

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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One of the beautiful mornings that we've been blessed with this spring. This familiar view of Totley from Brown Edge was taken in mid-April.

## Totley Residents Association Update

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year gone. I know time passes quickly when one is older, but my year seems to have been spent on the run. On the other hand keeping active is supposed to keep one young, so I look forward to a long life!

TRA Committee members have been kept busy as usual with a variety of concerns affecting the community.

Like most of Sheffield, this area suffers from the problems of the volume and speed of traffic. Traffic management and road safety remain a major concern for Totley residents.

The Council have kept us informed of proposed developments for the area.

Detailed plans for the Baslow Road / Bushey Wood Road junction and Baslow Road / Grove Road were discussed by the committee and comments sent in.

Our suggestion of a roundabout at Bushey Wood was unsuccessful; instead we have a new pedestrian crossing. It was felt to alter the bus stop at Grove Road was not required, as so few people use it.

Baslow Road /Glover Road traffic lights are still causing confusion. Many residents do not realise the button must be pressed and that it does not always go green immediately.

The Baslow Road / Mickley Lane junction plans were put out in the public domain by the Council by mistake, before they were checked!

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## TOTLEY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY - 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2007 - 1.00 – 5.00 PM - GREENOAK PARK

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TRA have made arrangements for an officer from Development Services, Traffic Management to meet with us when the corrected plans are ready. T17 will be in attendance. No alterations to the junction will be carried out until at the earliest 2007 /2008.

We are still awaiting new bus shelters at Baslow Road / Glover Road / Marstone Crescent, as part of the upgrading of the Abbeydale Road Corridor.

The Multi Agency group which was set up following the public meeting held in June 2005 continues to meet bi-monthly at Cherry Tree. Representatives from the Police, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Sheffield Homes, SWAP co-ordinator, Youth Organisations, Parks and Countryside, TRA and Ward Councillors attend. The Core Officer from extended Schools responsible for organising activities / child care has recently joined the group.

Each Agency reports on progress and problems and discusses the way forward.

The Chairotics group, set up as part of the Multi Agency Meeting, continues to run every Thursday afternoon in the Library. Most residents, who joined initially, still attend regularly. Unfortunately some have had to leave because of serious health problems.

TRA were asked to sponsor a specialist police bike and equipment for use in Totley. The Committee agreed and appealed to the community for contributions. Many businesses and local people have been very generous but we still require more money. Totley Community Police Constable has attended the Police training course and can now ride the bike. We are disappointed not to have seen the bike around Totley.

We are pleased to report that Totley now has a new Police Constable Support Officer. We are reminded that to keep Totley a safe place to live, we must help, by reporting incidents to the police, using 101 if non urgent.

TRA were approached by a resident of Cheshire Homes who complained there was nowhere for residents to meet and socialise with the community as there is no community facility in Totley. TRA contacted the Council Community Buildings Team who attended a committee meeting along with a Cheshire Homes representative. We are waiting for a response from the Council.

There have been problems in the library with displaying community posters. A meeting with the head of the library service and TRA resolved the difficulties. The library foyer has now been updated.

Totley Hall Park was officially opened in September by the Lord Mayor. In spite of terrible weather about 50 people attended,

After 3 public meetings, the problem of the Green Oak Park Entrance has still not been resolved. TRA representatives met with the Head of planning and the Council legal department, but there are still questions which need answers and further meetings are required.

A new venture this year has been the Totley Yard Sale, a great success soon to be repeated - money raised to go towards the Totley Festival.

As in previous years the Totley Open Gardens raised money for T17.

Thanks to Jennie Street for organising both events.

Totley Show was another success, thanks to Les Firth and his team.

Thanks to those who helped plant bulbs, 2,500 this year. Baslow Road looked fantastic.

Finally thanks to all the committee members for all the hard work through out the year, to Marlene Marshall for acting as my deputy, Amanda Hardwick for keeping the Minutes, Richard Wrigglesworth for taking care of our finances, Ian Clarke and John Perkinson for the Independent and John Beazer for the website. Thanks to Carol Pugsley who left us during the year. We were pleased to welcome Russell Hague and Jennie Street who joined the committee. Thanks to the SWAP Co-ordinator, The Police, our Local Councillors and other Council Officers for their help.

