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The oasis of calm known as Old Hay belies the noisy and dirty activity that filled this Hamlet between the 16th and 19th centuries. For this was the site of a lead mill and the clear gurgling Old Hay Brook passing under the old stone bridge today was once a lethal cocktail of poisonous lead. Hard to imagine. Brian Edwards

Totley Residents Association

Chairman's Annual Report April 2009

Totley Residents have had an exceptionally busy year. Committee Members, all volunteers, have, over the last year dealt with an increasing workload, partly generated by our desire to improve life in our community, but also in response to attend a variety of meetings organised by the Council and many other organisations within the city. Attendance at these meetings is necessary to make sure Totley residents do not miss out on something of importance.

Highway problems continue to cause concern for local people. After a long wait, double yellow lines were put in place at the Mickley Lane/ Baslow Road Junction, but they appear to have been painted the wrong way round! It is still very difficult to pull out of Mickley Lane because of parked vehicles blocking the view. The situation is being monitored.

As last year, I must report there is yet another delay about the **bus shelters**. It has been agreed the shelter opposite Laverdene Road and Marstone Crescent near the lights will be turned round. The new one at Glover Road will be put in place, hopefully in May or June.

There are still major worries about the speed of traffic on Baslow Road.

The 97 bus route will shortly terminate at Broad Car, the end of Gillfield Wood. The erection of so many new lights was an unwelcome surprise to many and resulted in a petition to the Council and the formation of SPACE, Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment. Space is a new campaigning group which aims to protect the green borders of Sheffield. TRA, Dore Village Society, Friends of Blackamoor have now been joined by Bradway Action Group, many other groups in the city have expressed support.

The Totley History Group has had a successful year. We have felt our way through the first year, helped by Professor Mel Jones. He and his wife gave us an insight into how the group might evolve. We enjoyed two interesting walks around Totley led by Rony Robinson, Jimmy Martin and Sue Scattergood. We also enjoyed the visit from **PTO**

Yorkshire Archives. Members have now divided into interest groups and are busily looking into various aspects of Totley History. We also looked at the Totley Conservation Area. There are concerns about the School House on Totley Hall Lane; owned by the Council it requires £30,000 spending on it and will probably be put up for auction.

The Chairobic group continues to meet on a weekly basis; numbers fluctuate as members visit hospital or go for operations.

Our second Festival, sporting a green theme, was again a success in spite of the weather, this time we were nearly blown away. The first thing The Lord Mayor, Councillor Jane Bird did on arrival to open the festival was to remove her hat. Once again we would like to thank Escafeld Brass Band and the Norfolk Park Majorettes, for our entertainment. The music truck again, gave an opportunity to budding musicians. As last year, local churches and Cherry Tree provided us with food and drink. Thanks to the organising committee and the team of helpers on the day. Thanks also to the Area Panel and Council Events Team for help with funding.

Following a walk round **Green Oak Park** to stimulate ideas for the future, the Festival gave everyone the opportunity to have their say and put down suggestions for the park, on paper. There was another opportunity at Totley Show in September. The suggestions and ideas put forward have now been collated to form a Master Plan.

Meetings between TRA and Parks and Countryside have moved the ideas forward into the Action Plan. This will develop and evolve over time. Already maintenance in the park has improved, the stream area has been cleared, the flower beds have been redesigned, fruit trees planted, diseased trees felled and new ones planted. Children from Totley County and All Saints Schools came to help with planting eight new trees. They were helped by Shaffaq Mohammed, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment and Mary Bagley, Director of Parks and Countryside. Mary was delighted with the improvement in our park. Thanks to Jerry Gunton, Androo Thornton and Green Estates who helped make the tree planting a success. This is just the beginning of the work which will take place in the park, there is much more to come, re-furbish the buildings for multi community use, upgrade the children's playground, put in attractive play equipment in place for teenagers, the list goes on. Regular meetings are already taking place to move the Action Plan forward. Totley Show organised by Jennie Street was very

successful. We were blessed by wonderful weather, lots of entries, lots of people, lots of stalls and lots of helpers. It was lovely to see so many children; Jennie's visit to school assemblies had certainly encouraged them to enter. Thanks to Jennie and the team for the hard work, it was a lovely social, community afternoon for everyone.

Now to green matters. Residents waiting for allotments will hopefully soon be rewarded for their patience; arrangements for a new site in Totley are nearing completion.

We must thank Christine Shimell for organising the bulb planting teams in the Autumn and those who helped to plant them. They looked stunning this Spring, what a pity a few individuals did their best to destroy them.

Following the success of the planters at Totley County School last Summer, planters for five locations in Totley are being prepared. Seeds are already sown and will soon be planted. Thank you to Christine for organising this.

Jennie Street arranged another successful **Open Garden Weekend**, thanks to Jennie and those who opened their gardens for us to visit. The money raised was split between T17 and Green Oak Park.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee members who work so hard throughout the year, Marlene Marshall for acting as my deputy, Norman Rolfe for looking after our finances, Betty Higgins for keeping the minutes, Russell Hague for looking after planning matters, Ian Clarke and John Perkinton for the Independent and John Beazer for the website.

