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Can you identify where this cottage was, the photo was taken in the mid-1950's? We believe we know it's location, and will let you know in a future edition (hint – if you have issue 5 of Totley Independent published in Nov 1977, you can see where we believe it is). The cottage has now disappeared, but the wall & drainpipe to the right of the photo is very much still standing.

Totley Residents Association Update

As I write, we are already well into the New Year and there are many things to update.

At the meeting held on 6th December between First, the Council and Enterprise Inns, it was agreed to extend the licence for use of the Cross Scythes as the terminus for the 97 bus for a further 12 months. I have spoken to Andy Godson, Transport Planner, Transport and Highways, who informed me the Council will continue to look at alternatives sites such as Broad Car (the small parking / picnic area on the left hand side before Dysons). This scheme could be linked with highway safety and a possible reduction in speed. Lighting would be required hence the possible cost of £25,000. After assessing various options the Council will put the suggestions to the residents of Totley for discussion. TRA will continue dialogue with Council Officers and keep residents informed of any progress.

No doubt residents, particularly those who use buses are aware that the old bus shelters on Baslow Road have been replaced by new modern "shelters".

For the past 10 days I have been inundated with complaints about them. Comments vary but all are agreed the new "shelters" are worse than useless. Along with many individual residents, TRA have been in touch with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to ask for an explanation as to why the "shelters" are sheltering the walls instead of the passengers!

As tax payers we object to our money being spent this way. The council comment so far is that they are discussing with the project manager and will provide a fuller update at a later date.

It is obvious the planners have no knowledge of the area and do not know which way the wind blows in Totley. We have asked for an on-site meeting with the Infrastructure Co-ordinator.

Over the last few weeks, we have suffered another wave of graffiti. Several areas have been targeted, the phone box near the Cop, the Totley Rise bus shelter (now replaced), the Vets, Green Oak Park and many properties down Back Lane. Even the new flats near the Shepley Spitfire have been affected.

Streetforce are responsible for cleaning up roads and street furniture, BT for phone boxes, SYPTE for bus shelters, but graffiti applied to privately owned properties remain the responsibility of the owner to remove. However, Streetforce have a FREE graffiti removal service. To request the service and ask for more information contact 273 4567 or look on the Council Website / Streetforce.

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Many people are complaining about the state of the grass verges. When AMEC have completed the work on behalf of British Gas, TRA will be asking for the verges to be re-instated.

The 101 Service is still in operation. Money from the Home Office will not be cut until the end of February. As the service has been so successful South Yorkshire Police are looking to secure alternative funding. Please continue to use the service which is manned 24 hours a day 7 days a week, to report problems of anti-social behaviour or community safety problems.

Ian Mitchell, Regeneration Officer, Parks and Countryside has informed us that as there doesn't appear to have been any more Health and Safety issues they will not be progressing plans to alter the Mickley Lane access to Green Oak Park at the present time. They will continue to monitor the situation.

Karen Wood, Community Partnerships Officer, Parks and Countryside will be attending the March TRA Committee Meeting to discuss ideas for improvements to the buildings and the park in general.

Totley History Group held the first meeting on 13th January, 30 people attended.

Totley Festival will be held again this year on Sunday June 22nd.

We have many dog owners in Totley who look after their animals and clean up after them. BUT THERE ARE SOME OWNERS WHO GIVE US ALL A BAD NAME. These owners allow their pets to defecate in parks and on grass verges. THIS IS NOT FAIR.

It is the responsibility of all dog owners to clean up after their pets. It is also your responsibility to take the bag of faeces to a dog bin or take it home. Hanging it on a tree or fence is NOT being responsible!

TRA have had a VERY BUSY YEAR.

Do you know what has been happening in Totley? 7th April is the AGM of TRA, please come along to hear what has been happening in YOUR COMMUNITY and to give your support to your hard working Committee.

Avril Critchley
Chairman TRA

Councillor Surgeries

Conservatives:

4th Saturday of each month 10.00 to 11.00 am Dore Village Society room, Dore Old School, corner of Vicarage Lane and Savage Lane, Dore,. Contact details: telephone 273 4108 Email: anne.smith@sheffield.gov.uk

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 or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

www.totley.org.uk

TRA meetings held 1st Monday monthly,
Totley Library 7.30pm. All welcome.

Totley History Group

The group held it's first meeting on the evening of 16th January at Totley Library. Around 30 souls braved the rain and dark night to declare their interest in the group. The group now has a treasurer and secretary, the position of chairman is still open and available – any candidates?. Meetings will be held monthly in the library (the council will charge a (reduced) rent for use of the library, so a contribution of 50p/person will be needed to cover costs).

The evening was hosted by Avril Critchley and Marlene Marshall, with a launching talk by Brian Edwards who provided some very useful insight into how the history group could operate, with smaller working parties investigating specific areas of interest and reporting back to the full group for collation. Suggested working parties included flax making, file-making, the mills of the Old Hay Brook, farming, the Totley Brook estate and Totley clockmaker, Samuel Hill.

Brian emphasised that this is not about family trees, but about expanding what is already known about the history of Totley and to keep interest to within the surprisingly large area that bounds the village.

The next meeting will be held at the library on Wednesday 13th February at 7pm, if anyone missed the first meeting they are welcome to come along.

Totley Festival is coming again!

On Sunday 22nd June 2008 there will be a second Totley Festival in Greenoak Park.

This is just advance notice to anyone who would like to have a stall, help with preparation, run an event or take part in the sports or music competitions.

The Festival is being prepared under the the TRA by a group who would welcome any support and help you can give.

The 2008 Totley Festival should be bigger, better and more fun than 2007 – and without the “weather” we had last July.

The Music Truck for the rock bands has already been booked. So has the ever-popular Escafeld Brass Band and our local celebrity MC Jill Turner from Sheffield Community Radio.

