

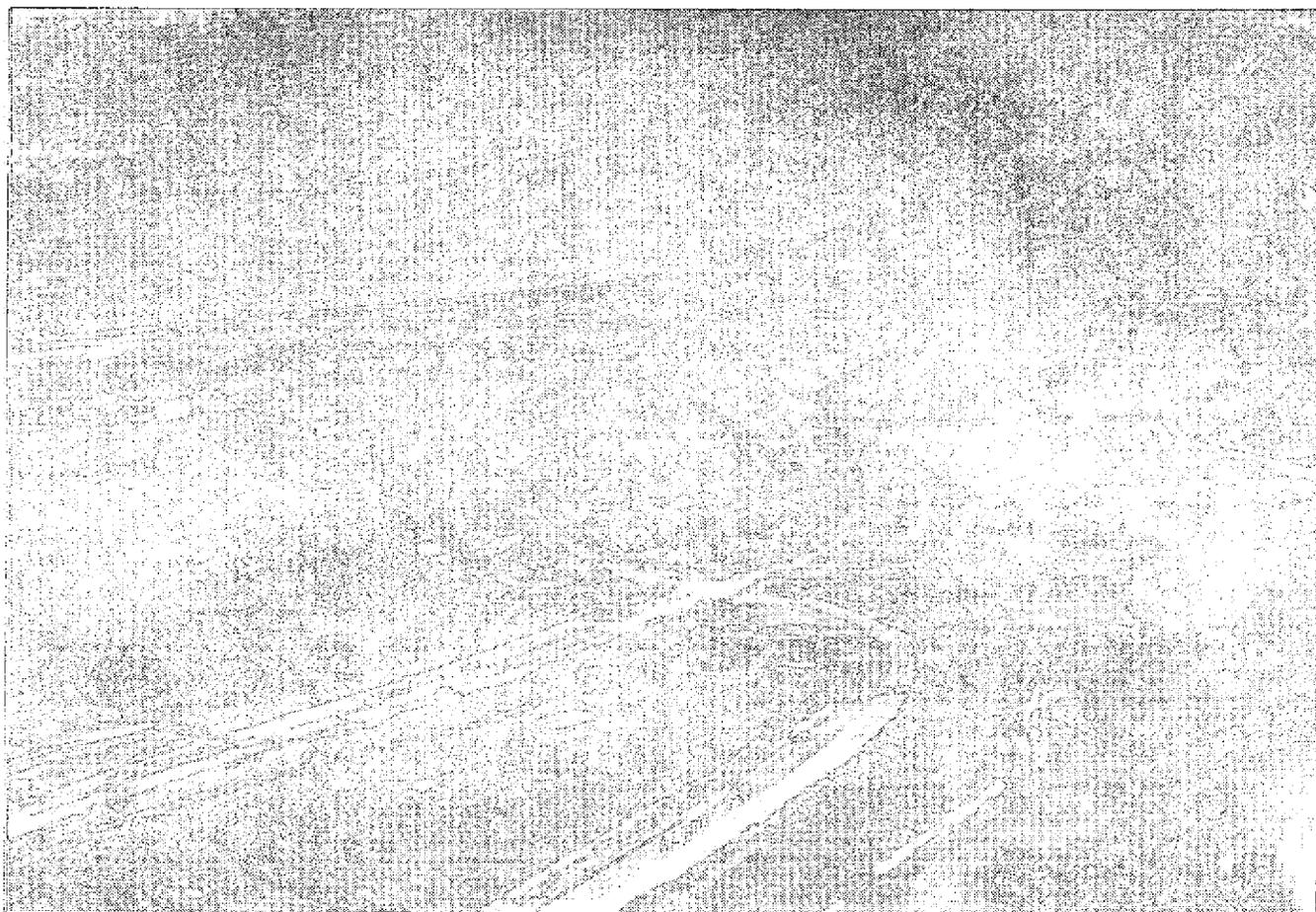
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This aerial photograph would probably have been taken way back in the early 1930s or even earlier. The foreground of the picture shows the Green Oak Road, Aldam Road area before the pre fab houses were built. This area we are told was used for allotments. Between Green Oak Road and the park where the flats are now standing there is a building of some sort. Could it have been a farm building or something similar?

Further in the back ground is the Laverdene estate still only partly built which was featured in a recent issue. Does anyone know any more about this photograph, if so please let us know?

STOP PRESS PLANNING NEWS.

Hallam site planning applications for houses on both the Highfield and the Lowfield site were passed at a planning meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday 22nd October. Work is expected to start on the demolition of the college buildings very soon. Access to the Highfield site will be off Totley Hall Lane. The Playing field is to be used as public open space with playground facilities and the football pitch is to be retained. There will be public consultation about these facilities

Thompsons Meadow site on back Lane at Totley Rise was also passed for building at the same meeting.

A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR TOTLEY

A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.

When Totley Residents Association was formed, over 20 years ago, one of the original intentions was to secure premises for a Community Centre or Village Hall.

For several years, under the leadership of Les Firth, a sub committee was formed and a document was compiled that suggested the type of building required and the many uses to which this building would be put.

This document and basic idea of a Community Centre for Totley was supported by no less than 23 local organisations. At this time Totley Forum, an umbrella group for all Totley voluntary groups, met at regular intervals at Totley College. The Community Centre project was regularly discussed and supported.

The inevitable exchange of correspondence took place, over a period of time, between Totley Residents Association and the various departments within the City Council.

Suggestions varied from applying for grants for Inner City Projects (!) to sourcing accommodation in existing buildings, such as Schools and Factories that were no longer needed for their original use (in Totley?)

The whole saga came to an end in 1983 when it appeared, at the very least, along with Totley Brook, that Totley would be given a Tenants Meeting Room, location unknown, and later this was upgraded, although nothing was ever confirmed in writing, that along with the Sports Council, the Housing Department would jointly fund the upgrading of provisions in Green Oak Park.

However, this, almost immediately came to a full stop due to reorganisation of Departments within the City Council. Totley Tenants Association was unaware that the whole thing had fallen apart and was even given a totally opposite story when they met the Recreation Department in their Meersbrook Park offices.

This issue somewhat side-tracked the Community Centre proposals but was based on an agreement between Totley Residents Association and its offshoot Totley Tenants Association, that anything would be better than nothing, particularly as a Meeting Room may have been provided quite quickly.

Les Firth's original presentation concluded 'It is clear that in contrast to the other major areas of the City, the absence of a suitable Community Centre represents a serious social omission in Totley'.

This conclusion was reached when members of the T.R.A. sub committee travelled the length and breadth of Sheffield and surrounding villages, looking at Halls and Centres and meeting the respective organisers and users. Most were amazed to learn that Totley, as a long established village and Sheffield suburb, had no such provision. Furthermore, no one could ever recall or name any similar area to Totley that had neither Village Hall, Community Centre nor Meeting Room available to the residents at large.