I would also like to thank Rebecca Maddox the South West Area Co-ordinator, the Police, our Councillors and Council Officers for their help during the last year. We hope to carry on into next year, with the aim of improving our community for Totley residents. Avril Critchley

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Chairman

Totley Residents Association AGM 2009

The AGM was held on 20th April in the library.

It was an interesting meeting with 36 people in attendance including Councillor Keith Hill, Tammy Barrass, South West Community Manager, Matthew Rush, Assembly Officer, PCSO Dale Garner and Special Constable Andrew Bentley.

There were apologies from Betty Higgins, Ian Clarke, Russell Hague, Jennie Street, Ann Horsfield, Judith and Rupert Norris and Jean Barber.

The 2008 Minutes were circulated, there were no questions or comments, the Minutes were accepted unanimously. TRA Chairman's report -Avril Critchley, Treasurers report-Norman Rolfe. Thanks to Richard Frost for auditing the accounts.

Election of Officers

Chairman-Avril Critchley, Deputy Chairman-Marlene Marshall, Treasurer-Norman Rolfe, Secretary-Betty Higgins.

Election of Committee

The following members were elected:- Jennie Street, Ann Lee, Sylvia Ruddle, Dorothy Firth, Jennifer Burns, John Perkinton, Pat Parkin, Russell Hague, Richard Wrigglesworth, Paul Savage, Dominic Harris, Ian Clarke (Editor of the Independent) and John Beazer (Website)

The Chairman gave out the following notices:- A reminder the Music Festival will be held from 1st-11th July, contact 2363331 or totleymusicfest@btopenworld.com. The Over 50's Physical Activities contact number for Kelly Riley is 2734266. Help required with planting the Totley Planters on 30th May (see details page 10 in TI)

SPACE

How to reduce the impact of the new lights is under investigation with the Peak Park Planning Board, any recommendations will be brought to the Sheffield planning board for consideration.

PC Dave Spencer has sustained a shoulder injury which will keep him off duty for some time. Please contact Mark Wadsworth with any problems.

Tammy Barrass told us the new Community Assemblies take over in May. It is important local people have a say, this will be done through Community Plans. They will provide residents with the opportunity to agree priorities for their area. We will have more control over some budgets like Parks,

Street Cleaning and Libraries. The final decisions will ultimately still be made by Councillors. There will be a series of community based events throughout the summer for people to attend and put their ideas forward.

AOB

It was reported the handrail for the steps at the bottom of Prospect Place will soon be in place.

The question of traffic speeds on Lemont Road was raised with a request for speed bumps. Cllr Hill advised an electronic survey might be necessary. This led to further discussion about traffic speed on Baslow Road and the question of enforcement of the present 30mph speed limit. It was suggested speed cameras should be put in place.

A lively discussion followed about continued problems on the bowling green in GOP. Police have been checking nightly for a week, but young people have not been caught causing any damage. It is not illegal to play on the bowling green, as it is a public open space. The suggestion of fencing the green was put forward, but this would be very expensive. It would seem we must try to educate young people to respect the green.

The potholes in our roads and pavements were brought up. Cllr Hill explained that although Sheffield had been awarded money for repairs it would be at least two years before anything could be done.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the AGM. Pauline Perkinton on behalf of the Community thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

The next TRA Committee Meeting is on 18th May 7.30pm in the library.

Avril Critchley

The Fleur Me Lys Totley Hall Lane



Monday night free pool from 8pm

Wednesday jam session 9pm

Thursday quiz and open the box 10.15pm

Tuesday 12th Fleur Folk Group

Opening times Mon - Fri 12-12 Sat 3pm-lam Sun 12 - 12

We will be starting to serve food again from Monday 4th May 12-2pm only for the time being. Meals start from £2.95

Why not book a table for our Chinese night on Saturday 30th all you can eat buffet £9.95 per person.

Book your party today

Bookings for all parties catered for contact Anne-Marie or Wayne 0114 236 8491



Transport 17

We were able to tell shareholders, at the AGM on 30th March,

that funding from the ITA is confirmed until 2012. We are still applying to many other organisations for help with the purchase of a new bus. This is very difficult at the moment. We are not the only ones having a hard time. Many of the clubs are having their transport grant cut and some non-lunch clubs are losing all funding. We are all getting older, but, doing our best. Let's hope that we can all soldier on. It is very worth while and interesting.

At the AGM we were asked to pass on thanks to all drivers and escorts, from the many clubs that we take here and there. This was very much appreciated. Even though we had to close during the bad weather, passenger trips were the highest since 2004.

Joe Smith has been helping us for while now. He is a car mechanic, very good artist and guitar maker. He has applied to be a fireman and will be starting in the Autumn. We are very grateful for his help to us and the kindness to our passengers.

