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TOTLEY VILLAGE

This view is looking down from the allotments with Butts Hill in the background, to the left is Cannon Hall. The building on the near left was apparently called the mission, I presume it was part of the school, with the outside toilets nearby. The field is now all built on by the school.

Totley Residents Association

In last months issue I listed several of the things that your TRA are involved with. The issues regarding planning are both emotive and time consuming for the TRA and often deflect us from other activities. However, planning issues are important to our residents, the wider community and our environment. Therefore, I will set out the TRA's position re planning issues and then on page 2 address some of the current 'hot topics'.

The function of the TRA in planning issues is not to take sides and oppose all planning requests but to look at what planning requests are made and to decide if they in any way adversely affect our environment and or disadvantage our residents. We receive a weekly update of all planning applications in the Dore Ward, the basic details i.e. proposal, address and reference number are published on a weekly basis on the Totley web site www.totley.org.co. We refrain from publishing the applicant and fees involved as these are available as public information and can be found by visiting the planning dep't in Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield S1 2SH

If a bona fide application is submitted through the correct channels and it meets the planning regulations there is little the TRA can or will do to oppose that application. In these cases the planning officers and due course are the appropriate channels for residents to object. However, if an application in our opinion contravenes the planning guidelines or adversely affects our environment (trees, greenbelt, public access etc) the TRA will after taking account of all the **facts** advise and/or support residents to object.

The TRA have purchased a copy of the DETR's publication 'Tree Preservation Orders, A Guide to the Law & Good Practice. If you would like to view the document please contact Kevin Walker on 2 351 862.

Please turn to page 2 re Greenoak Park entrance, Totley Park development update, Westbury's 'material store' and dumpsite at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane and the A621 Baslow Road traffic scheme update.

TRA Involvement in Planning Issues.

Greenoak Park Entrance – There appears to be some confusion over this application in that it has been widely reported that the entrance is going to be closed. However, after following the plans and application I would make the following observations:

The original application No. **9B/6430P** was for outline planning for the erection of a dwelling and drive. This has subsequently been amended to application No. **01/05039/FUL** for full planning permission of a dwelling and use of part of the park for the provision of access across recreation ground.

It appears that the amendment was made, as outline planning cannot be used where a 'change of use' is involved. In this application the change of use is for a garden to be used as a dwelling and for part of the park to be used as a private drive. As this constitutes a loss of open space and public amenity the TRA has objected to the application. Additionally, a hedge and flowers will be lost that were provided through 2x£500 grants to the TRA from the council in 2000 / 01.

Anyone wishing to object should do so in writing to:

Sue Barker
Planning Officer
Howden House
1 Union Street
Sheffield S1 2SH

Or by e-mail sue.barker@sheffield.gov.uk

Totley Park – For those who missed the plans and proposals in the library the open space at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane is being developed as a new park called Totley Hall Park.

The land that is owned by Sheffield and Hallam University and leased to Sheffield City Council for 99 years will be developed with planning gain (Section 106) money totalling £79,600. Whilst this sounds like a lot of money it has to cover for full drainage of the field, play equipment, improvements to the old tennis court area, benching/picnic tables (if affordable) and 5 years initial maintenance. Totley Youth FC will start to reuse the pitch when the drainage is installed and the pitch re marked.

The TRA have had several occasions to complain at the lack of progress of the project as the money has been available for 3 years. We have been assured following several interventions by the Councillors and MP Richard Allen that work will commence by June and the drainage / football pitch will be ready for the start of the Youth football season in September.

Further information can be obtained from the Section 106 officer Jillian Misson.

Lowfield site – A letter of complaint has been sent with photographic evidence of the appalling state that the verge and footpath at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane have been left in by Westbury Homes.

The footpath and verge have been covered with builders materials, the hedgerow has been damaged, the lay-by blocked and it has attracted the fly dumping of rubbish including a washing machine, a very dangerous door with broken glass and a Christmas tree.

We have requested that this area is cleared and the curb lowered and covered with 'Netlon' grass that allows grass to grow and cars to park without damaging it. This will ensure:

- The lane does not become blocked with parked cars making access for farm equipment difficult.
- The lane does not become blocked with parked cars making access to the P.Y.O. strawberry fields difficult.

- Cars do not parking across drives on the Lowfield site.
- Adequate parking facilities are available for the new playing facilities in the park.

Letters supporting the provision of parking for the new park should be sent to:

Alex Kyle
Highways and Transportation
Howden House
1 Union Street
Sheffield S1 2SH

Road Traffic A621 Baslow Road – You may have seen improvements aimed at reducing speed and improving safety to the top end of Baslow Road. These measures include road markings, new road signs, recommended speed for bends, chevrons etc.

However, these items were only a small part of the proposed improvements suggested by the TRA 2 years ago. At the January South West Area Panel meeting we were informed that the planners were now working on the wider suggestions. These include:

- Pelican Crossings at the top of Mickley Lane and Hillfoot/Totley Hall Lane.
- Reduction of the so called 'dual carriageway sections' to single lanes.
- Provision of marked roadside parking bays.
- Provision of left turn lanes through the central reservation.
- Speed limit road markings.

These items are being considered but will take a while to materialise we will keep you informed.

