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DORE VILLAGE PROBABLY AROUND 1920' OR EARLY 30' TAKEN A LITTLE FURTHER BACK FORM THE NOVEMBER ISSUE.

## **Totley Residents Association, Annual General Meeting Monday, April 23rd, 2001 at 7.30 pm Totley Library**

Agenda 1. Apologies 2. Minutes of 2000 AGM 3. Chairwoman's Report, 4. Treasurers Report  
5. Totley Independent - Editors Report, 6. Election of Officers: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer,  
Secretary, 7 Election of Committee, 8 Election of Auditor 9 AOB  
10 Talk by Chris Milego Reserves Officer, Sheffield Wildlife Trust about new funding and development of  
Blacka Moor.

The TRA welcomes everyone who lives or works in Totley to the AGM.

Because the issues we deal with are diverse and time consuming we are looking to the future to maybe helping to set up groups to specialise in set areas. For example, parks, highways, youth issues, environment and countryside, and planning. If you have a special interest in any of these areas please make yourself known to any committee member, before or at the AGM, or you can phone me on 2361 601. These are exciting times for us, as we are at last seeing results from past endeavours. The Association has also been encouraged by being told that we are an active and influential group.

Our meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month at Green Oak View, at 7.30pm.

Please consider whether this might be a place for you to use your skills and talents for the good of your community.

Pauline Perkinton

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Tracing a family tree is by its nature dependent on surnames and, to a smaller extent, forenames. When my wife and I started on our family history we decided to follow all the lines to start with, not just the name Ashford. Of course, since each generation back doubles the number of antecedents, this soon generates many widening branches. So far we know details of fourteen of our sixteen great grandparents. Only one of these sixteen lines seems to have adopted the practice of incorporating a wife's maiden name as a child's forename, and I wonder how widely this was done.

My full name is Donald Fairham Ashford, incorporating my mother's maiden name. As a child, and as the older of two brothers, I just accepted this and never really thought much about it.

I did not become interested in family history until our parents were dead, so suffered the fate of many family historians of not questioning earlier generations of relatives.

The first curious fact to emerge was that I was not the eldest son but there had been another brother, some fifteen months before I was born who died shortly after birth. The odd thing was he did not take our mother's name of Fairham, but was called Wilfred Hessey Ashford; why Hessey? So back to the generation before, to my grandparents, and here again was another surprise. Of course I knew my father, William Arthur and his younger brother called Cyril Maurice. However, it turned out they were not the only children of my paternal grandmother. She had two other children, Florence Winnefred who died as a young girl, and a boy who, like my brother, died shortly after birth. He was also called Wilfred Hessey Ashford.

At this stage it would seem a reasonable guess that my grandmother's maiden name was Hessey but it was not. She gloried in the grand alliterative name of Minnie Maude Mainprize. She had three sisters and one brother. He was called Charles Hessey Mainprize, so was his mother's maiden name Hessey? The answer is no. Their father was John Lamplough Mainprize who married Emma Webster.

My great grandfather John Lamplough Mainprize had been given his mother's maiden name because his parents were Christopher Mainprize and Betty Catherine Lamplough. Emma Webster's parents were Charles Kelk Webster who had married Hannah Baines so no Hessey there.

We have now gone back more than a hundred years before the birth of my brother Wilfred Hessey Ashford in 1920 and still no Hessey, but don't despair. It transpires, going back yet another generation, that Hannah Baines parents were Thomas Baines and Ann Hessey who married in 1799. We have now established the family links for the name Hessey in my grandmother's forebears, but not the answer to the interesting question of why. Perhaps Ann Hessey was a specially favourite grandmother of Emma Webster and she wanted to perpetuate the name in that of her only son Charles. Such may be a reasonable explanation within those three generations, but not its continuation in three more succeeding generations, and I cannot see how we might ever find out now. I wonder if any other readers have experienced anything similar in their family trees. Don Ashford

## 1<sup>st</sup>. TOTLEY SCOUT LOTTERY

### February Results

1<sup>st</sup>. Prize Morphy Richards 3.5 Ltr. Slow Cooker

No. 73 Mr. & Mrs. Steele, Baslow Road

2<sup>nd</sup>. Prize £10 voucher

No. 13 Mr. & Mrs. Foster, The Green.

Peter Casson

## WILDLIFE UPDATE

by Alan Faulkner Taylor 26.02.01.

For the non-regular readers of "Totley Independent", I will repeat details of the method my wife and I adopt to ensure that birds such as robin, song thrush, blackbird, dunnoek, chaffinch, house sparrow and starling obtain their twice-daily ration of crumbs and wild-bird food - without interference from critters such as carrion crows, magpies and squirrels. We have a piece of green small-gauge plastic netting, supported at the four corners, and half-way along the two longer sides, by metal tent pegs, some six inches above the lawn. The central part is prevented from drooping by two canes criss-crossing each other.

This works extremely well, although yesterday, two grey squirrels penetrated the defences!

We call one of our three resident carrion crows "Lance", so named on account of a narrow white stripe across his right wing. Why do we refer to him as "he"? Lance corporals in the British Army have only one stripe. Having written that, one woman lance corporal recently presented herself into custody after being AWOL with her lover-boy - also a soldier. During this past few days we have watched Lance stretching his head under the netting and purloining crumbs. Naughty Lance - stealing from our smaller birds! We knew that it was only a matter of time before Lance would waddle his entire body under the netting. This happened yesterday, when the lawn was covered with snow. I bashed on our kitchen window to shoo him away! This morning I threw a lamb-shank bone onto the lawn - again more snow. Lance soon found "his" bone - gripping it with two sets of claws -as if it might run away!

"Cocky Thrushy" has been in full song for at least three weeks. We know there to be a pair in the gardens of our neighbours and ourselves - we've seen them both together. Hopefully the pair will mate successfully and bring up a brood.

The tawny owls, in Akley Bank, started to call some four weeks ago. By now they will have paired and soon Missis Owl will be sitting eggs.

When I went into our kitchen porch at eight o'clock, four days ago, a heron flew a mere twenty feet above - possibly just missing the top of the house. Poor heron! Our pool is covered with plastic netting. We've lost more than one fish to herons.

P.S. Whilst writing the above, heavy snow has been falling - all the crumbs and wild-bird food under the plastic netting has been covered. How will the birds survive, particularly if the snow continues for a day or so? Why not provide a solid cover for their food? I found a door, from an old kitchen cabinet, in the garage. I propped it up, with six-inch wide boards, underneath one side of the netting. Once the shelter was completed and further food placed underneath, I returned to our kitchen and waited to see if the birds would accept the cover. Rather suspicious at first, a cock blackbird soon ventured underneath.

At the same time I stuck the lamb-shank bone upright in the snow. Within five minutes of my return to the kitchen, a robin was pecking at it.

## SCHOOL RE- UNION.

Totley All Saints School pupils from around 1942 - 1946 are holding another re union at The Old Mother Redcap in Bradway on Monday 9th April at 7-30 pm onwards, if you did not get to the last one please come along and meet your old friends.