We look forward to our collecting day at Sainsbury's, Archer Road, on Sunday 23rd May. As well as Mike and the Committee members, we will be joined by passengers from Michael Church Lunch Club, Low Edges. It promises to be an enjoyable day.

Committee Officers :-

Chairman - Danny Barlow Secretary - Felicity Revill Treasurer - John Savournin

Committee Members :-

Wendy and Jim Trotter, Margaret Barlow and Mike Roberts.

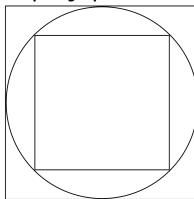
We hope to see you all at "Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings" at the Catholic Church, Baslow Road, Totley on Saturday 16th May.

God Bless.

Margaret Barlow

PUZZLE CORNER

Comparing Squares



Draw the largest circle possible inside a square. Then draw the largest square possible inside the circle. How do the areas of the two squares compare?

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

Buon Appetito!

The trouble nowadays is that everybody repeatedly finds themselves having to save time, effort and most of all, (dare I mention it?),... MONEY!! This obviously leads to compromise, but it doesn't always have to, especially when it comes to food!

By reverting back to traditional methods of cooking, (with a few modem interventions!), it can be quite easy, and rewarding to feed you and your family on even the smallest of budgets. One of the easiest ways to do this is to cook in large batches, something I do on a daily basis in my working kitchen at Liberty Foods.

This doesn't necessarily mean that you have to eat the same thing over and over, as some recipes, with the help of a few seasonings and spices, can be transformed into various different dishes once cooked. This is my recipe for **Ragu di Carne-Italian Meat sauce**. it can be used to make many things, Spag Bol, Lasagne, Chilli con Came and cannelloni.

This recipe is for roughly six portions of sauce; double or even treble the quantities to make the most out of your time!!

1 tbl spn dried rosemary
1 tbl spn dried sage
1 tbl spn tomato puree
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 can of plum tomatoes
1 tbl spn sweet paprika

Don't bother chopping the onion, carrot and celery, chuck them in the blender until they reach a fine, but textured consistency. Heat the oil in a pan and sweat off the veg for three to four minutes. Add the garlic, beef and herbs and brown off the meat. Now add the red wine and bubble until completely evaporated, season with salt'n pepper and add the paprika, tomato puree and tinned tomatoes plus two tomato tins full of water.

Bring this to the boil and then slowly simmer for about two hours-stirring every fifteen minutes. I always add a little plain flour and water, whisked into a smooth paste, right at the end, which helps to bind everything together. Now just check for seasoning- if the sauce tastes a little bland, add more salt, this will give it a richer flavour, and a twist of pepper won't hurt either. Now for the clever bit. You already have a pot of fine tasting Bolognese, so divide it up however you like. To make chilli con carne out of some of the sauce, add some canned kidney beans, chilli powder to taste and ground cumin with some more paprika, a teaspoon at a time until the sauce is flavoured to your liking. Bring to the boil and serve with rice, sour cream, nachos, melted cheddar cheese and pickled jalapeno chilli slices.

For lasagne take some good quality Italian egg pasta sheets and in a dish layer sauce, pasta, sauce, pasta and so on ...to make a white sauce for the top melt some butter and add the same weight in flour to the pan, stir together and keep slowly adding milk until it reaches a nice consistency, and then add a dash of nutmeg. Top the lasagne with the sauce and cover with dried and grated mozzarella and a sprinkle of oregano. Bake in a medium oven for 30-40 minutes. The same applies for the cannelloni but you need to boil the pasta sheets first to roll them around the sauce. It may be easier to thicken the sauce a little more with some more flour and water.

And there you have it; four meals in one. If you've made plenty you can now fill the freezer!

For a vegetarian alternative, just don't add the meat, but make up the quantities with the vegetables. Buon appetito!

Simon Barnes, chef Liberty Foods.

The View from KES

School Events

Over the past term, King Ecgbert School has run many successful events such as the 'Battle of the Bands' and 'KESA Quiz Night'.

Battle of the Bands

KES Battle of the bands was organised and run mainly by the 'Uganda Team'. These are a collection of 6th form and Y11 Students who, during the summer holidays, will be visiting a remote village in Uganda to help build schooling facilities. This has been happening over the past few years and 'Battle of the Bands' is always one of the major fundraisers for this event.

The 'Battle of the Bands' was a huge success with large crowds cheering on the competing bands in the main school hall. There was also a special set from The 'Supernova Bandits', who were last years winners and now have gig's at popular Sheffield Venues, and the Staff band who played a special set providing the evening with a sense of Student-to-Staff enjoyment!

The winners, Saving Sanchez, received high marks from the mixture of Staff, Student and Governor judges for their superb performance of their own songs and a cover of Shakira's 'Hips Don't Lie'!

