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Abbeydale Road South with the Beauchief Hotel (then known as the Abbeydale Hotel) In the centre of the picture is the Beauchief Post Office

Totley Residents Association 2002 AGM

The above meeting was held in Totley library on Monday 15 April. There was a good attendance of around 30 people with Councillors Ross and Smith present. Apologies were received from Councillor Hill who had been slightly injured that morning in an energetic sporting display.

The minutes from the 2001 AGM were circulated. There were no matters arising from those minutes and they were unanimously accepted.

The outgoing chairman Kevin Walker thanked the executive and general committee of the TRA who had given him strong support during the past 12 months. He recognised that the TRA had made significant progress up to and including this year that was the 25th Silver Jubilee year for the TRA. To celebrate the anniversary the TRA will be holding a number of events in the summer including the Family Sports Day will be resurrected as an annual event starting on June 30th 2002.

He also noted that in 25 years there had been a number of notable individual contributions. One of those contributions had come from a Totley resident who has presided at every Totley Show and been a regular columnist in the Independent with his gardening tips. In recognition of this individual contribution the TRA committee had agreed to bestow the title of Honorary Life President of the Totley Show to Tom Steel and also recognised the support and contribution from his wife Christine. Tom was presented with a plaque and medallion and Christine received a hand wrapped bouquet.

Before reflecting the achievements of the TRA in the past 12 months the chairman set out what he believed to be the challenges for the next committee.

He started by recognising that in the 25 years the TRA had existed communities and attitudes had and were continuing to change.

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Totley Residents Association 2002

AGM (continued from page 1)

The challenge to the TRA was to adapt to meet the new challenges that faced the area and the residents and highlighted two key issues

1 To re establish the TRA as a community group aimed at:

- a...Bringing together and supporting people in the area
- b. Organising community events e.g.

The Totley Show, Family Sports Day, Open Gardens Event

2 Develop Sub-Groups to address the more 'emotive and aggressive' issues that face the new community e.g.

- a Property developers
- b. Inappropriate infill
- c. Tree and hedgerow destruction
- d. The growing recreational drug culture amongst the youth of Totley recognised by the SW Area Panel action Plan and the SW UDP Review Document.
- e. The future of Greenoak View.

This would take a lot of community resource; volunteers and a special community action group separate from but under the umbrella of the TRA including councillors, police, youth workers, churches etc. Additionally, tradition boundaries have to be broken and liaison with other groups addressing similar issues should be contacted for example Dore Village Society.

The outgoing chair then reflected on some of the notable achievements of the past 12 months, these were highlighted under the following headings:

Road safety

- Speed reduction measures on the A621 Totley approach.
- Agreement to install 2 of the 3 requested pelican crossings, one at the Hillfoot road/A621/Totley Hall Lane intersection and one near the Co-op. A third location at the end of Main Avenue did not meet the required foot traffic criteria and was denied.
- Agreement to review the 'dual carriageway layout of the A621 through Totley. These would take in to consideration the recommendations put forward by the TRA two years ago to reduce the road to one lane with parking areas and right turning bays in both directions.
- Funding for a school crossing warden at the top of Hillfoot Road during the busy school run period.
- Agreement to finalise the one way system at Totley Rise i.e. lights on the no entry signs and marked out parking and disabled parking bays.

Parks and Open Space

- The £80,000 planning 106 money has finally been utilised and the contracts for the long overdue work have been awarded and the work should start on the parks drainage system in June. The facilities will include and adventure playground, kiddies play facilities, a buggy/wheelchair friendly circular path, a youth football pitch to reinstate Totley Youth back in the area, Tarmac play area etc.
- Agreement (Monday 8 April) to spend approximately £4,000 on the playground in Greenoak Park with a further £18,000 approximately in 2003 on the playground.

Communications

- The Totley Independent continues to be the voice of Totley and special thanks go to Les, Dorothy and John for their excellent publication. The TRA has launched its own web page and it has already had over 1,000 hits from around the world.

- SW Area panel has been heavily engaged by the TRA although it is felt that no tangible benefits from this partnership have yet been realised.
- The launch of the +50 Congress and Council have been well supported by the TRA and we are hoping to have two members elected to the +50 council from the launch.
- The TRA have input a written reply to the latest Review Document of the Sheffield Unitary Development Plan as well as raising a number of key issues at the public meeting.

The chair reflected that all in all it has not been a quiet year and is probably a sign of things to come!

The Treasurer Maurice Snowdon delivered a summary of the accounts which had been audited by Mr. R. F. Wrigglesworth. The accounts were discussed, proposed, seconded and accepted. Thanks were given to Mr Wrigglesworth who accepted the task of next years audit.

Les Firth delivered a summary of the years Independent publication and thanked those involved in the compilation, the advertisers and especially to the contributors, as without them there would be no Independent.

The existing committee formally stood down and nominations for the executive positions and committee positions were proposed, seconded and accepted by those present. The new executive committee will comprise:

Chairman Kevin Walker, ViceChairperson Avril Critchley Secretary Amanda Hardwick, Treasurer, Maurice Snowdon

Anyone wishing to be involved with the TRA as a member or on a casual basis should contact Kevin on 2 351 862.

The date of the next committee meeting was set for Monday 13 May, 7.30 p.m. in Greenoak View.



Transport 17

There were not a great number of people at the A.G.M. on the 25th March. The Chairman, Danny Barlow began the meeting with a tribute to Dorothy Woolhouse who died in February. Dorothy had been a good supporter of T.17, at one time she had been Treasurer. Her late husband, Ted had also been on the committee and a passenger. Love and thoughts go to their family. Passenger figures had improved again after a dip last year. There had been no major problems and we are seeing a return to our average of 20,000 passenger trips a year. Michael Finn, our manager also said that the new Volkswagen had become very popular both with passengers and drivers. Maintenance of buses is mostly being done by the workshops at Sheffield Community Transport. Good service, reasonable cost and they have greater understanding that we need our vehicles to be off the road for as short a time as possible. Next year it will be the 20th Anniversary of Transport 17 and fund raising has already started for a bus to replace the N registered Renault. T. 17 has grown over the years and serves quite a wide area of Sheffield. We have 3 buses working every day of the week plus "Ad hoc" trips. The cost of a new bus is about £36,000. The accounts had been audited and approved and then came the election of the Committee. Chairman Irene Wells, Secretary Danny Barlow Treasurer John Savournin

Committee Terry Schofield, Malcolm Tweed, Wendy and Jim Trotter, Ethel Beckwith, Margaret Barlow and Tony Bradbury. David Hewitt had to stand down because of other commitments. He was thanked for all his help, especially as quiz master and provider.

The committee was very touched

by the kind words from some of the shareholders. For a while now one of the lunch clubs that we take passengers to has been St. Mark's church, Broomhill.

