real problems arise when infection occurs during pregnancy. Before you avoid our sheep like the Plague, or cats for that matter, I would point out that infection usually occurs through infected cuts or by

mouth ingestion through direct contact.

There seems to be a lot of wild life about this year. The rabbit population is growing again, after being decimated by Myxomatosis a couple of years ago. We have several pairs of pheasants loitering around the fields, indicating that there are several nests in the hedgerows etc. A baby owl has been seen on one of our tracks, presumably fallen from a tree hole nest. There are grey squirrels everywhere; the mild winter has resulted in low over-winter manufacture and a results broading easen. You mild winter has resulted in low over-winter mortality and an early breeding season. You might not believe this, but they have acquired a taste for strawberries, and are regularly seen carting them off to their larders during the picking season. They have obviously become Pick Your Own fanatics! A pair of wild ducks have been floating about on one of our nonds, no doubt scooping up pair of wild ducks have been floating about on one of our ponds, no doubt scooping up all the frog spawn. Let's hope they successfully breed and rear as I find the sight of 10 little ducks following their Mum around snapping the flies off the water surface, fascinating.

Our fruit is beginning to show signs of life now and although we have lost some

our fruit is beginning to show signs of life now and although we have lost some strawberry and gooseberry plants through water-logging, the vast majority is looking good at the moment. The early strawberry varieties have flowers on them, the raspberries and Tayberries are in bud, the raspberries and Tayberries are in bud, the gooseberries have finished flowering and have pea-sized gooseberries on them. The blackcurrants have nearly finished flowering, while the Reds are just starting. The newly planted Blackberries are starting to throw up new canes (is this the right word?) which will fruit next year. These are a new variety called Helen, which is particularly early with large, firm well-flavoured fruit.

Finally, the tower block still stands.

Finally, the tower block still stands. Who would have thought 12 months ago when the students all left, that it would still be there now. The only sign of life now is the regular van parked by a security firm, day and night. With no maintenance staff on site, the gardens are becoming overgrown and untidy, the buildings - particularly the pre-fabs - look uncared for and desolate. I wonder if it will still look the same in another 12 months time? Edwin Pocock Finally, the tower block still stands.



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On this occasion the soloists are Jenny Leadbeater and Jane Wood (Sopranos.) Margaret Atherton (Contralto) Hewitt Keith and John and Boucher (Bass)
They are Nigel They are joined by Andrew Lockwood (Tenor) from Chesterfield. The Bach Choir and Players will be conducted by Roger Bullivant. This is the choir's last concert of the season, so don't miss the chance to come and hear them sing this great work. Tickets (£7 and £5 if bought in advance, £1 dearer at the door) can be obtained from The SPCK Bookshop, East The SPCK Bookshop, Parade Tel. 2723454 The Sheffield Music Broomhill Tel: 2661000 Shop. M. Buxton Tel: 2668257, or any choir member. Students £3 on the door.

REVEREND DAVID BENSON

As many of you will already know, the Reverend David Benson is retiring on 30th September. David has worked very hard in the parish and is a very popular person, who will be greatly missed. In appreciation of their work in Totley, we will be presenting David and his wife, Margaret, with a retirement gift at the Harvest Festival on 30th September, to which all are welcome. If anyone would care to contribute towards this gift please contact: - Mrs. Mayson - 236 2321 or Mr. Bryer - 236 1964.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

Dandelions and primulas, side by side, down the lane Bask in the sunshine and rejoice in the rain, Their colours are vibrant, they both look so gay, But I heard a dandelion to a primula say

Please tell me, fellow flower, we both came from seeds, Why are you so well thought of, whilst we are called weeds? We brighten the world when clouds hang heavy above But they chop off our heads - that is no sign of love. We produce fluffy clocks and can brew a good drink Why do they dislike us so much do you think?

The primula said with a long heartfelt sigh Humans always make distinctions and we don't know why THIS doesn't fit in though THAT they love to see Whilst we are just content to let everything be.