This year the Festival will run for longer from 11-5pm as everyone said we needed more time as there was so much to see and do last time.

If you can help, have any suggestions or want a stall or to organise an event, contact:

Avril Critchley
Tel. 236-1568
Betty Higgins
Tel. 236-8984
Jennie Street
Tel. 236-2302



Transport 17

I hope that you all had a good start to 2008 and have not

developed webbed feet. Many thanks for all the goodies given to us over the Christmas period. Jean Walker's mince pies went down a treat.

We are seriously fund-raising (mostly begging) for funds for a new bus this year. I know that all the clubs and many individuals, support us all the time. PHFS Financial Services, who have their offices just down from us on Baslow Road, gave us a donation this Christmas instead of buying Christmas cards. It would be brilliant if a business or club could have us as their charity project for 2008. Could you persuade your Company or club?

The S17 areas of Sheffield have always been there for us. Dore Village Society gave us £500 recently. We operate in many other areas of Sheffield and have support from clubs and passengers in these areas. It is very much appreciated, but we need to raise £40,000 for our new bus, so as you can see, it is a big job.

In 2006, Mike Finn, our Manager, started to write to the local papers, City Council, Councillors and MPs re the state of the roads. We know it will cost a lot of money but they are getting really bad. Just before Christmas, Mike was quoted in the local press. He told how some of our passengers have stopped coming out to clubs and events because they are being shaken up. If they have back troubles, it can be very painful. I hasten to add that it is not because of our drivers.

We have started a petition and this is in our office at 172 Baslow Road. We have also been asking our passengers to sign it. Please come and add your name. The best time is between 9 am and noon. We may have someone in the office at other times but, mostly, we are out and about on the buses.

The next bit of this article is not about Transport 17. I am writing this article on 18th January. This week has been very wet and windy. During the last 10 days quite a few bus shelters in the Totley area have been taken down and replaced by new ones. The new ones do not take up as much room as the old ones which should help people with pushchairs or disabled scooters to get past. But the glass has not been put in! As we have been going around this week, there have been people standing getting soaked in the pouring rain.

I know that the shelters and the glass are probably from different manufacturers, but whatever happened to co-ordination? If you were making a meat pie, you would have all the ingredients to hand at the same time. You couldn't make it up!!

Keep safe,

Margaret Barlow

1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for December 2007

1st Prize No 10
Christmas Hamper
Mrs and Mrs Marples
Sunnyvale Road

2nd Prize No 17
Mrs Bryer
Green Oak Drive
£10 Voucher

Lottery draw for January 2008

1st Prize No 33
Theatre Tickets
Tony Marples
Sunnyvale Road

2nd Prize No 22
£10 Voucher
Mrs Cooke
Green Oak Road

Peter Casson

GOINGS ON AT TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another Christmas has come and gone and the year seems to fly by. I spent last weekend taking the lights down which should now give the electric meter chance to cool down! My family and I hope you all had a good break recharging your batteries.

The PTA Christmas Fair was a success and we hope it will become an annual event getting bigger and better with each passing year.

Is it me or has Totley sounded like a war zone in recent weeks? In the five years I've lived here this is the first time I've heard shot guns and bird scarers regularly going off. My large killer dog is a nervous wreck and all my hens have stopped laying. Can I claim compensation from the Government?

We have to say goodbye to Mrs Adams who retired in January. She will be sorely missed. I and all the staff wish her and Mrs. Blyth, who left for pastures new in December, well in their new positions.

This year we hope to continue with replacement roofing. We also hope to get funding to replace the old heating pipes. The class rooms will continue to be decorated which is like painting the fourth bridge! I'm looking forward to the growing season when we will be starting the Gardening Club for the children. Look Out Tom!!!



My next project is an aviary in which I plan to have budgies, cockatiels and maybe an exotic bird or two. Of the feathered variety of course! So if anybody has got a spare £500 or parrot lying around I would be very interested!

The front of the school will bloom this summer. After my feeble attempts Avril Critchley, Chair of the Totley Residents Association, has promised help from her many gardening specialists. At the end of last year each child planted a daffy and a crocus bulb with the aid of Mr. Stewart, our Deputy Headteacher, Malcolm Rogers and my neighbour Chris. They were a godsend on a cold and damp day - THANKS LADS.

Well, I'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

Allen Miller Building Supervisor

Coffee Shop Re-Opens

After a short period as a sweet shop the cafe at Totley Deli has now reopened. Running under the name of Coffee @ Totley Deli, the cafe will be an extension of the Deli. Customers will be able to order from a full range of hot and cold sandwiches as well as a selection of Rose's pasties. A new coffee machine has been installed serving Cappuccino, Latte, espresso and whipped hot chocolate. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm and Saturday 8am - 1pm

Totley Open Gardens

Dates for your diary:

This year the Open Gardens event will be

Sat. 12th and Sun. 13th July

We have some great new gardens taking part. If you also are interested in opening your garden please contact

Jennie Street

Tel. 236-2302

jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

A Night at the Music Hall

Hello! It has been a long time since I last contacted you about the happenings of the Music Society that I joined some years ago. That is because I left, with four others, to form a singing/entertainment group of our own.

Our particular "field" was Old Time Music Hall songs, and for four years we entertained at Retirement and Nursing Homes, Lunch clubs etc.. until various reasons compelled us to disband and go our different ways.

Until recently! Upon my return from holiday in September, I saw in the "Telegraph" a photo of a new Music Hall Company, celebrating their first birthday, and I decided that that was for me. I have always wanted to be part of that scene but was never able to track one down. (Sounds silly, but perfectly true, due to other commitments in the theatrical world). This Company is called "Vulcan Varieties", and we finished, at the end of December, a series of shows around Sheffield, with warmly received success, then took a break over Xmas to recharge our batteries (not included*) and started putting a new show together. *(Gives you a rough idea of the humour you can expect!)