On Monday 1st July they have organized a concert to raise funds for Transport 17. The Hallam Choral Society will be performing. I think it starts at 7.30 pm. This will be confirmed next month. The cost will be £5. Please come along and support this event. It is not just for our passengers but if any of them need transport please ring the office on 2362962.

We are always in need of drivers and escorts. Can you help. We are doing our very best but none of us are getting any younger !!

Best wishes, Margaret Barlow.

OF PROGRESS AND PILGRIMS

It's strange to come back to live in a place after nearly 30 years away. People ask you what changes strike you most. The main answer must be: the extra things. Call it progress if you will. Extra cars, causing periodic traffic jams where they were unknown before. Extra houses, where there used to be large properties like Totley Grange or the High School in Grove Road, or fields as at the Totley Brook estate.

Extra buses, with new service numbers. Think of a number, double it, add on 7. Yes, 97 (once 45). Now add A and you have a fine amenity that didn't exist when we left in 1972. And something else too: our counterpart to the Lake District's Mountain Goat; that little bucking bronco called the M17. When it bounces up Bradway Bank I feel I'm in a mountainside suburb of some city in Switzerland.

My old employers the Polytechnic, have been and, as Hallam University, gone. If they'd come a bit sooner I could have walked to work. Now that I no longer have work to walk to, though, I walk more. My wife and I reach those glorious horizons we glimpse from our living-room window before greenery blocks the view. I think of the Delectable Mountains in John Bunyan's "*Pilgrim's Progress*".

The other day I was thrilled to find what must surely be a stretch of the old Dore to Grindleford packhorse trail in a remote corner of Blacka. Fairbanks the surveyors mapped it two centuries ago. We have at last rectified a shocking sin of omission by walking up Carl Wark and climbing Higger Tor from the south side - hardly possible when pushchairs ruled our lives. I'm sure I have never seen such constellations of wood anemones and wood sorrel and celandines as in Rycroft Glen this spring.

Of course, it isn't all glory and delight. Some sections of our local walks remind me of Bunyan's geography in a very different way. Along Strawberry Lee Lane, that stony byway up to Bole Hill is more like the Hill of Difficulty. Parts of the footpaths beside and below Gillfield Wood, near the brook, sometimes conjure up the Slough of Despond. Still, you do feel good to have got through it.

Yet if you fancy it you can make an easy pilgrim's progress of another kind without stones, mud or need for walking boots. The features are the five churches of Totley and this part of Abbeydale. Oddly enough, the 1996 edition of *Sheffield A-Z* marks six, although the Methodist chapel that gave its name to Chapel Lane closed its doors back in 1967 (and I should know).

If you are new to the area, let me guide you on your way from the top of the hill. We find in turn Totley All Saints Parish Church (off Totley Hall Lane), English Martyrs Catholic Church, Totley Rise Methodist Church, Dore and Totley United Reformed Church (along Totley Brook Road) and St John's Abbeydale Parish Church.

As a guest contributor with church links elsewhere I have no particular flags to fly here, so I can fly all five at once. If you are not a churchgoer, why not see what they have to offer? Churches have moved on from the time when they looked like clubs for members only, if they ever did. They are more and more sensitive to the needs of people in their local community, spiritual and otherwise.

And if you are a churchgoing Christian, it can be quite interesting and rewarding to sample other traditions sometimes. You realize that the whole is somehow greater than the sum of its parts, because it was one Church that the Holy Spirit created at Pentecost. And that's also why the United Service at Totley Rise Methodist at 7 p.m. on Sunday 26 May will be a good occasion for people across S17 to get together to share in worshipping the Father and the Son, and in praying for the people of our community and the churches that are here for them.

John Dunstan

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17

PRAYERS FOR S17

7-00 - 8.15pm, Sunday 26th May

Totley Rise Methodist Church

There will be a Christian Service of Prayer for the needs of all the people of the Community of Sheffield 17, to which we warmly invite Christians and non-Christians alike. We want to bring together all Christians to work together prayerfully on our single mission to share our Lord's love with all the people of our community. Guaranteed a joyful non-denominational event for all, so please come along!

[Organised by Churches Together in S17]

A NEW ROOF FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

It was built in the 1960's (Extended seven or eight years ago) for around £10,000. Since then there has been a lot of inflation, and a lot of weather, so that now the roof needs to be replaced. It will cost between £6,000 and £10,000 (Final price to be determined). That is something of a challenge in anybody's book. However, we do believe in the goodness and provision of God, often of course, by His people. Somebody once wrote "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."

So what are we going to do?

26th May is to be a gift day. Its purpose will be to raise the funds for the roof. We will also give 10% of the money to support the education of teenagers, whose families have little or nothing, in the area of Kenya (near Narok) David visited in January of this year.

The day is an opportunity to exercise faith, respond to God's prompting, to be generous and to join with others in seeing how God will provide for a very specific need.

Groups who use the hall regularly have expressed a wish to contribute and that is of course welcomed. However, 26th May will be "The big Day". There will be the opportunity to give a lump sum on the day (gift aided if appropriate) or make a promise over the next 12 months. There is the incentive to pray beforehand, and then watch and see what the Lord will do!

The Lord has given much to us. Here is a day to express gratitude in giving back to Him.

David Rhodes

Spotlight on

JANE PRINGLE.

Children's Library Assistant

How long have you worked in Totley?

I have been fortunate to work in Totley for 18yrs.

What do you most like about the area?

The children and young adults I meet every day through my work are a constant reminder that the world has a bright and promising future.

What would you change if you could?

I would revitalise the library.

Have you any regrets or disappointments?

D.I.Y!

I've read the books, bought the magazines, and watched the programmes. Every Christmas and birthday I am treated to power tools, spanners and posi-drives, (what happened to Chanel?), and maybe one day that nail will go in straight!

What is your most treasured possession?

My two dogs who are an endless source of frustration and delight.

What makes you angry?

Cruelty.

What makes you apprehensive?

New Technology.

Which historical event would you like to have witnessed?

I would have liked to have lent my support to the Jarrow miners as they marched to London. My Great Grandfather was a Labour MP and marched with them.

What attribute do you wish you had?

Rhythm. Don't ask me to dance!

What is your favourite book?

I have so many favourite books and stories that I could never choose just one, but a book that always lifts my spirits and makes me smile is "Three Men in a Boat" by Jerome K. Jerome. - and poem?

A good poem is "Poem for the Lonely", "Hello" by Spike Milligan.

Where in the world would you like to visit?

Peru and the Andes. Especially the ancient city of Machu Picchu which looks stunning on TV.

What gives you hope?

Children.

How do you like to spend your time?

Up on the moors!