There may be a false impression that Green Oak Hall (now Heatherfield Conservative Club) had originally been built as the Village Hall in Totley. This is incorrect as it was funded and built by the local Labour Party (and opened by Ramsey McDonald's son).

However, the committee and members of Green Oak Hall were gracious enough to encourage the village folk of Totley and their political opponents to make full use of the facilities, and indeed the Hall became the centre of the village social

life for a good many years, particularly in the 1930's. No doubt because of its central position.

So what is the point of this article?

Well recently the Community Centre suggestion has come up for discussion again.

Back in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the mood of Totley was very much in favour of a Village Centre.

The attendance and turn out at the Sports Nights in Green Oak Park and Totley Bents was excellent, and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party was bursting at the seams when held at the College.

T.O.P.S. (the Totley Older Peoples Society) flourished at the Heatherfield Club and talks at the Library proved very popular. Community Transport was mooted (and Transport 17 resulted). Totley Residents Association had use of facilities at the College and several societies prospered there. Times change, people's requirements and leisure pursuits alter, and the world becomes a different place.

In Totley, since the 1970's, the population continued to expand and the proposed developments at the College (Hallam University), Thompsons Meadow (rear of Totley Rise shops) Summer Lane and indeed others will maintain this trend.

But what has happened to the Community facilities? These have decreased!

The following venues have been lost:- the College complex, Abbeydale Hall, Cross Scythes upstairs room.

Therefore in the last 20 years since the Community Centre was proposed, the situation has actually got worse. Neither have there been any improvements to buildings in either Green Oak Park or at Totley Bents Recreation Ground. (Remembering that this is the City of Sport).

But do the good people of Totley still feel the need for a Community Building or participation.

The Committee of Totley Residents Association needs to know what the current thoughts of the local community are before they proceed any further.

Back in the early 1980's, the main source of funding (maybe the only source) was Sheffield City Council and it was always obvious that Totley was to be a low priority with any request for funding.

More recently the National Lottery has become the main hope for groups such as T.R.A. as far as funding is concerned. So now there is, at least, hope.

Looking at the application forms for National Lottery Funds, there is undoubtedly a lot of work involved. Not something to be tackled lightly, or tackled at all unless the outcome is totally desirable.

Considerations for such an application fall into three categories. The preliminary leading up to the submission which is possibly the part involving the most works. This included financial considerations, Architectural input, Management structures and a Business Plan. The second stage would be the actual project itself and finally there would be the day-to-day running after such a building existed.

There are, of course, other avenues to consider and alternative suggestions:-

Possible use of sharing existing buildings such as Church Halls or Schools. Re-use of existing empty buildings. At present Marstone Garage is un-occupied and so is the Barn

next to the Fleur de Lys. These are not proposals, but purely to record facts.

Location may prove difficult. Today there are less sites than there were 20 years ago, as in-filling goes on at a rate that questions whether any spaces will be left in Totley.

It maybe that a general upgrading of several sites, with a sporting input, may be more desirable than a single purpose made building. Green Oak Park and Totley Bents could be possible considerations amongst others.

In the meantime T.R.A. continues to make regular use of the Library and Green Oak View Day Centre, where accommodation is limited and School and Church Halls for Public Meetings and the popular Totley Show.

This article is meant only to serve as a reminder of events during the last 20 years and to ask of today's Totley Residents if there is still a need and a desire to gain a Community Centre or Village Hall for Totley.

It is doubtful if anything could be achieved for the Millennium. But in the year leading up to this event there is still room for thought and considerations.

Next door, in the village of Dore, the Trustees of Dore Old School are attempting to raise a very large sum indeed to upgrade their Community base, and a submission has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Totley wishes them well. Recently at Public Meetings there have been capacity attendance's regarding local environmental issues. There are still topics and issues where locals feel that making the effort is both important and worthwhile. Whether the same will be true for social outlets will remain to be seen.

The Totley Independent has served as a centre for the Community and it is suggested that individuals, Local Associations and Sporting Organisations write in now, to give their suggestions and opinions either for or against the ideas considered in this article.

At a future date a questionnaire may be put out to test the water. In the meantime, your thoughts are required.

PLEASE HELP!

CHILDREN IN NEED TIME IS ROUND AGAIN.

In Totley Library is a needle point picture which is to be raffled with proceeds to go to "CHILDREN IN NEED" on November 20TH.

The picture is a donation from one of the ladies of the Tuesday Craft Group.

Please ask any of the Librarians for details.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY -

Old and Young remembering together.

You often hear people say that their memory is not as good as it used to be. That worries me, because I often think - at the ripe old age of 29 - that my memory, even now, is not very good!

Whatever the state of our memories, we are ALL encouraged on Remembrance Sunday to repeat those famous words: 'We will remember them'. But many young people find this difficult, because the wars earlier this century seem so remote to contemporary life.

Like most people in this country, members of my own family fought and died in two world wars. Most of them I never knew. I have seen their photos. I have heard the stories. But I wasn't there. And I haven't experienced war. I am part of that now fortunate majority who has only ever known peace.

Some of those people may perhaps rightly ask how they are expected to join in and say 'We will remember them' for in reality, they do NOT remember them.

Some help, I think, is found in the Bible. In the Old Testament God's people are often asked to remember the history of previous generations, recalling all that God has done for them and through them. Very often words appear such as 'Be careful that you do not forget'. In the New Testament Christians are likewise asked to remember events at which they were not present. The most notable example is at Communion, when the bread and wine are shared and Christians are asked to 'do this in remembrance of Jesus Christ's sacrificial death. Christians still do this today, even though the event they are remembering was some 2000 years ago.

So we find precedent in the Bible for 'remembering' even if we were not necessarily present or alive at the time of the historical event. This is important. And it is this principle that those born after 1945- like me - need to apply to Remembrance Sunday.

We remember in our hearts. We thank those who have gone before us. We share in our history - both the pain of suffering and loss, and the joy of victory and peace. In today's individualistic culture, we need to be reminded of this corporate history. We need to hear the stories again.

So it is important for the younger generation to remember those who gave their lives in years gone by, for future history will be shaped - even made - by us. In fact, it is IMPERATIVE that we remember, for the good of us all.

I therefore commend Remembrance Sunday to all residents of S17 - not just the pensioners - but to both old and young. Please do share in the remembering around the local cenotaphs on 8th November.

Matthew Porter, Curate, Dore Parish Church.

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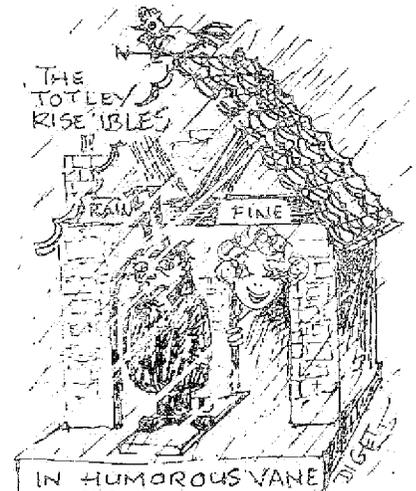


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WOOLLEY HEADED.

