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A similar view to the photograph on the front of the March issue (331) in the **Totley Independent** but we think this is probably in the 1950's, so around 30 years later. Although not many years before the dual carriageway was built Baslow Road still has a very rural feel to it with the young cyclist leisurely pedalling across it to the shops. A busy day for Shentalls the grocers at No.65 with a queue of shoppers outside. Our thanks to Carolyn Howden for this picture, some of her memories referring to this photo also appear on page 5. Does anyone recognise themselves or have any more memories to share?

Totley Residents Association

Chairman's Annual Report

Once again it is my pleasure to report that Totley Residents Association have had very busy, but interesting year. We have welcomed Council Officers and representatives from other agencies to our Committee meetings. Their input and helpful information has enabled us to make improvements within our community.

Highway problems continue to cause concern for residents, particularly traffic speed on Baslow Road. SPACE has been successful in persuading the Council to alter the speed limit beyond the Totley boundary to 40mph, to put vehicle activated speed signs on both approaches to the bus terminus and to switch off the lighting columns except at the terminus. The location will be monitored for the next twelve months.

As reported for the last three years we are still waiting for SYPTE to turn round the bus shelters. We are also waiting for glass to be put into the newly erected shelter at the corner of Baslow Road and Glover Road.

The first Totley Music Festival in July was a resounding success, bringing all the community together. It was a superb ten days and best of all it was free! Thank you to Sue Hare and Phil Harris for their organisation and to the performers who gave their services free of charge. The "Totley's Our Home" song has been requested by many and passed round the country. We look forward to the next festival in July.

Jennie Street organised another successful Open Gardens event, money raised going to T17.

The Show in September, organised by the Show team led by Jennie was fantastic, the best ever, with perfect weather and a lovely atmosphere. So many people came, we ran out of programmes and cups! As well as the usual stalls, we were joined by Activity Sheffield and Abbeydale Archers. Representatives from Parks and Countryside, the South West Community Assembly and SPACE came to ask our opinions on various topics. Thanks to everyone who helped. If you didn't come, you missed a treat.

Totley History Group continues to develop. Individuals and small groups are spending time in the archives, online or in the library, learning about the history of their favourite bit of Totley. Thanks to John Beazer, who launched the history website in the autumn. We enjoyed a great Christmas meeting with a mummers play, a bit of drama and a barn dance, courtesy of "Airs and Graces"

The Chairobics class continues most weeks in the library. Congratulations to our oldest member who has celebrated her 90th birthday. Sadly, one of our members passed away during the year.

PTO

In spite of a petition and many letters of concern, we were unable to prevent the closure of The Halifax. Activity Sheffield is now very much involved in our area. Taster sessions for over 50's to "Get Active" were held in June. Tai Chi proved to be the most popular and this class has run successfully ever since. Activities for children were held throughout the summer and half term holidays at various venues in the area.

Alongside Activity Sessions, Adult Learning classes also began. These were undersubscribed, possibly because of poor publicity and bad weather. Hopefully the new sessions, beginning in May will be more successful.

TRA won a bid from the Lifelong Learning and Skills Service for two Adult Learning Champions to represent the South West Community Assembly. Their brief, to inform people about the opportunities for adult learning. Jennifer Burns and Jennie Street offered to carry out the voluntary task of contacting two hundred people each in the Community Assembly area. The project ended in March. The good news is TRA has earned £3,400 towards our aim of one day getting a community centre. Thanks to both for their sterling work.

Community Assemblies were set up to give local people more opportunities to become involved in decision making. Representatives from Bradway Action Group, Dore Village Society and Totley Residents Association met together to set up a Ward Forum. The main issues, anti-social behaviour and youth crime, speeding traffic, allotments and lack of a community centre have come up at both Ward Forum meetings so far. Details have been put before the Community Assembly for consideration.

Implementation of the Green Oak Park Masterplan has slowed down over the last few months, partly due to the weather, but mainly because the contract of the excellent officer from Parks and Countryside, who has been working with us, came to an end at the end of March. We are assured by Mary Bagley, Director of Parks and Countryside that the regeneration of our park will continue with the appointment of a new officer. We look forward to the provision of equipment for young people and some re-furbishing of the children's playground. Decisions about the buildings and toilets have yet to be made.

The greatest concern within the community for the last year has been the problem of youth nuisance and the lack of provision for young people in Totley. Many residents have been subjected to a variety of anti-social behaviour, ranging from noise, abuse and intimidation to criminal damage and muggings. Residents have co-operated with the police by ringing in with incidents and attending PACT meetings. Nearly every month most of Totley have been registered as a PACT Priority. Increased police patrols have seen some improvements, but more is needed.

Attempts to set up activities for young people with time on their hands, have so far failed as this area is not deemed to be deprived. We will continue fighting to put something in place for our young people.

This has been a difficult report to write because there are so many things going on in Totley showing the area is vibrant and lively.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work throughout the year, Marlene Marshall for acting as my deputy, Norman Rolfe for keeping an eye on our accounts, Betty Higgins for keeping the minutes, Russell Hague for looking after planning

matters, Ian Clarke and John Perkinson for the Independent and John Beazer for the websites.

Thanks also to the Police, Activity Sheffield, Council Officers, Councillors and the South West Community Team for their help during the last year.

As volunteers who commit time and energy for the benefit of our community we need all the help we can get from everyone.

Avril Critchley
Chairman

Mystery at TOADS.....

In a remote farmhouse on an equally remote Greek island, murder is afoot. But who? Max lives there with his wife Janet, but who keeps rowing off the headland? Who are the unexpected visitors who seem to know all about Janet and her family? Does neighbour Edgar, a mystery novel author, need to look no further for his next plot?

Make a (hopefully) warm May evening into a chilly one, with some laughs along the way with our May play at TOADS, 'Anybody for Murder' by Brian Clemens (writer of The Avengers and The Professionals) and Dennis Spooner. It's running from Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th May at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. As always with TOADS, you can treat yourself to a glass of wine, a fair trade tea or coffee or an orange juice at the interval. Then just sit back and watch the mystery unfold.

As many of you know, Kate, our wonderful secretary, has been very poorly over the last few months. You'll be pleased to hear that she's making steady progress and has been thrilled to receive all of your good wishes and lovely messages. In the meantime, for tickets to 'Anybody for Murder', please call Jeff on 235 1206.