We strive to portray the spirit and tradition of the Music Halls in the costumes, choice of songs and monologues, and courtesy to fellow artistes. There is a wealth of experience within its ranks, and I look forward to the new season with enthusiasm, and also to keeping you informed of our activities.

We have already secured venues for four performances:-

- Coal Aston Village Hall on Friday 9th May
- The Lantern Theatre on Saturday 10th May
- The Gatty Theatre Ecclesfield on Saturday 7th June.
- Coal Aston Village Hall on Saturday 18 October.

Obviously these are a long way off as yet, but should anyone want further information about these shows, I shall be pleased to answer all enquires on 236 6891.

Tony Reynolds

Messy Monkeys

Messy & creative fun for children & their carers

Everybody knows that children love to create a mess, the messier the better! Not all grown ups welcome this creative mess at home or the tidying up that follows. By the time you have decided what to paint I make, set the materials out and dealt with household chores the children have lost interest & have started making a mess of the house instead. This is where Messy Monkeys comes in. At Messy Monkeys you & your child can explore the exciting, messy activities at your own pace, spending as much or as little time on each activity as you like. There are no disturbances from the outside world so you & your child can spend some fun, quality time together. It also gives you both the chance to make some new friends.

The sessions are split into 2 sections. The first is messy play and gives your child the chance to get messy & explore materials such as jelly, shaving foam, gloop, slime, pasta, water, play dough etc.. All the materials are stimulating but relaxing & encourage children to experiment in an environment where you don't need to worry about the mess.

The second section is fun & offers slightly more structured painting & craft activities designed to capture your child's imagination. It gives them the opportunity to experiment with colours, patterns & texture. This helps to develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills & begin to understand concepts like shape, colour & size. All sorts of different materials & tools are provided from toothbrushes to cornflakes & children have fun exploring them without worrying about the end product.

Messy Monkeys sessions are suitable for children aged 1 to 5 years & are currently running at the Dore & Totley United Reformed church. Please call Sarah 0114 236 2110 or e-mail messymonkeys@btinternet.com for more details.

TOTLEY GROWERS

- Have you had your name on the allotment list for some time?
- Are you keen to grow vegetables?
- Would you like to learn about growing vegetables?
- Are you good at odd-jobbing and would like to spend some time in the company of others helping to repair an old greenhouse and shed and to build sun shelters?

A sizeable piece of private land in the Totley area has become available and a couple of us would like to form a group to develop the land either for communal use or private plots, or for a mixture of uses. We also want to involve people with special needs and their carers.

We probably need about 10 people to be able to use the land viably.

Some rent may be involved and there is no funding available to subsidise us. But it is a beautiful piece of ground which has already been gardened until not so long ago, so is fertile and waiting for keen gardeners to bring it back to productivity.

If you are interested please contact Christine Shimell on 236-1631 or c.shimell@virgin.net. We will then see how many people are interested and hold a meeting to discuss the possibilities. Let's make this work before the spring comes!!!

"DEBBIE HILL"

Mobile Hairstylist

**Phone 07977 969911
for an appointment**

Service details for All Saints Church, Totley

February

3rd Theme: 'Love each other – Nuts and bolts in the church'

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

10th Theme: 'Looking at the game & rule 1'

10.00 a.m. Baptism

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

17th Theme: 'Pop Idol – Totley style'

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

24th Theme: 'So what's in a name?'

10.00 a.m. All Ages All Together

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

The regular 10.00 a.m. service on Wednesdays will be replaced on 6th February, Ash Wednesday by a Holy Communion service at 7.30 p.m.

This time of year is reckoned to be the most depressing. Christmas is a fading memory, the weather is often cold and nasty, nights are still long, and summer holidays are not yet on the horizon. Most of us will find our inner state of mind and heart affected by all kinds of externals – depression when something goes wrong, feelings of pleasure as we anticipate a special event etc. The Bible speaks of Jesus as being always the same – not blowing hot and cold in how He views us, or effected by circumstances as we are. The Bible also has lots on how to live the best possible lives. One famous section is "The Ten Commandments". From 10th Feb. at All Saints, we will be looking at each one of these, and asking how they may apply to our lives in 2008. The same commandment will be examined at the 10.00a.m. and 6.30p.m. services – to which all readers are most welcome.

1st Totley Scout Group
HQ Aldam Road
(off Greenoak Road) Totley

Second hand CD,
DVD, video and
book sale.

Saturday 2nd Feb
11:00-2:30pm HQ

Refreshments available
Admission 50p
John Lawry Tel 2368566

Weather Report for Totley 2007

I am sure everyone remembers the remarkable thing of note weatherwise in 2007 was the copious amount of rain that fell during June and July causing floods. 128mm in 3 days and 95.2mm in 2 days in June with a total of 296.1mm falling over 17 days in June and 131.3mm over 26 days in July. In fact there were 9 days throughout the year when more than 25mm (one inch) fell in 24 hours (one reaching 53.5mm and another 80.6mm). These figures are all in Totley.

Totley (T) total rain exceeded Weston Park (WP)'s every month other than August. Totals for the year being 1179.9mm T and 948.8mm WP. Rain or snow fell on 198 days T and 175 days WP with lying snow recorded on 6 days T and 1 day WP. There were 6 dry spells of 7 days or more, the longest being 19 days in April, the driest month of the year with 6.3mm T and 5.8mm WP rain as against the WP average of 63mm. Six months had higher than average rainfall and 4 notably less. Three thunderstorms were recorded in both T and WP.

The hottest day of the year was 5 August and reached 26.5C and 27.1C WP which is slightly cooler than the past few years. The coldest night was 16 December -5C T and 17 December -3.4C WP both warmer than of late.