Sheep stories abound but did you know that the first Longshaw Sheepdog Trials were to be held within the Totley Boundary? Due to bad weather the event was moved to near Longshaw.

A local rhyme cocks a snoot at the farmer,

Mr Wood

Yer hogs were good

and we thank you for that

Under yon whins

You'll find their skins

and you must

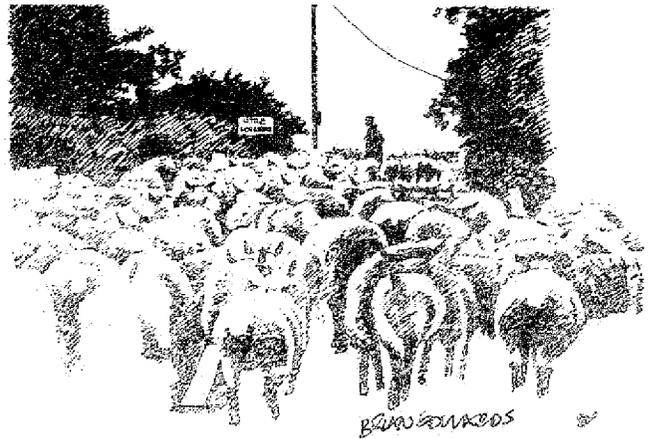
thank us for that.

(Hogs are sheep and whins are gorze bushes, the writer was obviously a local poacher)

There's another story about a poacher who killed a sheep tied two legs together and slipped the animal over his head. When he got to a toll gate, he quietly clambered over, slipped and found himself on one side of the gate and the sheep on the other. He was quite dead when the toll-keeper found him in the morning, and thus saved the cost of a rope!

Living in Great Longstone, we are surrounded by sheep grazing land and just occasionally the flock is driven past my gate to the accompaniment of much bleating - this sketch shows them heading towards Little Longstone last summer.

Brian Edwards.



MURDER IN TOTLEY.

It was a fine summer's day in the 1940's when Albert Batty, a 39 year old married man from Handsworth boarded the train at Midland Station, with his lady friend Rosa Blackburn. They were off to spend a day in the Totley area walking and enjoying a picnic, although it would seem that the latter was a late decision. After getting off the train at Dore and Totley station, they decided to walk through Poynton Wood and call at Totley Rise.

Nellie Bargh ran a confectionery shop at 53 Baslow Road and noticed a lady who came in to buy sweets and other food, observing that the male companion stayed outside. Apparently the couple bought bread, cakes, butter and tomatoes. The pair then wandered off up the path towards Woodthorpe Hall and sat down for a picnic in one of the fields. After an argument Batty went off to Woodthorpe Hall Farm where he asked Ena Bramhall Salt, a domestic servant, whether they did teas. A few minutes later she took the drinks out to the orchard where the two were now sitting.

Later at 9.30pm that evening, Ena saw a couple in a field near Fanshaw Gate Lane. That may have been the last sighting of Rosa Blackburn alive, for after another argument about their relationship, Albert 'Got hold of her neck and she just gasped a bit, she did not struggle much'. He waited for 15 minutes to make sure she was dead, and then returned to Sheffield. He later gave himself up to the Police, who after deciding that the offence had been committed over the County Border, took him to the Derbyshire Constabulary at Renishaw. In Court, Batty readily admitted the offence, not wanting 'to provide an excuse for his action'. He was eventually sentenced to death but received a late reprieve from the Home Office.

Extract from 'Murderous Derbyshire' by John Eddleton.

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CRUISING CHARACTERS. By Alan Faulkner Taylor

Only a week or so ago as I write, while walking with friends through Bradford Dale, I turned over a stone in the river and found a freshwater crayfish (a lobster-shaped crustacean) at about 2in long it was an adult. It reminded me of one I had caught 45 years earlier in precisely the same place, when I was making the film 'A Derbyshire Dale' - which was shown on BBC's 'Look' programme when I appeared with the late Sir Peter Scott. For filming, I kept her in a tank in the lounge. How did I know it was a she? Because one day I noticed movement of a scrap of food that she had discarded, it was being nibbled by a tiny replica of its mother, in a few minutes I had spotted another youngster.

I was reminded of my experiences with crayfish during a cruise in the Med. My wife and I were talking to a tall wrinkly-faced Yank of about 80. His wife had a permanent leer, reminiscent of Nancy Reagan (you'll remember her as being the wife of a President of the USA). He told us that he was a member of the National Association of Underwater Marine organisation and had recently had a paper published in their monthly journal; it was about the Florida crawfish (*scutari vulgaris Floridae*). During his research he had discovered a fascinating behavioural pattern; he had placed three small wooden crates in their tank and provided a carefully-weighed morsel of dead fish in each tank every evening (crawfish crawl from under their stones in search of food at night). He observed that after their first visit, each individual would return to its own crate for food - day after day. He deduced that in all probability the creatures would scent-mark their crates - in much the same way as dogs, cats, foxes and most mammals mark their territories.

One lunchtime a grossly overweight character addressed us: 'how ya doo'n?' It was quite apparent that he was from the Bronx. He continued: 'I was a cop - same as Savalas - you remember him? Just like Telly the Greek - I was Looenant but better than him - not that I mean to boast yous guys'll understand.' I asked him if there was any one incident in his working life that stood out over the others. With only a moment's hesitation he started his tale: 'sure - it was during the days of prohibition - one night me and my partner, Michael, went into Harlem to a joint where we knew there was plenty of booze, we were not on duty - you'll understand, but boy - what a night! It was a lousy joint - mostly black guys, but the booze was good. Just after we started drinking our boss, Captain Beibecker and his lovely wife walked in. They came to our table. After a few hours' knocking back the booze our captain was under the table. His wife took me and Mike to a room in the back of the joint. That floozie sure was

some goer. My hair still stands on end when I think of that night! Next morning Captain calls me and Mike into his office. 'Thanks yous guys for looking after me and Charlene last night - we much appreciate it'.

Although we do meet some very interesting people on our cruises, I've been pulling your legs! Sorry! But now let me get down to the truth with two real people.

One lunchtime we talked to a lady who told us of her experiences during World War Two. She was Dutch and was with her mother, father and brother in the Malay peninsular when the Japs invaded. They were all taken prisoner, then separated immediately. She was seven at the time and never saw her family again. Later she married an American in Singapore and now lives in the States.