We have had a negative reply to our latest request for speed cameras to be introduced to the entrance and exit of Derbyshire traffic. The request was based on South Yorkshire Police being given permission to use monies raised from speeding fines on 22 new cameras in Sheffield. Apparently the A621 does not meet the required criteria.

We receive many verbal comments re the new road junction at the top of Hillfoot/Totley Hall Lane. What do you think of the improvements to the junction? Are you aware that the new yellow lines have been tarmaced over in places, should yellow lines be put opposite the Post Office to stop parking on the bend? Has the bend become too narrow? Do you have trouble seeing down Baslow Road when exiting Totley Hall lane? Comments should go to:

Chris Heeley (chris.heeley@sheffield.gov.uk)
Planning Officer
Howden House
1 Union Street
Sheffield S1 2SH

&
Kevin Platt (kevin.platt@sheffield.gov.uk)
Road safety Officer
Howden House
1 Union Street
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Additional letters have been sent raising concerns and/or objecting re the access of the proposed flats at the old MVS site planning Appl. No. **01/10142/FUL**. Provision of a drive on to Hillfoot Road Appl. No. **9B/6235P**. Valeting garage on Glover Road Appl. No. **9B/0960P**.

Kevin Walker



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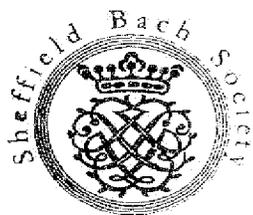
Residents of Totley - young and not so young who care about their environment and community.

The Totley Residents Association need people who care and who are willing to give a few hours / month to deal with environmental and planning issues as well as programmes for the young and old. Totley is under threat from developers, trees are disappearing and buildings are taking their place. Traffic is getting faster and accidents are on the increase. Make a difference contact Kevin on 2351862 or come to the AGM in Totley Library on April 15th at 7.30pm.

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Dear Sir,

Re Totley Park.

How nice it will be to see the "New Park" fully operational, with people of all ages enjoying the new facilities. However, there is one major drawback to these plans. Where are the car parks?? The failure to incorporate off road, or site parking, will create roadside parking on the adjacent roads that will cause inconvenience and stress to regular road users. Cars parked on Totley Mead will restrict access to the householders drives, and create a single width carriageway to the estate. Similarly parking at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane, will restrict the access to the farmland below the gates. Just a single car parked on the roadside can prevent us from moving our wide equipment, etc, down this stretch of roadway. Similarly, during our P.Y.O season cars parked on the roadside create a traffic hazard for vehicles going to and from our fields, on what is a blind corner. Any access restrictions during busy periods not only cause us inconvenience, stress and lost time, but also lost income. Due to the current financial climate in agriculture, and a combination of the size of the farm (small by today's standards), and the position of the farmstead (cut off from the land and surrounded by houses), the viability of the farm is very marginal. Failure to address the issue of freedom of access to the land, could be the last straw that makes this farm non viable, with all the attendant consequences. I would suggest therefore that it would be in the best interests of all the interested parties, car, road, and park users and local residents, if suitable parking facilities were provided. There is land on the roadside adjacent to the "Park" on Totley Hall Lane, that could hold 15 - 20 cars if a properly constructed park was built, which would solve the problem. So come on Totley Residents, let the Parks Dept, and local councillors know that there is going to be a real problem that needs "sorting" NOW before it develops!

Yours faithfully. EDWIN POCOCK

A WORRYING TIME

Dear Sir,

A recent event relating to some sheep in a field on Baslow Road, has caused me to write to you in the hope that this letter will remind DOG OWNERS of their responsibilities. In this particular incident a flock of heavily inlamb ewes were chased around a field by a dog "gone walkabout"!! Fortunately it would appear that no permanent damage was done to these sheep, although they were very unsettled and wary for a number of days afterwards. It is the owners legal responsibility to keep their dogs under control AT ALL TIMES. Failure to do this can lead to prosecution, heavy fines, claims for compensation, and the death sentence for their pet. I would remind you, that Farmers can legally shoot dogs caught chasing sheep, and claim for any losses incurred, which would run into hundreds, if not thousands of pounds. Any true animal lover will also be aware of, and be horrified by, the stress, injury, abortions and death that a dog attack can inflict on sheep. So remember what is a "fun game" for a dog, is a tragic horror story for the sheep involved.

Yours faithfully. EDWIN POCOCK

Spotlight on JANET SUMMERS

(School crossing patrol.)

How long have you lived and worked in Totley?

I have lived in Totley for just over 26yrs now. I originally worked for two years as a cleaner at Totley County school before I took over the school crossing patrol, which I will have been doing for 22yrs this October.

What do you most like about this area?

I like the nearness to the countryside and the distance from the city centre.

What would you change if you could?

As a lollipop lady I would like to change the speed of the traffic on Baslow Road.

What do you consider to have been your greatest achievement so far?

Being married to the same person for 36yrs this year, and also having had two children now aged 27 and 28yrs.

Do you have a goal or ambition?

Just to stay happy.

Have you any regrets or disappointments?

No.

What makes you angry?

I get very angry with motorists driving at 80 mph when they should be doing 30 mph.

What gives you hope and encouragement?

My family.

If you ruled the world---

I would try to give peace to everyone.

