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A drawing of this cottage appeared on the front cover of our December 1979 and 1994 issues but here is a photo, taken by Bob Warburton and donated by his wife at our recent scanning day. Other photos from Bob's collection will shortly appear on the Totley History Group website www.totleyhistork.org.uk.

The cottage stood on Totley Hall Lane just below the Fleur de Lys and was lived in by the Ward family for many years before being demolished in 1978. The wall leading up on the right bounds the road nowadays called Stocks Green Drive – the original well, built into the garden wall, is almost lost in the shadows in the bottom right corner of this photo. The well was moved and later re-built on the new estate.

The small flat roofed building to the left was the kitchen and coal-house, further to the left was the outside toilet. The cottage had quite a large garden across the front and to the right hand side with a path down the middle. To the rear of the cottage was a spring which came out of the fields at the back and very rarely did it dry up in summer. The cottage only ever had gas lighting.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Totley Residents Association

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting has been requested by more than 10 members of the association in relation to the functioning of the Totley Residents Association Committee. The date suggested, though not ratified as Totley Independent goes to press, is Monday 13th December in Totley Library 7.30pm. This meeting is open to everyone who lives in the Totley area and will be advertised in the usual noticeboards if the date is confirmed.

TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

It is with a sad heart that I have to inform you that our Head Teacher, Angela Lant, will leave our school at Easter to take up the headship at a larger school in Hillsborough. In all my working life I can honestly say she is the best boss I've ever worked for and I will miss her fun loving way of doing things. Having said that I wish her well in her new school. Our loss is their gain. She, along with Mr Stewart and our Governors, help to motivate both the staff and children and have made this school the best in Sheffield in my opinion.

Our school is the first to order a Christmas tree from Martin Scriven. Last year's tree was fantastic and, no I am not after a discount on my vegetables!!!

Wizz Kids new building is up and running and what a wonderful place it is. Also, the Children's Centre is up and running and I've never seen so many medical people outside of a hospital.

I'd like to thank the two farmers who supplied our Gardening club with the cow mulch. We shall have a bumper crop next summer! Once again we have planted 2000 crocus and 25 tulips and 1000 daffodils so, hopefully next spring will see the school field a mass of colour.

Roll on 16th December when all the school go to the Lyceum for this year's Christmas Panto (oh yes we do!!!!).

Another Bonfire night has come and gone and left my dog a nervous wreck. When I was young we never heard fireworks on a Sunday (the Lord's day and a day of rest). I thought in those days you weren't allowed to let off fireworks on a Sunday. How times have changed!

I would like to finish on a personal note and point out that when school finishes on a Friday night it is closed until 7.30 a.m. Monday morning unless we have a letting. If Tommy leaves his football boots at school or little June leaves her musical instrument I'd appreciate it if you do not come to my house to see if I would open up the school. just for you. With 181 children and their parents I would be forever opening up the school at the weekend and it is my time off. That's my moan of out the way.

I would like to thank the staff and management at Bar Abbey (beneath Abbeydale Picture House) for making my son's 18th birthday party a memorable occasion. They were very accommodating and it really is a great venue to hold a function.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I hope Santa is kind to you, depending on whether you have been naughty or nice!!!!!!!

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor

Ward Forum

The Ward Forum for Dore and Totley, which includes Whirlow and most of Bradway, convened on two occasions over the summer. Both were held at Totley library. The first, on Thursday 5th August, was arranged at short notice to discuss the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive's "Bus Vision" consultation. Over 30 people attended, including many from Bradway who expressed concern at the apparent suggestion that the 25/25A service be replaced by a new service bypassing important local facilities at Greenhill, as well as being less convenient for accessing the city centre. With regard to possible improvements to public transport services, various suggestions were made such as the provision of cycle lockers at Dore station (see below) and a better orbital bus service between Meadowhead and Whirlow via Dore station to improve links to existing cross-border bus and train services. Those attending were encouraged to make their views known to the SYPTA before the consultation period ended on 3rd September. It has since been clarified by the SYPTA that no bus route changes in the area are imminent, but the concerns expressed have been noted.

The second meeting was on Wednesday 8th September. In reviewing issues that had been raised at previous meetings, particular concerns were expressed about speeding traffic, with calls for greater police control and signage on Baslow Road and for early consideration by the Community Assembly of the introduction of 20mph speed limits within residential areas. It was noted that the priority highway scheme for the year was the construction of a pedestrian refuge near The Glen nursing home to help people cross Abbeydale Road South. However, the increased cost of this scheme would mean having to defer the construction of the missing section of footway along Totley Brook Road. There was continued disquiet about the proposal to site new allotments at Mickley Lane, but this was not discussed in detail as a separate meeting had been arranged. Proposals for the play area in Greenoak Park were outlined, but various other issues remain to be addressed. Concerns were expressed about the revised arrangements for re-cycling, especially the ability of elderly people to move the blue boxes, but Councillor Ross urged people to give it a fair trial. Apparently, elsewhere in the city, problems had not been as bad as people feared. There was still no progress to report on applications by the Dore Village Society to secure Village Green status for three sites, although Councillor Ross assured those present that things were happening behind the scenes.

New concerns that were raised included:

- the need for a litter bin at the new bus terminus
- further issues to do with Greenoak Park (provision of warden service, availability of toilets, etc.)
- the possibility of providing cycle racks in Dore village and cycle lockers at Dore station.

Various other suggestions were discounted following discussion.

The next Forum will be held at Bradway Primary School, Bradway Drive on Tuesday 30th November (7.30pm). As the Ward Forum will have been in existence for a year by then, there will be an opportunity to review progress to date and consider any changes that might be necessary.

Bradway Action Group
Dore Village Society
Totley Residents Association



Transport 17

Thank you very much to all those who bought or sold tickets in the

Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan Christmas Draw. I hope you win a prize.

While we are thanking people, high on our list are Leonard Cheshire Disability, English Martyrs R.C. Church, Totley, The Ironing Parlour and all the local churches, clubs, TRA and all the individuals who support us in many ways. I would like to thank the Totley Independent team for all their help for me, personally.

We are sorry to report that one of our drivers, Tony Powell, will be leaving us at Christmas. Tony has been with us for a number of years, with the support of his wife, Pauline. They live in Deepcar and it is a long way to come, especially in the mornings trying to avoid the rush hour. Our passengers and everyone at T17 will miss him very much. We wish him and Pauline a happy Christmas and a good 2011, and send them our sincere thanks.

It was good to see so many staff and supporters, past and present, at the new bus presentation. The weather was lovely and the catering and flowers from Totley Rise Deli and Totley Gift Shop, made things even better. We were given an anonymous donation to cover the cost of the event. As you know, we don't waste money!!