During another lunchtime we talked to an elderly couple, he was 83 and very frail. His wife told us how 12 years before her husband had had an aneurysm in the brain; a surgeon asked her if she would agree to some of his parts being removed for transplantation. Although a nurse and fully in agreement with the practice, she refused. A few hours later, when her husband was on a mortuary slab, a passing nurse saw a movement of one of his fingers. He was unconscious for the next six months, then unable to speak or walk for a further two years. He now talks slowly and quietly.

My wife and I look forward to meeting more interesting people on our next cruise.

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Dear Sir,

I read with great interest the article by Mr. Andrew Russell in the July/August edition of the Totley Independent.

Like Mr. Russell, I was a 'Totley child'. My parents Stanley and Kathleen Wesley ran the newsagents at Green Oak with initially my father's parents for almost 35 years until 1968. Oddly enough I also went to Totley County School (TCS) and lived in Main Avenue (No.9) so doubtless our paths have crossed.

I started TCS in September 1951 in the infant class under Miss Grendage. I can remember so many things about that school at that time. Certainly Miss Clareborough was headmistress with Mrs. Freeman her secretary. We had a general purposes classroom, little used, which some of the Sheffield 'City' Schools used to 'borrow'. When my parents owned the shop at 187 Baslow Road, as Mr. Russell says the land at the front between the shop and the road created a very nasty corner at the top of Mickley Lane, and I recall many accidents there as a child, though, that apart I always felt that the arrival of the dual carriageway dissected Totley and spoilt some of its character.

Many of the older residents will recall Pearson's Green Oak Nursery with the long driveway, also my late father's friend Eric Bryers who for many years ran a small restaurant and 'delf' on Totley Rise. Also Grattons the off-licence. Marstone Garage, Evans shop on Hillfoot Road and Totley Grange on Baslow Road demolished in 1964/65 when Wimpey moved in, all now sadly gone.

Highfield as it became known, was the original 'Totley Hall Training College of Housecraft' and I believe opened about the same time as Totley County School in 1951. The 'College' became a very good customer of my father's, though I felt it was spoilt when the Lowfield site was added in 1965.

The winter of 1963 will be long remembered. I believe the snow arrived on Boxing Day and stayed until mid-March, having a newspaper delivery business my father and I took SEVEN HOURS to deliver papers on foot to Old Hay and round The Bents!

I finally left Totley to join my parents in 1969 and at that time R.Orme and Sons owned the business Mr. Russell describes at the foot of Bushey Wood Road, which caught fire some years later, they also had a shop in Bakewell which subsequently became Pricerite and Somerfield. National Westminster Bank (or was it National Provincial) was on the hill, you were able to drive around Aldam Road and there was still a plaque on the wall of what had been 'Tinsdales' shop at the top of Main Avenue, which said 'Main Avenue,

New Totley! Green Oak Hall was an English Electric domestic appliance service centre and Green Oak View the 'new' library and Shepley Spitfire were not yet to happen.

My father passed away twenty years ago, though thankfully my mother still enjoys relatively good health into her 80's. Inevitably the need to visit Totley diminishes as time goes by, but I shall always recall with great affection the times, places and people who played such an important part of my early life.

Thank you for your excellent publication.

Richard A. Wesley. Wimborne, Dorset.

Totley All Saints Parent & Toddler Group

Totley All Saints Parent & Toddler Group have vacancies for parents and carers of children under 3. We meet in Totley All Saints Church Hall on Wednesdays (term time only) between 10-00am. and 11-30am. We have a variety of toys including plenty to push, ride, climb on or build with as well as craft activities and singing. Drinks and biscuits are provided for parents and children.

For more information contact Jackie on 262 1293 or Helen on 235 2935

Wednesday 25th. November

A Photographer will be at Totley All Saints Parent and Toddler Group from 9-30am. to 10-30am. Anyone with pre-school age children is welcome to bring them along (you don't have to be a member of the toddler Group). Photos will be available for purchase before Christmas.

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We are pleased to report that the empty shop 166 Baslow Road, opposite Mickley Lane, is now a first class Greengrocers once again.

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I've just come in from a very pleasant afternoon in the garden just poddling around, a bit of pruning here and a bit of clearing up there, nothing really strenuous. The apples are ready for storing, though the crop is a bit sparse this year. I dug up the remainder of my onions, the ones that came second in the Totley Show! I picked a bit of thyme for the kitchen, it's a bit late for that but it's a shame to waste it, so I feel as though I've done a bit towards tidying up for the back end. Let's see what there is to do next:-

Flowers:-

Clear up and tidy perennial borders. Clear away any leaves, if you are composting these keep them separate from the main compost heap, as these take a little longer to rot down, and they are handier as leaf mould for potting purposes.

Check your dahlia tubers in store, cut out any disease, if withered soak and dry them then dust with flowers of sulphur.

Plant out hardy lilies in mild weather, and cover with mulch.

Plant herbaceous and moisture loving perennials.

Split up perennials like michaelmas daisy and golden rod, replant the young vigorous outer portions. Prepare the tender plants for winter by bringing them indoors or wrapping them up in straw or poly bubble. Complete the planting of tulips and hyacinths, sooner the better. Check bulbs which were potted up earlier, water if necessary, a few which are more forward can be brought into a moderately heated greenhouse or a cool bedroom windowsill until the buds are formed. Take down hanging baskets and remove and pot up any plants that are worth saving, also those in tubs, fuchsias, and geraniums are very often worth saving along with ivies and some trailing plants.

Vegetables:-

Dig over any vacant plots, leave the clods large to enable the frost and wind to break them down. Stake up Brussels sprouts and remove any yellowing leaves. Cover any green crops with netting or fleece to protect against birds, and watch out for slugs and snails and deal with them. Keep the weeds under control, they seem to grow better than the plants in wintertime.

Lift and store Jerusalem artichokes in the same way as potatoes, also a few roots of parsnip as they will be difficult to get at if the ground is frozen.

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs:-

Move container grown evergreens to a sheltered spot out of the wind. I keep my bay trees in the cold greenhouse until the frost has finished. Protect any tender shrubs from frost by wrapping them with fleece or straw. Any deciduous hedges that have been neglected can be cut back at this time.

Fruit trees trained against a wall or fence should be pruned now, after pruning see that all the branches and shoots are securely tied. Inspect the posts and wires supporting raspberries, make sure they are secure and not in need of replacement. Deal with old or neglected fruit trees now, don't just go round snipping bits off, but rather the complete removal of a branch here and there to open up the centre of the tree, to let in light and air, large wounds made this way should be trimmed carefully with a sharp knife and painted with a priming paint, to prevent disease getting into the tree. Look out

for canker wounds on the old trees and cut out the affected parts and paint these also. It is a good time to plant blackberries and loganberries. Look over your fruit in store, remove any showing signs of rotting etc. Plant fruit trees apple, pear, plum and cherry. Give tree, bush and cane fruit a tar oil winter wash to help control pests and diseases.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants:-

During November, lack of light and a damp coldness in the atmosphere are two of the principle obstacles that we usually have to overcome in the greenhouse. Make sure the glass is really clean inside and out, also the insulation if any. Ventilate cautiously. Open top ventilators a little for a few hours during the day when the weather is mild and reasonably clear, keep them shut if it is cold and foggy. Remove all decayed leaves or bracts. Avoid splashing water about if you have a mixture of plants stored in your greenhouse, a day temperature of 12-15°F will be O.K. but don't let it fall below 7-10°F as cacti and succulents in the greenhouse finish and then wither within 3 or 4cm (2-3ins) of ground level. It will make more room and also encourage the roots to form any suckers, which will make ideal cuttings later on.