	Totley	Weston Park
Rain for the Year		
2007	1179.9mm	948.8mm
2006	1039.1mm	783.5mm
2005	1044.8mm	740.9mm
Wettest Day		
2007	80.6mm	88.2mm
2006	24.9mm	22.7mm
2005	39.2mm	33.2mm
Coldest Night		
2007	-5C	-3.4C
2006	-6C	-5.8C
2005	-7C	-5.1C
Hottest Day		
2007	26.5C	27.1C
2006	29C	30.6C
2005	29C	30.4C

Vivien Filleul

LOCAL STREET NAMES

Laverdene Avenue, Close, Drive, Road, Way S17

An adaptation of the name of the builder (in the 1930s) James Laver of Abbeydale Park Rise.

Lemont Road S17

From a house called Lemont at Green Oak. In 1916, just before the road was built, it was the home of Frank H Roberts, engineer.

Limb Lane S17

There is reference to an area nearby as Lymme in a 14th century document. Language experts say it comes from the old word lemo meaning elm. There is also a Limb Brook.

Longford Close, Crescent, Drive, Road, Spinney S17

After Nigel de Longford, Lord of the Manor of Totley (and Dore) at the time of King Henry VIII. He succeeded to the lordship by marrying an heiress.

Main Avenue S17

Was built about 1912 through a field called Main furlong and took its name from the field.

Extracts from STREET NAMES OF SHEFFIELD by Peter Harvey, Sheaf Publishing, ISBN 1 85048 025 7 £17.95

OLD TOTLEY by Jo Rundle.

When Jack Pearson left I believe that the Grouse ceased to be a 'Pub' and reverted to a farm, for the next tenants were the Clarkes who for a few years had a dairy and a milk round, but later the house became a private residence. The sites of the Grouse land may at first seem rather peculiar but better understood when considering the geography of the land between Hall Lane and the main road to the stile leading to Gillfield wood.

The first field was part of the land given by Arthur Fearney to his sister Harriet, Tom Kirby's wife (mentioned earlier) that was entered from the back road above Stocks Green where, in the summer of 1925 a newly parked caravan was seen in the corner of the field above Hall Lane by Louie Smith and myself and being curious we moved a bit closer to see that the door was open. A voice called "Come in, don't be afraid", and, although we were very wary, having been told by our parents of the danger of speaking to strangers, we went inside and, as invited, sat on one of the seats indicated and an old man gave us both a small glass of lemon-water. He was an 84yr.old Englishman who had arrived a few days before from America, and I was soon listening intently expecting to hear about girls wearing stetsons and chaps and the exciting things they did on the Range with the Cowboys, but his story was quite different. Having left England in 1857 at the age of sixteen for a better life in America, returning 10 years later after trying all sorts of jobs, he missed the great wide prairies and returned, finding himself one day in Salt-lake City, "Where that Tribe o' Joseph Smith's were settled in". He found plenty of work for there was a new City to build and miles of sand to build it on. Story followed story until the light was fading and parents would soon be growing anxious, yet the old man repeated over and over again "Oh, such a den of iniquity, den of iniquity, I couldn't stand it any longer" he repeated. "Oh evil City, just a den of iniquity, that's when I decided to come back home to England". We thanked him for his refreshment, and made our way home, and soon after he had moved on also.

The next two fields were part of the Grouse land, the first entered by a short track up the bank on the left side of the main road above Hill Crest, the third, by a stile in the high wall opposite our cottage at Lane Head where dad kept his pigs in huge stys and poultry in sheds that Elijah made whilst he was a Cabinet maker apprentice at Walsh's in Sheffield.

The fourth one opposite the top of Lane Head Road and the sixth and last one above the little Plantain were both Kirbys that were reached through a farm gate on the main road below the Brickworks and up the cart-track that is part of the original 1718 Turnpike.

The fifth, a small field in between the last two was another Grouse field where the children of Lane Head enjoyed the most exciting time during the summer. It was set back from the main road behind the Plantain and the shed where Jack Pearson kept his lorry, later rented by my Father until 1947 and used as his garage. All the children at Lane Head looked forward to hay time and harvest when we were allowed to play in the hay-field, provided we stuck to the rules and didn't get in the way of the workers. It was one of the highlights of the summer when we played hide and seek around the hay-cocks until, tired and hungry, we sat with backs leaning against them whilst we drank Mum's nettle beer and ate jam sandwiches that were as good as a King's feast, whilst the horse and dray with my Father, Charlie Smith and Joe Wortley moved from one haycock to the next the men plunging their long handled, two pronged hay-forks into the haycocks and lifting them high above their heads onto the dray until, the last one safely in place, the dray was driven back to the corner of the field where Mr. Smith joined 'Shite' Barber (not a swear word, he was always known by that name), who was waiting on the top of the now huge stack of

sweet-smelling hay shaking and spreading it to dry out before being covered by a huge tarpaulin ready for winter fodder for the livestock. Needless to say that hard work on a hot day deserves an occasional rest and refreshment, but beer was not allowed in the hayfield or harvest because there was a danger that the workers would fall asleep and put an end to the job so it was the custom to serve them with nettle beer, which revives the spirit and leaves the worker well stimulated to continue the job in hand. As soon as the nettles were about six inches high in spring Elijah and I arrived home from school one day when Mum set us off into the Butts field each with a carpet bag and a pair of scissors with which to cut off the top three inches of the young growth, until both bags were full. Dad provided the sticks of rhubarb to be topped and tailed and washed with the nettles, all to be put into the largest of the pancheons with sliced lemons and sugar, and then Mum would cover them to the rim with hot water and leave until tepid. A slice of bread was then toasted and covered with crumbled Yeast and put to float on the surface of the beer, and about two hours later bubbles started rising, indicating that fermentation had begun and the pancheon was set aside out of the way. About ten days later bubbles had ceased to rise showing that fermentation had ceased and it was time to sterilize the bottles and start bottling. Those of you who make, or have drunk nettle beer will know that it is very sharp and 'Fizzy' and without great care in storing will soon blow the top, or bottom off the bottle so, as a precaution they were very carefully stored in the cold cellar kitchen, on the bench that Dad used to cure bacon and hams.