But don't be disheartened, we want you to appear Along with the rest of us in springtime each year. So to ensure your survival when people come round Make sure your string roots do down deep in the ground.

(Ed. Thanks for the above contribution. Apologies to the Poet, please let me know your name.)



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JUNE GARDENING TIPS

Let's hope June brings a bit of decent weather when we can really enjoy gardening. May up to now has left a lot to be desired though, as I write they are forecasting a heat wave. (I'll believe that when I feel it). The longest days of the year run through this month. The spring is behind us, and with the disappearance of the spring flowers the big battalions of summer take over. Roses are coming into full bloom and in the borders and beds oriental poppies, bearded irises and hybrid lilies are making this a lovely time rich in colour and splendour, in the greenhouse a colourful display should be at its best with fuchsias, geraniums etc. showing off their colourful blooms and the summery smell of tomato plants as you brush past them or pull out the side shoots, lovely.

Get out the deck chairs, settle down with a glass of something and read about what you should be doing instead of sitting there.

FLOWERS: - Bedding plants can be put into flower beds now, also dahlias, begonias, salvias etc. Give a good general feed to your beds, your plants will reward you with healthy sturdy growth and lots of blooms throughout the summer and into autumn, water them in well.

Sow perennials and biennials out of doors now, they will make good sturdy for placing in their flowering positions in the autumn, try biennials Canterbury Bells, Verbascums, coreopsis. Perennials easily raised from seed are aquilegias, lupins, oriental poppies, hollyhocks and delphiniums, there are many others of course (go on be a devil, something spectacular Michdoxia.. campanuloldes it can take two seasons to flower and needs a bit of protection during the winter but it's well worth the trouble, it grows up to 4ft high and needs about 2ft 6ins wide space in a sunny corner, you will be the envy of your friends (unless they graw one as well). I've lost mine this winter, so I have to wait for the millenium before à new one stabts to flower. If you grow auriculas in pots, now is the time to re-pot them, shake the old soil from the roots and make certain that are insect and disease free, re-pot in three and a half to 4inch pots. Cut back aubretia, arabis and perennial candytuft when flowers have faded with a good paid of scissors or garden shears. Lift and divide June flowering iris, it is not a good thing to do this every year, but after 4 or 5 years they tend to get over-crowded. Early herbaceous plants such as oriental poppies, lupins, certain cranesbill and campanulas which have flowered will give a second flush if they are cut back now. Don't be too gentle! Take them back to ground level and on poor soils water in a dilute liquid food or scatter a little fertiliser around them to encourage a rapid recovery. The second flush will not be as big as the first, but will ensure a mid to late season colour while you wait for your autumn perennials to begin their performance.

VEGETABLES: - Keep all your vegetable plants well watered. Blanch leeks use a tube of stiff brown paper, or better still thin roofing felt about 6ins high should be about right, unless you are growing some real whoppers for the show in September, then 10in tubes might be a bit small! Make successive sowings of salad crops, turnips, carrots etc. Plant winter greens, keep plots weed free, pinch out the tops of broad beans, this helps prevent attacks by black fly. Dig early potatoes, earth up main crop, sow French beans, stop cutting asparagus and of compound give a good dressing fertiliser Plant out cauliflowers for autumn use, plant out marrows and ridge cucumbers.

TREE SHRUBS and FRUIT:- If azaleas, rhododendrons, camelias or hydrangeas are yellowing, apply sequestrine chellated iron, keep newly planted trees well watered, keep fruit trees and bushes clear of weeds and grass. Thin out apples and pears after the June drop of fruitlets, remove surplus or weak raspberry suckers, Watch out for insects and take precautionary fungi measures. Summer prune gooseberries and red and white currants. Stop pulling rhubarb now, so that the plants can recover for next year.