SUCCESS

Sheffield Wildlife Trust is happy to report that, on Tuesday 12th March '02 the Heritage Lottery Fund approved the Stage 2 reserves bid, providing £756,500 for the nature reserves project over a four year period.

The reserves are as follows:-

Blacka Moor (Dore and Totley), Carr House Meadows (Ewden Valley), Carbrook Ravine (Manor and Castle), Crabtree Ponds (Firvale), Moss Valley Woodlands (Jordanthorpe and Coal Aston), Salmon Pastures (Darnall), Sunnybank (Broomhall) and Wyming Brook and Fox Hagg (Lodgemoor).

The Trust would like to thank all those whose time and effort have gone into making this project a success.



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As stated in the April Independent this annual event will be held on **Saturday 18th May** from 10am. to 12noon in the car park of English Martyrs Church on Baslow Road. It is always a pleasant social occasion when one can relax and have a coffee or two, buy from the plant, bric-brac, cakes or book stalls knowing that the proceeds are mainly for Transport 17. Contributions for any of these stalls will be gladly welcomed. Collection of any item can be arranged by phoning 2367176 or 2365313. Please make a note in your diary and come along on the 18th. See you there!

J. Artindale.

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A STEP BACK INTO HISTORY by JOHN C. BARROWS.



Let us enjoy a walk of some 9 miles to view 9 historical halls around the Totley and Cordwell Valley area. Allow at least 7 hours to savour this grand outing. Useful map Pathfinder series

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Proceed down Totley Hall Lane, note our first hall on the right. Dramatic changes in this vicinity since the new housing development, soon Totley Hall will be converted into luxury flats. Take the left path through the field area to Gillfield Wood, and cross the brown bridge that spans the Totley Brook sharp incline across Shep's hill with several stiles to negotiate to reach the iron kissing gate. Walk a few yards to the left to view the imposing frontage of stately Woodthorpe Hall. This fine mansion house dates back to the 17th century and is the home of the Shepley family. Retrace our steps towards the entrance along the lane to Holmesfield Park wood.

Here finger post points hard left, walk two field lengths at the fringe of the wood, at the corner of the field path steps lead down to a bridge over stream, sharp incline through copse. Swing right to a fence then left again to broken down stile in corner of field. Bear to right on to steep bank to stile at the side of a wood, glorious views from this spot. Easy path forward approximately 5 field lengths through Pearson's Garden Nurseries to the Holmesfield Road, cross the road to Carr Lane. Note the fine old homestead of Dronfield Woodhouse Hall, after 150 yards from Carr Lane turn right into Leabrook Road (the Gosforth Valley housing estate reputed to be the largest private housing development in the country). 250 yards to second road on the right at Melbourne Avenue. 60 yards at the head of the avenue a finger post points to Cowley Lane. The path skirts the side of bungalow properties into field areas.

Well marked path crosses a stream. Keep slightly left of centre in next field, cross a lane, cross over a stile and paddock area to field corner where we join a lane at the side of Springwood farm. Proceed left down Cowley Lane for a few yards where we view our 4th hall the small historical Cowley Hall. On opposite side of lane enter a farm area where finger post points a route across field areas towards the imposing Cartledge Hall this residence dates back to the 16th century and is reputed to be haunted. Across the lane enter a path through Cartledge farm home of the Holmesfield riding stables. Descend a path towards the Cordwell valley, negotiate two field stiles and join Millthorpe Lane at the side of fashionable bungalow garden properties, soon we are down to the tiny hamlet of Millthorpe. At the crossroads the nearby "Royal Oak" Inn looks very tempting. Millthorpe has many fine residences and once boasted of a hall, recently converted to a farm. At the crossroads proceed forward into a lane by the stream (Barlow Brook), ford and bridge join a field path to the left which takes us to the charming homestead of Johnny Gate Farm. Join a lane and proceed right for 300 yards to view our 6th historical hall known as Barlow Woodscats, this serene hall commands a grand frontage, with views right across the Cordwell Valley. Brings back pleasant memories of camping

and cycling days around Rumbling Street (site of a Roman road) and Moorhall.

A speciality was afternoon tea at the hall in the 1930's for 1 shilling (5p) what great hospitality from the Botham family. Across from the front of the hall take a field path directly across to Rose wood and Meekfields. Locate a rickety wooden stile after the third field, keep to centre of last field, there are no markers. Enter the lovely Rose wood and the faint path keeps forward for 500 yards.

An American Phantom jet aircraft crashed here in 1971, (all traces since removed) and the crew baled out safely over the Froggatt Edge area. Cross two fields and we enter Unthank Lane, turn left up the lane and after 350 yards we join the small Unthank Hall for many years the Lowe family have run a busy farm area. At the rear of the hall is a fine cruck barn. To proceed with the walk just opposite the hall join a field path area, be sure to shut the gate, after the first field bear to the right and after two field lengths we reach Ewford Bridge which spans the Millthorpe Brook. Hereabouts Fox Lane joins the junction of Cordwell and Unthank Lane. Opposite the bridge enter a bridle track where a finger post points the route to Horsley Gate Lane. Turn right after 250 yards we find the imposing Horsleygate Hall to our left. Converted to a high standard this 16th century residence is the home of the Ponsford family. This area was fox hunting country. For less than ½ mile down the lane is another hall which was owned by the famed Wilson family, this residence was sold after the death of Miss Wilson, this lady was champion of the fox hunting Barlow hounds around the Cordwell Valley. Opposite a caravan site another finger post points the way to Lidgate Top and Totley. Skirt the side of a tennis court and after two field lengths we cross a large ploughed field, yellow markers show a well defined path. Cross the road at Lidgate and another sign points to our own favourite last hall of Fanshawe Gate, as we leave Lidgate we gaze back to view the Chesterfield Church crooked spire in the middle distance. Fanshawe Gate Hall is the home of the Ramsden family. The garden areas are a pure delight, this is the oldest of all the mansion houses in the district. Early records date back to the 13th century but the main buildings are 16th century, note the dove cote extension and the huge ash tree around the pond area. In the summer period the beautiful gardens are open to the public. Mrs Ramsden has recently written a book entitled "A Garden in my life" all proceeds to a worthy charity. We finally leave the stackyard and a finger post shows the way across the meadows towards Gillfield wood and back to Totley Hall Lane.

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Dear Editor

In answer to the letter from Roy Bullen (April issue) regarding mistakes in the February issue on my article "A Pioneer of the Hills" I wrote the name *G.H.B. Ward, Moorwoods Lane and Lose Hill* correctly.

The mistakes were due to typing errors

in the magazine.

John C. Barrows

Note from the Ed.

John is absolutely right, the mistakes were ours and we apologise for them.