Cyclamen and winter flowering primulas are ready to come back into a good state of care from a feed once a fortnight. Elements such as phosphates must be quite dry before they are watered. This rule applies to most pot plants, but not those which are to fill flower and are getting ready to be planted. House seedlings and cuttings should be kept on a shelf as near to the glass as possible.

Sow cyclamen seeds now, they take about 15 months to make good plants. Pot on seedlings and cuttings planted earlier. Plant indoor gladioli, lilies and hyacinths to flower in spring. Prune flowering maple, musk, fuchsia, oleander and plumbago.

Lawns:-

Keep lawns clear of leaves and debris by raking regularly. Keep off if frost is around. In mild spells dig new lawn sites ready for sowing or turfing in spring.

Clare's for now.

TOM, Busy Bee.

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The John Wade Singers will be giving a performance of Verdi's opera Macbeth (Concert Version)

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BOOK SIGNING

You don't have to go all the way into town to buy a copy of the autobiography of local author Alistair Heron. He will be at Totley Library on the morning of Wednesday, 18th November from 10-00 am. to 12 noon to sell signed copies of his book "Only one life: a Quaker's voyage".

This well written book is about an interesting and often adventurous life, which has always been guided by his Quaker principles.

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The Annual Bradway Craft Fair has become accepted as a major date on the Sheffield region calendar and the 14th. Event will be taking place at Bradway Scout Centre in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School, on Saturday November 28th. From 10am. to 4pm.

The Craft Fair will once again be a free admission event with more than 20 stalls, a number of which continue the tradition of being new to the area.

Bradway Scout Group as part of a fund raising campaign to pay off the loan for their recently extended premises runs the event.

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THE BROKEN GROUND LIBERATOR.

Recently the media has been circulating further stories about ghost planes from the Second World War being seen flying over the Derbyshire and Yorkshire hills. Even books have been published on this delicate subject, including that even Glenn Miller's aircraft never crashed into the English Channel on the fateful night of December 15th 1944, and that the plane landed on Continental shores. Somehow I cannot bring myself to believe in these happenings. I can accept the facts of a broken spectre for this phenomenon is caused by unusual weather conditions. Let me recount the strange but true story of the Liberator bomber which met its final end on the slopes of Broken Ground, a wild moorland area above the Chew valley to the north western corner of the Peak District. The Liberator of VB110 Bomber Squadron United States Navy, took off from RAF station Dunkeswell in Devon for patrol over the Bay of Biscay with a crew of 11. The date was December 18th 1943, the time 7.00am. The bomb load consisted of depth charges, 16 in all, each containing 250lbs high explosive. The pilot Lieutenant George Charno set his course to try to intercept and sink the German U-Boats who attacked our convoy shipping. On this morning the probing Radar beams failed to pick up any submarine trails as they flew at low level of 1500 feet. Gale force winds sprang up and a radio call was received to return to base, as visibility worsened. All 5 Liberators from the patrol were instructed to divert to RAF Beaulieu near Southampton. Visibility got even worse and they were flying on instruments only when Beaulieu ground control finally told Lt. Charno's crew they would be unable to land, due to other aircraft wanting priority. So they headed north east towards Lincolnshire, spotting what they thought were landing lights on an airfield. In the darkness he was about to set the plane down when the navigator screamed out 'For Pete's sake climb!' For the lights proved to be a convoy of army lorries. The Army convoy must have had a real scare as the giant bomber roared over their heads. Things were getting desperate now, fuel was low as they climbed back to 5000 feet and still heading north. At 7.45pm they realised the situation was grim, for the other four Liberators had landed safely back on the south coast airfield, and this crew were in real trouble. The order was then given by the pilot to destroy the Radar gear and set the plane on automatic pilot and bale out, for bad luck never ended and by now the radio had failed. From 5000 feet the whole crew landed safely on Lincoln soil on their very first parachute jump. Their only slight injuries were scratches and bruises. The auto pilot had been set for a northern line as it headed over the town of Boston. Then the starboard outer engine failed as the fuel supply dwindled. The plane swung to the west close to the Manchester area at low level, it roared over the town of Staleybridge. People stared in amazement as the plane with no crew flew over the mill town of Mossley, workers at Hartshead power station rushed out to see the huge black shape just miss the factory chimney as the engines finally drained out of

fuel. With a last plunge out of the sky the Liberator fell to earth on the soft peaty moors of Broken Ground. Fortunately the bombs still on board did not explode for the jolt caused the bomb bays to open and the depth charges fell out on to the moor, causing no fire. This was almost a miracle landing, the townships of Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Lancashire would not have slept easy in their beds if they had known of the impending dangers over their heads. Many souvenir hunters on the following day stripped the aircraft of valuable equipment, plus a demolition team later exploded the depth charges. The Liberator was finally broken up and sold for scrap. To this day there are still pieces of undercarriage strewn across this stretch of wild moorland, known as Broken Ground.

During my service with the RAF Mountain Rescue Team in Snowdonia, I attended many plane crashes, but certainly never experienced any ghostly apparitions. It was all hard work, sweat and toil, with very basic equipment. My aviation historian friend Mr. David Earl, has finally written a book about the Mountain Rescue Team at RAF Llandwrog 1944-46 based on information from my diaries. Many great characters who worked on the hills with the team and have since died will get their deserved recognition from David Earl. This book will be titled 'All in a day's work' and has been accepted for publication next year. The author has written several books and I rate his 'Hell on High Ground' published by 'Airlife' as a must for all aviation enthusiasts.

John C. Barrows.

COUNTERFEIT BANK NOTES.

The following information should help customers to check suspect bank notes which are currently in circulation. **REMEMBER** you do not have any comeback on the person who handed you a note.

If you have a note that you believe is a counterfeit, you **MUST** take it to the Police at once. It is a criminal offence to hold or to pass a note that you know to be counterfeit.

KEY SECURITY FEATURES:-

Feel of the paper:- should not be waxy or shiny. Raised printing is used for some features of the note. E.g. Bank of England.

Metallic Thread:- genuine notes have a thread embedded in the paper. The 'windowed' thread appears as a series of silver dashes on the front. When held up to the light the thread appears as a bold continuous line.