INDOOR and GREENHOUSE PLANTS: -Ventilation needs careful attention at - 70F is a good time, 65 temperature to aim for, Fuschias stop temperatures above growing at Tomatoes are better at 65F, fresh air and light is the order of the day, but shade plants when the sun is really strong, pot cyclamen into flowering pots (5in) be careful not to bury the corm, sow greenhouse calceolarias, continue to feed flowering and fruiting plants, take stem cuttings from geraniums, lizzies, fuschia, heliotrope, kalanchoe and pepperomia, take leaf cuttings from African violets, Rex begonias and cape primroses.

LAWNS: - Continue regular mowing, if it is very hot raise the cutters, do not trim too short, apply a selective weed killer when weeds appear.

Note: - Watch the weather forecast, frosts are quite common in June so have the fleece or newspaper ready to protect those vulnerable plants.

Cheerio for now.

TOM Busy Bee.

THOUSANDS LOST!

Since the demise of the Tenants Section of Totley Residents' Association, it is estimated that approximately £3,500 has been lost to Totley.

This was the fact that emerged at the

AGM In April.

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Although only a handful of Council Tenants attended the meeting, all were surprised, indeed shocked, when they were informed that the 'levy' they were paying as part of their rent did not and in fact could not be directed back to Totley Residents' Association because a 'Tenants Section' did not exist.

It was further explained that the constitution of Totley Residents' Association did not meet the criteria laid down by the City Council in order for it to be recognised to receive the money raised by the Levy to come back to the Totley Council Tenants, who were still paying it.

Instead the money has for the part 3 years, been directed to the Central Funds of the Sheffield Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations.

Tenants and Residents Associations There are currently 375 Council owned properties remaining on the Totley Estate, 310 of those tenants are paying the tenants' levy.

Basically, membership of TRA is free to everyone who lives or works in

Totley. To gain recognition to receive the levy payments, every TRA member (or household) who is not a Council tenant would have to contribute an equivalent weekly sum, which is currently 10p a

the early days of Association, it was decided to abandon

membership fees because of the mammoth task and problems created by such large numbers. Originally membership fees had been collected at a table in Green Oak Park on the annual Sports Night, but this proved to be unsatisfactory.

Therefore unless sufficient volunteers can be raised to form a new committee from Council Tenants for a Tenants Section, the money from the Levy will not come back to Totley. That is for as long as the 310 Council households continue to pay it.

No doubt, as this information is circulated questions and comments will

circulated, questions and comments will

surface.

The Independent is always willing to publish your views and give further information.

In the meantime, the lost revenue which is over three thousand pounds, would have funded new Notice Boards and many other items that would have benefited the Council Tenants. Only the tenants themselves can determine the future outcome of this large amount of money.

Mike Williamson

Mike Williamson

EILEEN WOOD

At the Totley Residents' Association AGM in April, Eileen Wood did not seek re-election to Committee.

Eileen, who has given many years of

excellent service was, in the early years, Secretary to the Association.

Along with her late husband Brian, Eileen was generous enough to invite the Committee to use their Baslow Road home as a meeting place for the Committee.
We wish Eileen every success with her future endeavours.

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PEAK TOWN STORY by Hugh Percival Chapter 4

an ancient market town on Levside. the River Floss, was the location of John Winter's first out of town audit. On a bitterly cold January morning he alighted from the bus carrying his suitcase and a comptometer. He was accompanied by Mr. Salmon, a senior audit clerk (Mr. Badger no longer went on audits out of town), and Miss Daphne Kleine (known as Miss Decline of 1949 by the wits at the firm). Mr. Salmon a slim middle aged man with benign rosy face and mild blue eyes, wore a tweed overcoat and brown trilby. The comptometer operator was smartly dressed in a black fur-lined overcoat and had her red hair in page boy style.