Dear Editor

I take great exception to the remarks in your "Letters to the Editors" column of the February 2002 edition.

Mostly certainly I am not racist - anything but! I have an Indian friend who is a pathologist at The Northern General Hospital.

In January I shook hands with a Zulu in Natal Province near Durban. Early in April I shook hands with four Indians - two are waiters, one a cabin steward and one a librarian on P&O's cruise ship *Oriana*.

The mistake I made in my article was by referring to the girl as a "female negro" - whereas I should have called her a "Negress".

The disgust I expressed was that the female coach attendant in Virgin's train, had failed to comment of the Negress's behaviour. Had the offender been white in colour, my complaint would have been the same.

I have no intention of apologising for this part of my article, and I hope your readers will understand my attitude.

Alan Faulkner Taylor

1930s research of Totley and Bradway areas. Sheffield Hallam University.

I am a history student at the above university, and am currently involved in researching 1930s suburban development in the Totley and Bradway areas. As such I wish to appeal to any of your readers who may have an interest in their local history, and would be willing to participate in the research to contact me.

I would also welcome anyone who currently occupies a 1930s house, and have retained any original features, either internal or external, or who may have knowledge of the history of their homes. The research will form part of a dissertation, and as such any participants in the project will be acknowledged in the final presentation. Also copies of any research and findings which may be of interest will be made available.

Anyone interested in the research should contact:

Rachael Richardson, Tel No. 01246-418814.



Dore Male Voice Choir

The Dore Male Voice Choir is about to start a very busy Summer Season. At present they are rehearsing for the Wharfedale Festival. This will be their first visit to this prestigious event, in which they will be

competing in the Male Voice Choral section on Saturday 18th May.

On the following Wednesday the Choir then go on tour to Cyprus. This visit is by invitation after a very successful tour two years ago. The Choir will be performing three concerts in a week in the Paphos area. Two of the concerts, for Cyprus Charities and sponsored by the Hellenic Bank are to be in the Odeon an open air Roman amphitheatre in the centre of the Paphos archaeological conservation site. The third concert is to be held in the Kyriaki Church: a church with a history going back to 45AD. Recent Orthodox legend has it that St. Paul was scourged in Paphos and a pillar at the church has been accredited with the event. For this reason the church is usually referred to as 'St. Paul's Pillar Church'. With twenty-six pieces to memorise the Choir is indeed busy rehearsing at the present time.

David Heslop

PUZZLE CORNER

Canny Containment

The answer to each of the following clues contains the same three letters meaning a container.

1. Cornish castle.
2. Bird.
3. Israelite enemy.
4. A land mass.
5. Type of nettle.
6. Refraining from.
7. Working - opposite.
8. Body of retainers.
9. Bird.
10. Relating to.
11. Travelling place to place.
12. Bell ringing.

(Answers Page 10)

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ROUND THE WORLD IN 92 DAYS

By Alan Faulkner Taylor.

Chapter 1

Having travelled by coach from Meadowhall, on Saturday April 6, my wife and I started our cruise in P&O's *Oriana* at Southampton.

Once we'd entered our cabin on Arcadia deck, at about three o'clock, our first priority was to brew a cup of tea, then check that the amenities were as expected, this being our fourth cruise on *Oriana*. No soap in the bathroom! I phoned reception and reported the omission and within a minute or so, our cabin steward Augusto - a Goanese, brought in three tablets.

Our next action, as always on cruise liners, was to go down four decks to the library - the best books usually are borrowed during the first hour or so. The young librarian, also Goanese, bore a striking resemblance to the late Omar Sharif.

Unpacking suitcases was our next priority - always an irksome task, particularly when we were having to provide for more than our usual holiday.

Our next irksome exercise was fire drill! All near arrivals must attend; every passenger takes his/her life jacket to an allocated muster station, details of which are written on the inside of the cabin door. Members of the crew demonstrate the correct method of putting on the life jacket and ensure that this is done correctly. A voice, usually the captain's, comes through the public address system (hereafter referred to as "PA system"), stating that fire drill is a requirement of Maritime Law. On this occasion it was Captain Richard Fennelov, who lived in Ecclesall; who speaks with a resonant doom-laden voice.

Dress for the first evening's dinner, as on all cruise liners, was "casual"; before going down to dinner, in the Peninsular Restaurant we washed, and drank our usual *aperitif*. We always opt for "first sitting", this being 6.30 p.m. and our table was indicated as being number seven. After entering the restaurant, we found our table and our waiters, both Indian, welcomed us. There are always two waiters in cruise liner restaurants - in our case two Indians: one from Goa introduced himself Milagres, but: "Please call me Mili, and this is Gavnell, my assistant, he lives in Bombay."

Our passage through the Bay of Biscay was incredibly calm. I always avoid saying "sailing" - the captain always says "sailing" when he makes announcements over the PA system, his second-in-command says, "steaming". Both are out-of-date words, modern ships don't "sail", neither do they "steam" - not when they're fitted with diesel engines.

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PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

Information from the "Peak District 2002 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

MAY

4th May BUXTON MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL. Various halls in Buxton town centre. Classes start at 9am to 12 noon and 2 - 5 pm. Evening concerts and recital class start at 7pm. 01298 79286

5th May BUXTON BRASS BAND FESTIVAL. A four section, own choice brass band contest. 10 am - 7 pm.

Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. 0161 427 3670.

6th May, CHESTERFIELD MAY DAY MARKET AND RALLY. In Chesterfield town centre, fun fair in town centre. Admission free. Market open from 9am. Rally starts 10 am, entertainment from 1pm. Ring 01246 345777 8 for details, e mail: tourism@chesterfieldbc.gov.uk.

6th May GLOSSOP BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MARKET. Tourist Information Centre 01457 855920 for details.

9th - 15th May TISSINGTON WELL DRESSING. 6 wells decorated in Tissington village. The wells are blessed following the church service at 11am on Ascension Day Thursday 9th May. Tel: 01335 352200 or www.tissington-hall.com.

21st May. DEMONSTRATION OF FLORAL ART. Baslow Village Hall. 2 pm. 01246 582360

24 - 26 May CLIFF COLLEGE CELEBRATION WEEKEND. Weekend of preaching & teaching for all ages. Cliff College, Calver. 01246 582321. www.cliffcollege.org.

25th - 26 May SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY. Cavenish Hall, Edensor, Chatesworth Park, Derbyshire. Refreshments and free parking. 01405 813756. www.brian.woodward.care4free.net.

25th May - 2nd June ASHFORD IN THE WATER WELL DRESSING. Five wells dressed (possibly 6). Flower Festival at Holy Trinity Church. Sheepwashing demonstration 3pm, Saturday 25 May, at the Sheepwash Bridge. Flower Festival open daily 9am to 9pm.