The night was a great laugh for all and provided highly valued funds for the Uganda project. KESA Quiz Night

KESA, the school's parent teacher association, organise various fundraising events for the school, one of these being the recently held KESA quiz night. The evening was very popular, with about 100 people attending. 10 teams took part with 'bring your own food and drink'. The Quizmaster provided a brilliant variety of questions and an eccentricity which made the night memorable. The winning team consisted of a mixture of teachers and parents and they seemed very happy with their T-Shirt and chocolates! There have been calls by many quiz goers for this to be held bi-annually.

Tom Newman & Jack Laurie

T.O.A.D.S. SPRING PLAY

Well, final chance time. Our next production looms and you only have a few days to get your tickets for our very funny comedy "That's my Girl" by David Bathurst. With a cast of thousands, well ten, anyway, but that's plenty on our small stage, you can come and cheer yourselves up in this credit crunch climate. For those fans of Edward Kelly, you will be delighted to know that he is taking the lead as 'Richard', who is awaiting the arrival of his parents. They are to meet his fiance for the first time, but as in all things, nothing goes right.

All this takes place at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South, Totley, Wednesday to Saturday, May 13th to 16th, at 7.30pm. Fair Trade tea and coffee, fresh orange juice all 50p, red or white wine £1.25, available in the interval. Tickets for the play from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds, by phoning 236 6891. £3.50, or £3 for concessions. See you there.

Ramblings

Mid-April and I retrace a November walk from the tiny hamlet of Cartledge along the ancient holloway, Brindwoodgate Lane, to Highlightley. Then, there was a little snow and a strong wind. Today, there's bright sun, a soughing breeze and a lane alive with spring flowers and birds.

Hawthorn, elder and wild rose are now greening up and the dimity white of blackthorn blossom is everywhere. The steep banks at the beginning of the path are starred with stitchwort - vernacular names for which include daddy's shirt buttons or poor man's buttonhole. Further in, where the lane runs along the hollied fringes of Great Brind Wood, there are the delicately folded lime green leaves and white flowers of wood sorrel. Chewing some, there's a sharp tang to it - tasty in salads together with a really common plant at the moment - hedge garlic or Jack-in-the-hedge. This is not the wild garlic or ramsons found in wet places and has an altogether subtler taste. The hawthorn leaves are voung and bright - commonly known as breadand-cheese. Try some in your sarnie!

Unexpectedly, at about midday, we hear the shivering hoot of a tawny owl and in the hedges, the songs of chaffinches and robins. Out onto Highlightley Lane (according to local countryside writer Roger Redfern, "high bright clearing in woodland"), Highlightley Farm stands high above the Dunstan Brook and looks out towards the Roman road, Rumbling Street. In the fields, a yellow rash of dandelions. Newly arrived swallows swoop near the farm and a lazv buzzard glides in overlapping circles near Great Brind Wood, looking for a meal. On the path back towards Brindwoodgate Lane, wood anemones still bloom along the line of a grubbed up hedge.

This ancient landscape of old field boundaries, pockets of straggly woodland and ancient farms is not protected as it would be in the Peak National Park. Perhaps it should be.

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

We are delighted to announce the launch of our first ever midnight Walk. Bluebell Wood will be working together with Hallam FM's Cash for Kids and welcoming families, groups and individuals to join us on Saturday 4th July.

We will be offering everyone the option of walking from either Sheffield United's Bramall Lane ground or Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough ground and back again. Our aim is to give everyone the opportunity to take part and raise much needed sponsorship.

The central Sheffield route will be carefully marshalled, with selected refreshment stops and lots of fun along the way. There will be free car parking, entertainment and a pre-walk warm up at the start.

The Half Monty is just one way and is approximately 5km (3.1 miles). Walking from one ground to the other. There is the option of a shuttle bus back to where you started and refreshments and bacon butties along the route.

The Full Monty is both ways and is approximately 10km (6.2 miles). Registration is £10 per adult, £5 per child and £25 per family of four

Register online at www.hallamfm.co.uk

All money raised from the Steel City Midnight Walk will be split equally between Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and Hallam FM's Cash for Kids, ensuring hundred of local children benefit from the money raised.

SHEFFIELD BOTANICAL **GARDENS EVENTS**

Monday 4th May 2009 Artist Wendy Carlton will be giving a display in the Pavilions as part of the Open Art festival

11am to 4pm

Sunday 3rd May 2009 **FOBS Plant Sale**

11am to 3pm Thompson Road entrance Admission free Contact Avril Critchley 0114 236 1568

Wednesday 6th May 2009 **FOBS History Trail**

Meet at Clarkehouse Road entrance 7.15pm Contact Avril Critchley 0114 236 1568

Wednesday 13th May 2009 **FOBS Tree Trail**

Meet at Clarkehouse Road entrance 7.15pm Contact Avril Critchley 0114 236 1568

Tickets for first-class operas, concerts, recitals and literary events are now on sale for this summer's Buxton Festival.