Our office closes on Friday, 17th December and re-opens Wednesday 5th January, 2011. Passengers should check with their own clubs as sometimes these dates are different.

The Chairman would like to thank the committee, Mike Finn, John Savournin and all the drivers and escorts for keeping the buses running and the office open.

Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year 2011.

Margaret Barlow

Be prepared to have fun!



Calling all boys age 6 - 8 years of age.



Would you like to learn whilst having lots of fun?

Earn badges whilst learning and having fun?

Make new friends? Go on outings? Attend Scout Hut sleepovers?

Build dams, Make a fire and cook outdoors?

Play and learn sports with professional coaches? Enjoy games and party nights?

Be involved in raising funds for charities? Help and work within the community?

If you think that all this sounds good and something that you would like

Then why not join our Beaver Scout group?

We meet every Tuesday term time only, 6:15pm - 7:15pm
At The 215th 1st Totley Scout Hut HQ, Aldam Road, Totley.

We have now opened up our waiting list and are enrolling all new Beavers.

If you wish for any further information please contact:



Mrs Faye Catton-Norton BSL 07752162796

(Beaver Scout Leader at 215th 1st Totley 10years, Assistant Leader 1998-2000, Previous volunteer helper at 85th St Johns Beaver Scout group Abbeydale Road South)

Happy posting at Christmas

Everything you need to know to deliver your seasons greetings

Last recommended posting services	Service
UK	
Sat 18 Dec 2010	Second Class
Tue 21 Dec 2010	First Class Recorded Signed For™ has the same last posting dates as the 1st and 2nd Class service that the customer has chosen to apply it to
Wed 15 Dec 2010	Standard Parcels
Wed 22 Dec 2010	Parcelforce 48
Thu 23 Dec 2010	Parcelforce Next Day
Special Delivery™	
Thu 23 Dec 2010	Special Delivery™
International Airmail	
Mon 6 Dec 2010	South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East (including Japan), Australia and New Zealand
Fri 10 Dec 2010	Eastern Europe, USA and Canada
Mon 13 Dec 2010	Western Europe
International Surface Mail	
Thu 30 Sep 2010	All non-European destinations except Middle East, South Africa, Far East, the USA and Canada
Tue 5 Oct 2010	Middle East and Far East (except Hong Kong & Singapore)
Tue 19 Oct 2010	South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, the USA and Canada
Tue 9 Nov 2010	Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland
Tue 23 Nov 2010	Western Europe

For a full list of all recommended last posting dates please visit our website
www.royalmail.com/christmasposting

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

SHEFFIELD CATS SHELTER

Could you provide some Christmas cheer for this Charity?

With Christmas approaching, many people think about donating to a charity, and there are so many deserving causes, it's difficult to choose. But, if you are an animal lover, how about supporting a local charity that is in desperate need of help?

The Sheffield Cats Shelter is one of the oldest charities in the UK. It was set up in 1897 by the caring daughter of a local industrialist, who could not bear to see local animals suffering.

Since then, the Shelter has continued with this good work. These days it promotes responsible pet ownership and helps to find loving homes for some of the many cats in Sheffield that, for some reason, do not have somebody to look after them. The staff and trustees work tirelessly to look after the cats they care for. They never put a healthy cat to sleep; all the cats that come into their care are seen by a vet, are given the appropriate vaccinations and medicines and are neutered and micro-chipped. When they are ready, they are homed as soon as a suitable place can be found.

The shelter is always full to capacity and the staff pride themselves on finding homes for the many older cats that come into their care, often because their owners have passed way or have had to go into care themselves.



Kinky and Freda are two of the Shelter's older cats that are looking for a loving new home so they can have a happy and contented retirement.

The Shelter is wholly dependent on contributions from supporters and monies received through legacies; it receives no state or lottery help. Although the charity has managed to keep afloat during these difficult economic times, it is now in desperate need of funds. Last winter, money had to be spent on major repairs to the premises to ensure the building survived. This was a massive drain on resources and has left the charity with a deficit this year.

So, if you would like to bring some Christmas cheer to this deserving cause, there are several ways you could help.

For a few pounds a month, you could become a sponsor. For that, you will receive a regular newsletter and get a warm fuzzy feeling that you are helping homeless animals. Or you might want to make a one-off donation.

With Christmas on the horizon, how about buying some Christmas cards from the Shelter or one of their branded goods as stocking filler? These, as well as raffle tickets for their Christmas draw are available from the Shelter.

If you prefer, why not donate some cat food? This is always welcome and the staff are particularly grateful for the "senior" food that is available in most pet shops and supermarkets.

For more information about the work of the charity, donations or adoptions, please contact the shelter on 0114 272 4441 (between 13.00 to 16.00), email them on info@thesheffieldcatsshelter.org.uk or visit their website at www.thesheffieldcatshelter.org. If you want to visit, the shelter is open every afternoon and is at 1 Travis Place, Broomhall, S10 2DB.

Totley Pinfold

Dear Sir, My sons, David and Peter, and I would like to thank the T.R.A. most sincerely for the plaque at the Pinfold in memory of Jerry. He really enjoyed working there, particularly as it gave him the opportunity to meet and chat with people. He was greatly amused to be asked on one occasion why he was having to do community service!

However, let no one forget that the Pinfold garden would never have come into existence had it not been for all the hard work done by Stan Bingham. I note that this has been mentioned in the November issue of the Independent in a letter from Alan Ibbotson, with which I agree wholeheartedly.

In a footnote following the letter, the Editor states, "the Chair will discuss with the T.R.A. committee at the next opportunity". I await the outcome of this discussion with interest.

Vi Roberts

I was delighted to read the tribute to Stan Bingham for the hard work and commitment that he put into the development and recreation of the Pinfold which had gone wild.

I knew Stan and his brother for many years and he pointed out to me where I could plant 2 trees dedicated to my late wife Joan who passed away in January 1985.

One tree donated by her friends at Totley College, a weeping cherry, and the other one a weeping willow (Kilmarnock) from myself were planted at a small ceremony attended by many of her College friends. Stan continued looking after the garden until his health failed.

I do hope that the TRA will provide a plaque in recognition of his work and if so I would willingly subscribe to it.

J W Abson

St John's Church Abbeydale



December Services

19th December

6.30pm Carol Service—Nine lessons and carols

24th December

5pm Christingle

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

25th December

9.30am Family Communion Christmas Day

Normal weekly services are:-

8am Either Morning Prayer or Holy

Communion

10am

Parish Communion. Provision for children is made on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month either by way of Family Communion or Fish Club

The first Wednesday of every month Holy Communion 10.15am

Horses at Totley

Another year has passed since I last reported to the **Independent**. I still visit the horses at Totley Bents each weekend to hand round a few carrots and apples.