Service at 3pm, Trinity Church (26 May) in the church, followed by procession and blessing of the wells. 01629 813005

29th May CASTLETON ANCIENT GARLAND CEREMONY. Castleton, Hope Valley. Horse led procession through Castleton with Castleton Silver band. Maypole dancing. 5.30pm start of procession The Bulls Head, Castleton. 12 noon onwards Garland building. 01433 621595, e mail: Castletongarland@talk21.com.

JUNE

1st June CHATSWORTH OUTSIDE GALA CONCERT. South lawn by the cascades. Charity event £20. Promenade concert London Gala Orchestra. 8pm. Gates open 5.30 pm. 01246 850320.

1st - 2nd June ASHFORD IN THE WATER WELL DRESSING. For details see 25th May. 01629 813005.

1st - 3rd June TIDESWELL GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. Pot market, stalls in village. 10 am - 5 pm. 01298 872181.

2nd June MEET A VIKING. Peveril Castle 01433 620613.

3rd June CHESTERFIELD GOLDEN JUBILEE MARKET GOLDEN Jubilee Holiday Market in Chesterfield Town Centre. Fun fair in Queen's Park. Admission free. Market open from 9am. Entertainment 10 am - 4pm. 01246 345777 8, e mail: tourism@chesterfieldbc.gov.uk.

4th June BAMFORD SHEEP DOG TRIALS. Recreation Ground, Bamford. Sheep Dog Trials. 7.30am - 5.30pm.

01433 651588.



DOG HELP.

Sheffield Dog Rescue are looking for loving, caring homes for dogs they have in their Mosborough Kennels and Duckmanton, Chesterfield Kennels, these dogs need another chance. Can you help?

We have also been invited to two large dog events and are desperate for items to sell on the Tombola stall, this is to raise funds to help give the dogs the best we can whilst in the care of Sheffield Dog Rescue. If you can help to either give one of our dogs a loving home or have items for us to sell please call

Mavis 0114 2550469 For re-homing dogs.

Marlene 0114 2351005 if you have items of goods.

Thank you.

Did you Know! The first forge was in 1161, worked by the monks of Kirkstead, at Kimberworth under a grant made by Richard de Busli, Lord of the Manor of Sheffield.

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

The garden is looking lovely just now (mid April), the narcissus of various types are giving a good show, the blossom on the plum trees has just burst forth. The erythronium (dog tooth violet) looks delicate with its little nodding heads of pale yellow flowers. Tulips a bit early are showing a good splash of dour and the shrubs and trees are beginning to burst forth. I hope we don't get too hard a frost which would spoil the delicate new shoots. May is a busy month in the garden and greenhouse, with bedding plants to prick out and tend, weeding at this time is most important as they can get established if left, regular grass cutting is a must if you want to keep a lovely green sward. I have just set myself a new task, I am starting on the pond (I've been promising myself one for some years). It's going to be (I hope) a wild life one, not one of those fancy ornamental things with statues and fountains. I like to see dragonflies, frogs and toads and newts, and the birds having a dip and a drink on hot (we hope) summer days, there's always something to look forward to in the garden.

FLOWERS

Prepare beds ready for summer bedding plants, dig in plenty of well rotted manure or compost, remove any weeds. Thin and stake herbaceous perennials, watch out for green fly and treat it before it gets too bad, encourage Blue tits, hover flies, lace wings and ladybirds they love green fly. Slugs will be on the rampage, beer traps work but are a bit smelly if you forget to empty them regularly. Tie up sweet peas and give them a mulch to keep them moist. Dead head bulbs which have finished flowering, don't cut the leaves or tie them in knots let them die back naturally or move them to another plot, place them in a trench and cover the bulbs until the leaves have died back, then dry them in the sun or greenhouse. Thin out chrysanthemum growth, plant out dahlia tubers, cover with 8cm (3 ins) of soil. Spray roses with fungicide if you have had trouble with black spot last season. Plant up window boxes and hanging baskets, keep them in the greenhouse or in a sheltered spot until the frosts have finished. Plant out seedlings of hardy perennials, place them in a nursery bed where they can grow undisturbed during the summer. Trim aubretia to prolong the flowering period and top dress with compost or well rotted manure. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants such as Phlox, Michaelmas daisy and golden rod. Sow hardy annuals such as Clarkia, Cornflower, Calendula, Candytuft, Godetias, etc. Liquid feed container grown plants, seaweed fertilizer is ideal and it's organic!!

VEGETABLES

Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans, thin out carrot, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings. Keep all crops well watered especially cauliflower. Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops, clear the remains of spring greens and prepare beds for leeks, digging in plenty of well rotted manure and compost, add a bit of hoof and horn. Prepare mound for planting out courgettes, marrows, pumpkins etc. To have a constant supply of veg through the season, sow small amounts of seeds every 3 or 4 weeks to obtain a succession of crops and avoid a glut.

Plant out winter greens particularly Brussels sprouts, cauliflower and purple sprouting broccoli, runner beans can be planted out now, put in 2 seeds together about 9 ins apart, if they both germinate cultivate the weakest looking one, you need about 3ft between rows. At the end of the month sow vegetable marrow and ridge cucumbers outdoors, on the mounds previously mentioned. I think I have told you before I use 2 bales of straw with well rotted compost and manure mixed in between them with a topping of soil, this keeps them off the ground. I soak the bales thoroughly, this keeps the moisture topped up. Watch out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen before they get established, and beyond control. Onions require a lot of feeding especially those which are going in 'The Totley Show', in September, a high nitrogen fertilizer (seaweed again) or sheep droppings tied in a bag and left in a tub of water lovely! give them this until the end of July, then change to a high potash feed like tomato fertilizer. By the way keep the tub of sheep dropping juice at the far end of your garden

as it can hum a bit especially during the summer. Keep your vegetable patches clear of weeds, vegetables don't like the competition for nourishment.