Watermark:- this should be hardly apparent until held up to the light.

Quality of Print:- lines should be sharp and well defined, with no blurred edges.

NOTE:- use of machines or special pens is **NOT** a reliable way of checking suspect notes. **ALL** notes received by the post office are visually/physically checked before being passed on to customers.

Glen & Jim Webb. 2360598.

POST OFFICE NEWS.

BASIC POSTAL RATES FOR AIRMAIL LETTERS AND POSTCARDS.

Will customers please note that postage costs for airmail letters and postcards to anywhere in Europe INCREASED in April 1998.

	Europe EU & non-EU	World Wide.	
		Zone 1	Zone 2
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Up to 60g	56p	£1.30	£1.51

Zone 1:- Americas, Africa, Middle East, India, S.E.Asia.

Zone 2:- Australia, Japan and China.

NOTE:- Worldwide rate for Postcards outside Europe is 37p. As a rough guide, two sheets of A4 paper or a standard size greeting card should not exceed 20g.

POST OFFICE AND SHOP OPENING HOURS.

In order to assist all our customers in the build up to Christmas, the Post Office and shop will extend its opening hours during December, these being as follows:-

P.O. and shop open until approx. 4.00pm on Mondays Nov, 30th; Dec.7th; 14th; 21st.

Shop only open until approx. 4.00pm on Saturdays Dec 5th; 12th; and 19th.

BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Dates informing customers when the P.O. and shop will be closed for Christmas and New Year and the early payment of pensions and allowances will be published in the Dec/Jan edition of the Totley Independent.

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The Botanical Gardens, Past, Present and Future by Sue Kohler

Wednesday 18TH. November.

Oxfam, a general outline by Mr. Ray Norris

Wednesday 2nd. December

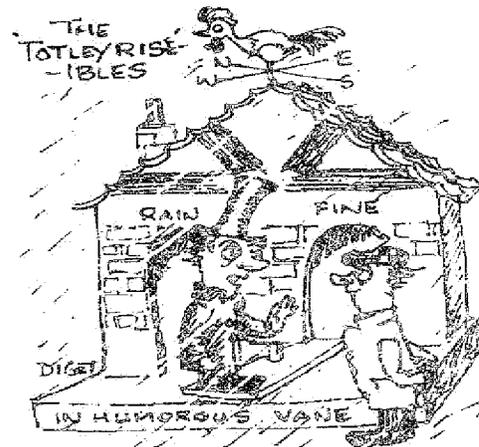
Argentina, slides and talk by Jean Hodgkinson.

NOVEMBER GHOSTS.

T.O.A.D.S. Autumn Production is that wonderful Noel Coward improbable farce 'Blithe Spirit'. This is an old favourite of audiences and casts alike, and one that never loses its enjoyment however many times you may see it. Who could resist the elfin wickedness of Elvira, or the eccentric Madame Arcanti? And who could help but sympathise with Ruth.

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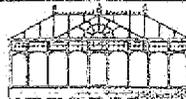
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PEAK TOWN STORY by Hugh Percival Chapter 8

Chapter 8. Mr. Badger was to retire. A surprise to all because despite his age he was hale and hearty and mentally still alert and was regarded as an indispensable part of the firm, much as the furniture and fixtures were. However, there could be no doubt about it. At first supposed to be rumour the fact was confirmed by way of a notice on the board in the general office.

'The partners regret to announce the retirement of Harold Badger.'

A celebration buffet will be held in the office on Friday 26th April at 5.30pm, to be followed by further celebrations at the Yellow Lion.

At the appointed time the partners and staff gathered together in Mr. Manning's office. This the largest room in the building, stretched along the entire front of the first floor.

On the elongated cloth covered desk lay an appetising mixture of foodstuffs, including sandwiches, sausage rolls, cheese crackers, vol-au-vents, cream and chocolate cakes, jam tarts and cream buns. Cups of tea were provided from another table, especially placed there for the occasion.

A convivial scene in the crowded room with the sounds of conversation and laughter as the fare was consumed. When the eating and drinking were over, Mr. Dilks, the senior partner and a descendent of the firm's founder, a tall thin bespectacled gentleman with brown wavy hair, called for order and addressed the now silent assembly.

'Harold Badger has been a loyal and knowledgeable employee of the firm for over fifty years - fifty seven to be precise' (Applause). 'I believe he has taken part in the audits of nearly all our clients, both in town and further afield. He began as a junior audit clerk in my grandfather's time and now retires in the prestigious role of senior auditor. During this time, to my especial knowledge he has never failed to bring to bear in his occupation due diligence, integrity and expertise which are the hallmarks of the successful auditor. (Applause)

'Harold's retirement is a great loss to the firm and also, if I may say so, to the staff, who, I am sure, remember his attributes with respect and affection. (Applause and cries of here, here.) 'His unflinching serenity under the pressures of audit, his kindly advice to articled and junior clerks, not only on professional subjects. Harold's virtues extend beyond professional matters. He was, I believe, a gifted footballer and cricketer in his younger days, and has trophies to show for his prowess in those spheres. He is also a talented artist. I treasure a water colour of his that he kindly gave me many years ago. It portrays the offices in Smith Square.'

'Harold, soon to be a great grandfather' (Applause) 'is to lodge with his daughter during his retirement. We wish him well and hope he will enjoy many more happy and healthy years. On behalf of the partners, it gives me much pleasure to present to him this small token of our appreciation of his splendid contribution to the success of the firm over so many years.'

Loud applause and shouts of congratulation rang out as the presentation was made. Mr. Badger, smiling serenely unwrapped the package amid much speculation as to its contents, to reveal a canteen of cutlery made in the city by one of the firm's clients.

The retiring auditor's beaming face reflected his delight at receiving this superb gift. He was about to reply when Alan Brown interrupted the proceedings.

'Mr. Badger, on behalf of the staff, it is my pleasure to offer our congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. We

shall all miss your cheerful presence and the benefit of your esteemed advice on professional matters and otherwise. We trust you will call in to see us frequently, to recall old times on audit.'

'There must be many memorable events to recall in a career of fifty seven years. One that comes to my mind is the discovery of a fraudulent cheque at an out of town audit, the proceeds of which had been used to finance the gambling mania of two employees. I recall them listening furtively to the horse racing commentaries on the wireless in an adjoining room. The discovery was due entirely to your awareness.'

'It now gives me much pleasure to make this presentation on behalf of the staff, to reflect their admiration of your long-serving career and their wishes for a prolonged and happy retirement.' (Applause and vociferous cheering.)

This eulogy and the staff's gift of a wireless set brought moisture to Mr. Badger's eyes, and he wiped them with the back of his hand after removing his spectacles before making his reply.