John Perkinson

## **EASTER at St. JOHN'S ABBEYDALE**

- April 1<sup>st</sup>. Passion Sunday 6-30 pm. Salieri's Requiem in C Minor. Details in the last issue of the Independent
- April 8<sup>th</sup>. Palm Sunday, Family Communion with procession, 10 am.
- April 12<sup>th</sup>. Maundy Thursday, Parish Communion, 7-30 pm.
- April 13<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday, Family service, 10-30 am.  
"A Hour by the Cross" A devotional service, 2 pm. to 3 pm.  
A service of Tennebae at 'English Martyrs' 8 pm. (Together with Churches Together in S17.)
- April 15<sup>th</sup>. Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, 8 am.  
Parish Communion, 10 am.  
Festal Choral Evensong, 6-30 pm.

## **EASTER AT ALL SAINTS**

- PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>,**  
9-30 am. Family Service  
11-00 am. Holy Communion
- MAUNDAY THURSDAY, APRIL**  
7-30 pm. Holy Communion
- GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>,**  
10-00 am. Children's Service  
12 noon to 3-00 pm. 3 hours devotion
- People may come and go as they wish at half hourly intervals.
- EASTER DAY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>,**  
10-00 am. Holy Communion  
6-30 pm. Easter Praise

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17**

Not long ago I visited an elderly widow living alone who I knew to be unwell. She told me of her plans to celebrate her 90th birthday with a party. Impressed by her confident and cheerful spirit I asked her if she ever felt lonely, a widow, living alone and away from her family.

"No," she said, "I don't, because I always believe that God is here with me."

Not all of us are always as sure as my friend of the nearness of God. As I write the foot and mouth disease is devastating the lives of thousands for whom God must seem anything but near. Springtime, which, especially for farmers, brings the blessing of new flocks and herds, will, this year, for many at least, be a time of anxious foreboding.

The story of the first Easter, however, reminds us that God is with us in the darkest days as well as the brightest. After the horror of Christ's crucifixion and their desolation at his death, the disciples were left in gloom and darkness. In the loneliness of bereavement, they entered their dark night of the soul. But night must end and with that first Easter dawn came the joy of resurrection as the risen Christ came to them and blessed them with His peace.

May the message of the first Easter bring hope and peace to us all and confirm our faith that God is in truth always with us.

Though I may go through nights of dark despair –  
and reach the very depths of thoughts that scare,  
not even then will I give in to fear,  
for I am still convinced the Lord is near.

With all my heart I put my trust in God,  
He wills for me and all men what is good.  
Where 'er I go I know that He will come  
And make me in his presence feel at home  
(Source unknown)  
Rev'd David Hudston

## **Our Lady of Beauchief and St Thomas of Canterbury**

**APRIL**

... the suns of spring light-foot dance in the woods...

- 3 April** Penitential service OLST 7 30pm
- 5 April** Lenten Talk Experience of Synod. Speaker: Tony Beck, Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Sheffield. 8.00 pm. Parish Hall
- 6 April** Concert by the Eckington Singers Music For The Passion. Includes Olivet to Calvary and extracts from The Messiah. OLST 7 30pm
- HOLY WEEK**
- 8 April** Palm Sunday Blessing and distribution of Palms at all Masses. Last Lenten Lunch. OLST 12 30pm
- 10 April** End of term Mass St Thomas of Canterbury School. 9.15 am. All welcome
- 11 April** Chrism Mass. St Marie's Cathedral 11.00 am. Priests from all the parishes of the Diocese assemble to collect the holy oils used for Baptisms, Confirmations and Anointings during the following year. Anointing of the Sick OLST 7 30pm
- THE EASTER TRIDUUM**
- 12 April** Maundy Thursday Mass with Mandatum (washing of feet) and Watching until Midnight at the Altar of Repose. 8.00 pm OLST
- ervice of Tenebrae 8.00 pm. Engl Martyrs Stations and Veneration of the Cross 7-30 pm. OLST

### **EASTER**

**14 April** Easter Vigil, Lighting of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle and the first Mass of Easter. 8-30 pm. OLST

**15 April** Easter Day Masses: - 8.00 am English Martyrs, 9 15 and 11 am OLST

**19 April.** Parish Forum 1-30 pm Parish Hall. Preceded by a shared table.

In addition to all the above, don't forget the Famous Fortnightly Car Washes in English Martyrs' Car Park, in aid of the Youth Lourdes Fund. Watch out for the roadside posters!

Further information from 0114 2367736 or at the churches

## **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABBEYDALE LUNCHEON CLUB**

This is held every Thursday from 10-30 a.m. until about 2-00 p.m. We have 23 members at the moment (The maximum we can accommodate) with a waiting list of 10.

Lunches are cooked on the premises and we have just had a new cooker (with 2 ovens and .3 rings) installed.

At the moment we have 4 main course cooks and 4 pudding cooks but four of these are over 70 years old and should be looking to be on the receiving side with the customers.

Two helpers (on a rota basis) help from 10-00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. to make coffee, set tables and help to serve lunch, and two others help from 12 noon-to 2-00 p.m. to serve lunch, wash up and clear up. Lunch is available to helpers on the day. Again, most of our present helpers are 60 plus.

It is a very popular and happy club, lots of fun and very rewarding, but unless some more (preferably younger) volunteers come forward I foresee that the club will only remain open for (being optimistic) another 8 years.

So if you like cooking or could offer a minimum of 2 hours a month then please ring me on 236 2597 or pop along on a Thursday morning and see us in action. PLEASE!!!

Phyllis Glossop (Co-ordinator)

## MALAWI REVISITED by Revd Brian Cranwell (continued from last issue)

We could see that Malawi had changed considerably since we left in 1972. Some of the changes were immediately apparent, others were discovered as we spent time with the people. The people are just as gracious and helpful as remembered, with none of the tensions and hostility so clear in Zimbabwe, one of their neighbours. The tensions there have caused considerable difficulties for the economy in Malawi including a sharp increase in the rate of inflation. The main changes we observed are:

The greater freedom of speech and action, and self respect since Dr Hastings Banda was ousted (following the famed courageous pastoral letter to all their churches by the Roman Catholic Bishops in the early 1990's). Banda suppressed his own people and many disappeared through falling out of political favour.

The population is now bigger. When we left it was estimated at around 6-7 million, now it is nearer 11 M and areas that used to be bush with wild game are now cleared and villages, schools, shops churches and mosques are in their place. But with the prevalence of HIV/AIDS the numbers are expected to fall back to about 6 million in 5-6 years unless habits change.

The **Christian Churches** are growing fast and would grow even faster if there were more indigenous clergy. We were struck by the tremendous sense of spirituality, dedication, and hope in the people who are among the poorest in the world. Church offices, farms, workshops and schools all begin the day with Morning Prayer and Christian assemblies. Our time with the Christians there proved an inspiration and encouragement to our own faith.