TREES SHRUBS and FRUIT

Mulch around fruit trees and bushes with well rotted manure or compost, this helps retain moisture and keeps down weeds and gives them nourishment. Give apples and pears a spray of fungicide if you were troubled with canker or scab last season, replace grease bands to counter caterpillar infestation. Start to pick goosberries as they form thinning them out so that the remainder can develop evenly along the branches. (Cook the thinnings you will need plenty of sugar, see naked chef). Keep all fruit well watered, prune overcrowded raspberry canes. Keep newly planted evergreens mulched and spray with water especially on hot days. Remove any suckers from trees and roses. Trim over and top dress heathers after flowering, bonemeal is ideal. Give your ericaceous subjects a special treat with iron sequestrene plant tonic. Plant out tender shrubs like fuschias and hydrangea. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, willows and dogwood. Trim back dead shoots on rose of Sharon.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS

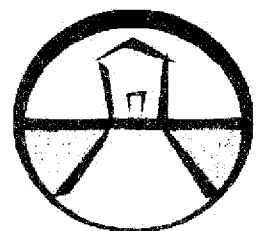
As the sun becomes stronger and more prolonged (we hope) it is very important that the ventilation and shading is controlled carefully, begonia and Gloxinias in particular enjoy being shaded. Seedlings must never be in full sun although they must have plenty of light to aid their development and stop them going leggy. Watering is also important, check the plants regularly. Pot on Pelargonium and other greenhouse cuttings which were struck earlier, allow nerine, anemns, freesias etc to go to rest by gradually reducing water. Place them in a sunny spot this will ripen the bulbs ready for a good show next season. Remove side shoots from tomato plants and pollinate regularly by tapping the supports or brushing the flowers. Trim and feed melons and cucumbers bear in mind they soon rot if overwatered. Best water from the bottom if possible (put a small plant pot in the side of the large pot or growbag and water into this and not directly onto the plants).

Sow cinerarias and schizanthus for plants later in the year. Keep insulation in place until all chance of frost is past. Cuttings can be taken now of most common houseplants, sow flowering pot plants such as browallia, indoor primula, calceolaria, cineraria, ornamental peppers and cacti. Pot on seedlings and cuttings and once again watch out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen. Don't forget watch the weather it can still turn cold at night, so keep your heaters at the ready. I would hate to think that all your hard work nurturing those seedlings is knobbled by old Jack Frost.

LAWNS

Give weedy lawns a top dressing of lawn sand. Keep new lawns well watered, regular cutting at a medium height is much better than cutting it too short. If you use a liquid weedkiller make sure you do it on a still day, if it's windy the killer may drift onto your borders with devastating results.

. Spike and top dress lawns which have not been done earlier, spread it evenly and brush it in. I don't think I have mentioned the Totley Show yet this month. 7th. **SEPTEMBER**, is the date to aim for. It promises to be an even better Show this year. Preparations are well in hand it only needs you to make a special effort and bring along those prize winning plants, photographs, tapestry, cakes, jams, art work and crafts, go on have a go! In the meantime enjoy your garden. Cheerio for now. TOM Busy Bee.



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Bunny Picture Competition, Animal Hunt, Refreshments, Face Painting, Cake Stall, Lucky Dip, Splat the Rat.

This day is to not only to promote **National Pet Week, 4th - 12th May**, where this year's theme is appropriately

"Teacher's Pet", raising awareness of the relationship children and animals have within the school, but also to raise money for the registered animal charity, **THE CATS PROTECTION**.

The staff are also doing their part, having entered into the Newark on Water Dragon Boat Challenge on Saturday 8th, June, racing along the River Trent! All support will be greatly appreciated.

For further details of the event, please contact Kay Stevenson, Practice Manager at Sheffield Animal Hospital on Tel: 0114 2365 999.

CORRECTION

In my article in the April 2002 Independent on Totley and the Residents Association, I unfortunately gave some incorrect information with regard to the maintenance of Totley in its Derbyshire roots.

Ecclesiastically Totley changed from the See of Canterbury into the See of York round about the beginning of the 1970's when David Hallatt was the Incumbent.

I am indebted to Phyllis Maltby of Main Avenue for the correction.

Mike Williamson

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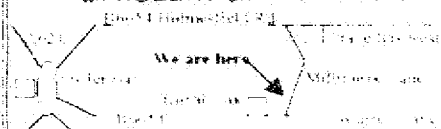
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Night School for Mrs Walker

Since I became unable to read I glean some of the local news from audio tapes prepared and distributed by volunteers of Sheffield Talking News. A recent issue contained an interesting article by Mrs G P Walker about her early life in Wellmeadow Street off West Bar. She was born in 1915 and the story she relates must run up to the 1930's. I was not brought up in Sheffield but I have vague memories of visits with my parents, particularly the smell of the breweries, which I hated. From a host of Mrs Walker's nostalgic memories I will mention two which were of particular interest to me.

The first concerns the simple games and other pleasures they had, not dependent on organised activities or television or expensive toys. We came to live in Totley in 1957 with two young daughters and a third daughter born after that.

Looking back I can see that their activities as schoolgirls were more akin to those described by Mrs Walker than to those of our grandchildren - street games with balls, skipping ropes, whip and top and so on. Later they organised concerts and garden parties with proceeds going to the NSPCC as did their takings from carol singing at Christmas.

Personally I do not remember any picnics in the park with bread and jam sandwiches and a bottle of water as described by Mrs Walker, though my wife remembers similar excursions to Millhouses Park with an older sister. My own early park recollections do not compete with this sort of glamour. At the corresponding period of my life, the 1920's, I lived in Rotherham and my memories are of visits to Clifton Park with my mother. She would buy us an ice cream cornet from the van in the park but, much to my disappointment, would never let us have the Toblerone shaped fruit ices from the Walls "Stop Me and Buy One" tricycles - were they called Snocrome? I do not know whether her ban was on health or hygiene grounds or her total rejection of eating in the street. I cannot imagine what she would say nowadays when it is so common, burgers, pies, fish and chips as well as chewing gum, discarded to make a terrible mess of the pavements. Come to think of it, I cannot remember ever having "chip shop" fish and chips even to consume at home. Perhaps even a pennorth and a tuppenny for four of us was too expensive.

Mrs Walker also remembered that pupils at her school (Netherthorpe) were given stamped cards which allowed them to attend the Lancastrian School for extra classes - an early form of "night school". This stirred memories for me, not of the same period but of the same place. I came to work in Sheffield in 1957 as a lecturer in the Science Department of the then Sheffield College of Commerce and Technology, and our main laboratories were in the former Lancastrian School in Bowling Green Street. Our shared staff room was in the cellar with tables about 6x3 feet, each shared by two people. I also had classes in the building, now demolished, adjacent to the Lyceum theatre, and did some of my three nights a week evening classes in the Central Technical school premises on Leopold Street. And so, like Mrs Walker, I had experience of night school in the Lancastrian school premises albeit nearly thirty years later and as a teacher not as a pupil. I never thought in those days that the institution would grow to become the Sheffield City Polytechnic when I retired in 1982, and the Hallam University since then.

Don Ashford

Destruction of our Wildlife & Environment.