All farmers knew that pigs were slaughtered only when there was an 'R' in the month, so from April to November they conferred with each other so as not to clash, and usually Dad's were at the beginning of April and the end of November, which for my Mother was an exceptionally busy time, for she cut-up and rendered down the leaf fat to make scraps, and provide plenty of lard for baking, and used the choice pieces of meat from the cutting-up to make pork pies, two or three for present eating for Sunday tea, and a big three-pound one in November to set aside for Christmas Day. Dad of course, saw to the cutting-up and preserving the carcass for bacon and hams to be cured with salt and saltpetre; dried, put in muslin bags, and hung on hooks high on the walls of the staircase with batons of wood behind to allow air to circulate around them, and to prevent damage to the wallpaper. Dad was a good provider, and a very shrewd man; he always cooked Sunday breakfast of ham with tinned tomatoes or wild mushrooms when in season, the latter finished off with sufficient water to create a tasty gravy needing lots of bread to soak up, not only the gravy, but the fat from the ham as well. Consequently, if we didn't rise from our beds on the first call, he didn't worry; we would have to eat more bread. The only thing he seemed to care about when we did appear was that we were all well and truly awake!

The pigs were Dad's pride and joy, he loved them, particularly Sally the Sow who produced many a fine litter of little piglets which, as soon as they were big enough and needed exercise, he could be seen every Sunday morning driving them around the field and back to the sty where Sally stood contentedly whilst he stayed for a while scratching her back. He said "A contented pig gives the sweetest meat".

To be continued.

A Bit of a Problem

The 11th. April, 2007 and a sunny day in Burleigh, on the Goldcoast of Australia whilst on our way home from New Zealand, I had run out of tablets for my Angina. "I'll get you an appointment with my doctor" said Dorothy's cousin. The doctor, a locum from Canada, looked at my English prescription and during the course of conversation expressed a view that he could not understand why "stents" are not fitted in the U.K. as their use is widespread in Australia.

On our return I eventually made an appointment to see our local practitioner in Totley as the angina was getting worse, especially in the evenings walking uphill although I was, with stops when necessary, still managing 7-8 mile walks during the week.

After my visit to our local surgery in July I was given an appointment to see a Cardiologist on 14th September and after our discussion it was agreed I would have an angiogram.

Tuesday, 9th. October 9-15 am. And there I was reporting for inspection, x-ray, blood test, blood sample then the Angiogram. All I felt was a cold feeling on my inner right thigh and nothing else. It was quite comfortable lying there until they had finished the inspection and I was wheeled into an ante room where the "Probe" was taken out and the entry point held till bleeding had stopped, not long.

The Cardiologist arrived with his findings and his proposal. "stents" will not be suitable and if you agree we will proceed with an appointment to see a surgeon for a bypass operation, one vein has a 94% blockage, another 84%. I didn't hear the rest.

"No more walking 7/8 miles for a while" said the nurse.

Thursday October 18th. And a visit to the Northern General for an Ultra Sound Doppler Carotid Arteries Examination. A simple test with Ultra Sound whereby a probe is passed over the area of the heart and neck using a gel to allow the probe to flow over the areas examined and graphs produced for the perusal of the surgeon. We were away quite early and on our way to Blacktoft Sands for a day of Bird watching.

Monday 29th. October and another short and painless Pulmonary Function test to check my breathing by taking a deep breath and blowing out into a tube with a gauge until I had no more breath left to breathe out. "Best of four" said the nurse and then that was it. Results recorded for the surgeon and we were away and shopping in town by 9-15 a.m.

Friday 30th. November and there we were again this time for Echocardiography whereby "Tabs" are stuck in various places on the body, chest and legs, and then wires fitted to the "Tabs" and while breathing normally graphs were taken for the surgeons perusal.

In order to help new patients the hospital organised two morning sessions to advise and help patients understand what was about to happen to them. We were informed about the initial admission, what to expect during ones stay, and the discharge and what would need to happen once home.

To present this were an Intensive Care Nurse, a Ward Nurse, a Physiotherapist and an ex patient from the Open Heart Club volunteers.

In the second session Stress Management from an Occupational Therapist, Healthy eating from a Dietician and Medication by one of the hospital Pharmacists were all discussed.

Both sessions given were extremely professional and well presented with slides and open discussion.

Monday 10th. December, admission day and the start of a whole new experience. Having never been a patient of any hospital before what could I really expect? Up to now everything had been painless and well organised with courteous staff guiding one through all the tests and procedures. It was now time for the real test.

Arriving at 1-30p.m. first job was to go for another x-ray before going on to the ward for preparation. Once on the ward and undressed "Have you had a shave yet Les" asked the nurse, "Not yet" I replied. "Then here you are"

With an electric razor I shaved both my arms, both legs and my chest then showered with an antiseptic soap. Later on I was examined and told I hadn't shaved enough thus a second shave was executed and a second antiseptic wash down.

A Small World

Having retired in 1998 it was a surprise to see an old work colleague in the same ward - he also was now retired and was now recuperating after his heart operation. During the evening we chatted about some of times and people we had had at the company and time

soon passed onto lights out and bed. Also during the first evening I had a visit from a friend in the Heatherfield Club who had a similar operation to what I was about to have, two days previously, he looked well, and also a visit from an ex-patient from the Sheffield open Heart Club volunteers, to reassure me about the success of the operation.

A good nights sleep ensued, after all what had I got to worry about it appeared there were plenty of people who had had a successfully similar operation to the one I was about to have.