What is your most treasured possession?

It must be the special gifts given to me by family and friends.

Which historical event would you like to have witnessed?

I would have loved to watch the building of the Pyramids and see how the people lived in that era.

Which famous person would you like to meet?

Elizabeth I. Lots of things have been written about her, that she was a fair and just person with a sense of humour, and I would like to see how she really was.

Who has had the most influence on your life?

My father's mother. I spent a lot of time with my grandmother and learned her values.

What was your childhood like?

It was quite strict but happy.

How do you like to spend your spare time?

I enjoy gardening, doing car boots, having days out and doing jigsaws.

What was your best holiday?

In 1968, when we had been married for two years, my husband and I had a lovely holiday in Austria.

Where in the world would you most like to visit?

I would love to go to Canada to see the wonderful scenery in every season of the year.

What is your favourite music?

I love ballet and classical music, especially the music of Swan Lake, and also Begin the Beguine.

What skill do you wish you had?

To play classical piano really well, (I don't play the piano at all).

If you could change your career what would you choose?

An archaeologist. I like history and it would be wonderful to dig up things from the past.



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held in the Library on 15th April
commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome
to attend and join the committee

A LOCAL SPORTING CHARACTER AND REMEMBERING EARLY SCOUTING DAYS'

Can any of our older readers recall that great local character George Beresford late of Lemont Road Totley. Farm worker and Jack of all trades he was a true sportsman who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. His great delight was fishing around the Totley streams, with even a touch of poaching as a youngster back in the year of 1897 he stocked trout for the new owner of Storth House, the late Mr George Crawshaw (note this pond area now owned by the Dronfield Woodhouse Angling Club situated just behind the Hall). His pure delight was tickling trout for the pot in Totley Brook and even digging out a diversion pond area to stock more fish for the local landowners. When next you take a stroll through Gillfield Wood notice the meandering brook section between the Woodthorpe and Fanshawe Hall approach paths. This pond has now silted up, but has given much pleasure to youngsters to splash around over the years. Poaching nowadays is highly illegal, but snaring a rabbit and tickling trout was a way of life in those early days. when my parents moved to the Beauchief area back in the year 1933 they bought their first house on Crawshaw Grove, the mind boggles when one can recall the price of £445 to even include road charges. I was 12 years old and joined the 191st Beauchief Scout Group. They were wonderful happy days often spent on weekend camps in the Cordwell Valley. Pulling the trek cart loaded with camping gear past Holmesfield village on a Friday summers night was a special delight. Imagine the traffic jams if tackling such a task today. My friends were such as Bill Meredith, Bill Meadows and the 3 Harrison brothers, Rowland, Gordon and Bernard. On local hikes we used to cook sausages on open fires, our den headquarters was a barn outbuilding situated at the corner of Beauchief Drive and Abbey Lane, the owner of the property was a Mr Crawshaw. He owned property and land adjacent to the golf course, hence the place names of Crawshaw Grove and Avenue. I presume this gentleman also had connections with Storth House. The scout den has since been converted to a luxury private dwelling. The 191st scout group moved to new headquarters, an allotment hut behind Park Bank Wood at Meadowhead. Sadly this building got vandalized and the scout group no longer exists. The St. Chads scout group is now the only team in the Abbey Lane area. Can any readers recall those early days of scouting? But how much more special must have been the early adventures of George Beresford around the Totley scene. That late veteran of the Derbyshire hills and Clarion rambles G.H.B Ward (Bert Ward) from Storth Lodge along Moor Woods Lane used to tell one of George Beresford's stories as follows:

Two men were gazing at a certain farm pond, one man said to the other "Jack ah wonder at how deep that pond is"? the other man answered, " Ah don't know Bill but it can't be very deep, t'water only comes 'alf way up t' ducks backside.

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The scout hut, long since demolished, had been manhandled from Lodge Moor and transported to its new site on Totlely Hall Lane.

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P.Stocks



PUZZLE CORNER

Solve the following crossword type clues. After the first word in the solutions, the first three letters of each answer are the same as the last three letters of the solution to the one before.

1. Person living in a house or flat.
2. Participant in a race or other competition.
3. Aversion.
4. A ductless gland.
5. Describe someone who likes orchestras.
6. Sunny state.
7. Waterfall.
8. A ballet posture.
9. Peevish.
10. Thrown out.

(Answer on page 11)

Don Ashford

1st. TOTLEY SCOUTS LOTTERY WINNERS

January 2002

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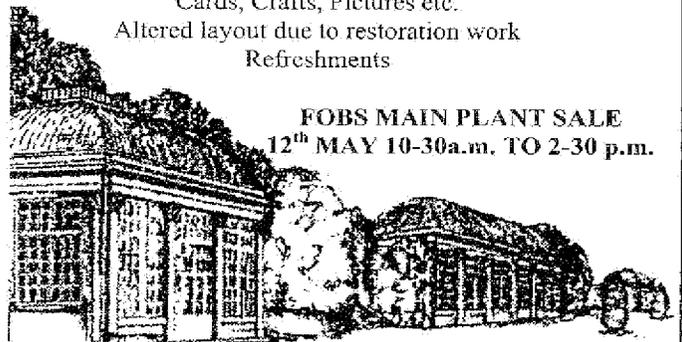
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TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The dates for our 2002 meetings are as
follows: -

MARCH 21st.