They soon walked the short distance their hotel, passing an ancient They soon walked the short distance to their hotel, passing an ancient dilapidated half-timbered building from the days of the first Queen Elizabeth, set in the centre of a spacious green. The White Dragon is an old hostelry with its rooms built round a rectangular yard where the horse drawn coaches drew up in earlier times. The hotel is reputedly haunted, a fact verified by Alan Brown, an audit clerk on an earlier visit. Brown had seen clerk, on an earlier visit. Brown had seen a gentleman, dressed in Elizabethan costume, ruff and all, walk down the corridor in front of him and disappear from view, walking through the closed door of a bedroom. Brown, who took pride in his huge consumption of beer and whose evidence may have been tainted as a the incident that took place at six o'clock in the evening, that he had not touched a drop of alcohol since the previous evening.

The auditors were welcomed at hotel by an attractive receptionist named Nancy, who had been escorted by Alan Brown on numerous occasions during his prolonged visits to the town on another audit. She confirmed their bookings and led them to rooms.

Shortly afterwards, after reserving a table for lunch, they left the hotel for the offices nearby of their client Smithson and Co. Ltd. an old established

Smithson and Co. Ltd. an old established manufacturer of agricultural machinery.

They barely had time to enable Mr. Salmon to introduce his colleagues to the company accountant, Mr. McCadam, a burly Scot with sandy hair and light blue eyes, and to take a cash book, ledger and day book to the auditor's room before lunch time arrived. time arrived.

At their dining table at the White Dragon, Mr. Salmon recommended the halibut their dining table at the White as a suitable and substantial meal, if they liked fish. John Winter took his advice, Mr. Salmon took his own advice, while Daphne Kleine ordered roast chicken. They all began the meal with tomato soup. 'There are two picture houses and a repertory theatre' Daphne informed John Winter. 'We must try and visit all three during our stay, providing the programmes are suitable of course.'

'We shall certainly visit the theatre' added Mr. Salmon in enthusiastic tones. 'Adrian Barkshire the actor/manager, has a permanent room in the hotel. I know him quite well. He is an actor of immense

After lunch, when they had digested the satisfying meal, they returned to Smithsons to get the audit under way. The spacious audit room, used by the directors at their board meetings, provided at their board meetings, provided excellent accommodation for the auditors when not otherwise is use. A huge mural on one wall depicted a Danish raid on the town in the eleventh century, with the local inhabitants having no choice but to assist the marauders in stealing their own belongings such as cattle and sheep. A large table occupied the centre of the carpeted room, surrounded by at least a degree chairs. dozen chairs.

To start the audit, Mr. Salmon having previously consulted the audit programme, commenced the checking of postings from cash book to nominal ledger with the assistance of John Winter, while Daphne Kleine began checking the costings of the purchase day book, tapping away on her comptometer at a ferocious rate.

It was the custom on out of audits to work longer hours at a quicker pace than when in town. Mr. Salmon seemed quite satisfied with their progress judging by his smile on hearing a knock on quite the door. This preceded entry into the room by a buxom woman with red face bearing a tray of cups of tea and a plateful of biscuits.

'Just time for a quick game I think before we resume' suggested Mr. Salmon eagerly after the refreshments had been consumed. He took a ball of tightly bound brown

He took a ball of tightly bound brown paper from his briefcase and placed the same briefcase near to the end wall as a wicket. Taking his umbrella in hand he prepared to face the bowling of a surprised John Winter with an alert Daphne Kleine ready to record any score on her machine.

John's first ball was hit violently by Mr. Salmon against the rear wall of the room, nearly decapitating a Viking in the mural. 'Four!' exclaimed the senior and Daphne recorded the score.

The next ball, savagely hit again by an exuberant senior clerk, narrowly missed the tea tray and hit the far wall for Daphne to record another four.

Daphne to record another four.

The rules of the game brought the senior clerk's innings to an end for an undefeated score of twenty five. 'Your innings to-morrow John' exclaimed Mr. Salmon between heavy breaths.

The audit then resumed energetically until seven o'clock, when the auditors retired to the White Dragon.

After consuming the evening meal Daphne Kleine decided to have a bath and arranged to see the others in the bar later on. John Winter retired to his room to study and Mr. Salmon to the lounge to read the newspapers and magazines.

read the newspapers and magazines.