The Anglican **Mothers Union** and the equivalent Presbyterian **Women's Guild** are a major influence for good in both the church and their communities. Members take pride in wearing their uniforms which give them visibility and status. We saw several projects run by them including responsibility for feeding blind children boarding at a school unit, looking after many AIDS orphans, and for teaching health and hygiene in villages. The Mothers Union has a paid co-ordinator in each of the three Dioceses, each with a Land Rover funded by the London Headquarters.

The Islamic faith has a higher profile than when we left as money has poured in from the Middle East for sophisticated mosques, and scholarships for boys. The Muslim population is about the same, 28% of the total.

Malawi has its problems like any other country, plus the usual Third World difficulties over debt, illiteracy, poverty, poor health and education facilities and lack of civil infrastructure outside of the main towns. It has few natural resources other than the land, and is dependent on world prices for income from tea, coffee, cotton, nuts, tobacco and sugar, all of which are depressed at present and affected by the situation in Zimbabwe. Landlocked, they are dependent on Mozambique and South Africa for ports for imports and exports. Most health and education facilities outside of the towns are still run by the Christian churches.

One of the most encouraging aid projects that we saw was the UK governments Primary Schools Development Programme. Both the UK and Malawian officials were pleased to have our small contribution to help build this up, and many of the people we trained were taken up as trainers in this scheme (but still keeping their teaching roles in the schools).

In such a poor country there is inevitably some corruption, though on nothing like the scale of Kenya or Nigeria. It is still a beautiful and friendly country with its unique game

reserves, rivers, and vast lakes. (Imagine a country about the size of the UK with a lake from Northampton to Edinburgh, and the width from Sheffield to Humberside), plus a justifiable reputation as "The Warm Heart of Africa" They gave hospitality to 1 million refugees during the civil war in Mozambique for which they were a by-word in Southern Africa. Where else would you hear an Immigration Officer at the port of departure say "You will come back and see us again soon, won't you?"



### Dear Editors

I am writing about the photo of Townhead Rd. in the March edition of the Totley Independent.

I used to live at 96 Towhead, and the photo looks to me to be more 1930's than the mid 40's.

The Post Office has always been a sweet shop as far as I remember and the Post Office was situated on the other side of the road managed by a Mr. Mace. The trees where the man and child are standing were not there as on that corner during the war was a big static water tank. This tank had to have easy access for fire engines to get to the water in case of fires so the trees were removed. The house that is on the other side of Townhead was the house where my grandmother lived, she lived there most of her life till her death in the mid 60's.

There also is no white line down the middle of the road. I am sure that there would be in the 40's.

The children's clothes also look a bit pre 40's we were not very modern in those days but I don't think we looked that old fashioned.

I might be wrong with my dating as the memory gets a bit hazy with age. Mr.J.S.Taylor

## DOG CHARITYS SUCCESS

Thank you so much for the items you gave for our bric-a-brac, toy & book sale held recently at Totley Library. The support we received was overwhelming!

We are happy to announce that we raised a total of:

**£300**

This has been split between the three dog charities:

Sheffield Dog Rescue

Thornberry Animal Sanctuary

German Shepherd Dog Rescue in Derby

It will certainly go towards helping the dogs in their care.

Thank you also to those who came on the day itself and to Mr C. Ham, Pyramid Carpet & Lino Co of Woodscats and to the Totley Library staff.

Ann Ashford, Janet Bale, Jack and Rory Campbell, Trish Lamb, Julie and Charlotte Crookes and Friends.

*We welcome letters about local affairs and will publish as many as possible. However the views expressed are not necessarily those of Editor, editorial staff or the Totley Residents Association and must not be imputed to them.*



## **Transport 17**

Our new minibus was formally handed over to Ethel Beckswith on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>. February at St. John's, Abbeydale Road South around noon. Ethel, who is a young 90, is a member of our management committee, helps at various clubs and is one of our passengers so she was a good choice.

Brian Platts, M.B.E., performed the ceremony. Brian is the Director and Producer of "Manor Operatic Society", famous for their pantomimes at Sheffield City Hall. He was accompanied by his wife Maria, Richard Allan, MP, members of the committee, shareholders and representatives of our user groups. The reverend David Rhodes from All Saints also came and it was nice to have Stella Jockel present. A lot of drivers and escorts and their family or friends were "the teams" headed by Michael Finn, our manager.

There had been snow the previous night but the sun had melted most of it. Food and drink had been cooked, prepared, shopped for and set out. Danny Barlow, our chairman welcomed everyone and gave a short resume of T17's work. I then had the sad but proud task of handing over £470 donated by our late driver, Doug Turner's family. His wife Pat and daughter Angela were there.

Everyone then went out so that Ethel could have the keys and photos were taken. "The Star" turned up a bit late and a photo appeared in the following Friday's issue.

Brian Platts was very pleasant and caused a lot of our ladies hearts to flutter. The team that helped us in the kitchen was super. I can't name everyone but thanks,

Janet, Caroline, Thomas and everyone. Win Calvert presented Maria Platts with some flowers.

All shareholders had had a general invitation to the event in the Totley Independent before Christmas and all club leaders were invited to bring as many as they could.

The holiday season really will be with us soon. Can you help at all? We always need drivers and escorts.

Just call in our office at 172, Baslow Road, Totley or ring 2362962.

Escorts take people from their homes (willingly of course) settle them in the buses, fasten seat belts or clamp wheel chairs in. Then the procedure is reversed obviously when the bus arrives. Everyone is always taken home and we make sure that they have keys and are safe. It is a lot of fun. Our passengers are an interesting and varied crowd.

Margaret Barlow

*Let us permit nature to have her way; she understands her business better than we do.*

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Dobcroft-	Whirlowdale Cresc./ Pringle Rd.
Dore-	Church Lane/ High St.
	Furniss Av. (School Gates)
Ecclesall-	Ringinglow Rd./ Hooper Av.
Lydgate.	- Lygate Lane (School Gates)
	Stephen Hill / Manchester Rd.
Sandygate-	Manchester Rd./ Sandygate Rd.
Silverdale-	Ringinglow Rd./ Bents Rd.
	Ecclesall Rd. South/ Bents Rd.

Dave Aspinall South West Area Co-ordinator.

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## FARMING SCENE

I opened my last Farming Scene letter by saying that we still had not had any 'proper' winter weather. Since then we have. Notably at the beginning of March, and again now as I write this on the 20th, snow is due by 3 a.m. Tomorrow! Better late than never I suppose. March is usually the month when agriculture springs to life again, with lambing in full swing and arable farmers winding up their tractors and drills getting the spring sown crops planted. But not this year! Apart from the weather delaying spring planting and existing crop fertilising and spraying, the spectre of Foot and Mouth has severely curtailed farm activities.