July 10 - 28 promises to be a highlight of this summer's cultural calendar with more than 130 events over 19 days: six operas, 34 literary



speakers, 42 concerts, an afternoon ballet, workshops, walks and talks, all set in the beautiful Peak District.

Buxton is a unique festival producing its own fullystaged professional operas, drawing audiences and acclaim from all over the country. The 2009 programme also features a series of unusual touring operas, offering the chance to see six different productions.

The Festival's literary strand also continues to flourish: a morning programme features some of the finest minds in journalism, politics and literature. And a full afternoon series has been added this year, showcasing the work of exciting new writers in a relaxed and intimate environment.

Following yet another record for audiences in 2008 we are delighted to be one of three national finalists in the Enjoy England Awards for Excellence in the Best Tourism Experience category. The winner will be announced on April 23.

We are also pleased to be continuing our ticket offer for young people. From June 1 the best available seats for all events are just £5 for under-30s.

For a full brochure call 01298 70395. Call the box office on 0845 1272190 or visit www.buxtonfestival.co.uk

1st Totley Scout Lottery Lottery draw for April 2009

1st Prize no 42 Mrs Bevan Totley Grange Drive Glass electronic bathroom scales

2nd Prize no 10 Mrs Ruthven Meadow Grove £10 voucher

Peter Casson

Abbeydale Picture House

Last month the Abbevdale held the first production of 2009. The Picture House Youth Theatre (PHYT) juniors performed the screamingly good musical 'The Monster Show'. A combination Frankenstein, An Inspector Calls, Phantom of the Opera and many other ghoulish favourites. The show massive success with near sell-out performances and record food and drink sales. The show raised around £4,000 and that will go towards our 'Raising the Rafters' campaign to try and fix the roof and make the building watertight. We would like to thank everyone involved in the event as well as all the loyal audience members that keep coming back and seeing the shows and helping us to restore the building to its former 1920 glory.

Our website has now been fixed and is up and running again. On our website you can find information on all the upcoming events in the main house and in Bar Abbey. You can also download the forms to become a 'Friend of the Abbeydale' or to donate to the 'Raising the Rafters' campaign. It is important that we try and raise the £387,000 before the winter comes to prevent more internal damage caused by leaks and pests.

The Saturday Coffee Mornings have reached their first milestone raising £500 since they started back in January. The coffee mornings are still going on every Saturday between 10:30am and 12:30am. It is the perfect place to meet up with friends and family to have a hand made cake and a tea or coffee and it only costs £1 for a cuppa and cake. This event is not possible without Mary Titterton and Sue Holliday the gracious hosts and bakers who make the event possible.

Well that's all for this month but I will be back next time with some very exciting news about the Nether Edge June Farmers Market and what they are doing to help the Abbeydale Picture House. I shall also be writing about the Reels on Wheels event and much more. But don't forget to keep supporting the restoration in any way you can and also if you have any memories of the building please let us know.

STILL TO COME IN THE MAIN HOUSE:

Reels on Wheels - May 16th. Last year you flocked to the Picture House to witness the return of the cinema for the first time since 1975, this year the big screen is back. Enjoy our family friendly matinee with a showing of 'Arthur and the Invisibles', the tale of small boy who's house is about to be knocked down but first he needs to save all the invisibles in his backyard. Just £5 a ticket or £15 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). The film begins at 2:15pm. Cert PG.

In the evening put on your 1950's finery as we do another themed evening while showing the musical classic 'Guys and Dolls' starring Frank Sinatra. Enjoy toe-tapping numbers like 'Luck be a Lady Tonight' and 'Sit Down Your Rockin' the Boat'. All Tickets £6 Copacabana - July 15th-18th. The Picture House Youth Theatre Seniors are back after their hit performance of 'Me and My Girl' last year. With the help of Stephen, a struggling songwriter desperate to compose a hit song, you will be taken to the Copacabana Nightclub in the pre-war years. With music by Barry Manilow and some of the best young talent Sheffield has to offer you can't go wrong!

July 15th-18th. Evening performances at 7:30pm and a Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm.

Just £10, concessions £8 on Wed and Sat Matinee! Family ticket £35 (only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening). WHEN BOOKING FOR THIS EVENT QUOTE 'BEN MILLER, MEMBER OF THE PHYT' WHEN BOOKING.

To book call: 07775 966106 or book tickets when you're next at the Abbeydale Coffee Morning or any of the events in the Main House. Information line: 0114 2811155

Or for more details visit: www.abbeydalepicturehouse.co.uk

You can also find the Abbeydale Picture House on Facebook or Bebo. Also find videos about the Abbeydale Picture House on youtube.

STILL TO COME IN BAR ABBEY:

9th May - Northern Soul 26th May - Keith Peter's Big Band 27th May - AbbCom Comedy Night

Totley Primary School Update

On Sunday the 5th April the P.T.A held their Easter Egg Hunt; and what a success it was. I think we should charge for adults to enter as well because they seem to enjoy it as much as the kids. Also in April Y4 of the class did a car wash at £5 per car, others sold buns to raise money for 45 mosquito nets to help stamp out malaria in Africa.