Peggy, the powerful bay mare, and George, a fine chestnut gelding are first on the list as they graze adjacent to the stables opposite the Cricket Inn. Inside the stables Max, a piebald pony, Ollie, a palomino pony, Aran the sturdy grey gelding, and Susie a grey and white pony recently arrived are about to be ridden by the young girls who also help out with the chores. I leave a share of the fare for the horses to eat when they return.

Then on to Strawberry Lee Lane where Punch, Banjo, another piebald pony and Sunny 1, a fair-skinned palomino gelding, are at lunch tucking into buckets of food just put out for them by Punch's owner. I leave a few apples and carrots for them to consume when they have eaten their main lunch. Punch, a tall, grey gelding is well into his forties but seems to be in good health. He is now my favourite since the departure of Milly last year.

I move on to the top of Moss Road where three horses are to be found, Capri, a brown bay mare, Sunny 2, a palomino gelding and Anna, a piebald mare. Teresa tells me that Capri is expecting a foal in March or April.

Now on to the fields off Baslow Road to find Mojito, a fair-shinned bay youngster, Carl, a brown skewbald youngster, and William a palomino youngster. Together they consume the last of the fare. Then it's back home.

I passed my 79th birthday in October but, despite beginning to feel the effects of my age, I still enjoy my weekly visits to the horses.

Seasonal greetings to all readers.

Hugh Percival

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH GROVE ROAD

Everyone is warmly invited to take a special **Journey to Bethlehem**, to trace the events leading up to the birth of Jesus during the very first Christmas over 2000 years ago. Free 30 minute tours will begin on **SATURDAY 11TH AND SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER** between 4-30 and 7-30pm. Visitors will be met by a Roman Centurion, who will guide them through scenes from the Bible telling of the birth of Jesus, take them on a visit to the Inn at Bethlehem, and to the village market place, where local crafts will be demonstrated, and visitors will be able to sample food of the time. Having visited the shepherds in the fields, the tour ends at the stable, where a real baby Jesus is cared for by Mary and Joseph.

The tour, in small groups, lasts about 30 minutes and is free, you are invited to stay for refreshments afterwards. Come warmly dressed, as the shepherds (and their sheep!!), are outdoors. You are most welcome to come, and bring along your friends: for many people, it has been said that Christmas starts here!

Around 1.000 people journeyed last year, and now, as then, it is essential to book your time slot in advance: you can do this right now by calling 0114 236 8726. All of us at Totley Rise Methodist Church look forward to seeing you, as we prepare together for Christmas 2010.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to join us at any or all of these services.

Sunday 19th December

10.30am Youth Church Christmas Service

6.30pm **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

Christmas Carol Service

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4.00pm Crib Service (Especially suitable for children)

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10am All age Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 26th December

10.30am Morning Service

No evening service.

Refreshments will be served after many of these services. Please do join us if you can.

Christmas Nativity Play

"It's a Baby" at Totley Library, 205 Baslow Road, on 8 December 2010 at 10.00am

Everyone welcome, especially under 5 years. Children from Totley Primary coming to perform. Refreshments will be served.

Carolling in Derbyshire

Hathersage Carollers invite you to join them in singing your favourite carols and their own "village" carols. Venues are:-

17 December Scotsmans Pack Inn at 9.00pm

20 December Millstone Inn at 9.00 pm

22 December Plough Inn at 9.00 pm

29 December Little John Hotel at 12 noon

This year a collection is being made to support their outdoor swimming pool appeal. Further details call Len 236 6558

KESA presents

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18th March 7 pm - 1am

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5 course dinner

Live band & Disco

Masks & black tie optional

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Farming Scene

Our Dorset ewes are now housed at the farmstead ready to start lambing shortly. By the time you read this I will be doing my normal 18 hours, 7 days a week, maternity shifts. I have been known to do a straight 42 hour shift when a number of ewes have kept me up all night!! As I get older I find it harder to continually go to bed at midnight and be up again at 5 or 6am to give whatever assistance is required to optimise the number of lambs born alive and successfully reared. Most ewes appreciate a little bit of help to ease the passage of their lambs during birth. It may be just a case of a bit of a tug on the front legs, combined with the mother's final "big push" to shorten the time in labour. Sometimes 2 lambs enter the birth canal together and become stuck. In these cases one of the lambs has to be pushed back into the uterus so the other one can bypass it on its way into the world.

On occasion a lamb is presented bum first. In these cases it has to be helped back into the womb, the back legs carefully manipulated from underneath it until they are in a position whereby the lamb can be pulled out backwards. This is a dangerous operation for both the ewe and the lamb. It is very easy to tear the uterus wall when trying to ease the lambs back legs from under it, causing the ewe to die. Lambs are naturally born head/front legs first which eases the passage and helps preclude the inhalation of fluids during the birth. A back legs first birth gives a harder, less streamlined passage and because of the action of cervical pressure on the rib cage almost always causes the lamb to inhale fluid on the way out. This is nearly always fatal to the lamb. The survival trick is to get the back legs/tail/bum all lined up nicely and then pull the lamb out in one very quick action whilst having one hand free to tourniquet its neck to stop it breathing in fluid on emergence. 9 times out of 10 this method is successful and the lamb survives albeit with a bit of help to get it breathing properly.

The biggest challenge is a breach birth where only the back of the lamb is facing in the right direction. Here the lamb has to be manipulated until either a forwards or backwards birth is possible. The worst case scenario is a breach presentation where the lamb is also upside down! Much turning and twisting is required to ensure that the legs, back or front, are facing the same way as the ewes legs rather than by the tail. This ensures that the lamb's natural body flexibility follows the curvature of the ewe's birth canal. This may sound relatively straightforward but can take upwards of half an hour to complete and leave the "midwife" pretty much exhausted.

Remember, while this remedial work is in progress, the ewe is doing her damndest to push this intrusive arm as well as the lamb, out as hard as she can. And they can. She may even be desperately trying to jump up and run away as well during this delicate operation! After you have spent as much time and effort to get the lamb born alive, it is quite possible that the ewe, particularly if she is a first timer, will ignore the lamb totally. It is important that immediately the lamb is born that it is placed near the ewe's nose and some of the faecal fluid and slime is rubbed onto her nose so that she begins to recognise that it belongs to her. Smell is the nethold that sheep use to identify one another so a ewe recognises the smell of her lamb first. The placing of the fluid on her nose also stimulate the natural response of licking all the rest of the foetal membranes off the lamb, thereby stimulating it into life whilst drying it off so that it does not get cold. Quite often at this point the lamb will give a series of quite desperate sounding baa's which roughly translated say "Mum, what's happened to me, I need help". To which the ewe will reply "It's OK I'm here, stay by me and you will be alright". Sounds quite familiar doesn't it! At that point you know that for now at least they have bonded, and should be able to look after themselves on their own for a while. Until that is the lamb decides it cannot find its mother's teats and the midwife has to step in once again to try to solve the problem.