Wherever possible livestock farmers are keeping their stock inside and themselves isolated from all contact with other producers. Visitors are either totally banned or 'vetted' and disinfected prior to their entry. Any goods required to keep the farm running are offloaded outside the farm premises for later collection by the farmer so no direct contact occurs. Farms that have diversified into retail sales or horse livery etc. face particularly hard decisions; do they suspend retail sales or ban horse and rider movements? The farmer's vehicles wherever possible are confined to the premises or disinfected every time they cross the entrance way to the farm. In the case of cars or vans, many are permanently parked on the highway, so that any 'bugs' that may be on them stay on the road and are not transported into the farmyard. The one daily visit that all dairy farmers must endure and fear is that of the milk tanker. The very fact that it visits tens of farms every day, parking right next door to livestock buildings, is a real threat. Any one of the farms it visits could be harbouring the disease, and failure to decontaminate both the driver and vehicle before entering another farm could prove disastrous. This continual round of collect then disinfect has cost implications both from the disinfectant used and the extra journey times for the Haulage Company. In fact nearly everyone connected to the industry is suffering financially, whether they are auctioneers, hauliers, merchants, abattoirs or contractors. The winners seem to be the disinfectant manufacturers and the supermarkets, who have raised their prices on the back of this crisis.

For those farmers who loose all their stock to this disease through no fault of their own, the trauma involved is life shattering. They have in effect lost their job, no cows to milk,

no calves to feed, no ewes to lamb or no pigs to clean out. The animals they have spent all hours of the day and night caring for are suddenly and unceremoniously killed on site, carted away and burned. In many cases the animals are 'personal friends', being the farmers daily companions each having their own personality, peculiarities and pet names. Although they are paid compensation to the value of the stock, the following 6-month period when no animals are allowed on the farm is an income-less and testing time. Many small farms run by older farmers will no doubt call it a day and retire.

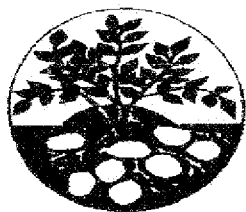
Today the Army has been called in to help deal with the backlog of work. This action combined with a record number of new cases, 44, clearly indicates that this outbreak is most definitely not under control! The initial confidence that this was a minor problem has now vanished and drastic action to attempt to contain the disease is now envisaged. The wholesale slaughter of healthy animals is a desperate measure that may or may not work. The logistics of this operation pose massive problems.

Fortunately, although there have been local scares, the nearest confirmed cases at the moment are at Hilton near Derby and Queensbury near Bradford. These are near enough to cause local concern. We are in the unfortunate position of having the farm buildings isolated from the land, this being scattered and only accessible by road. The complete ban on animal movements has left us with sheep up Mickley Lane, Lane Head Road and at the farm. Licences to move livestock for slaughter or on welfare grounds are tightly regulated, and only available to farms outside infected areas. We have today moved our in lamb ewes from Lane Head to the farm under licence and veterinary supervision. This means we cannot move sheep from the farmstead back to the fields for 21 days, when another licence will be required. It will be well into April before we can put our ewes and lambs out in the fields.

We would like to thank everyone who has expressed their concern and sympathy to and for us, and all other farmers at this time. Let us hope and pray that the tide of this epidemic is soon decisively turned, so that everyone who lives in, works in and enjoys the countryside can once again feel secure and relaxed.

Edwin Pocock

## TOTLEY HALL FARM PRODUCE



DUE TO FOOT AND MOUTH  
ALL RETAIL SALES ARE SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



## HEARTBEAT TO HEARTBREAK

The talk over the last few weeks has been about the current awful epidemic of foot and mouth disease and perhaps by the time you read this we will have a better idea of the extent and the cost to the farming community and to those who service it. I have read quite a lot about the previous one in the 1960s but nothing about that the epidemic of the 1930s. Doug Turner of Totley wrote about it in the Totley Independent some time ago, prompted by an episode of the TV programme, Heartbeat, when an outbreak was featured. I suppose that Doug never anticipated another epidemic when he wrote: "I remember, during the thirties, it coming to the Bents, it was terribly eerie. You walked past the farm gate, heard the bawling of cattle, squealing and grunting of pigs and the bleating of sheep. Next day - nothing, except the cackling of poultry, an occasional bark of a dog or the stamping of horses. All the cloven hoofed animals had gone, and in those days that meant destroyed, removed, burnt, buried. All that was left was a hollow, empty, eerie silence."

On the infected farm this meant years of hard work just gone, more or less overnight, and the heartbreak of having to start from scratch when the all clear was given. This happened twice to the same farm in the Bents in a short period of time". The unhappy time was soon out of the minds of the kids for in 1935, electricity was laid on to Totley Bents

Let us hope that this outbreak is soon over and the farmers can put foot & mouth, swine fever and BSE behind them and settle down to what they are best at - looking after our food supply.

Brian Edwards

## Music Society

Hello again. The Society is moving from strength to strength! Since our evening with Cheshire Home, in January, we now have confirmed bookings for 24<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May and two within days of each other on 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November (Talk about planning ahead!) This has miffed me a bit personally, because it means that I shall not be able to attend, due to a prior commitment, but these dates were the only ones available at the venues, so ... the Show must go on, as they say. We are awaiting dates from other enquiries we have made, so you can see that we seem to have made a small road into this field of entertainment, and we all feel very happy about it.

People have asked me about the significance of our name "Victoria Productions". There is nothing earth-shattering about it... we meet at the Victoria Hall in town, and put on various productions... it's as easy as that!

I should say though, that I am amazed at the talents that our members possess, and more often than not, they keep them "under wraps" until they are discovered almost by chance! For instance, one of our men introduced a poem he had written for our amusement during a rehearsal coffee break. In the course of which, he did impressions of Ken Dodd, Dean Martin, Edmund Hockridge, and Frankie Vaughan, all of whom were instantly recognisable and he was apologising for taking up too much rehearsal time! Others are beginning to volunteer for solo songs, and they have terrific voices, which should be used and not "lost" in the Chorus. Don't get me wrong, the choral numbers are the backbone of the Society, but it is good to have as wide a field as possible to provide balanced and easy listening for the audience.

Should anyone be interested in coming to one of our Concerts, I shall be pleased to let you have details. You can contact me on 2366891.

Tony Reynolds.

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## GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

April is a lovely month for gardeners despite having lots to do. It is full of hope and anticipation as seeds and plants are put into the ground. Running water and pools are much in fashion; gardeners should be preparing for waterside planting next month. A drift of golden marsh marigolds, forget-me-nots, *Myosotis palustris*, and White and yellow sunrise water lilies would look really good. With the larger ponds a backdrop of willows with flat-faced Japanese iris at their feet would complete the lovely picture. Back to earth this is weed month the earlier you start the war on weeds the more likely you are to keep them under control. Keep the old hoe busy at all times especially on sunny days. If you want a lovely summer show of the more showy bulbs April is a good time to plant *Caen* anemones, single poppies, summer hyacinths, tigridias and lots of others will give a good showing and if dead headed regularly most will keep coming through the summer. April is a busy time, for nearly all the greenhouse plants can be propagated, this month, and the pot-bound will be crying out for attention. This is also one of the busiest months in the vegetable garden, don't leave everything until the Easter holidays. Having said that time for sowing in the open ground will depend on the weather far better to wait until the earth has dried out than sow when it is cold and wet.