They assembled at the bar at o'clock or thereabouts. Mr. Salmon, charge of the expenses, purchased a Pym's number one for Daphne and pints of beer for John and himself.
'Do you go to the theatre often John' enquired Mr. Salmon after taking a deep draught of boor with evident relief.

draught of beer with evident relish.
'No. The pictures are more in my line.
go occasionally when studies permi go

replied the junior. 'Then to-morrow 'Then to-morrow night will be an experience you won't forget in a hurry. Films, however good, cannot capture the magic of a live performance' enthused Mr. Salmon.

'We shall have to leave work in good time to get to the performance' Daphne reminded

'Of course, if we leave at six o'clock we can have a quick meal and be at the theatre before seven thirty' Mr. Salmon confirmed.

The senior clerk took a pipe from his pocket. After lighting the tobacco in the bowl and while blowing out puffs of smoke that enveloped his colleagues, he regaled them with memories of previous visits to the town assisted by Daphne who was on her

fifth visit. Mr. Salmon, generous with expenses, kept them all refreshed alcohol for an hour or more. They the with were anout to retire for the night when the senior, with a gleeful expression, sprang from his chair to greet a gentleman who now entered the bar.

'Mr. Barkshire, it is a pleasure to see you' Mr. Salmon said, with hand said, that shake outstretched to

actor/manager. 'My dear friend, Mr. Salmon' boomed out the newcomer ' an honour to meet a master

of audit The actor/manager of large build with countenance of a purplish hue, wore a large hat at a rakish angle and had a fur lined collar on his overcoat. He shook the hand of the senior auditor vigorously for some seconds, then took off his hat to reveal thinning reddish hair.
'May I introduce my colleagues. I believe you have already met Daphne Kleine' said

Salmon with pleasure evident on his beaming face.

'Indeed I have. Miss Kleine how divine replied Mr. Barkshire kissing Daphne's hand as she presented it to him.'My other colleague, John Winter, is on his first colleague, John Winter, is on his first visit here' said Mr. Salmon.
'A prodigy of audit I have no doubt - Good evening Mr. Winter' boomed Mr. Barkshire

as he shook hands with the junior clerk.
'May I get you a drink, Mr. Barkshire?
What would you like?' asked Mr. Salmon.

'A whisky, thank you - a double if you prefer' Mr. Barkshire replied in a manner expressive of his gratitude.
After purchasing

the refreshment for the actor/manager and for the others, Mr. Salmon announced 'We are to visit the theatre tomorrow evening' 'I am sure you will enjoy a visit. The play this week is 'The Importance of being Ernest' one of the most popular in our repertoire. The author of course the great playwrite and master wit Oscar Wilde' boomed the actor/manager after swallowing the whisky. 'Evening performances commence at seven thirty. Matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays at two thirty.' Mr Barkshire boomed out louder than ever and was audible throughout the bar room. playwrite

audible throughout the bar room and adjacent corridors.
'Was there a large audience this evening?'

asked Mr Salmon politely. is never popular 'Monday replied Mr. Barkshire in a lower depressed key. In fact there had been only five paying spectators(including a child) They

been outnumbered by the actors and stage

hands. hours three the next Barkshire his vocal chords lubricated by a continuous supply of whisky, kindly supplied by Mr. Salmon, regaled them with tales of his experiences in the theatre. Mr. Salmon would have listened all night if he had not been informed of the time at the control of the time at the con two o'clock by John Winter. Reluctantly the auditors retired to their beds after bidding Mr. Barkshire good night.

The actor/manager who kept different hours to most people and seldom arose before midday, continued drinking at the bar in the company of the landlord until four o'clock when they too retired (To be continued) sleep.

C.P.R.E.