The Big Day

Tuesday 11th. December, my birthday, and time for the operation. With pre-med taken and feeling relaxed off we rolled to the theatre then... then... then

Waking slightly I recall some tubes being removed, a bit uncomfortable, then off to sleep again till Wednesday, oh well some birthday to remember!

Afternoon and visiting time and because I was in Intensive care Dorothy was allowed to stay for a long while leaving at about 9-00 p.m. I experienced a little pain when I moved but all things considered not a bad day. Thursday and time for decision. Firstly what I would like for lunch and tea the next day. A very full choice for each meal whereby one could choose a starter, soup or fruit juice, a main course of meat or pasta and a choice of potatoes and vegetables followed by choice of sweets, or you could choose salads or sandwiches. One big snag, I wasn't to be in intensive care from Thursday afternoon so I didn't get any thing I chose - brilliant system!

The rest of the morning a nursing sister took care of me taking out various tubes washing me down and preparing me for the next part of my stay back down on the ward. The most painful part was the removal of two drains in my chest but once removed I felt I could relax more. A thought occurred to me that whilst I have been taking aspirin the slightest cut, like when shaving, I seem to bleed for ages and yet when they took the various tubes out and holding down onto the spot within a very short time the bleeding stopped.

Come the afternoon and then down to the ward to start the preparation for being kicked out and the bed space passed onto the next patient.

Time now to watch and learn, with the first lesson being not to expect to eat what you think you have ordered, as meals between wards are not transferred, therefore before you get what you order you need to be in the ward at 8-30 a.m. on Day 1 to get your choice on Day 2.

Lesson two is to watch each shift and lovely people working in it to see who is the most focussed in what they do. They are the ones to ask for help.

The days pass; wake up, wash, food, visitors, food, T.V. with intermitting viewing through closed eyelids.

It is not long before a surgeon utters, "Should be able to release you tomorrow". That day came on Monday 17th. December, just a week after internment and with more tests including slowly walking down the ward and into the corridor, up and down some steps it was decided I was fit to leave.

After getting dressed and being given a run down on the drugs to be taken it was off we go. After Dorothy had managed to find a wheelchair off we went to reception and then after getting into the car we were away home to memories of always helpful staff, acquaintances I had re-met, some interesting characters in the ward like Andy Cap who moaned about everything and never took his cap off.

As I conclude my little story I must thank all the people who have sent me get well cards and telephone calls, it has been most uplifting and heart-warming to realise I had so many friends. Finally what a brilliant partner I have, my wife Dorothy, I am a most fortunate man.

Les Firth

P.S. Four weeks after the "bit of a problem" and getting stronger and still being looked after so very, very well.

Gardening Tips for February

My garden looks a tip at the moment, early January. Soggy and very sorry for itself. Not a lot of colour, the odd primrose and pansy, the snowdrops are just showing through but no flowers yet. I have not managed to get my veg patch dug over yet, the pigeons have pecked away at most of my spring cabbage. I suppose the slugs will finish them off when the weather turns warmer. I had a lovely bird feeding station given to me for Christmas. I have put it a bit nearer to our kitchen; it's a wrought iron one with hooks and trays so I will be able to see the birds a bit better from the window. The squirrels have found it already and they have opened one feeder already so I will have to buy another squirrel proof one soon.

I am a bit late putting in my onion seeds and leeks but I hopefully will catch up and be ready for the show in September. I hope you are all getting your ideas as to what you are going to enter; there is a new show committee so we must make every effort to support these enthusiastic volunteers to keep up the good work. They do work very hard but the show relies on people entering the various sections. I know Totley residents are a very skilled lot so please make a special effort this year. The seed and plant catalogues are dropping through the letterbox at the moment with their lovely pictures promising a fantastic array of blooms and vegetables. I hope my flowers look as good, it all depends on the weather. I have not heard the weathermen say very much about the long range forecast. I think they have got it wrong in the last few years. I suppose they are keeping quiet and not committing themselves this year.

A lovely sunny summer is just what we need to buck us up after a dreary period of winter. I am looking forward to polishing the Barbie and the deckchairs and even cutting the grass on a lovely sunny day will be nice. I am getting a bit carried away now.

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and Santa brought you lots of gardening goodies and that you have made your New Year resolutions and more importantly have not broken any of them yet, especially the one about entering The Totley Show.

As I said before it is seed planting time. When buying seeds read the back of the packets to make sure you have the means to propagate them, it will avoid a lot of disappointment later. At this time they need a lot of light when they have germinated (not direct sunlight, this would "draw" them and make them weak). If you use a windowsill keep turning them round so that they do not pull over to one side. The idea is to encourage a bushy plant in the main. If you have a greenhouse make sure the temperature is kept fairly constant, particularly at night, if you do not have any heat in your greenhouse plant the seeds later, or in the house. When planting seeds a good rule of thumb is to plant them fairly well spaced and cover them with a depth of compost equivalent to twice the thickness of the seeds. In case of very tiny seeds like poppies, busy lizzy and lobelia; just press the seeds onto the surface of the moist compost. Cover the seed trays with glass and newspaper to keep in the moisture and to exclude light, place them in a warm place, 100F, or as indicated on the packet. As soon as they show signs of germination bring them into the light. As soon as they are large enough to handle (usually with 2 true leaves) prick them out into pots or trays with spacing to allow them to develop better.