### FLOWERS.

Given the right weather, seedlings and young plants can be planted out, some will need a little support use dead twigs or split cane, choose a showery day as the sun can be a bit traumatic for them at first, all your borders should be weed free and large clumps divided. Don't be in a rush to plant dahlias they are a bit vulnerable to late frosts. Iris unguicularis can be planted now. Plant butterfly gladioli for cutting, put a bit of sand under each corm if your soil is a bit heavy. Weed and replant when necessary in the rockery, the garden centres will be offering small plants in containers try not to disturb the roots when planting out, there's lots to choose from. Try to mix the colours a bit to give a bit of a change, fork in a sprinkling of bone meal. Prepare your window boxes, tubs and containers with rich compost for planting. Towards the end of the month sow the last of the annuals thinning them to 2 or 3 inches apart, those with long tap roots like poppies rarely transplant happily. Biennials should be sown, include sweet Williams and wallflowers, the fiery red wallflowers are magnificent, but try some of the primrose, rose, lavender and purple varieties for a change. Make sure the taller border plants have all the support they need, a bit of a gusty wind can devastate your delphiniums, lupins etc. All garden flowering chrysanthemums should be planted out during a mild spell. Keep the rows at least 2ft apart so that you can work comfortably amongst the plants. Remove dead head from daffodils and narcissi but be patient and allow foliage to die back naturally. Pick off pansy and viola deadheads otherwise the plants will stop flowering and concentrate on producing seeds, watch out for greenfly. Waterlilies can be planted from late April to June. Warning don't let them dry out whilst waiting to be planted, they do not need a great depth of water 18" suits them well.

### VEGETABLES.

Thin any vegetable seedlings that are in danger of growing leggy due to overcrowding. Prepare celery trenches for further sowings. Catch crops of radishes and lettuce can be sown between slower growing vegetable rows and in odd corners. Onions not destined for the "Totley Show", in September, can be grown in the less cultivated part of the garden, sets can be planted out now, protect them with a cloche or newspaper if frost is forecast. Potatoes, apply a complete fertilizer mixture of 3 lbs of superphosphate, 1½ lbs of sulphate of potash and 1½ lbs of sulphate of ammonia at 2-3 ozs to the yard run of drills at planting time or dig in well rotted manure or compost. Keep the potato growing tips lightly covered with soil if frost threatens or cover them with straw. Spring cabbage will benefit by an application of nitro chalk, 2ozs per yard run, apply in showery weather keep it clear of foliage. Brussels sprouts should be planted out in a rich loam that has been well fed from a previous crop, keep them well watered. Another sowing of french beans can be made for a continuity crop. Leeks need a rich deep soil if you are interested in having those fine specimens for the show.

Make the first sowing of runner beans in deep boxes or pots under glass. Sow winter cabbage, savoys, broccoli, cauliflowers and a pinch of beetroot and lightly cover with finely sieved soil. Sow marrows in pots in the greenhouse. Ridge cucumbers can be raised in cold frames, cover with sacks or insulate if frost is forecast over night, don't forget to remove it during the day. Sow carrots thinly to avoid having to thin them as this encourages carrot fly, a tent of fleece is an effective deterrent or a dressing of soot if you can find any.

### TREES SHRUBS and FRUIT.

Spray blackcurrants if big bud is seen, break off and burn any affected buds. Spray gooseberries against mildew. Keep an eye on newly planted fruit stock make sure they do not dry out. Spray or dust raspberries against the dreaded raspberry beetle. Spray apples with a fungicide if your trees have suffered from scab in previous years, whatever you spray avoid the period when the blossoms are in full flower we do not want to knobbe lans bees even if they do come from New Zealand. Keep raspberry canes well mulched as their roots are fairly close to the surface: be careful when hoeing round them for the same reason. Prune back any rose shoots that have not developed any buds, rub out any inward growing or unwanted buds. If you use lawn mowings as mulch do not put more than an inch or so because they can create heat which will not do the plants much good. Make sure newly planted trees, shrubs and fruit are firmed in well and are kept free of weeds. Evergreen planting should be completed this month. Give roses a treat, a dressing of Rose fertilizer based on Tonk's formula will do them a world of good, you can buy it ready mixed if you care to mix it yourself the formula is: - 10 parts nitrate of potash, 12 parts superphosphate of lime 8 parts sulphate of ammonia, 1 part sulphate of iron, 2 parts sulphate of magnesium. Wear protection when mixing. Forsythia, winter jasmine, flowering currant and other winter flowering shrubs can be cut back to within a few buds of the old growth, once the flowers have finished. Prune late flowering clematis, hybrid tea and floribunda roses.

### GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS

Re-pot Indoor Azelias and camellias as soon as they have finished flowering. Take cuttings of winter flowering begonias, rest freesias lachenal, as arum lilies and cyclamen, place them on a shelf near the glass and gradually reduce the water supply. Take cuttings of greenhouse plants, fuschia, geraniums etc, you can increase your stock quite easily for fuschia take a non flowering shoot about 2 or 3 inches long, dip it in a bit of rooting powder and put it in a 3 inch pot with a label on and water well. Allow to drain surplus water then put it in a clear plastic bag and pop it in the propagator at about 60-65F, 3 or 4 weeks should see it well rooted. Geraniums are easy place non flowering shoots in a tray filled with damp, sandy compost or vermiculite dip in rooting powder, pop them in the tray about 3" apart and hey presto ! more plants, if you have too many save them for the plants and cuttings stall at your local church or school. Keep an eye



on the weather and shade young plants and seedlings from strong sun, ventilate well (don't use side vents yet young plants don't like draughts) close up in late afternoon. Offsets from many houseplants can be detached and potted up if they have a heel or rootlet so much the better. When watering in the greenhouse it is best done in the morning. Plants not in flower will enjoy a spray with tepid water (except hairy varieties). Sow winter flowering primulas if you want a few plants to cheer you up in the winter and early spring.

#### LAWNS

A regular mowing schedule should be established at this time, a good rake and spike if you haven't done it already. Also after spiking a top dressing of a good lawn fertilizer will work wonders, water it in if rain is not imminent. April is a good time to sow a new lawn, a good firm bed is important spread seed as evenly as possible, water well, keep birds off do not let it dry out. Keep the blades on your mower high, do not cut lower than 1 inch. Here's another formula for a good spring lawn fertilizer: 3 parts sulphate of ammonia, 3 parts dried blood, 4 parts super phosphate, 4 parts bonemeal, 1 part sulphate of potash.

We are all hoping to have a better summer this year so keep an eye on those special plants you have got earmarked for the Totley Show. Lets make it even better than the excellent Show we had last year.

Cheerio for now. TOM. BUSY BEE.