An outside woodland classroom has been created by Croft Nurseries of South Street Mosborough S19, Phone number 0114 248 6541. I went and had a look around the nursery, a little off the main drag but the plants and trees were or good quality and very reasonable price. It is well worth a visit.

The Gardening Club, under Chris Measures' supervision, is creating a nature trail along the bottom wall near to Baslow Road. When completed it will be a habitat for bugs, bees, hedge hogs and the like.

Next Spring should see the grounds alive with colour thanks to hundreds of bulbs given to the school by Alistair of Croft Nurseries.

At the time of writing this piece the school looks like we have concrete worms. With Kier drilling holes all over the place for the new pipe work, roll on September when hopefully all projects should be complete.

April 1st our head received phone calls of congratulations from schools around the city on coming second in the league tables and we were on the front page of the Sheffield Star. She thought it was an April fool prank until copies of the paper arrived on her desk. What an achievement as only 2 years ago we headed into special measures.

Well done to all the Staff, Governors and the support of the people of Totley. I thank you all.

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor.

CANASTA

Years ago I used to play canasta. Would anyone be interested in having a weekly card evening as I would love to start playing again, if someone can remind me how to play. Please contact Jean 0114 235 7586

A Chest Full Of Memories

I have always considered myself as a most considerate husband bowing to my wife's every wish and commands. Sometimes, I have to admit, there may be some delay before the fulfilment - possibly several years in some cases!

For many years she has been suggesting we ought to get rid of junk from the loft and not leave it for the girls to clear "after we have gone". Recently, I had reason to go into the loft. The prime reason however, was to put more stuff in, not remove some. Saving left over wallpaper and lino from the newly decorated bathroom "in case we need it!

Now in the loft there is a massive pseudo brass bound pirate style chest given to me by an aunt. It had gone to college with her in the 1920's. I like to imagine she thought I was a bright lad who could use it for the same when I went to college or university, or perhaps she didn't want to take it when she moved from Yorkshire to Scotland. In the event I started work straight from school and never went off to either college or university. Nevertheless as my story unfolds it will be revealed the old chest did contain my academic treasures - a school cap, exercise books, school reports and photographs from my days at Rotherham Grammar School in the 1930's. I got there via the old "11 plus" exams, when my dad was out of work, when it must have been a real struggle for my parents.

Consequently I was much less well off than many lads, particularly the fee paying ones, though I have no memory of this being made an issue by anyone. For example, one lad came to school on a horse one day, accompanied by a groom on another horse to take the animals back. The school had a bike shed but no stables. I'm sorry to disappoint readers about what went on behind the bike shed - no girls at our school. My way of getting to school initial Ly was "shanks pony" as it was for many others - no fleets of cars in those days. Later we moved from. Rotherham to Mexborough so my distance from school increased from something over two miles to about Consequently, I went by second hand single gear push bike or trackless bus to Rotherham and walk the rest. Among the treasures from the chest were the school calendars, issued each term and now rather dog eared as they were carried in our blazer pockets. When I first started in 1932 the first term was Michaelmas term in which we played soccer: There was some slight provision for rugby for lads who couldn't make the soccer elevens, but scores announced at assembly on Monday mornings were almost always astronomical against the school. I had forgotten how far we had to go for the away matches - schools in Sheffield included King Edward VII, Central, De la Salle College as well as Barnsley, Mexborough, Woodhouse, Doncaster, Chesterfield and Pontefract Kings School.

In the Easter term we played hockey, not common locally in boys' schools, so most of the opponents for the senior teams were adult, not other school boys. So the calendar reveals fixtures with hockey clubs of Rotherham, Wickersley, Sheffield, Mexborough, Barnsley, English Steels and Sheffield University.

Summer term was cricket so our opponents reverted to other grammar schools for soccer. One of the things I realise which I'm sure never dawned on me at the time, is how good the teachers were in devoting their Saturdays to escort, referee and umpire these matches.

Of course in those days things were stricter all round, including dress for school. I seem to recall boys were not allowed to wear long trousers until the third form and even seniors were expected to wear the school cap. Of course not much could be done about the trousers but I have to admit caps were often stuffed in pockets away from school. I am told on good authority this was not peculiar to male only schools. My wife some years later was a pupil at the Notre Dame High School in Sheffield. She tells me they also stuffed their winter hats in pocket though the summer "straw hat" variety was not suitable for such treatment.

For me, despite Latin and little jockey caps, they were happy days. I wonder if any of my grandchildren will someday find a box in their loft, housing an outdated lap top computer reminding them of their school days. Don Ashford.

Protect Wildlife

Keep dogs under control in countryside

Peak District dog-walkers are asked to keep their pets on short leads to protect wildlife, lambs and calves while out in the countryside during the breeding season.

Peak District National Park rangers, the Kennel Club and rural police all remind pet-owners that by law, they must keep their dogs under control so that they do not scare farm animals and wildlife.