FLOWERS Clean-up borders, removing leaves and debris, cut back viola plants to the crowns. Keep a wary eye on those dahlia tubers in store, discard the ones which have rotted, or cut out small rotted areas, and dust with flowers of sulphur. Fill in any gaps in wallflower beds before the plants start growing actively, subject to the weather perennials can be moved now. Prepare the soil well with plenty of well-rotted compost or manure. Clean-up rockeries and top-dress with potting compost and chipping. Cut back any winter flowering heathers when they have finished flowering. Plant anemones and ranunculus, anemones need to be about 2.5 to 3 inches deep and ranunculus 1.5 to 2 inches deep. Plan them with the claws downward; you will see what I mean when you see the seeds. Prune clematis jackmanii and others that carry flowers after midsummer, cut all stems back to a pair of strong buds near the base, this will give you larger flowers. Watch out for slugs and snails on warmer days and eradicate them. They will be after the delphinium shoots and other succulent growth. Work a balanced fertilizer into the flowerbeds. Growmore is ideal or use bonemeal with well-rotted manure. For ericaceous plots use purpose made compost and given them a tonic of sequestrene. See the instructions on the pack for dilution rate.

VEGETABLES Clear and dig over vegetable plots as soon as crops have finished. Leave clods large so that the frost can get in to break them down. Given spring cabbage and broccoli a top dressing with nitro chalk or other nitrogenous

fertilizer, check Ph levels of soil and add lime where necessary and according to what you are going to plant. The onion patch needs a bit more special attention. They like a really rich soil with plenty of organic matter plus bonemeal and hoof and horn and if you want real whoppers (for the Show) sit out every evening after watering and sing or talk to them. They will really enjoy that and will give off their best I am sure. If you have got a greenhouse empty !!X? why not try a few French beans, lettuce or radishes grown in boxes or growbags. It is nice to have a few early fresh vegetables home grown (I don't think I could squeeze much more in my greenhouses just now).

TREE, SHRUBS and FRUIT Finish planting trees, shrubs and fruit as early as possible, prime autumn fruiting raspberries to within 6 inches of the soil, if strawberries have been grown in the pots being a few into the greenhouse now, temperature needs to be 50-60F. Give trees and shrubs a feed, especially newly planted ones, prune autumn flowering shrubs which flower on the tips of new growth, i.e. spirea buddlia and hardy fuchsias, if hard frost is still around leave it for a week or 2. Finish pruning and spraying top fruit as soon as possible and cut out any diseased and crossing branches if you have not already done, inspect stored fruit; discard any showing signs of rot.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Time to start tidying up if not done before, prior to the busy time starting soon. Sow mustard & cress & radishes & your favourite veg. Pollinate & train early vines. Pot up annuals for the greenhouse, which were sown earlier, Start Achimenes in shallow boxes half filled with a light sandy compost. You could try planting a few cucumber seeds for an early crop though they do like to be kept warm, germinate at 75 F and 60 or so thereafter. The principal half-hardy annuals to be sown now are Begonia Semperflorens, Statice Lobelia, Snaps, Ageratum, Nicotina, Nemesis, Schizanthus etc. etc. you need temperatures around 55 to 60 for these. Pot early Begonias & Gloxinia tubers; don't let the roots get tangled up with one another. Bring Clivias and Vallotas into growth now increase the watering and a little more warmth 55 - 60 unless you want earlier flowers then increase temp. to 60 - 70. Prepare seed trays, pots etc. ready for planting bedding plant seeds.

LAWNS Keep off if frosty and keep it clean, if you are bothered with cats, you could try the tip a gardener gave me some time ago, put half filled (with water) plastic pop bottles around with space around them, the cats never seemed to be in his garden and he swore by it. I haven't tried it yet; I am rather fond of the moggie around my plot.

Tom

Farming News

What a mix dry and warm (mainly) end to 2007 we had. Little or no frost or rain. Both farmers and livestock enjoyed this welcome extension to what was a very dry autumn. However, as I write we are in the middle of a sustained spell of very wet and windy weather, that has turned our land into a muddy mess. Many herds of cattle that were quite happy to be out in the fields grazing will now be brought into the farm builds for the rest of the winter to stop them losing condition and prevent the fields becoming quagmires.

Out Texel ewes have now all been "tupped" and should start to lamb at the end of March. They are still out in the fields and are being fed on round bale haylage as they have eaten all the grass now. I know that in one sense they would prefer to be in the sheds at the farm where it is dry overhead and underfoot. However, prolonged indoor housing does lead to foot and pneumonia problems and they can go "stir crazy" given the restricted space they would be in. On balance they are probably happier outside rather than in.

Our Dorset flock have all finished lambing now and some of the earlier born lambs will be weaned shortly. They will weigh approx 20kg (44lbs) and be 10 weeks old. This means they will have put on approx 1.5kg per week since they were born. If all goes to plan some of the bigger tup lambs will be "ready" in time for the Easter Spring lamb trade. The rest of the male lambs and the females will be kept to grow on as future breeding stock.

Hopefully, this year, the breeding stock sales will not be disrupted by outbreaks of foot and mouth disease as they were last year. As pedigree breeders we are very much dependent on the big breed sales as an outlet for our breeding stock. We did manage to take some stock to the main Poll Dorset Society sale at Exeter last May. Although trade generally was depressed we did manage to sell one ram lamb at a reasonable price. The next breed sale would have been at Worcester at the beginning of August. This would have been our "local" and main sale event. For 10 days before this sale we had been befriending, handling, washing and trimming the 3 rams and 15 ewes we had entered only to find at the very last minute that it had been cancelled due to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. I had even filled in all the movement licences, washed and bedded the livestock trailer, hitched it onto the pick-up and loaded all the show feeds and paraphernalia into it ready to go. As I went indoors ready to have a bath and supper at 9pm the telephone rang and it was "the man from the ministry" telling me that all livestock movements had been stopped. Some breeders had already arrived from Scotland and Ireland and had to hastily get emergency permission to return to their homes with their stock. The major problem next year is likely to be caused by the late "blue tongue" movement restrictions. Currently half of the country is in the initial stages of an outbreak. Next year the whole country is likely to be affected. The resultant movement restrictions, livestock deaths and infertility problems could be devastating for the livestock industry here as it currently is in many European countries. Let's hope a vaccine, an effective one, is available here before the midge get going this year.