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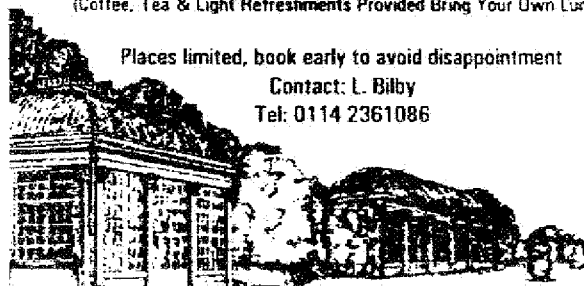
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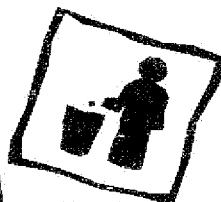
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- ☐ Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. April
- ☐ 10 am. - 12 noon
- ☐ Meet Totley Library
- ☐ Have fun and make  
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## BOXING CLEVER

Parson Cross ABC in conjunction with the Heatherfield Club are having a Boxing evening which will include, skills, sparring and a fun session with "Ted the Totley Terrier". The evening will also include a question and answer session with local trainer Mick Otter, a disco and a buffet all for the ticket price of £2-00.

All proceeds will go to the Parson Cross ABC for the kids. Top boxers will include Anthony (Poochy) Pellegrina, Nicky Bratton and the unbeaten Richard Clayton who will be involved in this fund raising event.

So come along and support the lads and enjoy the event and see what boxing is all about.

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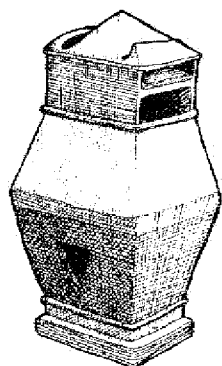
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## NO SMOKE WITHOUT A CHIMNEY

The unusual glazed chimney pot shown here is 1000 mm (3'3") high by some 400mm (16") at its widest point. It is very heavy and is difficult to lift so the only way I can move it these days is by 'walking' it corner to corner. Before you jump to the conclusion that I walk through the village accompanied by a chimney pot, I should point out that it is now used as a garden ornament and I occasionally relocate it. What, you might ask, is so unusual apart from the shape? Well it came from



At the top of the chimney pot is a small, dark, rectangular object, possibly a chimney pipe or a small structure, which is the focal point of the pot's design.

Avenue Farm and was once used in the oldest part of the nearby farm buildings, which, as long ago as c 1650, was part of a paper mill before succumbing to the demands of the industrial revolution and, in this case, scythe making. In 1579 the mill came into the hands of Joshua Tyzack, the senior partner in William Tyzack Sons & Turner of Little London Works Heeley and for a time scythe production was carried out. It is said that Joshua, who lived at Wood Lodge, Abbeydale, decided to build the large stone house next to the mill and which is adjacent to the public footpath that leads from Old Hay Lane. The date stone over the porch reads 1881 and for a number of years the old buildings were run as a farm. He died in 1887 and his son owned the farm until his death in 1930. Much controversy accompanied the son, and HIS housekeeper, leading to a well publicised court case. At the reading of the will, it was revealed that Mr Tyzack had secretly married a local lady. Never mind all that. Perhaps a reader can identify this design of chimney pot and give some indication as to the origin and date. It would be nice to be sure that it once belonged to the illustrious industrialist.

Before I get myself involved in boundary disputes again, I should point out that Avenue Farm is situated in both Dore and Totley. The old mill was on the southern side of the Blacka Brook, that is in Totley, whilst the 1881 house is firmly to the north and in Dore.  
Brian Edwards

## Totley Library

The staff at Totley Library would like to thank everyone who has donated books to the Library or donated to the Residents' Association fund for purchasing books for the Library. These have all been valuable additions to the Library's collection. We would particularly like to thank Totley Residents' Association for all their support, especially in helping to buy books which we would not otherwise have had. Books we have been able to purchase recently include -

The Willow pool by Elizabeth Egan  
Horse Racing by Stephen Jones  
House divided by Catherine Cookson  
New British Classics by Gary Rhodes  
Irresistible forces by Danielle Steel  
Somewhere someday by Josephine Cox  
Timeline by Michael Crichton  
Brethren by John Grisham  
After the fire by Belva Plain  
Sunshine food by Sophie Grigson  
Where you belong by Barbara Taylor Bradford  
Grasshopper by Barbara Vine  
Before I say goodbye by Mary Higgins Clark

Contributions to the fund or donations of books in good condition will always be welcome.

Pauline Rosser Community Librarian

## DORE ART GROUP

Dore Art Group will once again be holding their Annual Exhibition in the recently renovated and extended Old School, Dore. We hope that everyone will visit the Exhibition which gives the chance to view and purchase varied paintings in all mediums. This is also an excellent opportunity to see at first hand the excellent extension to the Old School. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

The Exhibition is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2-00 pm. to 7-00 pm.  
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Brian Edwards

## MAY-HEM!!

That word sums up T.O.A.D.S. Spring Production - a Derck Benfield farce entitled "Panic Stations", to be given in May. It is a light-hearted romp in which an unfortunate young man finds himself enmeshed in a tangle of misunderstandings and misfortunes, and as he tries to talk his way out of each situation, he only gets himself into deeper water as his explanations misfire. Wonderful names, eccentric characters, all combining to give the audience a chance to have a really good laugh and to forget "foot and mouth", politics, council tax rise etc. for one night at least.

"Panic Stations" runs from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. May, to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30 p.m., St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South.

Tickets can be obtained nearer the time from me, Kate Reynolds, on 2366891, or by leaving an order at S.B.Fordham Opticians, on Totley Rise. Tickets are still £2.50, or concessions £2.

## POST OFFICE NEWS

### Retirement News.

Several couples have now been interviewed by the Post Office Counter's Ltd. regarding their application for the Subpostmaster/Subpostmistress vacancy following our intention to retire. The names of the successful couple should be announced within the next few weeks.

### Easter Holiday's Pension Payments.

The post office and shop will be closed on Good Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. April 2001 and Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. April but will be open Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. April as normal.

Pension payments due on both 13<sup>th</sup>. and 16<sup>th</sup>. will be paid the previous week.

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## CUB SCOUTS IN ABBEYDALE & TOTLEY AREA

There are three Scout groups in this area based at Dore & Totley URC, Aldam Road and St. Johns Church. In the past all have successfully supported Beaver and Cubs as well as Scouts.

However, each of the three different Cub Scout packs have had difficulty during the last two years, due to shortage of adult Leaders. In a joint meeting towards the end of last year it was agreed that the best way forward would be to pool resources and form just one Cub Pack

This way would ensure that as many of the lads age 7.5 to 10.5 in this area would have the opportunity to try Cub Scouting.

Two of the Packs had already been running jointly for over a year and as it was felt that as the better headquarters were at Aldam Road, then the new Pack would be based there. If at any time in the future there is sufficient demand - and adult volunteers - then either or both of the other two Packs could easily be re-started.

Equally, it is foreseeable that the Beaver and Scout sections could run into the same difficulties, so once again the similar combining of resources would be the probable solution.