If you're interested in amateur dramatics, or would like a new, fun and exciting hobby where you can make new friends, we're always looking for new members at TOADS, particularly for our next production. Rehearsals will start at the end of May / early June and the performances will be in November. We're not just looking for actors either, if you're interested in backstage work you'd be equally welcome. Give Sarah a ring on 235 3958 for more information.

LEONARD CHESHIRE MICKLEY HALL

JAZZ & BARBEQUE



**FRIDAY MAY 14TH
7PM**

**FREE ENTRY
BAR OPEN**



Transport 17

Shareholders at the AGM in March, were told that 2009 ended on an encouraging note. Total passenger journeys for the year were the best since 2004. We provided transport for over 20 organisations.

The first quarter of 2010 was difficult because of the poor weather. We were closed for 2 weeks in January and several days in February. We have also had to increase our hire charges. Clubs and passengers seem to be happy with our service and we thank them for their support.

At the AGM a big "thank you" was given to all the volunteers, the Management Committee and Mike Finn, our Manager.

The Committee members are -

Chairman	-	Danny Barlow
Treasurer	-	John Savournin
Secretary	-	Felicity Revill
Committee	-	Mike Roberts, Wendy and Jim Trotter and Margaret Barlow

We look forward to receiving our new bus soon and to selling our "X" bus. The new one will be a VW Crafter.

Many thanks to the Catholic Church and Outreach for once again giving most of the proceeds from the "Cakes, Cuttings and Coffee" morning, to us. The event is on Saturday, 15th May from 10 a.m. till noon at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road. This is always a very enjoyable chance to meet up and buy-up.

Margaret Barlow

2 ELECTIONS IN ONE DAY!

Thursday May 6

Lots of local residents have asked for clarity about the forthcoming election(s).

There will be 2 elections taking place at the same time in the same polling stations:

The national **General Election** (Hallam constituency in our case). Candidates are:

Steve Barnard, **Green Party**
Nicola Bates, **Conservative**
Nick Clegg, **Liberal Democrat**
Nigel James, **UK Independence Party**
Jack Scott, **Labour**

The local **City Council Election** (Dore & Totley Ward locally). Candidates are:

Keith Leonard Hill, **Liberal Democrats**
Basheer Khan, **The Labour Party**
David Alan Pinder, **The Conservative Party**
Peter Smith, **English Democrats Party**
Rita Louise Wilcock, **Green Party**

- ❖ Most voters should have received their poll cards by now, one for each election.
- ❖ At the polling station voters will be given 2 voting papers (One for the General Election and the other for the local Council election.)
- ❖ Polling stations open at 7.00am and close at 10.00pm
- ❖ The count for the General Election will commence after the polls have closed at 10.00pm; the counts for the local elections will take place the following day, Friday May 7

ANOTHER TOM DICK & HARRY STORY

On the 25th March 1944, 76 Airmen escaped from STALAG LUFT 111 in Poland.

Most of us must have seen the "THE GREAT ESCAPE" made famous by United Artists.

The film made in 1963 starred Steve McQueen, Richard Attenborough and James Garner.

Fifty of the escapees were murdered by German Secret Police, three managed to get home and the rest returned to prisoner of war camps.

Although Hollywood fictionalised some of the events (one being the motorcycle incidents with Steve McQueen) certainly most of the film is accurate.

Earlier this year Chris and I listened to the true story by one of the captured airmen who actually worked on the tunnels in Stalag Luft 111. He told us how he was shot down on a raid over Germany, imprisoned, and also told us the facts relating to the escape, and the aftermath.

A lot of events were not shown in the film due to secrecy laws at that time, but with slides and exhibits he kept our attention and told us the secrets of how they made instruments and clothing etc and how they fooled the Germans into believing that the camp was escape proof.

His name is Frank Stone now in his late 80's he lives in Hathersage and raises thousands of pounds for charity, the last event was a sell out, 164 persons young and old paid £5 each to listen to his talk and he even took questions at the interval. The next event is in early July at the Memorial Hall (next to the swimming baths) in Hathersage.

If you would like to witness another but true TOM DICK & HARRY story then contact Jayne on 01433 659772 - you certainly will enjoy the evening.

Martin Campion

Music Hall

Vulcan Varieties, Sheffield's traditional Music Hall Society, will be attacking the troops and civilians in theatres of war and entertainment, as part of their new season. (But then, we always were a bit over the top!)

About the only thing that isn't new are the jokes, but don't let that put you off coming and seeing what a lot of folks got upto in the Blackout.

Venues are:

The Lantern Theatre, Sat. 8th May at 7.30 pm
Coal Aston Village Hall Sat. 15th May at 8.00 pm
The Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield Sat. 22nd May at 8.00 pm

Tickets £7.00 /Concessions £6.00

Available from Secretary, Chris Launders, ph 2431339

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 p.m., Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore Contact details: telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk, colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TRA Website:- www.totley.org.uk

CHECK BEFORE YOU GIVE

Donating your clothing and other goods to charity can help raise vital funds. But are those funds going to those who really need them?

The British Heart Foundation recently put a leaflet through doors warning of the scams by commercial companies who claim to collect unwanted items on behalf of charities. The charities may receive as little as 4.5% of the profits from the sale of your items.

The advice the BHF give relates to all genuine charities, so is valuable to repeat here.

They set out 3 simple rules to follow before you consider putting anything in a bag collected by a commercial company.

1. Stop before you give

Check on-pack information. If it quotes the amount being given to the charity without confirming the commercial collector's share, then more of the proceeds may end up in the collector's pocket.

2. Look at the small print

All charity appeals must have a registered charity number clearly identified on the pack.

3. Check who collects

Check your donations are picked up by the charity you intended them for. Some commercial companies have been reported for picking up other charity bags while on route. This is theft. All BHF collectors carry identification and BHF vans are clearly marked with the BHF logo. If in doubt, contact the police.

**DON'T UNKOWINGLY DONATE TO
COMMERCIAL COLLECTION COMPANIES**

New Recycling Service

A recycling revolution is about to change the way that households across Sheffield recycle their waste. Sheffield is introducing a new recycling service in a bid to make it easier to recycle glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, cans, paper and card.