As most of the residents in Totley and Dore are aware there was a meeting held in Totley several weeks ago regarding the destruction of Trees and the wildlife on Totley Brook Road by Railtrack. The turnout for the meeting was around 200, which gives you some idea as to the outrage and concern of Public feelings. As you are aware the meeting was held at the Totley Methodist Church which I feel was very hypocritical of them as only the week after they followed Railtrack's wanton destruction by doing exactly the same thing themselves in their own grounds, again with no thought to the time of year (Birds nesting, animals coming out of hibernation), how frightening this must have been for the wildlife in their area, and these are church people who are supposed to care for all God's creatures. I feel they are no better than Railtrack. I feel some of the reasons are quite pathetic, the area and environment dictates there will be plenty of leaves to clear up this has not just occurred, as for cars bumping into the trees, if people cannot see trees that have been there for all those years then I only hope they never park next to our car.

I would imagine the trees were there long before the Church was built, why has this problem only just arisen?

M. Marshall.

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South West Area Panel Update

Area Action Office

2nd.Floor, Devonshire Suite

Blades Enterprise Centre

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As you can see from above I have moved again to the Blades Enterprise Centre so hopefully we will have a bit of stability for a few years. I now have a part-time support officer Jane Bullimore who works with me on Thursdays and Fridays and alternate Mondays she comes from Housing and has some useful skills in research.

The next meetings planned in Totley will be 7th. July 2002 at Totley Primary School.

To update you on several things, I have been asked by Kate Dawson Chair of the South West Area Panel to request agenda items for future meetings. These could be either geographical or generic but we don't intend them to be too specific. Examples could be crime, issues regarding young people or services to older people. Please let me have your suggestions.

For those of you living in the Hallam Ward you may be aware that a pilot scheme is to be run in the ward at the forthcoming elections to encourage voting by e-mail. Look out for details in the local press over the next month.

Whirlow residents might like to know that a new group called the Friends of Whinfall Quarry Gardens are having work days on July 15th. and October 12th. starting at 10.00 am and would welcome any support you may offer.

The first consultation exercise with young people over the proposals for a skatepark in Millhouses Park was a great success. Bencrete the company that we intend to build the skatepark is coming up with a design based on the skaters' ideas. This will be submitted with a planning application in the near future and will be subject to a second phase of consultation. Students from Sheffield University are working hard to deliver a festival in Millhouses Park over the weekend of the 8th. and 9th. June 2002. We have

been able to give them advice on marketing and fundraising together with financial support for sporting activity.

The Message in a Bottle Scheme is moving forward. Everything should be in place in the next six weeks for a launch in early June. The scheme is aimed at vulnerable older people and is to be piloted in the Hallam Ward using Neighbourhood Renewal Monies.

Finally I am informed that after several hiccups the mill pond at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet is to be slowly refilled in the next few weeks. When it is full the new wheels and gearing will be tested and commissioned. Fish will not be introduced immediately as the pond habitat and invertebrate life need to have at least one year to recover.

Dave Aspinall Tel: 0114-2922191

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TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Revised dates for our 2002 meetings
are as follows: -

MAY TUESDAY 21st.
JUNE WEDNESDAY 19th.
JULY THURSDAY 18th.
AUGUST NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER TUESDAY 17th.
OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 16th.
NOVEMBER THURSDAY 21st.

THE MEETINGS ARE AT 11 pm. at
4, GROVE ROAD, TOTLEY

WILDLIFE UPDATE by Alan Faulkner Taylor

2001 was a bad year for butterflies, so I was pleased to see a small tortoiseshell in our garden on 7 April and a peacock on 9 April. Both must have just emerged from hibernation - the peacock from underneath the plastic covering of our compost heap.

On Saturday 13 April, one of my friends and I were walking on the right hand side of the Derwent, approaching the Old Bridge at Froggatt, when a swan flew upstream. This is the first time I had seen a swan in that area.

Also heard in Limb Valley Saturday April 20th. two Chiffchaffs.

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On The Air By Hugh Percival

Last December at the instigation of my publishers Minerva Press I was invited by BBC Radio Sheffield to appear on Rony Robinson's programme. I gladly accepted the invitation hopeful of receiving favourable publicity for my book "Northern Upbringing"

At the newly-opened plush studios on Shoreham Street I was led after a short wait to the recording studio where I was soon made to feel at home by Rony, a most genial host. Despite this welcome Rony later remarked that I was the most nervous guest he had ever entertained.

On the air Rony made a brief introduction giving details of my career and interests before playing music.

On resumption of the interview I replied to Rony's questions. He quoted from the preface to my book. 'My fictional tale is set in the period 1931 to 1956 - a most interesting time in English life'. "Why is this period so interesting?" Rony asked.

Strangely I was quite unprepared for this question despite having previously made copious notes about my book. These lay unconsulted on the desk before me. My immediate reply simply stated "The war years" but my mind went numb as to details. Later, on reflection at home, memories came rushing back to me: evacuation to Hope village in Derbyshire; the blitz on Sheffield; the loss of Uncle Bob at sea; the Flying Fortress crash in Endcliffe Park; rationing of food and other commodities; the scrapbook I kept of newspaper cuttings and photographs of military action; the camaraderie of neighbours at Hunters Bar, particularly of Mr. Cloves, a retired gentleman previously inconspicuous, who kept spirits up in the dark times with his unquenchable optimism and good nature; and the VE and VJ celebrations. Most of these matters are referred to in my book.

Well, what did we talk about on the air? The significance of the eleven-plus examination, a watershed in many lives; the relative poverty at that time when compared to today's affluence; delight of receiving presents in one's Christmas stocking, usually an apple, an orange and a shilling piece or florin; the eccentricity of some schoolmasters. The history teacher Mr. Fleming was corpulent with a square head and closely-cropped hair. Dressed in a grey worsted suit he had difficulty in enforcing his authority. Whenever matters seemed to be getting out of hand he went berserk, running round the classroom grunting like a dervish with toothache and beating boys at random with a ruler. How the class laughed and encouraged him as mayhem ensued! Client confidentiality in the accountancy profession; separating fact from fiction in my book, a high impossible task; an abortive romance and its effect on my health; self-financed publishing. The Totley Independent got a mention.

I also failed to get across the humour that I believe is present in my book.

'Hugh Percival to hotel receptionist. "Are pets welcome?"

"Yes sir, of course" she replied.

"What about animals?" Hugh asked innocently.

The receptionist broke into hysterical laughter. "They're welcome too" she said.

"Harold Bottomley is a one-off" opined a colleague.

"Mr. Dilks (the senior partner) said the same thing on hearing that Harold had been fined for speeding down Brocco Bank in the rush hour" Hugh added.

A report by Sheffield Constabulary giving details of a typical hour of their work included this item "Reports were received of 27 suspicious-looking characters" I thought this a remarkably low figure. I myself had been in the office at the time, not fetching my sandwiches until twelve o'clock as

usual. Harold Bottomley was outside the area on audit. Where the partners were I could not say.'