'Partners and colleagues. How can I express my thoughts on receiving your good wishes and these magnificent gifts. It is with mixed feelings that I leave the employment of Amos Dilks and Sons. Regret at saying goodbye to you all after so many happy years, and pleasure at the thought that my services may have been appreciated both by the partners and staff and also perhaps by clients.' (Applause and shouts of 'they are')

'I am too overwhelmed to make a long speech.' (Applause from some was followed by laughter and cries of 'shame')

'But I would like to make a few remarks concerning our profession, particularly to the young. At times the work may appear mundane and uninteresting but over the longer term it can be rewarding both from an aesthetic and from a pecuniary point of view. Auditing can be boring and repetitive but there is satisfaction at the end of an audit, of a task diligently performed for the benefit of Shareholders and third parties. And now let us adjourn to the Yellow Lion and enjoy the rest of the evening.'

(Loud applause and cheering.)

On a cloudy evening, threatening rain, the Yellow Lion an old-established hostelry opposite the cathedral, welcomed the retirement party with a blaze of lights that lit up the vicinity. Inside the low-level cross-beamed ceilings and roaring fires promised a cosy atmosphere for the evening's proceedings.

John Winter found himself in the company of Reginald Forsythe at the bar. The articled clerk bought pints of beer for them both.

'There's no comparison between rugby and soccer you know, John' said Reginald, while consuming his pint rapidly. 'Rugby is a more manly game - particularly in the scrum. It helps to build one's character - one can tackle anything after a few games.'

'Quite so' John meekly agreed.

'There can be accidents - the occasional broken limbs - even fatalities - but these are part of the spirit of the game - the rough and tumble as it were,' continued the articled clerk in an engaging sort of way. 'Have a whisky John.'

'It's my round Reginald. What would you like?' said John.

'Another pint of bitter, if you please. Why don't you have a whisky' suggested Reginald.

'I think I will' said John and purchased the drinks.

'Rugby seems to be an extremely violent game. I think I will stick to soccer. That can be violent too, but not to the same degree. Also the shape of the rugby ball is curious. It must be

most difficult to head,' John remarked while drinking his whisky.

'That will warm you up' said Reginald noting the flushed cheeks of his colleague. 'Yes a rugby ball is a strange shape. I only recall heading it once when playing with both arms broken. Have you done much drinking?' enquired the articed clerk.

John had to admit that his drinking experience was limited despite having completed two years national service in the Royal Air Force.

'Well why not try a liqueur - Brandy or Cointreau for instance?' suggested Reginald.

John concurred and the articed clerk purchased brandy for John and another pint of bitter for himself.

'How did the exams go?' John enquired of the articed clerk.

'Quite well, I believe' replied Reginald, who had just returned to the office after several weeks absence on study leave at the cramming school, and taking the examinations. 'My old man will be pleased if I get through.'

'So will you Reginald' remarked John Winter.

'Of course, but its not the end of the world if I don't qualify.

My father wants me to be a chartered accountant, I would rather try my hand on the stage' Reginald said. 'I have a good school record of course - distinctions in English Literature and Language, Maths, French, German, history, geography, physics, chemistry and art'. (whether this information was designed to impress John or the attractive barmaid would be hard to tell, but as Reginald looked intently at the barmaid in the course of its delivery, perhaps we may assume that it was mainly intended for her ears.) 'But I am happiest when expressing myself before an audience - however small.'

'I can understand that Reginald' said John Winter with evident sympathy.

'Try an Advocaat now John. It's a Dutch drink as the name implies. I think you will like it.' Suggested Reginald.

John bought a glass of the thick yellow liquid and also a further pint of bitter for Reginald.

The evening passed merrily on, John Winter, now decorated with a daffodil in each lapel, continued to sample a further variety of beers, wines and spirits at the instigation of the articed clerk. Reginald chatted up the bar maid and his charm eventually succeeded in arranging a date at the pictures for the following Monday evening.

Mr. Badger, having consumed several pints of beer and smoked a couple of cigars, in addition to his pipe, lectured his colleagues on the merits of abstinence, simple diet and clean living in attaining longevity.

The Bishop did not dispute these arguments and agreed with the old proverb that early to bed and early to rise make a man healthy, wealthy and wise. He then consulted his pocket watch and ordered another whisky, an example he was to continue until closing time.

Mr. Solomon, puffing away at his pipe, recalled with Daphne Klein, nights at the theatre on out of town audits, much to his pleasure.

Bernard Manning and Alan Brown the former consuming gin and it, and the latter beer, discussed the application of the slide rule as an aid in the profession and then proceeded to the political subject of nationalisation. Mr. Manning, who had personal experience of the nationalisation of the road haulage industry, felt obliged, as a Tory to oppose the idea, although admitting there could be advantages in certain industries, whereas Alan Brown, an ardent Socialist, argued vehemently in its favour.

Charles Dilks, the senior partner, in his usual convivial mood, circulated amongst the multitude and succeeded, without intent, in obtaining a new client. The owner of a grocer's shop in the suburbs. This arose following the discovery of a mutual interest in cricket. The grocer, a gregarious character in polo-necked sweater and sports trousers, previously unknown to Mr. Dilks, insisted on becoming a client, despite a lukewarm reaction from the senior partner. This was not personal but arose from the known antipathy of the other partners to small clients introduced in this way.

Sophie Baxter, glamorous with hair tied back and large blue eyes sparkling, enjoyed the attentions of several articed junior clerks. Surrounded by admirers she partook of a number of Pymms No 1 drinks kindly provided by them.

At 10.20p.m. a bell at the bar rang to indicate the approach of closing time, although the sound may as well have come from outer space in the case of John Winter, now head swimming, seated to prevent swaying on unsteady feet.

Reginald, reluctantly bidding farewell to the barmaid took hold of John's arm and assisted him with consoling remarks into the presence of Mr. Badger. The retiring auditor sat at a table near to the door giving thanks to the departing partners and staff.

'Good night, Mr. Badger. I do hope you will have a long and happy retirement' said Reginald with his usual charm while shaking hands will the senior clerk.

'Thank you for your good wishes Reginald. I trust your exam results will be to your satisfaction' replied the senior clerk. 'Is John Winter all right? He looks rather pale and sickly.'

'Gu nite. Ms. Badger - and gu by' a sturred response emanated from the mouth of the junior audit clerk.

'John's a little off colour' admitted Reginald. 'Don't worry. I will attend to him.'

The articed clerk led John Winter through the door into the cool night air.. This revived the junior clerk after a while to enable the articed clerk to leave him to make his own way home. He did so on foot and arrived at his lodgings at midnight.

Next day he was violently sick and unable to go to work. He spent the whole day on frequent trips to the lavatory and in the evening, when feeling better made the following resolutions. He would never again partake of a mixture of alcoholic drinks and must beware of again falling under the spell of Reginald's charm.