How will the new recycling service work?

If you already have your own black and blue wheeled bins you will receive:

- a new blue box for your paper and card
- Your existing blue wheeled bin will be used for glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and cans
- Your new blue box and existing blue wheeled bin will be emptied together every 2 weeks
- Your black wheeled bin will still be emptied every week

Residents living in flats will also have a new recycling service specifically designed to be more practical for people living in flats. Please keep recycling at your local bring bank site until your new service is introduced.

When will the service start?

Distribution of the blue boxes started in March. All households will have the new recycling service by the end of November 2010. For Totley, Dore & Bradway the service will be introduced between September and October.

- Look out for more information through your door
- Look out for the launch pack being sent out with the blue box – this should give you all the information you need to get going.

Dogs banned from Public Parks & Gardens

Newark & Sherwood District Council took the draconian action, as a result of complaints from residents & Parish Councils, about irresponsible dog owners/handlers, who did not pick up their dog's waste. Council dog wardens/animal control officers, enforce the legislation in all areas, & can impose "on the spot fines", via immediate notices, & payment of a fee of £50 is required. Failure to pay within 14 days can result in a summons to magistrate's court, where a fine of up to £1000 may be imposed. The dog owner/handler, would also then become a criminal.

Sheffield Council's Animal Control Officers, provide an advisory service & attempt to get owners/handlers to comply with the legislation. The law makes it an offence to not pick up dog waste if it is deposited on a footpath, on a grass verge, in a park, or other public space, such as a public garden. There are a few exemptions, which the wardens are willing to explain. The waste has to be removed "forthwith" & disposed of correctly, not left in a bag beside the path or hung in a tree. Such action would fall under the act as well as being litter, for which the "on the spot" fine is £75. (There are exemptions for the method of disposal, for which the Animal Control Officers will give advice.)

The majority of owners/handlers are responsible, pick up their pet's waste, & dispose of it into a bin. Sadly, it is the few, who are not responsible, who are selfish, & cause such draconian actions to be taken.

This article has been submitted by a resident, with the knowledge of the animal control service, to help all owners/handlers to acknowledge their responsibilities, & to comply with the law. If you feel that more dog waste bins should be provided, contact your local councillor, to ensure that funding will be provided, not only for the bins, but for the collection service as well. Animal Control Officers, Sheffield City Council, can be contacted on 0114 203 7410

Local History Class

We have been advised of a late **change of venue** for the 'Local History' Class - it will now be Dore and Totley United Reform Church on Totley Brook Road. All other details remain as before: The class will run for 10 weeks, Friday 10am-12noon. The cost is £25, and includes a guided tour of the Local Studies library. The class is aimed at beginners or people with some experience of researching local history.

Abbeydale, Dore and Totley

Festival of Local History and Art

St John's Church Abbeydale
(Opposite Abbeydale Sports Club)

Saturday June 5th
10.0 am – 4.0 pm

Contributors:

**Dore Village Society, Totley History Group,
St.John's Church Archives, Local art groups**

Totley Memories

This piece refers to the photo on the front cover of this issue from Carolyn Howden, she writes:

"I'm not sure of the date but you probably have an expert on motor vehicles who would be able to recognise the car and the lorry etc. There are two ladies on the left wearing long dresses but the car and boy on the bike look more fifties?

I am sure you will know that the houses on Totley Rise were originally built to house the workers who built Totley Tunnel. They were never intended to be permanent dwellings.

Working from Right to Left on the photo you will see Grattons Off License, then I think I remember a wool shop (not sure about that), next is the Post Office run by Mr and Mrs Jackson. I think I remember black hair was always pulled back in a tight bun and she wore glasses. It seemed to be a dark fusty shop, the counter was at the back on the right.

Somewhere around here was a cafe which was run by Eric Briers. He converted the upstairs into a coffee shop! I remember we had to climb up some incredibly steep, narrow stairs to a room at the front. I can't be certain which is which in the photo but there was Mr Tym's Butchers Shop and Mr Donald Chambers ran the Fish Shop.

A little further down, Mrs Spring ran the Sweet Shop. She was a very pretty little old lady with beautiful pure white hair. She was always very kind and liked a chat. Lots of delicious sweets, particular favourites were flying saucers, sherbet dabs and Five Boys chocolate bars.

Roundabout here was the Fish and Chip Shop. I seem to remember lots of black and white tiles, the counter was on the right. It really was not the thing to be seen in a fish and chip shop and we only went in there very occasionally!

There was then a line of houses which were still in use as peoples homes. The bottom house in the row had been converted into a newsagents, cards and little gifts etc. This was run by John Bonner (I think his wife was called Mabel). Mr Bonner was a talented singer and actor and was a leading light in TOADS. (Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society). TOADS is a whole other story which I will save for another time. John Bonner also played the lead part of the king in the "King and I" at Sheffield Lyceum Playhouse.

A highlight before Christmas was when John Bonner held a toy fair in the church hall at the end of Grove Road. We would go and assist to set out the wonderful new toys. It was great fun to be allowed to touch the latest toys!

The weekly baby clinic was also held in the church buildings. Entrance in Grove Road.

At the rear of the Totley Rise houses and shops there was a very nasty muddy lane which ran along adjacent to the backyards. One of these yards was known as the "pig yard". It was unbelievably smelly and quite frightening. (Perhaps they slaughtered pigs there?) We only went down this dark, gloomy back lane if we were feeling really brave or had been dared to run round the back of Totley Rise.

The green grocer and the baker were opposite Totley Rise shops on the raised grassy hill near Stonecroft Road and Marstone Crescent. You went up some wobbly uneven concrete steps which you can see on the left of the photo.

The main road had not been widened and you could see the attractive old bridge which crossed Totley Brook at the end of Grove Road. The bus stopped here, at the gates into the Church, for the journey to Pond Street Bus Station in Sheffield.

That is probably enough for now. I will tell you about Mr Tilly the Lamp Lighter next time!"