APRIL 18th.

MAY 16th.

JUNE 20th.

JULY 18th.

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Good news!! Those who attended the last SWAP meeting were dismayed to hear that P.C. Rebecca Hunt Brown (Community Constable) had been moved to Woodseats. Rebecca has called me to say she has been told that she can continue to work from Totley Section Station.

GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

Issy Wizzy lets get busy old Sooty used to say which applies to March in the garden, we could do with his magic wand to get rid of the nasty chores like clearing leaves, pruning digging etc. Still we have not got a wand so these jobs want tackling now before they clash with the more interesting jobs like seed planting, potting up cuttings and seedlings, bringing on those dormant plants etc. The garden should be showing a bit of colour now daffodils, crocus, primulas and pansies should be making you feel that the winter is over, don't let it kid you though old Jack Frost may still be lurking round the corner ready to knobble your efforts. If we get a bit of late snow which has been forecast we've heard it all before) then we will have to hold things

back a bit, you could go out and do a bit of sledging or snow boarding. I think I will pass on that activity and stick to talking to my plants in the warm greenhouse, there's one consolation in doing this they don't answer back, well not very often anyway. They might let me in on a few secrets one day you never know!

FLOWERS

The seedlings of bedding plants, sown last month, should be showing through get them pricked out as soon as a true leaf is formed, sow seeds of French and African marigolds and other fast germinating bedding plants etc. Herbaceous perennials may be planted now, try to plan your borders before planting and plant in groups for maximum colour effect, single plants tend to look a bit messy. Towards the end of the month (unless the snow forecast is correct) sow seeds of hardy annuals they should be sown thinly where they are to flower, they will need thinning out when the seedlings have formed according to the variety. Make sure the soil is in an ideal condition for sowing, it should be drying on the surface and nice and crumbly so that it can be raked into a fine tilth. A good idea when planning your beds is to mark each patch in the border with irregular lines of sand, like old Titchmarsh does on the telly then label each patch, so that you are not too surprised as to what comes up. Bulbs which have finished flowering indoors can either be tipped out of their pots or bowls and heeled in to a spare bit of ground to transplant later or can be planted between shrubs or any other place where they can grow permanently. March I April is a good time to prune hybrid tea roses, for general gardening purposes it is not necessary to prune too hard and good shoots can be left with five or six buds, cut back any weak looking ones to two or three buds. You could plant a few gladioli corms for early flowering, don't plant them all at once, better to spread them over a period. Sweet peas can be sown outdoors, be prepared to have cloches ready in case of a cold snap or a plague of pigeons. I bring mine on in the greenhouse, ten to a large pot I find I don't lose too many this way, they do need hardening off like bedding plants) before planting out permanently. Pinch out the tips as soon as 4 or 5 pairs of leaves show, the side growth gives much better flowers than the main stem. Complete the planting out of Wallflowers, forget-me-nots, Canterbury Bells, polyanthus etc. if you didn't manage it last year.

VEGETABLES

If you haven't got your onion seeds in by now they will be a bit behind the winners at the Totley Show, that should not put you off entering them I have known the judges give first prize to much smaller onions, because the big ones did not match or were not as ripe, so everyone has a good chance of winning, but I would get them in as soon as possible, also leeks should be on their way by now. Time now to start chitting potatoes i.e. exposing the buds to light so that they form short sturdy shoots prior to planting out, they need to be in a frost free place. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered spot make a small sowing now and more later. Prepare the vegetable plot ready for planting

later, test the soil and correct any imbalance in the Ph. to suit the vegetables which are to be planted. Dig your runner bean trench and gradually fill it with plenty of moisture retaining humus i.e. well rotted compost, a few old newspapers Daily Mail seems to work quite well (ha ha). If you haven't already done so broad beans can be planted now, have your cloches ready in case old Jack Frost is still about. Mice can also be a bit of a pest they enjoy a bean feast, you could plant the broad bean seeds in pots in the greenhouse and plant them out later there is less chance of losing them this way. It's a good time to plant mint or to move the bed to a new plot. If you haven't got any most gardeners will let you have a few roots, because they are quite invasive therefore need to be kept in check. Divide the roots up and spread them out evenly over the selected site which should be in a reasonably open space and cover with finely broken soil, water them in, and stand well back!

TREES, SHRUBS and FRUIT

The first week in March is about as late as possible for spraying fruit trees with tar oil winter wash, earlier would be better, however choose a calm day and make sure you cover the whole of the tree or shrub. If you have plants below, cover them with old newspaper, the Times is ideal, as it's a bit bigger than the others. Where fruit trees have been recently planted in grass make sure you leave at least two or three feet clear around the stem, otherwise they will suffer from lack of nitrogen and make little new growth. Mulch between raspberries with well rotted manure, compost, this will give the roots which are very near the surface a good feed and just as important keep them moist. A good general fertilizer or special fruit fertilizer can be sprinkled between rows of strawberries and around the plants, but be careful to keep it off the leaves and crowns. Whilst you are doing this pick off any dead leaves and prick over the beds lightly with a fork. Watch out for big bud mite on blackcurrants these little devils can be quite a nuisance and need to be dealt with as soon as you spot them, pick off any large buds and burn them and spray over with insecticide of your choice. Make sure your grease bands and ties are up to scratch, and give the trees a spray if caterpillars and aphids are about.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS

This is the time of year when ventilation and shading is most important, as the young seedlings emerge they need plenty of light but hot sun can be devastating so careful shading is a must. Gradually increase watering and feed actively growing plants, tomato fertilizer is ideal at this time or chempac No 2 is better until the buds are forming then change to No 4. Top dress plants such as ferns and aspidistras with fresh potting compost, check over plants which should be growing well and pinch out the ones which need to be bushy. Planting of bulbs, corms and tubers can begin in earnest now, bring on the plants which have been resting over winter, water them sparingly at first until growth is seen then give a weak

fertilizer to give them a kick-start. Any cacti which need re-potting should be done towards the end of the month. Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants, fuchsia, pelargoniums, heliotrope etc. sow aubergine and capsicum for cultivation under glass, you will need to maintain a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees F for these to germinate. Sow outdoor tomatoes about the 3rd week in March they will make good sturdy plants for planting out in June. Sow cucumbers in heated frame or greenhouse. Take leaf cuttings of plants like African violets and cape primrose, house plants like maidenhair fern and spider plants can be divided and re-potted. Towards the end of the month put in tomato seeds in a heated greenhouse try a different variety this year, I am told there are something like 400 varieties so you have plenty of choice. Remember we can still have frosts at this time so keep your heaters clean and ready for any cold snaps which can easily destroy all the good work you have done in one night of frost.

LAWNS

Deal with any bare patches, repair edges by re-turfing or seeding, aerate and spike compacted areas, top dress with a sandy compost if you haven't done already, keep last seasons newly turfed or seeded lawns well watered. New lawns can be turfed or seeded at the end of the month weather permitting. The "Totley Show is in September" So plan now for those wonderful exhibits both horticultural and artistic and make the show even better than last year. Cheerio for now.

TOM - BUSY BEE

FLOWER ARRANGING

St. JOHN'S CHURCH

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

ABBEYDALE.

The choir of St. John's and other singers are singing Handel's St. John Passion in the church on Palm Sunday, March 24th. at 6-30 p.m.

Soloists are:-

Sopranos.	Anne Brookes and Catherine Brown
Alto.	Kathryn Wells
Tenor	Robin Hughes
Baritone	Andrew Horn
Bass	Francis Wells

Everyone is invited to join us in this preparation for Easter. Phyllis Glossop (Assistant Choir Master.)

GOOD FRIDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE

On March 29th. there'll be a short Good Friday service on the edge of Totley Rise Methodist car park (rain or shine). This outdoor event begins at 11am and lasts around 20 minutes. Hot drinks and Easter biscuits will be served immediately afterwards. Hope you can stop by. AND don't forget the community prayer box at Totley Library!

Rev Chris Kirk (2363157)

EASTER SERVICES

All Saints Church

Mon 25th March - Thurs 28th. "Start the Day with Jesus" 8.45a.m. - 9.15 a.m. in the Church Hall. Informal worship and prayer.

Mon 25th 9.30 a.m. in Church. Service with Totley All Saints School.

Tuesday 26th 11.00 a.m. in Church. Service with Totley Primary School.

Wednesday 27th 10.00 a.m. in Church. Quiet service of Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday 28th 6.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Celebration of the Passover.

Good Friday 29th Noon - 3.00 p.m. A series of 6 half hour meditations around the Crucifixion.

Saturday 30th 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Church Hall - Prayer Breakfast.

Easter Sunday 31st March - in Church 10.00 a.m. An Easter celebration for all ages.

6.30 p.m. A memorial service to remember loved ones for whom this is a special time of year.

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday March 28th. 8-00 p.m. Tenebrae.

Good Friday March 29th. 10-00 a.m. to 11-15 a.m. Witness in the car park.

8-00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday March 31st.

8-00 a.m. Holy Communion

10-30 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion

6-30 p.m. Evening Worship

Dore & Totley United Reformed Church.

Palm Sunday 24th. March 10-30 a.m. Family Service. Preacher Rev. David Hudston.

Wednesday 27th. March. 8-00 p.m. Lent Groups' Joint Fellowship. Meeting open to all. (Not just Lent Group Members.)

Maundy Thursday 28th. March. 8-00 p.m. Service with Communion. Preacher Mrs. Catherine Morrison.

Good Friday 29th. March. 8-00 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

Easter Sunday 31st. March

10-30 a.m. Service with communion. Preacher Rev. Jane Rowell.

6-30 p.m. Service with Communion, Preacher Rev. David Hudston.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Abbeydale.

Palm Sunday 24th. March

10-00 a.m. Meet in the Church Hall for the Palm Sunday procession into the church for Parish Communion, followed by coffee in the hall.

6-30 p.m. Handel's St. John Passion sung by an augmented St. John's Church Choir with soloists Paul Green on the organ and conductor Alan East. Everyone is welcome to join us to hear this lovely work.

Maundy Thursday 28th. March. 7-30 p.m. Parish Communion Service.