Extract from speech at office dinner-dance. "Accountancy was not my first choice of a career. My early ambition to be a comedian proved to be futile. I failed their examination on three occasions. Nerves got the better of me each time. I could not remember what the actress said to the bishop or why she couldn't cross the road or what the judge said to the dentist. I want the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth."

Despite my shortcomings I enjoyed my outing on the air. When I become famous perhaps Rony will invite me again and I can then try to improve my performance.

A Chinese cook serving with the British army in the second world war spoke very little English.

One day he was severely wounded in an air raid and was taken to the field hospital where he was put into intensive care surrounded by life support apparatus. It was obvious that he was at death's door and the padre was sent for.

While the padre was standing at the bedside the cook took a turn for the worse and turned blue in the face. The padre asked the dying man if he had any last wish or confession to make. The cook hastily grabbed pencil and paper from the bedside cabinet top and scribbled a few words in Chinese before falling back dead on his pillow.

The padre, anxious to give effect to this dying message, sent the paper for translation, which, on return, read "Take your foot off my oxygen pipe."

I Wandered Lonely

(With apologies to William Wordsworth)

I wandered lonely as the sun
That hides and peeps from darkened sky,
when all at once I saw a gleam,
swathe of colour caught my eye,
Beside the path, beneath the trees,
Sprinkling their fragrance on the breeze.

As varied as a wedding crowd
All gathered on the chapel lawn,
They huddled in their family groups
With secret, unseen barriers drawn,
A thousand had been planted there,
Beneath the turf with reverent care.

I counted ten quite different kinds,
And each as pleasing as the rest,
I could not choose just one of them
And sing its praises as the best,
For each pure flower was playing a part
In a living tableau to gladden the heart.

My thanks go out to those volunteers
From Totley T.R.A.
who willingly gave their time and labour
On many a cold, wet, autumn day
To plant those bulbs that herald the Spring,
Sharing the joy that daffodils bring.

It has been a pleasure to walk in Greenoak Park during April thanks to the sterling work done by your Totley Residents' Association. The swathes of colour provided by so many daffodils and narcissi have been a real joy. THANK YOU. The oak trees planted by RONY ROBINSON and PAULINE PERKINTON are also coming into bud and will be a lasting legacy of a caring community. Let's do our best to protect our environment and support our dedicated T.R.A. in whatever way we can. Sue Wright.

THOSE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKING

TOTLEY Primary School is hoping to attract a record number of entrants this year from around the UK to take part in its traditional Derbyshire Monuments Challenge Walk.

The annual walk which starts and finishes at the school, on Sunnyvale Road, covers a 26 mile circuit, taking in the stunning scenery of the White Peak area of Derbyshire; including Carbar Gap, Baslow, Chatsworth and Beely. Less enthusiastic walkers can opt for a shorter, linked walk of 14 miles.

The event, which is this year due to take place on Saturday, July 26th, has been running for more than a decade and over the years has attracted as many as 180 walkers from all over Britain.

Entrants are provided with an information sheet about the historic monuments en-route and a list of checkpoints, which they must visit in order, during the course of the walk. Included in the £8.50 entry fee is a souvenir badge and a slap up ploughman's platter at the finishing point.

Nick Bettles, chair of Totley Primary School Parents Teacher Association, said: "The challenge is to complete the course within 12 hours and to gain a certificate. But transport to the finish is on hand for those who can't quite manage it".

Fundraisers at Totley Primary are hoping to beat all previous attendance records in a bid to raise cash for an integrated computing suite.

Mr Bettles said: "Totley Primary is now one of the few schools in Sheffield with no networked computer facilities and we need to address that as quickly as possible if our children are not to be disadvantaged. Our aim is to provide a custom ICT suite with 16 work stations, fully networked, with integrated teaching facilities."

The ICT suite appeal will be officially launched at the school next month.

Proceeds from the annual Totley Summer Special, a fun event to be held in the grounds of the school on June 29th, will go towards the new appeal.

*Anyone wishing to take part in the Derbyshire Monuments Challenge Walk can pick up an application form from Totley Library, Totley Primary School office or should contact: K. Watson, 28 Stonecroft Road, Totley Rise, Sheffield, S17 4DE. All applications must be made by July 8th.

*Anyone wishing to support Totley Primary School's appeal for an ICT suite in any other way should contact Nick Bettles, 16 Knowle Green, Sheffield, S17 3AP on 0114-2368441 (home) or 01246 417691 (work.)

TOADS GOLDEN JUBILEE

Just a reminder that, like the Queen, TOADS also celebrate their 50th Anniversary this Spring. To celebrate, we are performing the first play TOADS ever produced, "Young Wives Tales", a comedy by Ronald Jeans. We thought it was fitting to resurrect this comedy as, apart from references to the 2nd World War which had finished five years earlier, it is not a "dated" play and we have had a lot of laughs at rehearsals. Get your tickets now for this historic occasion, Wednesday to Saturday, 15th - 18th May at 7.30 p.m. at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South, Totley.

I'm afraid Saturday is already a sell out, but we shall have the scrapbooks on display the other nights. Tickets are £2.50 or £2 concessions, from any member or from me, Kate Reynolds, 2366891, or leave a written order at S. E. Fordham Opticians on Totley Rise.

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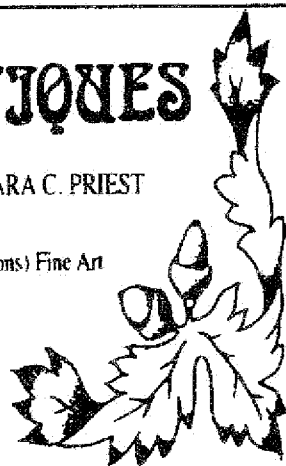
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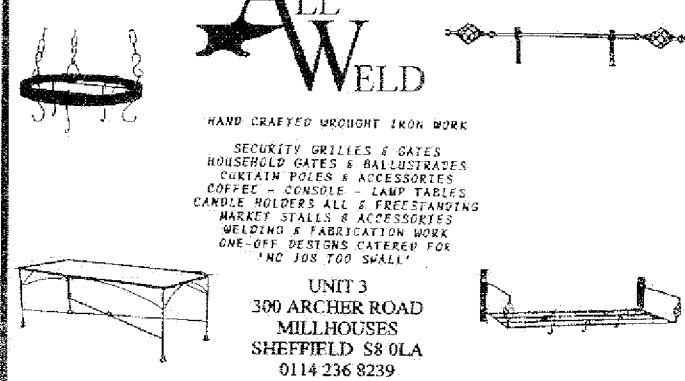
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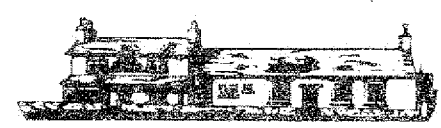
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