Carolyn Howden

Abbeydale Picture House

Update MAY '10

Tickets are now on sale for the Picture House Youth Theatre's latest production. Bugsy Malone, by Alan Parker, tells the story of the American "Speak Easy" and of course the great gangster stories mixed in with some amazing musical numbers and classic comedy moments. Come and see Fat Sam and Dandy Dan fight over the splurge guns. See Bugsy Malone as he tries to win the heart of showgirl Blousey. And of course see the marvellous Tallulah as she wows the crowds with her cabaret act.

Featuring such songs as "My Name is Tallulah", "Fat Sam's Grand Slam" and many more. Ticket sales are going well so call 07775966106 to book. For details visit our website www.abbeydalepicturehouse.co.uk

This will be the first PHYT production since 2007 that I won't be appearing in but I will still be helping out backstage as part of the Stage Management team. I would like to thank everyone at Abbeydale as well as my family and friends or being very supportive and helping me get experience in Stage Management before I go on my Stage Management course with National Youth Theatre in London during the summer.

Please note that the Saturday Coffee Mornings (10:30 - 12:30) are cancelled on May 22nd due to preparations for the Matinee performance of Bugsy Malone and May 29th.

Apart from rehearsing and preparing for the production there is not much to report but I hope you all enjoy the performance and all of the events at the Abbeydale Picture House and Bar Abbey.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY MAY 8th Northern Soul BAR ABBEY

FRIDAY MAY 21ST - SATURDAY MAY 22ND. Bugsy Malone. MAIN HOUSE - ABBEYDALE

Bugsy Malone, by Alan Parker, tells the story of the American "Speak Easy" and of course the great gangster stories mixed in with some amazing musical numbers and classic comedy moments. Come and see Fat Sam and Dandy Dan fight over the splurge guns. See Bugsy Malone as he tries to win the heart of showgirl Blousey. And of course see the marvellous Tallulah as she wows the crowds with her cabaret act.

Featuring such songs as "My Name is Tallulah", "Fat Sam's Grand Slam" and many more.

This is sure to be a fun show for the whole family so book tickets now to avoid disappointment.

FRIDAY 21ST MAY (7:15pm) and SATURDAY 22ND MAY (2:15pm and 7:15pm)

Tickets: £10 adults, £6 Children.

Call our box office NOW: 07775966106

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SATURDAY MAY 22nd BURLEY Q. Burlesque Cabaret BAR ABBEY

TUESDAY MAY 25th Keith Peter's Big Band BAR ABBEY

THURSDAY MAY 27th ABBCOM Comedy Night. BAR ABBEY

Farming Scene

What a difference a week can make. Last week it was cold and there was very little grass anywhere. This week it has become very warm, the sun is out and you can see the grass growing!!

This will not necessarily please many householders as they have to re-aquaint themselves with their lawnmowers, but to most farmers this will come as a welcome relief. From Scotland to Cornwall there has been dearth of spring grass to turn livestock onto after such a long cold winter. Even "down south" from Dorset to Cornwall where grass normally starts growing again at the end of February, farmers have only just now mid April begun to see the first "green shoots" of spring.

This has been good for the livestock feed merchants as farmers have had to buy in forage and concentrates to make good their own shortages.

Over half of our November/December born lambs are now enjoying the sunshine out in the fields. Most of the others have now been sold through Bakewell Markets as "New Season Lamb". Prices for both good quality cull ewes, hoggetts (last year's spring born lambs) and spring lambs have been very good lately. Although the home market has seen reduced demand due to the recession, export markets have remained firm and underpinned the prices. The resurgence of interest in mutton has pushed ewe meat prices higher. Despite this sheep and lamb numbers are still declining as farmers retire or reduce their flock sizes to have an easier lifestyle. Like many others I am counting down the years to retirement!!

Our texels have been in, lambed, processed and gone back out into the fields. We seem to have sheep just about everywhere at the moment as we are at our maximum number of on-farm bodies, approximately 750.

These should gradually decrease in numbers as we sell both our Dorset Shearlings and the texel meat lambs.

We have 4 Dorsets, 2 male and female, that we are currently feeding up and arting up ready for the main breed sale at Exeter on the 4th and 5th of May. Approximately 2,000 Dorset sheep will be for sale on the Wednesday, from pretty prize winning tups through to poor quality ewe lambs. Something to suit all tastes and pockets! Hopefully, we will be buying a high performance, and quality, tup to use as a stock ram come end of June, when the whole Dorset cycle starts again at tupping time.

The housebuilding on the old Hall Lane Farmstead site is in top gear now, and should be finished by late summer, I would have thought. They look uniformly dull and architecturally plain to me. I would have thought a bit more imagination and style could have been used to enhance their appearance in what is a conservation area. Quality standards seem to have been relaxed over recent years.

The allotments seem to be slowly becoming a reality as the practical issues regarding the Mickley Lane site are resolved. Soon the real work will begin turning a 2.5 acre field into dozens of garden sized plots. It should be very fertile soil and grow some good crops due to the residual nutrients left behind by 20 odd years of sheep manure, plus the fertiliser applied to this area. I can see some Totley Show prizewinners being grown there. The biggest problems are likely to be wireworms and cutworms. These are very often a problem when soil is replanted after years of being planted with grass but can easily be controlled by insecticides. I look forward seeing dozens of forks and spades being wheedled in pleasure or anger!, as frustrated veggie growers get to work on their plots. I might even join them as there is no kitchen garden on farm at the moment.

Edwin Pocock

Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings

Another year gone and it is time to ask you to attend the above event at English Martyrs Church on Baslow Road. The date is Saturday, 15 May and the time is 10.00 am to 12 noon. Obviously plants, books and bric-a-brac will be on sale. You can also enjoy an English or Irish coffee and sit amongst your friends. We shall be pleased to receive any of the items for the stalls. If you need these collecting please phone 236 5313. Hope to see you on the day. Part of the proceeds of the event will be going to Transport 17.

All Saints School News

Our refurbished library was opened at Easter by David Harmer, children's poet from Doncaster. The Lord Mayor attended the ceremony along with representatives from the Church Burgesses and school PTA, who both helped fund the project, and guests from the Local Authority and Sheffield Diocese.

Children and teachers came dressed as book characters and David Harmer worked with classes throughout the school to produce "class poems" which we will compile into a book.

Photo Provided by the Late Roy Green

The photo in April's issue of The Totley Independent brought back many happy memories.