Recently a volunteer to run the Cub Pack has come forward, and, supported by other existing Leaders, meetings have recommenced. There are regularly seventeen lads turning up, with more in the pipeline, so it looks as if the new arrangements are worth while.

The new Akela is Nigel Watson who, although has no previous experience is ably backed up by a number of other Leaders with many years experience, and an exciting programme of activities and events has been planned.

Meetings are held at the 1<sup>st</sup>. Totley Headquarters on Aldam Road, each Friday evening from 6.15 pm. to 7.30. pm.

For further information please ring Nigel on 0114 236 4778; or alternatively Tony Marples 0114 235 3464, or Mike Hollindale 01246 418963.

## PUZZLE CORNER

### HOW OLD ARE THE LADIES?

Six ladies who had not been together for some time, met at a family gathering. They soon got around to discussing who was older than whom etc. Can you use the following information to work out the age of each one, and then suggest how they were related?

Five of the six are married and none were married before they were 21. Each has at least one sister. Daisy is three times as old as Betty but Fanny is only twice as old. In three years time Betty will be half as old as Elsie. Fanny is ten years older than Annie. We could find Fanny's age either as the difference between Daisy and Betty or the difference between Connie and Annie. Both Daisy and Annie know for certain that Daisy is the older of the two. In four years time their combined ages will total 245 years. At the present time the two youngest ages total 41 and the next two total 71 years. When all the ages had been decided, Betty saw that if her age was multiplied by 13 it would give the sum total of all their ages.

From last months puzzle here is the list of words from the letters in TOTLEY. All can be found in Chambers English Dictionary.

el; eyot; leet; leo; let; ley; lo; loe; lot; lote; loy; lye; lytc; oe; oy; oye; te; tel; telt; to; toe; tole; tolt; tot; tote; toy; tyc; tyte; ye; yell; yet; yett; yo.

Don Ashford

## Political Meeting By Hugh Percival

### Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

The assembly hall at St. Mathew's infant's school in the constituency of Peaktown was sparsely occupied for this meeting organised by the Progressive Practical Party (the PPP). Their candidate for the forthcoming general election, Horace Figleaf, corpulent, red-faced and bedecked in the party's colours of red and blue, rose to speak. A top hat in the same colours sat conspicuously on his head. This he placed on the table before speaking.

"Ladies and gentlemen. Good evening. May I welcome you all to this meeting of the Progressive Practical Party?" Mr. Figleaf spoke in resonant tones that reverberated throughout the hall. "What are the issues at the forthcoming election? The other parties seem to think that they are confined to economics, to the welfare state, to law and order, to immigration, to Europe and to education. My party knows better. We intend to propagate matters of real interest to the electorate. For example - should smoking in bed be permissible in a right-minded society? It may be unavoidable in hot weather or in amorous circumstances - that we cannot, and do not choose to, prevent - but the intake of nicotine is reprehensible and a danger to health and property at any time let alone during the hours of repose. We propose to bring to an end the dangerous practice of smoking cigarettes in bed and to alleviate the problem as far as possible. How is this desirable objective to be achieved? You may well ask. The police will be given powers to enter premises of known chainsmokers at any time without warning and make summary arrests of any persons found to be breaking the law in this respect. Penalties will be severe. This is but one item in our manifesto, copies of which were given to you on entry."

"Will the restriction apply to cigarettes only?" a mature gentleman with pipe in hand asked anxiously.

The candidate consulted a lady colleague seated alongside him on the platform. He eventually replied "No. I believe pipes, cigars, hookahs and any other nicotine smoking equipment will be included in the ban."

The mature gentleman gave a grunt and left the hall to return. Two other smokers followed his example reducing audience to nine.

Horace Figleaf, unperturbed by their departure, told the remaining spectators in didactic tones "Our policies are not for the faint-hearted. We are determined to eradicate the pernicious and dangerous habit of smoking in bed."

The candidate took a swig from a glass of whisky and continued his address. "Should our party command a majority in the House Of Commons we will take immediate steps to reform procedure in that place. No longer will members be able to park their chewing gum on the benches before them. This revolting habit is. I am reliably informed, already contrary to the rules of the House. Rule number 41, introduced in 1652, specifically prohibits the disposal of sweetmeats in the House. Our party will ensure that the rules of the House are strictly adhered to in all respects."

Mr. Figleaf paused to survey the audience with an imperious expression before resuming his speech. "Should the not the cat be put out late at night or in the morning? Our committee, set up to advise on the matter, concludes that the feline's own inclinations should be paramount. Cat flaps are already in wide use by enlightened owners - or perhaps I should say by their pets. Our party will make such flaps compulsory in all homes with a cat, and all new homes will have to have provision for cat flaps in the planning application. The proposals I have outlined give some indication of our

priorities when elected to govern. They are not concerned with MP's salaries, with the economic situation i.e. with the gross national or the level of taxation, with Europe or with devolution. Our policies will deal with everyday matters of interest to the common man - or woman I should add. Are there any questions?"

One gentleman, mature, corpulent and placid of temperament enquired "My wife has a pernicious habit - she squeezes the toothpaste tube in the middle. Has your party any remedy?"

"A good question, sir" replied the candidate sincerely. "One compatible with our policy of dealing with everyday practical matters. Of course I can only give an impromptu opinion without the benefit of a recommendation by a committee. You could, of course, retaliate and squeeze your spouse in the middle. I do not advocate such a course however. She too has a vote. I would be reluctant to legislate on the matter - reprehensible though the habit is. I suggest the solution lie in the good nature and common sense of the conjugal parties. Is that helpful sir?"

"You have obviously not met my wife" replied the corpulent gentleman indignantly and he left the hall in pique.

Several spectators departed at this juncture and the audience now numbered four only.

"Are there any further questions?" asked Mr. Figleaf hopefully.

There was no response from the audience two of whom were asleep.

"May I now sum up" suggested the candidate. "The policies of the Progressive Practical Party are simple. They deal with problems arising every day in our democracy. Whether the problem be smoking in bed, chewing gum in the House of Commons, feline welfare, matrimonial differences or some such practical problem it will be dealt with impartially, objectively, commonsensical and immediately. There will be no royal commissions to delay matters. Committees there may well be, but these will report punctually in good time. I implore you to vote for me as representative of the Progressive Practical Party. Such a vote will not be in vain. It will enhance the prospects of my freedom-loving, progressive, intelligent, high-minded countrymen and countrywomen. God bless you all."

Mr. Figleaf, with tears in his eyes, sat down to the vociferous applause of the two spectators still awake and of his lady colleague. These persons then left the hall leaving the two inert spectators to be awoken later by the cleaner.

## PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

50th Anniversary - The National Park Exhibition pictures by Ray Manley at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery 24 March - 19 May.

### APRIL

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At Flagg Moor, on A515 3/4 miles south of Buxton. First race 1pm Tel. 01298 84738.

Information from the 'Peak District 2001' the official guide to the National Park. These events can be seen in the free guide, available throughout the Peak District or by visiting their Web Site [www.peakdistrict.org](http://www.peakdistrict.org).