National Park field services area manager Jenny Waller said: "We are delighted to see people walking their dogs in the countryside, but we ask them to keep their pets on short, two-metre leads during this particularly sensitive time, from March 1 until July 31. "Sheep and lambs can be badly injured by uncontrolled dogs during the lambing season. Groundnesting birds like curlew and lapwing, and wild creatures such as hares, are also easily disturbed.

"Legally, you do not have to use a lead on public paths as long as the dog is under close control, but we ask dog-owners to be extra-vigilant in the breeding season, and always clip on the lead if you cannot rely on your dog's obedience.

"For its own safety, never let your dog approach or chase wildlife and farm animals - your dog can get kicked, trampled or lost, and it could be shot for chasing livestock.

"If cattle turn on your dog, the best advice is to follow the Countryside Code - unclip the lead - don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Get out of the field as quickly as possible, then call your dog as soon as you are out of danger."

Kennel Club communications director Caroline Kisko said: "Dog owners have a responsibility under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act to keep their dogs on a lead around wildlife between March 1 and July 31 and at any time in the vicinity of livestock. The countryside is for all to enjoy but dog owners must be respectful of this issue when walking their dog."

At certain times, dogs are not allowed on some areas to protect sensitive breeding sites - owners should follow the signs.

To report worrying or suspicious behaviour involving dogs on farmland or moors contact the police on 0345 123 3333 or Peak District National Park rangers on 01433 670216 (weekends) or 01629 816290 (weekdays).

For more information: www.pawsonthemoors.org or www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

May is a busy time for us gardeners, the greenhouses and coldframes should be bulging with plants awaiting the arrival of weather good enough to be able to plant them outside; this will then give space for the tender indoor plants to show off.

The weather at the moment is not too good (15 April) 56 degrees in the cold greenhouse and not much more in the warmer one. I am looking forward to a bit of sunshine that will perk things up a bit including me! I have risked putting a few runner bean plants in the veg plot, they were growing a bit leggy, they seem to be OK. I will have to fleece them over if a frost is forecast. I have a few lettuce under cloches; they should be ready in a week or so, the first this year. The slugs had a go at my radishes so there will not be many to go in the salad.

The wildlife pond is a bit smelly at the moment, the mess the frogspawn makes seems to make the smell worse, I give a fine spray of water which seems to help clear the greasy film which has developed, it usually goes when the tadpoles have gone.

The blackbirds enjoy a tadpole or two and the newts I am told eat them so they will soon be gone. It is a wonder there is so many frogs develop as we had at least 60 frogs in our tiny pond during the mating season. I wonder where they all go to; we only see the odd one or two around the garden the rest of the year. It is very interesting watching the goings on around the ponds. I waste many an hour sat watching instead of doing what I tell you to be doing. I have just had a writing break and been into the garden to put in some lettuce, rocket, lambs lettuce etc under cloches. I have also risked a few purple sprouting broccoli (my favour veg) the pigeons were watching me; it is their favourite veg as well. I dare say a few slugs are waiting on the side lines as well. This gardening game is quite a battle against all the nasties, I hope we get a better selection of veg than last year, the rain did not help. I ought to have planted watercress; it would have made a bumper crop.

Never mind, we gardeners are gluttons for punishment, ever optimistic at the beginning of every season, I hope you have a good season with a lot of good tasty veg and if you keep chickens an eggsellent crop. Also bare in mind The Totley Show in September, we don't mind a few holes in your cabbage or the odd kinky carrots on the Show bench, the eggs have to be perfect I am told, please make an effort to be there.

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 Sow hardy annuals such as clarkia, cornflowers, calendula, candytuft and 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 marrows, 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 nastier 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 wellwatered 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 trimmed. Water azaleas, 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 primulas, 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 out side shoots as they form. Pinch out tops ٥f 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 pebbles or also helps.



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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 tidv.

Don't forget the Totley Show in September.

Cheerio for now. Tom

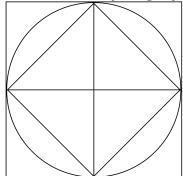
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25th ANNIVERSARY

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THE CROWN

Hello

aftertaste.

I am thrilled to be able to contribute to the Totley Independent with news of events, changes and offerings at Totley's local proper pub, The Crown. I would like to start by saying a big thank to all of my customers who have offered support to me and my team in the months since I took over. The reaction I have received from everyone has been overwhelming and very encouraging with many great suggestions and ideas given for the positive year ahead.

Tuesday night has now established itself as a great night with both a fresh homemade Pie Night on offer as well as live music. If you fancy coming down and having a pie and hearing acts such as Frank White, Karen Lake or the Screaming Kidneys please give me a bell and you can reserve a table. Sunday Lunches have been re-introduced and are being served between 12-3pm every week with a choice of beef, pork, lamb or a vegetarian option. We are also serving a regular lunch menu from 12-2 every day except Monday. This consists of everything from a cheese sandwich to a steak pie, with the emphasis strictly on fresh home cooked produce; locally sourced where possible.