Good Friday. 29th. March

10-30 a.m. Family Service

2-00 p.m. to 3-00 p.m. An hours devotion by the Cross.

Easter Sunday 31st. March.

10-00 a.m. Parish Communion with a renewal of Baptismal Vows (sung) followed by Simnel Cake and wine or coffee in the Hall.

5-00 p.m. (Note change of time) Festal Choral Evensong sung by the choir.

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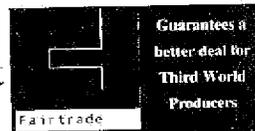
Recently there have been several reports about bullying by children, always regrettable because it can be so damaging for the child involved. Trying to remember back to my own school days I have to admit I cannot recall being aware of any bullying at either of the schools I attended. Even if it occurred I am sure it would not have been violent enough to lead to the tragic consequences we hear about all too often these days. Similarly I cannot recall any of our three daughters talking about it at their schools. Of course I realise that the onset of years persuades many of us to don rose coloured spectacles which can distort our images of the past.

If it is true that bullying has increased, as I believe it has, we must wonder why this has come about. My own belief is that a radical change in the acceptance of what is right and what is wrong in behaviour is at the root of most of society's problems today. I have always thought that the general attitude of people is more important in making life pleasanter for all of us, than hordes of uniformed police enforcing the law could ever do. This can be easily illustrated with a little thought. For example, how many police would be required to guard every house, at all times, against burglary, or to prevent all parked cars being stolen? It will be argued that such crimes are due only to some people, not a change in attitude of the general public, so let me give some more widely applicable illustrations. Consider our bus route into town and think how many police it would require to stop speeding up and down Totley Rise and alongside Millhouses Park, and to prevent illegal parking on double yellow lines, too close to corners, at bus stops, and after restricted times on clearway sections. A change of attitude by quite a lot of drivers would certainly ease the flow of traffic and possibly reduce the number of accidents. For a different kind of example, why do so many parents grumble at, and in some cases threaten with violence, any teacher who tries to admonish bad behaviour by their offspring instead of doing their part to correct a child and encourage good manners? It is quite common to see children, often in the company of parents, occupying seats on buses when adults, sometimes elderly have to stand. Fortunately many children are courteous, polite and helpful. On a recent return trip from town a young girl of perhaps eleven or twelve years of age, quickly stood to offer her seat. My wife and I quite independently commented on this. What a pity such behaviour calls for comment. Of course children are not the only ones selfish in this respect. Some people seem to think their shopping bags should have preference over other passengers on crowded buses. Enough of my moaning and back to bullying and less serious thoughts. I suppose one adult parallel of bullying is "being sent to Coventry". why Coventry? My only memory of Coventry is going to see the cathedral built to replace the one bombed in the war. Coventry did not seem a bad place certainly compared to some parts of Liverpool and Glasgow I had seen. I also wondered whether other countries had similar expressions, but my knowledge of foreign tongues falls far short of finding an answer. Of course I am aware of the "sending to Siberia" by the Russians but this had a more literal meaning. Naturally I had to try to find an explanation for the phrase "sent to Coventry". The only one I found was from the English Civil War. Apparently Coventry was a strong supporter of the Parliamentary side. Any Royalist captives

in the area were sent to Coventry and were totally ignored by the townspeople there. Hence the expression. The only other Coventry reference which springs to mind is of Lady Godiva. It was said she rode naked through the market place to persuade her husband, Leofric, Earl of Mercia, to reduce taxes he had imposed on the town. This seems strange to me - a case of "shutting the stable door etc". Surely the threat to ride would be the leverage, not the deed itself
Don Ashford

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50 Years of Drama

For many years a shield painted on our proscenium arch proclaimed that TOADS was founded in 1959. During the mid 1980s, one of our members (the late Adrian Schofield) undertook some diligent research and determined that the society was at least ten years older. Moreover its formation sprung from a public meeting as early as 1946.

In those days of austere post-war gloom, interest in 'Community Centres' was actively encouraged by the authorities. Many of the 'Centres' were sponsored by the Education Authority and the availability of Abbeydale Hall for a 'dramatic society' was the only catalyst needed by our founder, the late S. Gethin Robinson

In its early days the society made its own stage and produced many plays and sketches but soon out-stripped the facilities available at Abbeydale Hall. In 1949 a public meeting saw the formation of the joint Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society - TOADS. By 1950 it was clear that the disparate interests of the two disciplines would mix as well as chalk and cheese and the inevitable spilt occurred. Fortunately for us, Geth had the foresight to retain the TOADS title for the dramatic section although it was not until the 1960s that the spilt was completed when the Grand Opera Society was formed.

More recent research has now shown us that after the formation of a pure drama society (still, of course, called TOADS), the first recorded play presented was called "Young Wives' Tale" by Ronald Jeans. That play was staged at the Union Church Hall on Totley Brook Road in June 1952. Thus it is clear that the year 2002 is the time to celebrate our Golden Anniversary and we are pleased to announce that we will be presenting "Young Wives' Tale" in May.

Whilst the play is dated in today's context, we are sure that you will find our period offering well in keeping with TOADS traditions. Moreover, this production will serve as a tribute to Geth; and to his late wife Lil, remembered by many of you for her fine performances even when in her eighties although few of you will recall her as Nurse Gallop in "Young Wives' Tale".