For many years he was a Sunday School Teacher. Sunday School was held in the afternoon at Totley All Saints School in the then large hall.

He also had the hardware shop (Greens) at Dore. On the Sunday morning I was in the choir at the church and there again in the evening. Choir practice was on a Thursday, all for 5 shillings (25 pence) a quarter.

Roy's father of course along with Mr Unwin of Baslow Road kept the "Nook", the wooden hut set slightly back off from 351 Baslow Road just below Mr Unwin's.

The Nook was a place where all the Totley youngsters and youths congregated in the evening for drinks, sweets, play dominoes, darts, and have a smoke.

Happy days until the parents would look in.

The Nook of course is now long gone, but I am sure many older Totley residents will have fond memories of it.

J W Abson

**Remember NOT to just leave your
Green Sacks on the pavement;
phone for Veolia to pick up them up
on 0114 273 4567, they will be
picked up within 20 days of you
calling.**

Celebrating Pentecost

Ideas and activities for celebrating Pentecost at home from members of All Saints Church, Totley

Pentecost

Pentecost, (or Whitsunday) is a major festival in the Christian church. It is celebrated on the Sunday which falls on the 50th day after the Easter festival. The name comes from the Greek word for "50th."

It celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the followers of Jesus as recorded on the New Testament. Jesus had told them to wait until the Spirit came to them and whilst the disciples were indoors praying, a sound like rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. Whereas before they had been nervous of the authorities, the disciples were suddenly given courage and power by God to tell everyone how Jesus had come back from the dead. Moreover they were able to tell people this in their own language, since many had gathered in Jerusalem at that time from all over the Roman Empire. It created a sensation! This is what is meant by being able to speak in tongues.

As a result of the preaching about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins three thousand converts were baptised that day!

You can read this dramatic account for yourself in the bible in the book of Acts, chapter 2.

Today we believe that the Holy Spirit lives in us, gives us strength and wisdom, pricks our consciences and helps us worship.



Children's Activities for Pentecost

The Holy Spirit was said to appear at Jesus' baptism at the start of his ministry as a white dove. This lends itself to the theme of a "white Sunday" (Whitsunday). For children this can be a time to celebrate with white blossoms, bringing a few into the home if possible, or finding white daisies to weave into chains. You can wear something white and have a cake with white icing for tea, with a glass of milk and coconut macaroons.

Recipe – Coconut Macaroons

1 cup dessicated coconut

3 tablespoons flour

¼ cup honey

3 egg whites

¼ teaspoon vanilla or almond essence

Beat the egg whites till stiff. Add the honey and the essence, pour in the coconut and flour and stir well with a wooden spoon. Form into balls, place on an oiled baking tray and bake for 10 minutes at 180C gas mark 4. Take out while still moist.

Poem - Little White Doves, by Morwenna Bucknell

Little white doves so white and so free

In the dovecote nest I see

Look up to the bright blue sky

Spread your wings and gently fly

Fluttering, fluttering all around

Lighting gently on the ground

Back into the dovecote fly

Fold your wings and gently sigh.

A Prayer for Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, please fill me with your power and your love today. Guide me in what I think, say and do. I'm sorry for when I go wrong, please help me to change. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pentecost at All Saints

If you'd like to celebrate Pentecost by coming to church, there are a number in Totley to choose from! Here are details of services at All Saints - you would be very welcome:

9th May 10am Baptism service
6.30pm Open to God at Totley Rise

Methodist Church

16th May 10am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Service
23rd May 10am Pentecost All Ages All Together
6.30pm Evening Service
30th May 10am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Service

Gay Riley & Kate Caroe

OLD TOTLEY by Jo Rundle

By August 1940 sufficient conscripted youths and volunteers had been trained for immediate needs and the instructors were granted their first leave. My husband arrived home at the end of the first week, the immediate necessity the ability to unwind and get back to the reality of home-life, after which it was possible to talk about the future, such as it was.

Fortunately he recognised that I too could do with a change of air and scenery, and on his return to Caterham he put in an application for a two-week 'sleep-out pass' and arrangements that I should stay with the wife of a fellow instructor in Coulsdon, a small town about a mile away. My Father drove us to Sheffield Midland Station early on the last Saturday in August, a rather excited Mum who had not been to London before, and a mystified son who, by the look in his eyes, wondered what it was all about. The journey to London was quite uneventful, not unusual one might say, until we arrived at St. Pancras Station during an air raid warning.

We made our way to the Taxi queue for the journey across London to Waterloo, when an air-raid Warden said that we were not allowed to travel in an air-raid. I explained, and he agreed to let us take the taxi, with an "OK be it on your own head". A case when 'ignorance is bliss!' and the taxi driver was wonderful. He soon realised that I had not been to London before and, as the actual air-raid had not yet begun and the streets were comparatively empty; the roads almost deplete in traffic, there was plenty of time before my train to Coulsdon was due to leave. It was perfect for a sight-seeing tour, first to see The Guildhall, on to The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, St James's Palace, the official seat of the Crown, and down the Mall, passing Clarence House and on to Buckingham Palace, where he went twice around the Victoria Monument for me to have a longer look.

I got so excited looking first through the side, then the back windows, lifting my son and pointing as if a two-year old understood every word I said, and the driver just laughed. My Husband met us at Coulsdon Station, very correct in full guardsman uniform, not allowed even a handshake, nor the freedom to lift and carry his small son, such were the regulations. A rather subdued wife and son arrived eventually and I was introduced to Eva, the Sergeant's wife with whom I was to live for the next two weeks. She had three sons, aged five, seven, and nine, who took to my son straight away, and looked after him until we left.

My husband left after a few minutes, saying that he would be back later as he had a 'sleeping-out pass' whilst we were there, and all seemed very promising as we settled in and had our first meal. Coulsdon was on the flight-path from the coast to Kenley Aerodrome where the fighter planes protecting London were stationed, and I was soon to learn that the 'softening-up' had already begun. I was not surprised to receive a message that Frank, my husband would not be coming that night after all.