Evening food is unfortunately currently restricted to just Tuesday's Pie Night due to the necessity of a Head Chef. I am currently advertising this position on the Job Centre Plus Website (ref:cvd/68417) and the Sheffield Forum but if you or anyone you know are looking for a similar please opportunity then email the_crown_inn@hotmail.com.

Anyone who knows me and the pub is aware of my passionate approach to the quality of my ale and how I pride myself on the consistency of my pint. Kelham Island Easy Rider has been our guest ale for a few weeks now and it's going down a storm, coupling a crisp bitterness with a lingering fruity

It works well with our other regular real ales of Fullers London Pride, Timothy Taylor Landlord and Tetley Bitter. This summer I intend to replace the guest ale with one from one of our fantastic local breweries but currently due to the restriction in place from the pub company Easy Rider is the only local beer I can buy.

With summer fast approaching (Ha! I hear you say) I have changes planned to make the front of the pub more accommodating which include tidying up and re-planting, repainting, new benches and brollies and, just in case the sun doesn't have his hat on, a heater. Inside changes will be subtle and in keeping with the theme of the pub but expect to see maybe a lick of paint and a few new pictures on the wall, which brings me nicely onto my final point. If anyone has old photos of Totley that they would allow me to professionally copy and then display please either email me or bring them down as I would like to start up a collection.

The pub has so much history connected to its long life I would be most grateful if you can help me bring it back and return it to its rightful place. Totley's local Proper Pub.

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The children who came along to our seed sowing events all left proudly carrying their seed tray with their parents trotting along behind, desperately clutching the care instructions and with the weight of responsibility on their shoulders for producing grand little plants. We all had a good time though and it was inspiring to see these young gardeners getting involved with raising plants that will be enjoyed by so many people.

These plants and others that are being raised all over Totley will be planted out in 2 of the plant tubs on Saturday May 30th

- To help plant the tub opposite the Co op on Baslow Road, meet there at 10.30.
- To help with the tub at the bottom of Totley Rise shops, meet there at 12.00.

You are welcome to come to either or both events and give a hand whether you have plants to contribute or not. It would be useful if you have a hand trowel to bring with you, but if not, there will be plenty to share.

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TOTLEY RISE METHODIST PLAYGROUP. Grove Road 9.30am-noon, Phone: Sheila 235 0130 or Janine 262 0773 **THURSDAYS**

NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, For mums & babies/toddlers, meeting in

various locations, Phone Sally Spearing 236 2604 for further details (email: sally@spearings.me.uk) PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 236 3157 for further details

CHAIROBICS. Totley Library, 2pm-3pm. £1

PILATES CLASS, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm, Phone Emer Coffee 07792 422909

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SAT 2nd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Heatherfield Club, Viki France, Baslow

SUN 3rd CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm SUN 3rd & MON 4th (BH) MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, First train 1pm - last train 5pm (weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

WED 6th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, 'National Parks of the American West', Shirley Ellins, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30pm

FRI 8th JAZZ & BARBECUE, Cheshire Home, 7.30pm, Free Entry FRI 8th MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY, Heatherfield Club, Live Night

Anniversary, Baslow Road. 8.30pm.

FRI 8th & SAT 9th JOHN WADE SINGERS, 25th Anniversary, performing Verdi's Nabucco, Millhouses Methodist Church, 7.30pm

SAT 9th ART DEMONSTRATION, Trinity Daycare Trust Pie & Pea Supper, Lees Hall Golf Club, 7.30 pm, £10 Tel 255 4077 any Mon Tues or Wed. **TUE 12th FOLK AT THE FLEUR,** Fleur de Lys, 8.30pm, all welcome

WED 13th - SAT 16th T.O.A.D.S. SPRING PLAY, 'That's my Girl', 7.30pm, St. John's Church Hall, tickets £3.50 & £3. from Kate Reynolds 236 6891

SAT 16th COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS, English Martyrs Church 10am - noon SAT 16th HOLMESFIELD FARMERS MARKET, the Village Hall, 11.30am-4pm, Local Produce, Cheese, Meat, Hot Sandwiches & Tea/Coffee

SAT 16th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Heatherfield Club, Dave Johns, Baslow Road. 8.30pm.

TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, 'American Civil War', John Farmery, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am

WED 20th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, 'Following St Paul', Julia Hatfield, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30pm

SUN 24th & MON 25th (BH) MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, First train 1pm - last train 5pm (weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP, Totley Library, 7.30pm, all welcome THU 28th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET, 9am-4.30pm, Barkers Pool SAT 30th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Heatherfield Club, Holly Jay West,

Baslow Road. 8.30pm.

SAT 30th PLANTING UP THE TOTLEY TUBS, 10.30am meet opposite the Co-Op, 12noon meet bottom Totley Rise shops, details page 10

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