It is a real pleasure to see 2 or 3 sets of twins that have born overnight happily walking round with their Mothers having been successfully delivered, bonded and found the milk supply on my early morning inspection. This is often not the case. I am met by lambs that have been born dead, mothers struggling to deliver their offspring or 2 mothers trying to foster another ewe's lambs. How would they cope if I was not there to look after them I wonder? Many ewes and lambs would not survive the delivery/post natal traumas. But then this is what shepherding is all about. Reducing the losses and maximising the number of lambs successfully born and reared.

This is all down to long hours, hard work, skilled midwifery and good husbandry. The satisfaction comes from seeing ewes and lambs, happy, contented, looking and doing well.

Edwin Pocock

CROSS SCYTHES

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

On Monday, 15th November, the owners of the Cross Scythes, David Ford and Stuart Hitchman and their families, welcomed representatives of the local press to a taster evening to celebrate their first anniversary at the Cross Scythes.

The **Totley Independent** was invited alongside other agencies as a valued advertiser and information provider to the local community. The evening began with mini testers of some of the main menu which included salmon and cod fishcakes, corned beef hash and brown sauce, and pear chicory and blue cheese. Starters were a winter warmer of curried butternut soup with homemade breads followed by seabass with mango, coconut and lime salsa. This was followed by locally sourced belly pork with black pudding fritter and pan fried apple and mustard, then a generous serving of sliced duck breast with confit potatoes and balsamic roast beetroot puree.

The sweet was a delightful panna cotta with orange caramel followed by coffee and petit fours of chocolate brownie, blueberry cheesecake, and truffles

The chef, Alan Rigby, and his enthusiastic young team, were congratulated by everyone for their wonderfully cooked and presented meal. Both owners and staff were very welcoming and attentive to everyone's needs throughout the evening and we certainly enjoyed the food experience at the Cross Scythes.

The full Christmas Menu is available from 1st Dec priced at £19.95, but I'm afraid if you wanted to book for Christmas day it is now fully booked. The Cross has been recently voted Best Leased Pub of The Year and now has 4* AA rating, so don't forget if you have a full house over the holiday, there may be some rooms available at the Cross Scythes.

Pauline Perkinson

Burgess Family

I don't know whether you have had any response regarding the Burgess family (*July 2010 issue*), if not perhaps this might help.

In 1891 Albert Fox age 35, general labourer, lived at Totley Bents with his wife Hanna (Taylor) of Dore, age 33 and his children Maurice 14, John 12, Rose 8, Kate 4, and Marriot 2.

In the twenties John, Jack as he was known, lived in a little hut on the tip at the corner of Hillfoot Road and Penny Lane. He cobbled shoes and went round the village gathering them and returning them after mending.

Now, Ida Burgess was my chief bridesmaid when I got married in 1936, and I got to know the family very well. According to my notes at the time, (I was already involved in 'family trees'), Kate Fox married Joseph Burgess a farmer at the Bents, and they had Kate, Rose, Ida, Dinah and Joseph, Joe who still lives in Totley I believe.

One of the sisters married a man called Wortley but I don't know which Wortley, as there were two suicides in Totley around that time, Joe in Shewsbury Terrace, and the other at the far end of summer Lane, the last house before the allotments, or it could have been another Wortley whom I didn't know. Whoever it was they had a daughter Winnie, (Ida's cousin and in 1934 when Totley was taken into Sheffield, and Sergeant Bagshaw left the Police Station, Mrs Wortley and Winnie moved into the police house. There could possibly have been someone else with them, I never heard anything about them from Ida - nor that she ever visited them. I got married in 1936, and Ida left Totley with the family for whom she worked. Incidentally, I often went with Ida to Lower Bents Farm to visit her Grandmother whose name I believe was Taylor before she married. Confusing?, I agree.

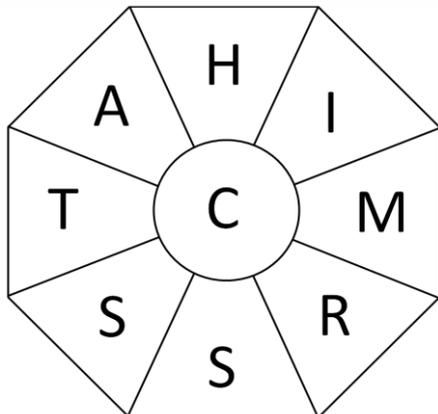
Bye for now!

Jo Rundle

Puzzle Corner

Words from the Polygon

In this type of puzzle you are required to find words using letters in the polygon with defined restrictions. Common restrictions are, all words must include the central letter, no words shorter than 4 letters, no plurals, no proper names.



For an easy short puzzle a list of words using the restrictions above AND all words start with the central letter, ie C.

This could be a group game where each player in turn has to add a new word to a composite list. Failure to do so eliminates that player.



EVENTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

TOTLEY LIBRARY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11th 7.30PM

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TOTLEY LIBRARY

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Kelham Island Museum

Victorian Christmas Market 2010

The much loved Christmas Market, which last year attracted over 12,000 visitors across the weekend, will bring to life 'A wonderful world of Dickens at Christmas'. Visitors can enjoy the Dickensian themed event and walk amidst living history characters and stall holders who will all be dressed up for the occasion.



The two day event will feature a wide range of entertainment and festive themed activities that will take place across the museum, including:

- Over 100 stalls set around the museum and island
- 'Sheffield Made' traditional skills, crafts and gifts
- 'All that Glitters' gifts and jewellery
- Christmas Shop
- Festive food quarter with scrumptious hog roast
- Fairground with traditional Gallopers
- Skate with iceSheffield
- River Don Engine and Kelham Island Flyer Miniature Engine
- Santa's workshop and children's activities
- Entertainment Stage with a variety of performers and festive family entertainment

The 19th Victorian Christmas Market will take place at Kelham Island Museum on Saturday 4th December 10am - 7pm and Sunday 5th December 10am - 5pm. Admission is £4 Adults and accompanied children are FREE.

The Global Village

If we could shrink the world's population to one small village of 100 people, with all the existing human ratios the same, it would look like this:

There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from North and South America
- 8 Africans

- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male.

- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white

- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian

- 6 people would possess 59% of all the wealth
- And all 6 would be from the USA

- 80 would have bad housing
- 70 would not be able to read
- 50 would be hungry
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be new-born
- 1 would have gone to college
- 1 would have a computer

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

Competition Winners 2010

Brian Greenwood Plate Ladies Doubles

Winners Mary Taylor/ Barbara Hawley
Runners Up Mary Parkin/ Audrey Eyre

Val Clarke Shield Mixed Doubles

Winners Roy Palfreyman/ Dominique Mountford
R/Up Paul and Margaret Green

Hargreaves Cup Mens Singles

Winner Graham Torry
R/Up Alan Wright

Dr Who Shield Ladies Singles

Winner Mary Parkin
R/Up Pat Hall

Roebuck Cup Mens Doubles

Winners Trevor Davies/ John Mountford
R/Up Frank Young/ Steve Wiles

Hallett Egg Troghy Mens Singles

Winner Trevor Davies
R/Up Malcolm Stobbs

Curvaceous Cup Mixed Singles

Winner Phillip Parkin
R/Up Frank Young

Leslie Hulse Trophy Vets Singles

Winner John Perkinson
R/Up Graham Torry

Kenneth George Shield Mid Season comp

Winners Alan Cousins / Dominique Mountford
R/Up Mike Hastings / Alex Wilson

Harry Johnson Cup Captains day

Winners Frank Young /Alex Wilson
R/Up David Reeves/ Mary Taylor

Autumn Shield End of Season comp

Winners Trevor Davies/ Ian Picken
R/Up Audrey Eyre/ Barbara Walton

Totley Library

More than just books...

As well as offering a wide variety of books, magazines and newspapers your local library has many other services to offer. We have recently upgraded our computers and offer free internet access to children and adults. We have 9 computers with 4 designated for children. Why not use the fast internet connection to browse the web or use our computers to type up a document using the latest Microsoft 2010 software. We offer a black and white or colour printing service which produces high quality prints (printing costs apply) Our photocopier and scanner are great for copying your important documents. Each computer also has USB facilities, DVD drives and memory card readers available.

If you love films, our DVD collection offers a wide range of adult and children's films for rental at a low cost. As well as this we continue to have an excellent range of fiction and non-fiction books including texts available in large print and in audio book form. With best sellers and ever changing stock it is definitely worth visiting this excellent free service. If you are not already a member pop into the library or join online, it's easy and it's free. If you have never been in your library before you'll be surprised at what's on offer e.g. our virtual library 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Your local library now has even more to offer so take advantage of it today!

Totley Library
205 Baslow Road

S17 4DT
0114 293 0406

Local food heroes on show

Some of Sheffield's finest local food heroes will be on show at Hartingtons' inaugural Christmas Food Fair taking place in Baslow Village Hall on the 4th & 5th December.

The food fair with over 20 stalls will showcase local food producers and retailers from in and around the Peak District. Sheffield based Heavenly Cheesecakes and Yummylicious Cupcakes who have recently opened a shop on Abbey Lane will be exhibiting their mouth-watering delights. Local institution Sharrow butchers Roneys are there Sunday taking orders for their free range Kelly Bronze turkeys. Marco Zerboni from Ecclesall Road eatery Taste will add an Italian flavour throughout the weekend by bringing along his hand prepared biscuits and panettone. Sheffield Business Awards finalist Caroline Thompson; otherwise known as the Girl With The Golden Cup will be exhibiting her unique tea and tisanes blends on the Saturday.

Amongst the warming treats on offer will be a hog roast, mulled wine and roasted chestnuts. Admission to the event is free and starts at 9.30 am. This is the first event to be put on by new Sheffield based company Hartingtons Ltd who only set up in September with the aim of promoting local food producers and retailers in and around the Peak District. For more information go to the website www.hartingtons.net.

Blacka Moor's MerryMince Pies Tuesday 14th December 11am – 1pm



Wrap up warm and join us for a gentle festive walk around Blacka Moor. Bring your walking boots and we'll provide the mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine, though feel free to bring your own alcoholic version along!

Meet at Stony Ridge car park (the small car park at the end of the woodland on the A625 Hathersage Road). Grid reference: SK 277 806.

Contact details: www.wildsheffield.com. Or phone 0114 263 4335. Email h.wittram@wildsheffield.com for information on the volunteer days, or a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com for anything else.

TOTLEY SERVICE MEN 1914-1980

I should like to congratulate Dorothy, Pauline and Jim for their article in last months **Totley Independent**, the work effort and research which they have done is amazing.

It takes a lot of hours to collate all the information which they have researched. And the timing of the entry was very appropriate given the 14th November was Remembrance Sunday.

The service at the War Memorial was very well attended, and three members of our local history group Pauline, Dorothy and Jim laid a special wreath in memory of those local service men who gave their lives for their country, together with other local organizations.

The local history group is well worth joining if we let the history of Totley go we will never get it back.
Marlene Marshall

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LEONARD CHESHIRE, MICKLEY HALL

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8TH

10AM-12NOON



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CAKES, PRESERVES, MINCEMEAT, GIFTS ETC.

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WISHING ALL OUR PATRONS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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Would you like to enhance your child's school life?

Give them extra ordinary opportunities?

To make it happen, join the other parents on:-

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KESA

(King Egbert School PTA)

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As a parent you are automatically a member of KESA, come along & help to create 'extra special' experiences, opportunities & equipment to make school life amazing...

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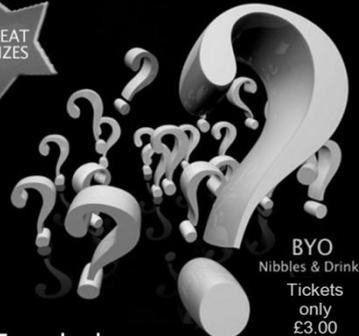
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Mrs Jockel

2nd Prize No 69
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Peter Casson

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WILL BE MEETING ON THE FIRST & THIRD
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ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED, JUST
BRING YOURSELF AND 50p TO COVER THE
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Accompanist
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In the middle of November the speed limit was lifted to 40mph and the street lights were turned off on Baslow Road beyond Lane Head up to the brick works. This is for a 12 month pilot period, after which the success of the pilot will be assessed by the council to determine if the lamp standards can be removed and used elsewhere in the city.



TOTLEY HALL FARM'S CHRISTMAS 'LIVE NATIVITY PLAYS'



ONCE AGAIN

A WORRIED NEW FATHER!

A HAPPY SANTA

We have recreated the Bethlehem stable scene in our barn complete with live animals, Rosie our cow, Dorset ewes and lambs, and Spirit our donkey, giving it a flavour of real authenticity and atmosphere.

The children who came last year enjoyed dressing up as Mary, Joseph, the angels or wise men and playing out their role as we narrated the wonderful nativity story. The parents filmed or photographed the performance in between joining in the carol singing. The after performance refreshments proved very popular, particularly the mulled wine for the adults! Santa's house was the main attraction for the children as they collected their presents from him, although the free donkey rides were a close second!