As befits a Golden anniversary we are planning to make the week of the production special and we hope that you will be able to read more details of our plans in the local press over the coming months.

We will be hoping to invite many former members of TOADS to attend the play and if you are aware of any "OLD TOADS" with whom we may have lost contact, please help us to reach them. All information to either myself, Jeff Bagnall on 01142351206 or to our secretary, Kate Reynolds (formerly Walker) on 0114 236 6891.

Well, we all know that it is the Queen's Jubilee this year, but did you realise that it is also T.O.A.D.S. Golden Jubilee? As Jeff has said, the first play was June 1952, and to celebrate we are repeating that first play in May 2002.

"Young Wives Tale" is a witty, well written comedy which was subsequently made into a film starring Audrey Hepburn as Eve. It is still as amusing to-day and we are having a lot of laughs at rehearsals. Hopefully we shall have got it right by May, Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th to be precise. Tickets will be available from April.

If there is anyone reading this who was a member of T.O.A.D.S., please get in touch and make yourself known. More news before May - watch this space!!

Kate Reynolds



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Matthew Walker was this month's Assistant Editor. His assistance is towards his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze community service award. If you need additional hours towards your award we will be organising a litter pick in Greenoak and Totley Park on Sunday 17 March at 9.30. To take part phone Kevin 2351862



Miniature Train Rides

- Timetable 2002 -

March

Sunday 24th.
Sunday 31st. Easter Sunday

April

Monday 1st. Easter Monday
Sunday 14th.
Sunday 28th.

May

Sunday 5th.
Monday 6th. Bank Holiday
Sunday 19th.
Sunday 26th.
Monday 27th. Bank Holiday

June

Sunday 9th.
Sunday 23rd. open day and exhibition

July

Sunday 7th.
Sunday 21st.

August

Sunday 4th.
Sunday 11th.
Sunday 25th.
Monday 26th. Bank Holiday

September

Sunday 1st.
Sunday 15th.
Sunday 29th.

October

Sunday 6th.
Sunday 13th.

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Sunday 8th. Santa Special
Sunday 15th. Santa Special

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Leonard Cheshire Services - Forthcoming Events

March 22 - Adam Stark, vocalist concert at Cheshire Home
Mickley lane 2.30pm.
March 27 Spring Fayre - 10am - 12noon Mickley lane
Books - Bric-a-Brac - Cakes - Crafts - Nearly New -
Plants - Preserves - Tombola. Stalls contributions welcome

Apology

The diary in the February issue incorrectly reported that the Women's Fellowship day of Prayer was at Totley Rise Methodist. This should have been at the United Reform Church.

Transport 17 - March Report

The AGM for the shareholders (it costs £1 to become a shareholder) will be at Totley library on Monday 25th match at 7.30pm. The AGM will be followed by tea coffee and a quiz. If you require transport to the meeting please contact 2362962.

Next year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the purchase of our very first minibus and we are launching an appeal to replace our 'N' registered minibus.

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A GLIMPSE OF AFRICA

A Kenyan church pastor, David Kereto, came to do a course at a college in England. Whilst here, he met somebody who works for a body that arranges for teams of volunteers to spend a short time with churches in this country helping them with their teaching and outreach. (Through Faith Missions) "Can you send a team to Kenya?" said Pastor David. The upshot of that was that twelve of us were on a plane to Nairobi on 6th Jan. this year. We were a very mixed bunch, including a policeman, a GP, a lorry driver, a care worker etc. etc., as well as the vicar of Totley! We were united in our faith in Jesus, and a desire to share that with people in Kenya, in association with the Christians there.

Our destination was a village called Naisoya, which really did feel like the back of beyond. We reached it after a long road journey from Nairobi, the last few miles of which were along a heavily rutted dirt road. Accommodation was in wooden sheds. Toilet and washing facilities were pretty basic, and food was provided by a team of ladies, using just one open fire.

Water was from the river. Children going to school all had to take a container of it, along with a piece of fire wood, for the school kitchen. Electricity or gas, there was none.

For the next two weeks we were to meet many of the Maasai people in their homes, lead meetings in the churches, and walk a considerable number of miles to do this. We were humbled by the 14 year olds who could converse with us in English as well of course, as being fluent in Maasai and Swahili. We were honoured by the generosity of hospitality shown by people who had very little by western standards. We were inspired by the clarity and enthusiasm of the faith of many in the churches, often in the face of very real opposition from family or community.

The world of the Maasai could not be more different from that of S17. Most men are subsistence farmers, herding animals and growing some maize and wheat. Home is a (quite sophisticated) wattle and daub hut. A homestead may include several of these - one for each wife, as society is polygamous. Running water, electricity or any form of regular transport are all absent. But people are people, whatever the externals of life. We all have the same needs, and can be subject to the same fears and troubles. Meeting, and sharing life with the Maasai was an immense privilege. And finding people of all ages, who warmed so readily to the message that there is a God who loves them, gave His Son to die to set them free from evil, and calls them to follow Him was thrilling.

Two weeks cannot be more than a very superficial experience. However, it has had the effect on me, of helping me see more clearly how immensely wealthy we are in the west, in a material sense, but what wealth there is elsewhere, that we need to learn from, in the spiritual sense.