The sirens began just after six o'clock, and followed soon after by the drone of planes high in the sky, streaming overhead with fighter planes on both sides, group after group until the sky seemed to be full and the noise terrific. This was the third night Eva told me, but not to worry the children knew exactly what to do and Keith, the eldest, took charge when she wasn't there. The bombing and fighting went on until almost daylight when the bombers and straggling fighters could be heard returning high overhead until early morning. This was the pattern for the first ten days, I received a message from my husband to tell me that he would come to see me as soon as he had permission to leave camp, but it never happened. We had been in Coulsdon for a week, whilst Eva had done her best to entertain us, and the boys had been wonderful in taking care of my son, and one morning Eva asked if I would like to go into Coulsdon Town, see the shops, and have a meal. "The boys will be

alright", she said, "they know what to do, if anything happens" It was about nine o'clock when we arrived at the end of the long main street, the shops had opened and there were a few people already moving around when, suddenly, high in the sky in the distance we could see a fighter plane coming directly towards the far end of the street getting lower as it came nearer. "Quick" shouted Eva, "into Woolworth's, don't stop". I did as bid and stared in amazement. The counters were the length of the room, as was the custom in those days, when the assistants served from behind, and the till and the cashier were at one end. What I saw now was with the precision of a Brigade of Guards. At the far end of the room on the end of the counter was a roll of cloth, the ends of which two assistants each took a corner and running, pulled it along the counter, covering all the contents, whilst another assistant appeared with a huge Gladstone bag to hold the contents of the till that were quickly tipped into it by the cashier, then both ran to the far corner and down the steps to the room fortified into an air-raid shelter. Eva shouted, "Don't stand there, come on quick, the shelter, far corner". and I obeyed. We heard the bullets flying as the plane strafed the street to get rid of them before ditching his damaged aircraft in the sea. When all was quiet again we streamed out and by the time we had all reached the door, the counters were uncovered, the cash back in the till, and the store was trading as if nothing had happened. When we arrived at the street again there was one woman lying in the road unhurt who had laid down as the plane flew over, and the bullets had passed harmlessly beyond her. After nine nights in the shelter, the tenth day brought a telegram from my Mother telling me that my youngest brother had come home on embarkation leave before being posted to Aden, and requesting that I return home at once. A quick call, and with a two-hour 'pass-out' my husband arrived about nine thirty, the first time I had seen him since the day I arrived.

I had already packed and the first train to London was due to leave at twelve-thirty from Coulsdon Station about half a mile away on the outskirts of the town. My husband left at eleven-fifteen to report back by eleven thirty and a few minutes later we said our farewells to Eva and her family and set off on the half-mile walk, a small son holding one and dragging a heavy suit-case with the other. As on our arrival in London ten days ago, the air-raid warnings had now reached Coulsdon and, after only a few steps we were stopped by a warden, and as I insisted that I catch that train, he snapped "OK, be it on your own head, you've been warned" As the old saying goes, 'Needs must when the devil drives' and so we kept on walking for about a quarter of a mile until we reached the steep slope to the station. When the station was built the road to it had been cut through a large field, leaving a huge barn about half-way up the hill with its

back to the road and we were about twenty yards away when I heard the first drone, and soon saw in the distance a flight of German bombers, high in the sky accompanied on both sides by Messerschmitt fighter planes.

Now, fear is a terrible thing, and sometimes there is no sense in it, yet fear made me ignore the fact that they were a mile high in the sky, and probably didn't even see us, and even if they did, we were of no consequence and they would just wave "guten morgan". That, however, holds no water when fear takes a good hold, and now it ordered me to say to my son, "Come on pet, they shan't get us, run to that barn and crouch down, then they might not see us", 'silly me' when I told my son to be silent, "Don't even whisper, Sh, don't move". The noise was terrific as I just caught a glimpse of a face in one of the fighter-planes as they passed over-head. Quickly getting to my feet and grabbing my son's hand we set off, stumbling and trying to run, until about twenty yards from the train the station master appeared, running towards us, grabbing the suit-case with one hand, the other arm around a rather mystified little son's waist, and a quick run into the station with directions to "sit on the floor under the table with the others, and don't touch the blinds, just sit quietly". We obeyed with great relief and joined those already sitting under underneath the tables; men going to work, some in bowler hats, others in various dress of workmen, women of all ages, and, obvious, by their dress and uniforms from all walks of life, and work, yet here we were, such an assortment of people who, under normal conditions, would probably never give even a glance at each other. We were safe and it was cosy, it was obvious that some of the children had done this many times before. One little girl risked lifting the corner of a blind, and whispered "they're there". Carefully I lifted the corner of a blind near me and saw, just above the train, a Spitfire, so close that I could see the Pilot, and the little girl whispered, "there's one on this side too", and, sure enough, we were escorted all the way to Waterloo Station by two Spitfire fighter planes, which, when we entered Waterloo Station, performed a 'roll' and, on their sides, made a quick turn and flew back to Kenley.

The warning was still active, and there was the same warning to me that I should get under cover, but St. Pancras was the next stop, and Totley the destination. Readers might say, "What has this to do with 'Old Totley'?", and I don't blame them, but, was Totley with Ruby Clark's sister from Green Oak who, with her Ak Ak, Squad, were fighting-off the bombers during the raids on London when they took a direct hit and all were killed. Were they with Mary Green of Summer Lane, who, we were told, was standing on the back of a lorry full of women of the 'Women's Royal Army Corp' being transferred to another unit when she was knocked off by an over-hanging branch and killed?. Was Totley with Ken Seals of Heatherfield, and Vin Webster and his brother. The two sons of Mrs Webster of The Grove; all three pilots in the Battle of Britain. Was Totley with my Brother when he arrived in Aden, and later with John Johnson from the rifle Range when they both met in a street in Cairo or with hospital Sister Bessie Coates of Lane Head outside a Hospital in Haifa, when he was trawling the Kibbutz in Palestine with £40.00 from his C.O. to find food for his Squadron when they were down to their last two packets of cereals. I am sure they were with my brother Geoff, on call day and night keeping the

fighter planes in the air, making sure that they were as safe as long hours of meticulous and painstaking work could make them. Of course they were, for wars may mean partings, but it can never break the bonds of family and friends. To be continued.

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The Crown

As we go to press workmen are in the Crown and work has started we have had the following statement from Punch Taverns, the PubCo owners of The Crown: "We are delighted to confirm that new licensees have been recruited to run the Crown, Totley. We anticipate that the pub will re-open on 26th April and look forward to working closely with the new licensees to build a successful future for the pub."