Why not give the whole family a Christmas treat this year

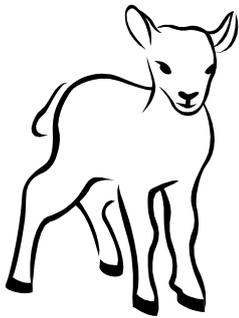
by coming to one of our plays? The whole event lasts approximately 1½ - 2 hours, the narrated play taking about 30 minutes at the beginning. Do visit our web site at www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk for pictures of last year's performances and a list of special options for groups and clubs that start at £4.80 per person.

Below is a schedule of this years performances and we would love you to join us for this unique and special start to Christmas.

TO HELP YOUR BUDGET WE HAVE KEPT OUR PRICES AT LAST YEAR'S LEVELS

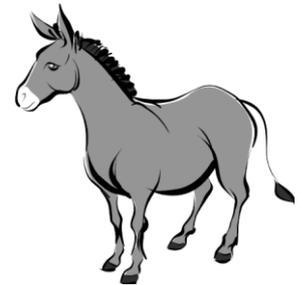
Adults @ £9.80 - includes tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies.

Children 3 - 16 @ £9.80, Children 2 and under @ £4.80 – includes a present, drinks and Christmas biscuit.



A PLAYFUL LAMB

Sat 11th Dec		01:30			Tue 21st Dec		01:30	04:30	
Fri 17th Dec			04:30		Wed 22nd Dec		01:30	04:30	
Sat 18th Dec	10:30	01:30	04:30	06:30	Thur 23rd Dec		01:30	04:30	06:30
Mon 20th Dec		01:30	04:30		Fri 24th Dec	10:30	01:30	04:30	



A SPIRITED
DONKEY

For further information, or to book your places using our credit card hotline, please call Jenny on 236 4761

Comments from some of our schools last year

A wonderful and memorable experience for us all. The children were all involved and interested. Very well organised and thought out.
Ashdell School

Had a lovely time. It was a good hands on experience for the children to tell them about the nativity story. It will have prepared the children for our own nativity plays.
Dinnington Community Primary

A stress free nativity – what a novelty !!

What a fantastic experience! The children enjoyed every minute.
Herringthorpe Junior School

It was well organised and presented.
Brotherton & Byram School

A really lovely presentation and friendly staff. Well done.
St Bedes Nursery

Wonderful memories for the children. The staff absolutely brilliant with the little ones.
St Bedes Nursery

Thanks for a super morning. The children really loved it. Top marks for organisation and patience too
Whitwell Primary



We are delighted that a lot of Special Schools and Resources visit us too. We have easy wheelchair access and a range of costumes specially designed for wheelchair users. Here are some of their comments –

We had a lovely time dressing up and taking part in the nativity. Just the right level and length for our children. The children especially enjoyed riding the donkey and holding the lambs afterwards.
Thanks for a lovely morning.
Bents Green School

A wonderful experience – thanks for adapting to meet the needs of our children.
Kilnhurst Autistic Resource.

We had never seen our children respond so positively to a completely new experience. Truly amazing.

The children were enthralled and captivated by the whole experience.
Mossbrook Special School

A very realistic sensory experience – our children were entranced by the animals. Please do it again next year – we'll book in now.
Hilltop Special School



GARDENING TIPS FOR DEC/JAN

It's happened, yes, the scientists have said what we have been saying for years, if you talk to your plants they perform better. I'm convinced that Aaron and many others used to talk or sing to their plants especially when you see their efforts at the Totlely show. I was saying to my orchids only yesterday (they were misbehaving a bit bending over when they should be upright) that they were beautiful and thanked them for flowering continuously for 18 months. It was then I noticed another shoot peeping out below a leaf, so you see, that confirms what some of us gardeners have known for years they do appreciate us treating them with a bit of intelligence and it pays dividends. The men in white coats have not been round of late so I think it's ok to carry on conversing with them. One advantage also is they don't answer back when I tick them off for being naughty. The rain is not helping us whip up any enthusiasm to go in the garden, even though there is a lot of clearing up to do. I have not finished lining the greenhouses and tidying up the leaves on the lawn is an on-going task at this time of year. It doesn't do to let the leaves lay too long on the lawn, or the grass starts to go yellow and takes quite a while to recover. The goose is getting fat, so time to make your list for Father Christmas, I hope you include useful things like spades and hoes as well as gardening DVDs to increase your gardening skills. Much better than socks unless they are the type that go in wellies. I am hoping for a nice holiday in somewhere warm, though I am not holding my breath. I have just finished insulating the large greenhouse - one more to go. It's a messy operation as the insulation gets dusty and spidery when it's in store during the summer; we need to have hats and scarves on to stop any creepies dropping on us. I have checked over the heaters. I only use small ones just to keep the frost at bay; the paraffin is a bit expensive now so we have to decide which plants get priority. Sometimes it pays to buy new plants instead of trying to bring the old ones through the winter and using up expensive fuel.

I will be putting in onion seeds towards the end of the month - the traditional day is Boxing Day. The onion beds should be well on the way by the time you read this; I have to dig trenches about 18 inches deep and layer the bottom with old bean stalks (this will give giant bulbs ha, ha) then a layer of compost and manure, then a dusting of bonemeal a small amount of potash and the lot topped with top soil. When the plants are ready in April they will be planted in this lovely bed they will not need to be fed during the growing season, and with a bit of luck will be ready to win at the Totlely Show, and also have some juicy ones ready for the kitchen.

We have had a bumper crop of apples this year some are a bit scabby but ok when peeled, I try not to spray with insecticides this means we have some grubby ones also, but with so many we can afford to let the odd codling moth grub have one or two. I will have to give the trees a winter wash when we get a fine day during January or early February to keep the woolly aphids at bay. This gardening is one battle after another if it's not bugs its rain and if it's not rain its sun. It's a wonder we get anything growing at all we gardeners are gluttons for punishment, but it's very satisfying when everything or almost everything comes good.

Just keep persevering and as Alan Tichmarsh says enjoy your gardening.