I wonder how many of you watched the recent programme, hosted by Jamie Oliver, that investigated and explained the methods used in the poultry and egg producing industries. I thought it was an excellent programme giving a well balanced insight into what is a major player in the food industry. It clearly demonstrated that consumer demand and market forces were the drivers that determined production methods. The imminent banning of battery cages comes as

no surprise and will be welcomed by both producers and consumers alike. The fact that farmers are only making 3pence per head profit on most chicken production clearly demonstrates the financial knife edge that they are on. Clearly making a profit of £3,000 on the production of 100,000 birds is not a viable economic reward for the effort they are putting in. It does, however, reflect the parlous state of the poultry and pig industries at the moment. Last week a pig producer who farms 6,000 sows and rears 120,000 pigs per year in North Yorkshire went bust, owing over 2 million pounds. If he cannot make it pay, given the scale of the operation, who can??

To return to home ground as it were, our nativity plays again attracted an increased number of visitors this year. We actually held 73 plays over the 4 week period, 54 school and 19 family events with a total number of visitors just short of 3,500. A near 30% increase on the previous year. We anticipate that we will have to start a week earlier next year to accommodate all the schools that would like to come.

We would like to say THANK YOU to all our customers over the pre-Christmas period. Without your support by buying our Christmas Trees or attending our plays we would be struggling to survive financially. THANK YOU also to those of you who have taken the time and trouble to inform us when you have spotted some sheep that have escaped from their field or are ill or have become stuck on their back. This also is a great help to us.

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June

Sunday 8th
Sunday 22nd

July

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Sunday 6th } Exhibition
Sunday 20th

August

Sunday 3rd Teddy Bear's Picnic
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NEWS AND THANKS FROM THE ROWAN SCHOOL

The Rowan School is a Sheffield citywide LEA special needs primary school, built in 1976. It provides education for children with complex and severe communication disorders. Currently they have 63 pupils, most of whom have a diagnosis of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and several others who also have additional disorders such as ADHD, EBD etc. Some have very challenging behaviour.

The Friends of The Rowan School Trust (FOTRS), a registered charity, was set up in 2003 to raise funds for The Rowan School and local community.

Last year in June/July we sent out a letter of appeal to the residents of Dore, Totley and Bradway which were kindly distributed by the students of King Egbert School. We thank them for their help. We are pleased to tell you that through the generosity of so many, we received the sum of £1,100 and a lovely electric organ. We sincerely thank those who sent us a donation.

The purpose of raising the funds was to provide fencing round the field and woodland at the back of the school so that the contained land could be developed into gardens, a sensory play area, a bike track and managed woodland, which will enhance the local area and encourage wildlife. The King Egbert Family of Schools Extended Schools Co-ordinator, is helping this project, along with many others and the Sheffield Wildlife Trust is helping the woodland project. We are pleased to report, that with other donations from banks, building societies and various foundations, enough money was raised to complete the fencing so the development of the field and woodland can proceed. We are now appealing for further donations to complete this essential work, which will benefit not only the disabled Rowan children, but also the local area and community. We also ask for volunteers to help us with some of the work involved.

Please send any donation, however large or small, made payable to 'The Friends of The Rowan School' to Dr F W Wright, FOTRS Treasurer, 72 Grove Road, Sheffield, S7 2GZ. We are gift aid registered so please ask for a form when sending your donation to Dr Wright.

Chris .J. Moore, Chairman FOTRS

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer for Dore/Totley area, will be held at English Martyrs Church on Friday, 7 March 2008 at 10.30 am. This year it has been prepared by the Christian Women of Guyana.

Everyone is welcome

Any enquires to Rosemary on 2363027. Hope to see you there.

National Park Chair Criticises Post Office Closures

Peak District National Park Authority chair Narendra Bajaria has slammed the closure of three national park post offices as "a real blow to our efforts to create sustainable communities." Mr Bajaria had appealed to the Post Office to re-think its proposals to axe branches at Edensor, Bonsall and Moorhall, Bakewell – part of a plan to close 77 branches across the East Midlands.

But despite a wave of public opposition during the six-week consultation period, the Post Office has confirmed the closure of 75 branches (saving one in Nottingham and one in Rutland).

Mr Bajaria, said: "I am extremely disappointed that national park communities will suffer the loss of these services. It is a real blow to our efforts to create sustainable communities and does not take into account the special circumstances of rural living.

"The Post Office says that 99 per cent of people live within three miles of a post office, but three miles is a long way when public transport can be infrequent and costly, walking is difficult for the elderly or for those with young children, and we are trying to persuade people to reduce car-use."

Any application for the change of use of a post office would be very closely examined by the authority's planning committee, he added. Its priority would be to see another community facility in its place in order to safeguard local amenities.

The Edensor closure will end a 150-year post office presence in the historic Chatsworth estate village. Bakewell's Moorhall branch serves an area of social housing, impacting particularly on young families, low income families and the elderly, and Bonsall's post office is a highly-valued village amenity.

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4. Accept that you will have ups and downs in your weight loss journey, and be forgiving of yourself if you hit a difficult patch.
5. Listen to your 'inner script' and make a conscious effort to talk to yourself in a positive, encouraging way.
6. Keep up your interest in your healthy eating plan by trying new foods, new recipes, and new ways of using your Sins. This will help you avoid getting in to a dieting rut which can be boring and demotivating.
7. Be honest with yourself about what you are expecting from your weight loss and how you are getting on with Food Optimising week by week. People who set unrealistic targets for weight loss or body shape are more likely to give up than those who set achievable targets and share their ups and downs.
8. Go back to your class even after (especially after) you've had a weight gain. You will not be judged, just helped and supported.
9. Keep setting new goals and rewarding yourself for milestones until you reach your target weight, and afterwards!
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