David Rhodes

CINEMA REVIEW - Ratings out of *****

I don't profess to be a cinema buff like Jonathon Ross or Barry Norman. However, it's sometimes refreshing to get the 'man on the streets view' of a picture. How many times have you been to see a film that has received rave reviews from the experts only to walk out thinking what the!!! The Blair Which Project springs to mind.

And how many times do you see star ratings in the TV mag's that score films like Meet Joe Black with Brad Pitt and Sir Anthony Hopkins as a two star film versus Batman & Robin as a four star.

Regardless, you may agree with them, everyone is entitled to their opinion. However, one film that could be rated either way depending on your taste is **Vanilla Sky** with Tom Cruise & Penelope Cruz

If you like plots that are as convolute as DNA and keep your mind working overtime even after you leave the cinema as you try to work out where one possible scenario ended and the others started then this is a film for you.

However, if you like to drift along with a sloppy story that keeps your mind mildly more interested than the flavouring of your popcorn e.g. Titanic then avoid this one at all costs and go home and watch your video of The Sound of Music. This has to be one of Tom's milestone performances while its second time around for Penelope who starred in the same Spanish adaptation screened on late night TV a few weeks ago with subtitles and a whole different cast.

Rating ***** For active minds that like a twist or two!

Who dares to avoid going to see J.R. Tolkeins **Lord of the Rings** even if it is to stop the nightmares of the English teacher setting you several chapters to review every week?

Don't make the same mistake I did. I avoided every glimpse of a trailer or review to ensure it was all new when I saw it at the cinema only to get to the end of a thrilling 3 hours of excellence to find the film is in a trilogy! The up side is there are two more films around the corner and if they're a patch on the first we are in for a treat. One word of warning, if the kids are not ones for concentrating for three hours leave this one out until they are a bit older and go see Harry Potter.

Rating ***** A real classic.

Don't get me wrong, **Harry Potter** is an excellent family film and I would encourage parents to raid the kid's book shelf and read the book before you go and see the film. J.K. Rowling must be delighted with the screen adaptation that sets the story out just as it was conjured up in my mind. Watch out for Robbie Coltrane who is nothing short of the perfect Hagrid. His talent for playing such diverse roles as a detective and a criminal psychologist is more than evident as he devours the role as a mythical giant wizard banned from practicing his magic.

Additionally, Zoe Wanamaker is excellent although her part is somewhat disappointingly short (if you like her sultry prowess).

Rating ***** An excellent family film not to be missed.

Worth a mention for the Dad's and lads (+18) is **Mean Machine** Vinnie Jones's latest film as the hard pro footy star banged up in prison. The plot is a bit predictable but the bad guy's get their comeuppance and the hero is carried aloft. One for the film buffs is the cameo appearance of a Totley lad Brian Gayle (I am sure he was only acting and not really on the inmates team) even though I think they got his name wrong in the credits (Brian Gayles?). Maybe Brian would be so kind as to let us know! Ring Kevin on 2351862

Rating ***** One for the Dad's and Lads

Rat Race with Rowen Atkinson and John Cleese is one of those films that make you wonder why they decided to appear in it. Mildly amusing redo of wacky races.

Rating * Better fun staying in with a copy of the Independent!

Finally, I have just seen **Shallow Hal** with my wife and 15 yr old son. An amusing story of a real shallow jerk who only sees women as superficial objects of beauty. I sense the film was intended as a side splitter but while it was funny in parts it addressed a sensitive issue and made me think how we see people!

Rating ***** Funny, but it made me think!



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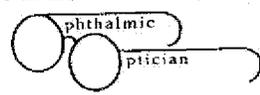
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WED. 6th. PUBLIC MEETING. South West Area Panel. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 7-30 p.m. Full details inside.
FRI. 8th. SPRING BALL. King Ecgberts School Association. 7-30 p.m. Whirlow Hall. Telephone 236 9931 for details Price £25
SAT. 9th. BOTANICAL GARDENS. Study Day. Plants for sale. 10-15 am. to 4-00 pm. Full details inside.
SUN. 12th. & 31st. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Rd. South, 1-00 p.m. to 5-00 p.m. Full details inside.
TUES. 12th. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Mrs. Doris Simpson, 2-30 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church
WED. 13th. WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP. Easter Meditation led by Dr. Marion Jepson. 8-00 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church.
SAT. 16th. TABLE TOP SALE. King Ecgberts School, Wessex Hall, 10 to 12 noon. £6 per site, 50p at the door. Details tel. 236 2302
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TUES. 19th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD", A.G.M., Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am
TUES. 19th. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Network Ladies Meeting. 2-30 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church.
SAT. 23rd. SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY. Bach's MASS IN B MINOR, 7-30 pm. St. Marks Church, Broomhill. Full details inside.
SUN. 24th. SPRING PLANT SALE. Sheffield Botanical Gardens. 2-00 pm. to 4-00 pm. Details inside.
TUES. 26th. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Holy week Devotional. Rev. C.Kirk, 2-30 pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church.
SAT. 30th. MALE VOCALS with Trevor Allen. Heatherfield Club. Baslow Rd., 8-30 pm. Non Members Welcome Entrance £1.50.

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