FLOWERS

Check over dahlia tubers to ensure they are not rotting or drying up too much. Give them a dusting of flowers of sulphur after cutting out any suspect parts. Break away the dead foliage from gladioli corns prior to storing them away ready for planting out next spring. Begonia tubers should be checked to see that they are still healthy. Winter flowering iris (IRIS UNGUICULARIS with pale lilac flowers should now be coming into bloom. Not only does this plant give a bit of welcome colour in the garden but also supplies superb flowers for indoor decoration, provided they are cut when in bud. This iris flourishes best if planted close to a south-facing wall and then left to fend for itself, so you get splendid results for very little effort. When the soil has dried out (we hope) dig over any new beds, add a bit of bone meal or well-rotted compost (or both) leave the ground roughly dug so that old Jack Frost can do his stuff on the nasties. Cover cold frames which are over wintering plants with insulating material to protect from frost. Take root cuttings of phlox, verbasicum and oriental poppies and root in containers placed indoors or under a frame. During any mild spells, perennials such as lupins and Michaelmas daisy can be planted out. Pot up Lilies and place in a name ready to set out in the spring. December is the last chance to plant out late tulips, also plant out alpines and rock plants, and choose a mild day. Firm in any plants, which have been moved by frost or wind. Prune roses down to about half way, this makes the beds look tidier and does not harm the plants it also helps to reduce the plants rocking in the wind, they can be pruned fully in April.

VEGETABLES The thing to think about is to work with nature rather than against her. So keep off your

garden in wet conditions. Do however; press on with winter digging whenever conditions are favourable. It's also a good time to apply lime, if this is needed, ground chalk or limestone. Buy your seed potatoes early when there is plenty of choice and set the tubers to chit (sprout) in light frost free conditions. Remove yellowing leaves from brassicas; check over stored root crops for possible rotting. Prepare runner bean trench. If you are going to put onions in the "Totlely Show", sow seeds on Boxing Day for the show, sow Kelseo or Robinsons mammoth, for the kitchen, Ailsa Craig or wait a bit later for the kitchen variety and put in onion sets turbo or sturon are good ones. Lin a few roots of mint, place them in a deep box of old compost, put them in a frame or greenhouse to give shoots for early picking.

Prepare the onion bed as soon as weather permits; dig in plenty of manure or well-rotted compost deeply. Spread bonfire ash liberally over the top also bonemeal and hoof and horn meal each at the rate of 4ozs (100g) per sq. yd. (mtr). Clear away any finished crops and prepare ground as above.

TREES SHRUBS and FRUIT

Now that deciduous species have lost their leaves you can check over the trees and bushes for dead or weak branches which need to be removed. Evergreens can also be pruned. You could use the prunings for Christmas decorations. Check all trees and shrubs for wind rock damage, also all stakes and supports have not worked loose and that ties have not become too tight around the stems. Spray trees and shrubs and especially fruit trees and bushes with winter tar oil wash; choose a fine calm day to avoid spray drifting. Complete the pruning of apples and pears, paint cut branches with arbrex or similar to prevent ingress of woolly aphids and disease.

Raspberries are difficult to weed by hand you could try selective weedkiller; it's very slow at this time but very effective. All fruit bushes will benefit from an early application of high potash fertiliser followed in the spring by an application of general fertiliser such as Growmore.

Firm in any newly planted stock. Inspect all grease bands and replace if necessary. Give evergreen trees a shake if they are covered with snow especially newly planted ones. Wrap up warm any vulnerable plants like azalea, rhododendrons with fine mesh netting or straw.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Water sparingly and ensure plants in flower are kept moist and away from hot fires and radiators, increase humidity round indoor azaleas, cyclamens and winter cherries by standing on wet pebbles. Use insecticide pins to control aphids and whitefly

Paint patches of scale and mealy bug with fentricide or methylated spirits. Light is very important in the greenhouse now, glass should be washed particularly on the outside to remove residue of shading and grime. Vines under glass should be pruned. All side growths or laterals are cut back to two buds.

Fuchsias are now dormant need to be inspected and not allowed to dry out keep them just slightly moist. Cut back old geranium plants, shortening the growth to a joint or a bud 6 to 9 inches above the pots. Then re pot the plants shaking all the soil from the roots and repotting in the smallest pots into which the roots can be placed. Clean up inside the greenhouse; clean all pots and trays ready for seed planting. Make preparations for taking chrysanthemum cuttings. Give

freesias, which are coming into bloom a little weak liquid manure. Cyclamen seedlings should be potted on into 3 or 3½ inch pots. Remove flowers from azaleas as soon as they commence to fade and before seeds start to form. After your pots of daffodils and hyacinths finished flowering allow them to continue growing until the leaves die down. If you have been troubled by vine weevil (a little creamy white grub which eats plant roots) treat all pots in the greenhouse with PRAVADO it will also control other insects such as whitefly, greenfly etc.

LAWNS As usual at this time keep it clean, tidy and keep off during frosty weather.

GENERAL Nothing to stop you altering paths, painting garden furniture, cleaning pots, mending tools, taking mowers etc. for sharpening (it's cheaper just now). Recovering the shed roof, making a new compost heap, don't just sit there get cracking!! Well that's it for this year. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and a really great gardening New Year.

Cheerio for now

TOM

Wheelchair Wanted

I am looking for a lightweight wheelchair, to enable me to transfer Kate around the house between chairs etc, and getting into and out of the car. The one supplied is too big for indoor use, and is OK on the flat, but is a killer coming up from the Rise shops or the Co-op!

An early reply would be most appreciated!

Thank you,

Tony Reynolds 236 6891.



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All Saints Church,

Totley Hall Lane

Services for December

- 5th 10am Holy Communion
4.30pm Holy Communion
- 12th 10am Morning Praise
4.30pm Holy Communion
- 19th 10am Christmas Celebration
6.30pm Carol Service
- 24th 4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Holy Communion
- 25th 9.30am Family Service and
Holy Communion
- 26th 10am No Service
4.30pm Holy Communion
- 2011 January
- 2nd 10am Family Holy Communion
4.30pm Holy Communion.

During January the Morning Services will be held at 10am and the Evening Services at 4.30pm.

Christmas Prayer 2010

A tiny babe so vulnerable
Who came to join us faults and all.
What do we see beyond the stall,
The shepherds, sheep, wise men and all
Who played a part so long ago?
For us to think and then to go
With open hearts into the world
And take that baby's hand unfurled
And with them place our hopes for all
That peace will reign and be the call
Of each and every one of us
Who pause to think at this Christmas.

May we all know God's Blessings at this time especially.

Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year to Everyone.

Christmas Decorations

Gather some pine cones on autumn walks to hang on your Christmas Tree. They look very effective with silver glitter or painted with gold or silver

paint. You can then decorate them by gluing little sequins on them and hanging them up with a pretty ribbon.



Three Kings Journey

If you have three kings in your Nativity set, or if your child can make king figures using a toilet roll and cardboard, you can hide the kings in the top corner of your house on Christmas Day and the children have to find them. The next day you can hide them again somewhere else for them to find and again the next day. Gradually each day they will make their way closer to your Nativity set or your Christmas tree downstairs until they finally arrive there, on 6th January, which is Epiphany, the day the Church celebrates the arrival of the Kings.

Epiphany, 6th January is also 12th night and marks the end of the festive season in our culture, but in some other parts of the world 6th January is celebrated as their Christmas.