The local branch of CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) has ror the Protection of Rural England) has been working to protect our local countryside for over 70 years. During the 1930's they were busy promoting a Green Belt for Sheffield, which the Council adopted in 1938. As 'Friends of the Peak Park' CPRE have also worked tirelessly for the protection of our National Park since its designation in 1951, having initially campaigned for it 1951, having initially campaigned for it and helped draw its boundaries.

CPRE's work is as important today in those early years, and the early years, and our local countryside our first those i.n pressures OT very reason the continue.

became members some years ago.

Today the growth of 'clutter' is having a major impact on the quality of surroundings, eroding local and littering distinctiveness CPRE and countryside. have villages highlighted the visual in their recently newsletter, the Yabana as inappropriate such impact road signs, bollards have the etc. countryside.

Another campaign run by CPRE has been the protection of our hedgerows. These are an important part of the landscape and an essential habitat for wildlife. How sad it is to see them removed.

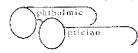
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I would encourage readers of the 'Totley Independent' to join this worthwhile organisation. They can be found at 'The Stables' 22a, Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield S10 3EF, telephone 2665822. Their staff would be delighted to send you further information about joining joining.

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by Alam Faulknet Taylor SMELTING ABOUT LEAD MORE

Reminding you of last month's issue, I wrote about the mining of lead ore, its transportation and its smelting.

Over the years there had been two types of furnace, but in the 18th. century a more efficient 18th. century a more efficient furnace had been invented, using coal or peat as the fuel. These fuels had not been used previously because direct contact would have with contaminated the lead. But the new furnace, the cupola, the heat was transferred indirectly, introduced as a hot blast passed either through or the furnace. The fumes being which around passed through bricks arranged in chequerboard fashion, periodically the direction of flow was reversed by the use of dampers, thus the blast was preentering the before

heated

Heat was transferred by chamber. reflection from the vaulted roof of the melting chamber. Heat was transferred by reflection from the vaulted roof of the melting chamber and down onto the lead ore, it was called a reverbatory furnace.

The draught required to draw the hot fumes through the furnace was created by wooden flues, which could have been several miles long if the cupola had been well away from a hillside (such as the one on the from a hillside (such as the one on the outskirts of Hope). From time to time, boys were sent up the flues to sweep out the soot from which further lead would be extracted. The soot also contained arsenic no wonder these little chaps died young! Cupola furnaces were used well into the 20th century Photographs taken in Bradwell 20th century. Photographs taken in Bradwell Dale, also near the hamlet of Alport (near Youlgreave) show the wooden flues draped up the hillsides. In some cases the chimneys still stand - for no apparent reason.

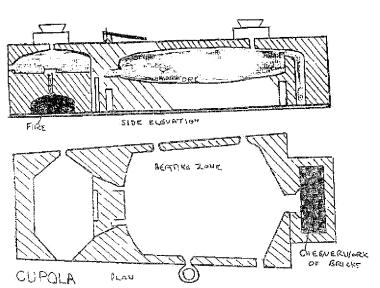
Existence of the Hope cupola only came to light when members of the Derbyshire Mines Historical Society heard that five

to light when members of the Derbyshire Mines Historical Society heard that five calves had died in one of the stables. The stable had been part of a cupola and the calves had been licking the sweet-flavoured limewach on the walls.

limewash on the walls. The problem was cured by rendering with cement.

There were cupolas at Hathersage, near the Round House at Ringinglow (the farm is still called Cupola Farm) Old Hay bottom, Beauchief and many more.

Smelting is not the only process that took place locally. Behind the row of shops at Totley Rise, there is a flat field, this was a large dam supplying water to drive a lead rolling mill. The rolls would possibly have been some loins in diameter, cut from



millstone grit, with a bar of iron passing through the centre. Does anyone know of the whereabouts of such a roll? Mill Cottage, at the bottom of Milldale Road, was the mill manager's house.

The monks at Beauchief Abbey operated a shot tower, this would have been about 60ft high. Molten lead was dropped from the top, first hitting a plate, by the time the particles had reached the bottom they were perfectly round and ready for the gun. This was sited near the top of Twentywell Lane and later became Gill's Manufactory.