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NEVER GO BACK

LONELY I WANDER THROUGH SCENES OF MY CHILDHOOD, THEY CALL BACK TO MEMORY THE HAPPY DAYS OF YORE. GONE ARE THE OLD FOLK, THE HOUSE STANDS DESERTED, NO LIGHT IN THE WINDOW, NO WELCOME AT THE DOOR.

Those poignant words crossed my mind as I stood in the yard of Woodthorpe Hall Farm, Holmesfield, gazing at the derelict farmhouse and remembering the days when it was occupied by Joe Salt and his family and the happy times we spent as young lads hay making there. NEVER GO BACK. A saying often quoted when people talk of the old days. In other words, it is best to cherish the memory of a place rather than view the inevitable changes that passing time brings. How true this can be, to see the farm as it is today upset me, I was saddened to see it in such a state - NEVER GO BACK - Again strolling down Totley Hall Lane I was appalled to see the desecration (I can think of no other word to describe it) of a once lovely locality now covered with ugly buildings right, left and centre, capped by a monstrous tower block. It matters little they intend to bulldoze it all away, the damage is done, someone will build again however sympathetically on this land that in the first place should have been left in its rural setting - NEVER GO BACK - I wish I had not, then I would have only the memory of Totley Hall and All Saints Church in more favourable surroundings, standing as they did with open fields and trees nearby. The farms and old buildings on the lane giving the area a charm of its own. Days when the approach to the Church from Sunnyvale Road via the Vicarage garden was a delight, not like today alas! All trace gone, buildings everywhere.

Now we see none other than All Saints Church itself putting in Planning Application for the building of four houses or twelve flats in the Church grounds! It is beyond belief to me that they can even think of such a thing. I know I am not alone in this, and surely if Planning Permission is to be given to build there, it should be for a new Vicarage alone. Looking at the area around the Church today, I can only count myself fortunate to have known it long ago. Going back to those times, I was intrigued with the photograph on the front page of the October issue of the Totley Independent, showing Hillfoot Road and mentioning the Absons, Evans and Dronfield's, who lived there at one time, their names brought back happy memories of our school days together at Totley C of E.

Viewing that school today, I must say it looks totally different and appears to have been enlarged in a most untidy fashion, and the building on the old school garden is yet

another sign of the times. Yet here I think we have one very good improvement, the school sports field nearby. How we would have liked that in our day, saving the trek down to Totley Bents carrying the Rounders Posts, the Cricket gear etc. However, we did enjoy our times down there. Today we see the School still going strong and long may it do so.

Totley Bents is an area little changed from pre-war days, and I am pleased to find Totley Bents Farm still in the hands of the Hill family. It is worked today by the son of a lad I always knew as 'Pont' Hill, I remember him as an amusing and likeable schoolmate.

Along with the Hills, I recall several family names from the 'Bents', whose sons and daughters attended school with me - Reynolds, Pearson, Chapman and the Greens. The Green family lived in the isolated Bole Hill Lodge overlooking Totley Bents. Their son known to all as 'Cloggy' Green. Funny how nicknames at school stick. I cannot recall his real name. I do know we were a happy bunch and fortunate indeed to attend a good school in such fine surroundings. I find Totley Bents today still retains the character of bygone years and the development that has been carried out to property has been done in a sympathetic manner.

Whilst in Totley I took the opportunity to browse through 'The Big Red Photograph Album' kept in the Library. In it are scenes of old Totley and Dere, it is indeed fascinating and brought back reminders of places and faces long ago. I am sure it would make a booklet of particular interest if printed for sale. From the Library I walked into Greenoak Park, what a transformation! In the days when I lived nearby, it was a simple recreation ground (and how we loved it). Now it is a well laid out Public Park, with excellent Bowling Green, Children's Play Area, Football and Cricket pitch, paths and seating, flower beds, ornamental trees etc., the grass neatly trimmed. All a credit to those who use and maintain it. The one blot on the landscape, the loathsome graffiti on the buildings at the top end of the Park. It seems nowhere is immune from this mindless act by a moronic few.

So NEVER GO BACK - well, some of us do go back, whether by intention or chance we find ourselves covering the ground we knew so many years ago.

Curious to see what changes have occurred - maybe not liking all we see - yet we still have our memories, nostalgia can be quite a comfort as one grows older, and sometimes, just sometimes, it is nice to see parts as we remember them.

Robert H. Carr.

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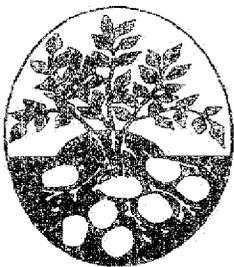
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NOVEMBER.

WED. NOV. 4th, 18th, & DEC. 2nd. Wednesday Friendship Group, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8pm. All Welcome. (Full details inside)

FRI. 6th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, THE GRAND CANYON & YELLOWSTONE PARK by Mrs. Jockel. St. John's Guild Room, 7-30pm.

FRI. 6th. BONFIRE & FIREWORKS, Totley Primary School, 6-45pm., traditional frye - jacket potatoes, parsnip soup etc. Adults £1.50, 50p concessions. Under 5yrs free.

SAT. 7th. COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall 10am. To noon in aid of NCH action for children.

SAT. 7th. JUMBLE SALE, K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, Admission £3 from 11am. to 2pm. 20p. from 2pm. Phone 2362556 for jumble collection.

TUES. 10th. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom 2-30pm. "RAISED SHEPHERD" Sue Murdoch

FRI. 13th. A CONCERT by Violin Pupils of Nina Martin 7-9pm. Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane. Tickets £3 at the door.

SAT. 14th. CHRISTMAS FAIR, Dore & Totley U.R.C. Church Hall, 10am. to 12-30pm. Cakes, Glass & China, Books, Christmas goods. Refreshments

SAT. 14th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT with KINDER CHILDRENS CHOIR. 7-9pm. All Saints Church, Abbeydale. Phone 2364367 for details.

TUES. 17th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD. Why "The Tall Stone" by Mrs. M. Dums. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am

SAT. 21st. TRANSPORT 17 PIE & PEA SUPPER. With music from the Johnny Mann Quartet, All saint Church Hall, 7-30pm. Full details inside.

TUES. 24th. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom 2-30pm "Devotional" Rev. J.R. Thompson.

WED. to SAT. 25th. To 28th. "BLITHE SPIRIT" St John's Church Hall, 7-30pm. presented by T.O.A.D.S. Full details inside.

SAT. 28th. COFFEE MORNING, Cherry Tree, Mickley Lane, 10-30am. to 12noon.

SAT. 28th. CHRISTMAS FAIR. All Saints Church Hall, 2-00pm.

SAT. 28th. TABLE TOP SALE K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, from 10am. to 1pm. £5. Per table Phone 2362556 for further details.

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THUR/FRI 3rd. & 4th. JOHN WADE SINGERS CONCERT. St. John's Church Abbeydale, 7-30pm. Details inside.

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