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

The frogs have gone thank goodness, the 50 or so pairs did come, and we were inundated with frogspawn, I wonder where they all go we don't see that many frogs around the garden. I have managed to keep the ponds clear but one of the filter fountains has developed a fault, I am waiting for some new parts from the supplier. I hope they don't take too long or the water will turn green again, especially if we have a good bit of sunshine (we hope). The seedlings in the greenhouse are looking healthy though they are a bit late. I delayed planting the seeds as the weather forecast to be cold, they usually catch up if we are blessed with a spell of sunshine. It won't be long before we are busy transplanting tomatoes, bedding plants, and pot plants, and preparing the ground for the vegetables bearing in mind that extra TLC for those plants earmarked for the Totley Show in September. May is a lovely time of year signs of summer are everywhere, days are warmer and longer and more flowers are in bloom, adding colour and scent to the garden, summer bedding plants are available from the shops and garden centres and, if you have grown your own bedding plants, you will be anxious to get them planted outdoors both to make space in the greenhouse and to reduce the amount of time spent watering and feeding them. You should however resist the temptation to plant out tender annuals during a spell of summer-like weather at the beginning of the month. Be guided by past experience and beware of late frosts, watch the forecast!....

FLOWERS Leave the foliage on bulbs as long as possible when the flowers have faded. Give them a feed as they die back, this will give a good show of flowers next year. As rambler roses begin to make strong shoots from the base, tie them in carefully to prevent them being damaged. Keep watering newly planted plants and liquid feed container plants. Stake, tie and train sweet peas and keep them mulched. Trim aubrietia, this will prolong the flowering period. Stake and tie in developing herbaceous plants, especially delphiniums and lupins. Keep up with regular dead heading plants as the flowers fade. Prepare dahlia tubers ready for planting out, set them in boxes of moist peat or sand to encourage shoots to firm. Plant out at the end of the month. Harden off bedding plants outside during the day, protect from heavy rain, a tent of fleece is ideal for this. Plant up hanging baskets and containers and keep them in a frost free place ready for putting out at the end of the month. Sow hardy annuals such as clarkia, cornflowers, calendula, candytuft and godetia. Anemones and pasque flowers grow easily from seed. Collect the seed heads as they ripen, sow immediately in seed compost and place in the cold frame, the seeds will not keep long so discard any left over. Keep an eye on lilies and tulips for virus attack, the signs are unusual stunting, yellowing, mottling or distortion. Lift and burn any affected bulbs. Perennials such as delphiniums, oriental poppies, pyrethrum, scabious etc. can be sown under a frame or cloche.

VEGETABLES Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans. Keep all crops well watered. Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops. Prepare mounds for planting out morrows, courgettes, pumpkins and squashes. I use bales of straw spread out with compost-manure in between, this holds lots of moisture which all these types of vegetables love. All vegetables can be sown now, leave intervals to avoid a glut. Dip roots of cabbage type plants (brassicas) in fungicide to counter club root disease.

Clear remains of spring greens after harvesting and prepare the ground for leeks, especially the ones you are going to take to the Totley Show. All salad crops can be planted out or sown now, keep cloches or fleece over lettuces. Spread out the sowing time so that crops don't mature together. Watch out for all the pasties i.e. slugs, snails, black fly, caterpillars etc. and deal with them before they get out of control. Plant out basil raised indoors. It is a good time to start a new herb garden, this will give plants time to get well established before wintertime. Prepare the ground for planting outdoor tomatoes, the best place for these is against a fence or wall that faces south. Tomatoes like a good rich soil containing plenty of rotted dung, compost or peat.

FRUIT TREES AND SHRUBS Keep all fruit well-watered and fed, deal with any pests as soon as possible. Tie in new growth of blackberry and loganberry. Prune over-crowded raspberry shoots and keep them well mulched, they have a very shallow root system, so mulching is very important. Watch gooseberries for any signs of attack by aphids or caterpillar, deal with them as soon as possible. Newly planted fruit trees appreciate an early evening spraying with clear water to speed up their development. Pull off suckers from all roses. Remove them as near to the main plant as possible. Top dress heathers with a good layer of peat or leaf mould. Keep hedges trimmed. Water azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, wisterias and hydrangeas with iron sequestrene plant tonic. Plant out tender shrubs like fuchsia and hydrangeas. Complete the planting of roses, heathers and evergreens. Plant out clematis and other climbers and provide adequate supports. Prune spring flowering shrubs. Lightly prune evergreens to maintain shape. Trim back dead shoots on rose of sharon.

GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS Shading and ventilation are the main concerns at this time of year. The young seedlings and plants need protection from strong sunlight and require fresh air to give good quality plants.

Sow flowering pot plants like browallia, indoor primula, calceolarias, cinerarias etc. Pot up or pot on seedlings and cuttings of begonias, gloxinias, fuchsias and late chrysanthemums. Keep control of white fly, aphids and scale insects with insecticide or use the yellow sticky cards. I find these most effective.

Tie in and train tomatoes, pinch outside shoots as they form. Pinch out tops of cucumber plants when they reach the top of the greenhouse. Spray all but hairy-leaved house plants regularly with tepid water to increase humidity. Standing on a bed of grit or pebbles also helps. Watch out for greenfly on indoor plants. Most indoor plants will tolerate plant pins which are a very effective pest control. Water and feed house plants regularly. Do not leave them standing in water.

LAWNS Cut regularly, not too short, for a lush green sward. Pull out weeds when seen or treat with weed and feed, or lawn sand, if you haven't managed to scarify (rake out the thatch under the grass) yet, then it is not too late, this helps keep a healthy lawn and removes any dead or dying moss. Spike and brush in old compost, this helps drainage and also promotes healthy growth, Trim round the edges to keep the garden looking smart and tidy.

Don't forget the Totley Show in September.

Cheerio for now.

Tom

Totley War Memorial Project

A small group of people from Totley History Group are currently researching the lives of the men whose names appear on Totley War Memorial on Baslow Road.

In World War I ten young men from the village gave their lives and we want to create a Roll of Honour with a short biography of each one which will appear on the Totley History Group website. It is also possible that at some point we may publish a small booklet about them.