At Holymograide near Chesterfield. this would have been about

Chesterfield, Holymoorside near there was a mill for making red lead. The large flat stone, used to grind the roasted lead to a fine powder, is still there. But what of the eggs laid by the free-range chickens from the nearby farm? I for one wouldn't risk them! The farmer and his At

wouldn't risk them! The farmer and his family are probably immune to the poison!

Lead from the Peak District was prized for its purity, some of it went to Germany where it was further processed to extract silver

When I look at the old mill dams, the wheel pits, the heaps of slag, the white coal kilns, the empty engine houses and the chimneys, particularly those at Magpie Mine near Sheldon, headquarters of the Mines near Sheldon, headquarters of the Mines Historical Society, I never fail to wonder at the sheer guts of the men who toiled to eke out a living amid so dangerous a substance as lead - not knowing of the dangers - but with the constant knowledge that their lives would be short that their lives would be short.



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CHANGE FOR THE WORST

your like me, you 1ove If like me, you love your traditional English pub, the recent opening of the revamped Fox House on Hathersage Road will be seen as another nail in its coffin. Not so long ago the Dore Moor Inn, originally built to serve stagecoach traffic on the new Hathersage

stagecoach traffic on the new Hathersage Turnpike, suffered a re-vamp and Disneyfication of its Inn sign. Now the brewery has gone one step further, taking its pseudo period format into another historic building.

I can understand the logic of restoring the out-buildings as bedroom accommodation, and even the need to give the building a lick of paint. But to spend fl.2 million? Just think how many pints or overnight stays will be needed pints or overnight stays will be needed

to recoup that! And why change the inside so radically? Now it is aimed fair and square at the motorised tourist, ironically just when drink driving rules are being tightened. If however you are are being tightened. If however you are a walker or dog owner, your dirty boots and hound are no longer welcome here. Surely it wasn't beyond the imagination of the brewery to accommodate these traditional customers. As a result numerous walking guides to the Peak Park will need to be rewritten. Still no doubt the National Trust shop and cafe on the Longshaw Estate will benefit from an increase in trade, as will the Grouse lnn towards Froggatt, now the nearest civilised pub for walkers and their dogs.

As for the new sign! Are future generations to believe that foxes lived in cute kennels with weather vanes on top? This current obsession by breweries to misrepresent or change pub names, is to misrepresent or change pub names, is destroying our past heritage. Many of our pub names go back to Medieval or even Roman times. Thus the White Hart recalls the emblem of Richard II, The Dog and Duck, Charles II's hunting of mallards with spaniels, and The Crown and Anchor was the badge of Royal Navy petty officers who retired to become landlords. Nearer to home in the eighteenth century, the Marquis of eighteenth century, the Marquis of Granby set up his soldiers as inn keepers when they left the army.

So a plea to all brewers. Keep your new names and ideas for new pubs, and leave the old well alone.

John Baker

TOTLEY TRAMWAYS

Are there any Outrams still in Totley? Certainly there were families of that name in Totley and the surrounding area throughout the last four or five hundred years.

My first record is of a John Outram before the Holmesfield Court in 1486 and an Edward Outram was involved in a

before the Holmesfield Court in 1486 and an Edward Outram was involved in a trespass case in 1612. On the latter occasion he had a lead smelting mill on the river Sheaf, just below Totley Rise. It was known as Outram's End or Bradway Mill and I bet you didn't know that in 1775, a James Outram, an engineer and Iron Master, advising the Duke of Norfolk, pulled up the wooden rails then in use at the Duke's Colliery in Sheffield and laid down L-shaped cast iron rails spiked to cross sleepers. The first Outram plates became known as "Outram's Way". Then in 1800, his son, Benjamin substituted stone for the cast iron sleepers and subsequently Outram's iron sleepers and subsequently Outram's Ways were installed all over the country. Eventually the first two letters were omitted and the word Tramway substituted - hence tramlines, tramcars, tramstops, tramrides and of course, Supertram! Incidentally the course, Supertram! Incidentally the first tramway for passenger traffic was laid in 1832 from New York to Hallam.