NB Please check if the event will be on or not due to current Foot and Mouth problem.

## WHAT A LOVELY DEATH!

by Alan Faulkner Taylor

Slugs and snails and puppy dogs' tails: that's what little boys are made of.

Not quite so - of course. But what about slugs and snails? Not very popular with gardeners and flower arrangers, particularly when they eat the leaves of hostas and their other favourite plants.

The use of slug pellets is risky - birds might eat them with disastrous consequences, in spite of what the manufacturers say. Then what about the pellets effect on hedgehogs after they've eaten the corpses?

By far the easiest solution is to use beer. If you're a regular attender at a pub, a club or a restaurant, remember they always draw off and discard the first pint of every day (providing the bar person knows his/her job). So - if you come to an arrangement with the barman/barmaid they'll save this for you. One half-pint is sufficient for six slug/snail traps. Using a trowel, dig a hole in your border or rockery, and insert a small jam jar. I prefer plastic containers because glass will fracture during frosty weather. You may not think that the dreaded beasts come out in winter, but they most certainly do. Yesterday (18.03.01) I threw out some fifteen small slugs from one of my traps, each approximately 15mm in length. From another trap I threw out a snail identified by the shell that also fell out. I throw the corpses into the edge of the border, anticipating that they'll be consumed by birds, or hedgehogs.

But what about protecting the beer from being drunk by hedgehogs? If not so protected I can well imagine intoxicated hedgehogs staggering round the garden! I cut pieces of small-gauge wire netting into 6-inch squares, placing each over the top of the container, then pressing inwards slightly, but leaving a small gap for the wee beasts to enter. I then push a short cane through one of the holes in the net into the ground, thus preventing a hedgehog reaching the contents.

NOTE: My apologies to "Busy Bee" for taking away some of your trade, but at least you may sell some wire netting.

### WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our special Lenten meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Will be our annual "Easter Meditation" led by Dr. Marion Jepson in the Church Lounge at Totley Rise Methodist Church 8-00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our summer programme will start officially in May when we begin with a variety of interesting subjects and speakers (see the May issue of the Totley Independent.) on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of each month so why not join us for a pleasant evening of fellowship and enlightenment.

## COFFEE CAKES and CUTTINGS

2001.

Almost another year gone since this last annual event was held at English Martyrs Church on Baslow Road. This preliminary notice is to ask folk to put a few extra seeds in the ground to provide some plants or cuttings. If also, you have any books or bric-a-brac they will be gratefully received. Of course a few scones or the like will be more than welcome!!

The main beneficiary will, as usual, be TRANSPORT 17.

The date is Saturday May 19th - 10 am. to 12 noon.

For items to be collected please ring 236 7176.

John Artindale.

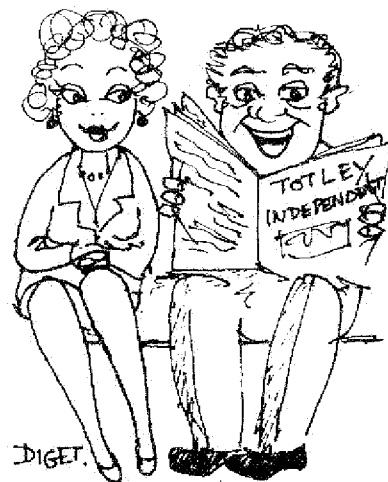
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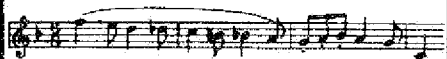
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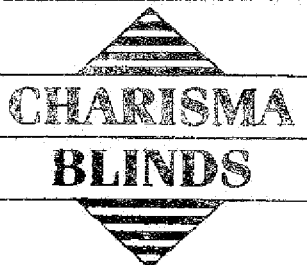
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<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>COFFEE MORNING</b> , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am. To noon. <b>CRAFT GROUP</b> , Totley Library, 2pm. <b>LADIES EXERCISE TO MUSIC</b> , All levels, United Reformed Church, 10.30am. to 12 noon. Tel 2359298
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>COFFEE in the LIBRARY</b> , 10am. to 11.30am. <b>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING</b> , All Saints Church Hall 8pm. to 10pm. <b>AMERICAN LINE DANCING</b> , United Reformed Church 8pm. to 9.30pm. Tel. 2369298 <b>TODDLER GROUP</b> , 10-00 a.m. to 11-30 a.m., All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. 2360097 or 2620741
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>PUSHCHAIR CLUB</b> , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm. to 3pm. Tel. 2363157 for further details. <b>AMERICAN LINE DANCING</b> , United Reformed Church 1pm. to 3pm. Tel. 2359298
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	<b>TOTLEY TOTS</b> , Baby & Toddler Group. 1.30pm. to 3pm. Wizz Kids Preschool Building, Totley Primary School. Contacts Julie 2350839, Lucy 01246 470971, Alison 2364316.
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	<b>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING</b> , All Saints Church Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> . And 4 <sup>th</sup> . Saturdays 7.30pm. to 10pm.

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**SUN. 1<sup>st</sup>. SALER'S REQUIEM**, St. John's Abbeydale Road. 6-30 p.m. Full details in last months issue.

**WED. 4<sup>th</sup>. LEONARD CHESHIRE HOME**, Spring Fayre, 10am. to noon. Nearly new . plants, books, crafts etc. Tel. Jackie Short 0114 236 7491 for further details.

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**WED. 4<sup>th</sup>.. WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP. Easter Meditation.** Totley Rise Methodist Church Lounge. 8-00 p.m.

**SAT. 7<sup>th</sup>. PLANT PROPAGATION WORKSHOP**, Sheffield Botanical Gardens. Details Inside.

**SUN. 8<sup>th</sup>. MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES**, Abbeydale Road South. 1 p.m. to 5p.m.

**TUES. 10<sup>th</sup>. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**, "Slides from Oberammergau" by Mr.R.Lamb 2-30 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church.

**SUN. 15<sup>th</sup>. MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES**, Abbeydale Road South. 1 p.m. to 5p.m.

**MON. 16<sup>th</sup>. MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES**, Abbeydale Road South. 1 p.m. to 5p.m.

**TUES. 17<sup>th</sup>. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, "Monuments & Memorials. part 2" Mr.D.Lamb. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am

**TUES. 24<sup>th</sup>. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**, "Easter and Beyond" Rev. C.Kirk Totley Rise Methodist Church 2.30 pm

**FRI. 20<sup>th</sup>./SAT. 21<sup>st</sup>. DORE ART GROUP EXHIBITION**, Old School Dore. Full details inside. Fri. 2pm. to 7pm.. Sat. 9.30am to 5pm.

**SAT. 28<sup>TH</sup>. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**, 10am to 12 noon Meet Totley Library

**SUN. 29<sup>th</sup>. MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES**, Abbeydale Road South. 1p.m. to 5p.m.

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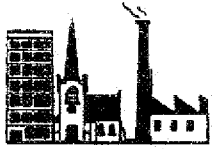
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