Their names are:

Sec.Lt Roy Denzil Pashley Milner
Pte Hedley Bishop
Cpl Tom Brown Fisher
Pte James William Green
Sgt Herbert Allan Hill
Pte Robert Hugh Martin
Pte Albert Pinder
Pte James Parker
Pte Charles Turner
Pte Bernard Turner

Something we would really like to do is to find photographs of the men. We are hoping that there are still family members living locally who may be willing to give us more information and also to provide photographs. By doing this project we hope to make these young soldiers more real to those of us who live locally rather than just being a list of names on a brass plaque.

If anyone is able to give us any information please contact Dorothy Prosser on 0114 236 2483 or e-mail apple-garth@supanet.com. We shall be delighted to hear from anyone who thinks they can help.

GLOVER ROAD

When walking to the paper shop this morning, I noticed at least three cars partially parked on the pavement and one 4x4 parked wholly on the pavement. This obviously made it impossible to pass it on the pavement. I don't know how mothers with pushchairs or wheelchair users manage. I wouldn't be upset if any of these cars got scratched.

Also as I was walking back home, a black car came past from behind at a reasonable speed with its two nearside wheels on the pavement! I dread to think what would have happened if I had turned to cross the road at that point.

Why aren't the police or support officers in evidence on this road? They should be along there issuing these cars with illegal parking tickets. I've no doubt it happens on other roads in Totley as well.

Are there are plans for a traffic management survey on Glover Road? I believe the last one was done years ago and the volume of traffic has increased tremendously since then. Is there a case for making it one way?

Steve Wiles

Kate Reynolds III

This will be the final update as to Kate's progress, because I am happy to state that she came home from hospital Weds 14th April. She has made a little progress on the physical side, but cannot, unfortunately take her own weight to stand.

My time is spent mostly chasing around after her "Where's my.... Or What have you done with my"... requests. But, as one of our friends commented after visiting her, "It hasn't stopped her *****y talking, has it?!"

Once again, I would thank all the kindness and offers of help, and I do mean all... 83 cards, and all of them, in pride of place around the lounge walls at home now. Bless you all. Kate & Tony Reynolds.

EVENTS IN SHEFFIELD BOTANICAL GARDENS

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TOTLEY WEBSITE USAGE

MAY 09 to MARCH 10

The **www.totley.org.uk** website had almost 17,000 'hits' or visitors in the last few months, an average of over 1,500 a month. The breakdown is below, the highest number being in September when we hold the Totley Show.

Month	Visitors	Month	Visitors
May 09	1218	Nov 09	1392
Jun 09	1231	Dec 09	1533
Jul 09	1413	Jan 10	1698
Aug 09	1662	Feb 10	1399
Sept 09	1905	Mar 10	1306
Oct 09	1779		
TOTAL VISITS IN PERIOD 16536			

TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The grounds here at the school look wonderful this time of year. For the last few years Mrs J Collie of Sunnyvale Road has been taking photographs of the crocuses in bloom. She makes cards out of them to sell for charities. As you can see the flowers really did look gorgeous.



The annual PTA Easter Egg Hunt was successful. The weather was dry but cold, but if you're a youngster on the hunt for chocolate who cares!

I am a little disappointed with the 50/50 Club as I think they must have taken my numbers out! Last year my numbers came up several times but so far this year nothing! It's only a £1 a month which is really good, so if any of you would like to join send your name and address to Alison Taylor at the school. The Key Stage 2 kids have had two trips to London. The first time they went to the House of Commons and the London Eye and the second time they went down the River Thames. I believe a good time was had by all.

Wizz Kids, the pre-school situated on our site, are to have a new building erected to replace the two prefabs they have at present. The new property is going to look like a log cabin and, from the photos in the brochure, should look fantastic.

I am saddened to report several of my hens have been killed in a fox attack. This fox must have trained with the S.A.S. as it managed to jump over a five foot fence and butcher 5 of my hens. One of the surviving hens was in a bad way and couldn't walk and, as I couldn't find any marks on her, assumed she was suffering from bruising and shock. For the first few days I had to carry her in and out of her bed and hand feed and water her. Gradually she got stronger and was able to move around more freely and I am happy to report she now seems fully recovered. She now follows me around like a dog and is always by my side. I think I've made a friend for life!

Monday 19th April at 7.40am sees the start of a Breakfast Club at the school. This allows working parents an earlier start to their working day and will be run by our dedicated staff. Children will be given a healthy breakfast and play games, do some art etc. which should give them an enjoyable start to the day.

Hopefully by the time this article goes to press we should have appointed a Children's Centre Coordinator who can get the new centre up and running. This will be beneficial to many families in the area.

That's all for now. ALLEN MILLER, BUILDING SUPERVISOR

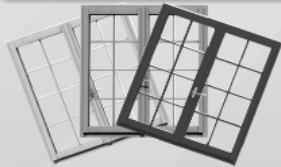


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Mr Foley said: 'We have something for everyone, from rarely performed operas to entertaining literary speakers to cookery demonstrations by celebrated Derbyshire chefs. It's a great opportunity to try something new!'

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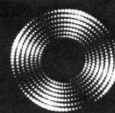


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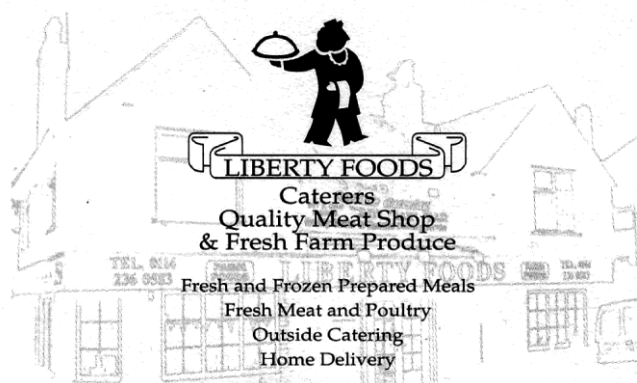
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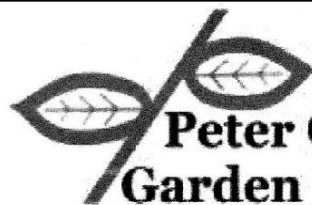
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