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INJURED AND OUT ACTION OF

I might as well be living mension, because it feels 1 another dimension, another world - worlds away from five weeks ago. To keep you updated and keep me occupied I'll fill you all in. Five weeks ago I slipped on the changing room floor getting from the shower seat to my getting from the shower seat to my wheelchair. The floor was its usual slushy dirty self, un-matted and that's all it took, I went crashing to the floor landing on my right knee, it bent completely under the floor I had to stretch across for help and when help eventually arrived I was taken by ambulance to the After usual confusion N.G.H. the Casualty over Helen's weird and wonderful knees, one of the Totley Wonders of the World, admitted surgical was for ONE WEEK later they did reduction. the procedure having tried everything else to straighten it and failed.

Šo I was sent home in a full length plaster. The following week we spent in Harrogate at the Police Convalescent Home in a family cottage - which we all enjoyed, and for me myself, daily massage and relaxation classes helped a lot. The and doctors in their wisdom thought that seeing as I was out of the water for a while, should get my long-suffering nose condition sorted out. The bones in my nose, similar to my other bones aren't formed properly and honce I get repeated cityes problems. and hence I get repeated sinus problems. So I'm at present recovering from what can ning and netter get repeated sinds problems. So
I'm at present recovering from what can
only be described as barbaric surgery,
never to be repeated, anyone awaiting sinus
surgery - consider very carefully.

Anyway all that aside and not to be
put off - I've tried to maintain my fitness

by using a rowing machine and stretch cords - which are elastic cords which you attach to the radiator to stimulate the swimming action - plus exercises, all carefully

prepared by my coach.
I've tried to continue

with however since my sinus op. I haven't felt

well enough to resume my land training.

I'll be back in the water in the middle of May - which unfortunately means I will probably only get wet at the Time Trials in June for the World Championships - I can't realistically expect to get in and win - but I hope to compete just to say I was there- show willing I guess. What I plan to do is swim in other events in England so I can improve my world rankings and show them that I could have been a medal contender, if I'd been fit enough to compete.

so New Zealand - the championship event seems it wasn't meant to be. I won't give up, and if this year wasn't my year, then hopefully God willing next year will be and with the European championships and the Olympics the year after that maybe I Olympics the year after that, maybe I should be using this break in training as a well-earned rest leading up to the big one in Australia in 2000.

Keeping the family tradition, Amy my eldest daughter swims with the development squad in the Club and is doing brilliantlysquad in the Club and is doing brilliantly—with already a handful of medals and various qualifying times under her belt, she is doing brilliantly at only 8 years. Bearing in mind that I didn't actually learn to swim until 11 years of age, she's far more talented than myself. A name to look out for in years to come maybe. She's extremely dedicated and keen and apart from the print her fit there is a great social keeping her fit, there is a great social life for her and trips all over the country to galas. We pretty much leave it up to her and as long as she enjoys it, we'll gently encourage her, she has however inherited a few of her father's bad habits - hanging on to the lane ropes, missing lengths, cramp and leaky goggles. All excuses taken from the 'Spencer book of excuses. But don't tell David I said that.

Look forward to giving better news later on in the year, but for now here's a glimpse of what's happened prior to my fall.

I won International achievers award at our annual club dinner. I was nominated for Sports Personality of the Year.3. I got a clothing sponsorship from Adidas (David keeps borrowing certain items watch out for my T shirts.)
4. I have been put forward for a T.V. Advertisement. Will keep you posted on that

one. 5. In the 800m free style I am currently ranked 8th in the World and 13th in the

fanked sen in the 400m free style.

Many thanks for all the lovely flowers, cards and well wishes, it helped a lot.

Kind Regards, Helen Spencer.

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