Looking ahead to 2011

The Gate of the Year

I said to the man that stood at
The Gate of the year
"Give me light that I may tread
safely into the unknown" – and he said
"Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the hand of God. That shall be to
you better than light and safer than a
known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins 1875-1957.

This poem was quoted by King George VI in his Christmas Day broadcast in 1939, the first Christmas of the 2nd World War.



SHEPLEY SPITFIRE

56 Mickley Lane, Totley, 0114 236 0298

We have recently launched our brand new food and drinks menu. There are a number of new dishes for you to try whilst many of the old classics are still available. From a 10oz Rump sizzler to a good winter warming Cottage pie, so there's something for everyone.

We have kept the Two 4 £8 offer Monday – Saturday to provide you with great value for money. New additions to the menu are Chicken & Bacon Carbonara as well as Vegetable Moussaka.

Our daily offers have also changed

Monday - Tuesday Steak and a drink only £5.99 from 5pm

Monday - Saturday Burger and a drink only £5.49 from 12 - 5pm

Thursday Curry and a drink only £5.99

Not forgetting our Famous **"BIG FISH FRIDAY"**

IPA Beer Battered Cod fillets, Chips and Peas Still only Two for **£7.99**

Saturday is for sharing!! Two sharing platters for only £7.99

Sunday enjoy a traditional home cooked Carvery £4.99 12 – 5pm

What's on this winter at the Shepley Spitfire!

Free Pool Monday 8pm –10pm

Tuesday Quiz Night from 9:30pm

General Knowledge Quiz followed with "OPEN the BOX" with free buffet!

Full Sky Sports package showing two matches at once!

DECEMBER

Loxley Brass Band will be played a selection of Christmas Carols and tunes – Friday 10th

All Saint Church Christmas Carols – Tuesday 21st from 7pm

"FATHER CHRISTMAS"

will be in his grotto 16th, 17th, 18th and he's making a list!!!

Thank you all for you custom over the past year
We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from Joanne, Lee and all the team.

love Christmas love your local

My Christmas 1940

I have a short account of how I was a fringe observer of the 2 major air raids on Sheffield in December 1940. At the time I lived with my parents and younger brother Peter in Mexborough, some 12 miles from Sheffield I usually cycled the 9 miles to my work at Hatfields in Tinsley though my old bike often let me down. That year Christmas Day fell on a Wednesday and on the 5th of December we were told our break would run from Tuesday lunch to Friday morning, somewhat shorter than usually happens these days.

I will not repeat my record of events in the middle of the month but leap frog forward to the 20th when we had a Christmas Dinner in the canteen at work. The cost was probably the same as when I started work there early in 1939. I had been told at interview I would be paid £1

per week. In fact I got £1.2.6, the extra half-crown (2/6) being for a 2 course lunch Monday to Friday, we only worked half day Saturday.

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th were the highlights of my Christmas. I recorded that we were given a 7.5% bonus plus an extra week's wage because we had worked during the usual "works week" holiday in the summer. For me this amounted to the princely sum of £7.16.0, most of which of course would go to my mother for "board and lodging". We were also given 150 Player cigarettes even though I didn't smoke. I worked out they had a value of 11/-. On Christmas Eve, as promised, we finished work at lunchtime. In the afternoon I put my new found wealth to some savings and bought a new Raleigh cycle for £7.12.6 plus 3/- for lamps. I noted it "had no fancy features and had previously cost £5.5.0!"

I think my Christmas Day may surprise readers or amuse and maybe amaze. From 7.30 am to 12 noon I was on Home Guard duty at work. Apparently that morning my Rotherham friend Ernest and his father came to our house to see me but of course I missed them, no phones to check beforehand. I also recorded my moans about the Christmas Day food though I am sure my mother would have done her best to find things "couldn't get pork, couldn't get pork pie, beef for Christmas Dinner but no onion gravy". Teatime did not improve "had some strange stuff called chicken and ham, glorified polony." Presents, like food, did not rival present day over-indulgence, Dave gave me 2/6 mother gave me 5/- and Peter gave me a box of chocolates (yes, under wartime rationing! My wife's comment was "yes your mother always did spoil you". On Boxing Day I worked 10 to 4pm and commented "fairly easy day".

My greatest regret about these diaries is that I did not record more detail. For example, I am fairly sure Ernest and his dad would have walked over from Rotherham on Christmas morning, probably not recorded as it was not unusual. If we went to Rotherham in the evening to visit the cinema or theatre we would have to walk home. Only workers on shifts could travel on the trolley buses after 9pm. Even this had its compensations. On clear nights there were millions of stars to be seen in the velvety black sky and we learned to pick out many constellations. On some rarer occasions we were treated to wonderful shooting star displays. On bright nights when the "bombers moon" was out, the stars were less clearly defined, but it was easier to discern the unlit street lights before walking into them.

Many who chance to read this, especially younger people who did not experience these events, will think "how dreadful". In truth it was not, and not because I am looking back through rose coloured spectacles. By and large and certainly among people we knew everybody was in a similar situation. Even then, as now, you could always be aware of others in a worse situation than yours.

Don Ashford.

Community

On October 17th the Bishop of Sheffield came to the outermost southern part of his diocese. The occasion was an ecumenical service at King Ecgbert's school. For many it was the first opportunity to hear him speak as he is relatively new to the area. Few would have been disappointed.

His message was about community – a topic very close to what the Topley Independent is all about. There are many types of community of course such as churches, schools, interest groups, neighbours, families and so on. What do we mean by "community"? Clearly it means some sort of gathering of people but not all gatherings promote the interests of those who are not in the immediate grouping. Some gatherings are very much orientated towards the benefits of their members. The communities which look outwards and offer care and support for those outside their membership are the sort of communities which are most welcome and deserve encouragement.

Whatever else people gained from this visit, some of us have seen the importance of building up community wherever we can. This does not necessarily mean joining a club or organisation although in this area we are fortunate to have several good groupings which would welcome more support. The immediate message is that we should realise the potential of building better relationships with whoever we meet in our daily lives. This means people at work, in the shops, on the buses, in the street or wherever we meet. There can be a real sense of community between even two or three people.

This is a challenge to the churches because they are so often perceived as a large (or small) group of people doing their own thing whatever that may be. The real gospel imperative however is that we have a personal responsibility in the way we care for others – in other words that we should be building community wherever we are. This challenge is personal to everyone. The challenge is to those who have no Christian faith as well as those who are committed. No one can live in isolation.

We do need our neighbours – they are all "our community". Thank you, Bishop Steven!
Maurice Snowdon.

Puzzle Corner

Solution to Words from the Polygon

I have found 22 words but readers may find more
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