TRA will be 30 years old in July, Let us thank those, some still on the committee today, which had the idea for a community organisation all those years ago.

Come and celebrate TRA's Special Birthday on July 1st in Green Oak Park.

### **Totley Residents Association AGM 2007**

The AGM was held in the library on 16TH April. 27 people attended, including Councillors Mike Waters and Keith Hill.

There were apologies from Rebecca Maddox, South West Area Panel Coordinator, The Police, Councillor Anne Smith, Amanda Hardwick, John Perkinson, Jennie Street and Judith Norris.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

The 2006 Minutes were circulated. There were no questions.

The Minutes were accepted unanimously.

TRA Chairman's Report- Avril Critchley

Treasurers Report- Richard Wrigglesworth

Thanks to Richard Frost for auditing the accounts.

Election of Officers 2007 / 2008

Chairman - Avril Critchley

Deputy Chairman - To be elected by the committee

Treasurer - Richard Wrigglesworth wished to retire but in the absence of a successor agreed to carry on until May

Secretary - Amanda Hardwick

Committee Members

Carol Pugsley had resigned during the year. We thank her for her help. We had been pleased to welcome Russell Hague and Jennie Street to the committee during the year.

Duncan Froggatt wished to retire.

The following committee members were elected -

Les Firth, John Perkinson, Mike Williamson, Janet Chapman, Marlene Marshall, Sylvia Ruddle, Betty Higgins, Jennie Street, Ian Clarke (Editor of the Independent) and John Beazer (Website).

We were pleased to welcome Ann Lee and Dorothy Firth as new members of the committee.

Mike Williamson explained the proposed amendments to the constitution which were carried unanimously.

Outline planning approval has been sought for the wildlife garden at Abbeydale Hall for 16 houses. Mike Waters urged members to object. The area is shown as public open space on the UDP.AOB

The Chairman reported on the success of the forthcoming Yard Sale. 57 people had asked to take part. The money raised would be used to help finance the Totley Festival on July 1st.

The Chairman gave details of what had been arranged for the celebrations on July 1st.

The Chairman informed the meeting there was a problem with the 97 bus terminus at Cross Scythes. It was hoped this would be sorted out before the contract between First and the landowner runs out at the end of May.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Avril Critchley

Chairman

## Kids Go Wild in Totley



Sheffield Wildlife Trust will be at Totley Festival this year and are promoting a new, fun environmental club for kids.

Totley Wildlife Watch Group will meet once a month on Saturday mornings and will be for kids up to the age of 13, who would like to discover more about the wildlife around them.

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of the Wildlife Trusts and the UK's leading club for young environmentalists, harnessing the imagination and energy of children in initiatives to explore and improve their environment. The project has been made possible by a grant award of £49,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund

Dr Fiona Spiers, Regional Manager Heritage Lottery Fund said "There's a common misconception that young people aren't interested in conserving the wildlife and natural heritage around them, but in our experience, they are incredibly passionate and enthusiastic. We want young people to learn about and explore their local heritage and to ensure it can be appreciated by future generations."

Nicky Moore Watch Organiser for Sheffield says "We have lots of Wildlife Watch members in this area of Sheffield, who don't get the chance to go to a group nearby, this new group will give them the opportunity to get outside and also meet some new friends. We currently have six other groups across the city, run by some fantastic volunteers"

Nicky will be at the Festival on Sunday 1st July at Greenoak Park, looking for new members and enthusiastic adults who live in the area to help. Come to the festival and register early to avoid disappointment!

## Festival Help

Please could you be a Festival steward or gopher on Sunday July 1st for the Totley Festival?

We especially need people from 11.00 to 1.00 setting up and from 4.00-6.00 closing down and putting everything away. We shall also need some people to help at stalls, and with various activities going on during the Festival.

Can you give us a little of your time to make this community event to celebrate Totley Residents Association's 30 years a successful and special occasion?

If so, please ring Avril Critchley, Chair, TRA Tel. 236-1568

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## COFFEE, CAKES and CUTTINGS.

This annual event is to be held as usual at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road on Saturday May 19th 10am to 12 noon. The main beneficiary will be TRANSPORT 17. We hope you will come along and enjoy a coffee or two with your friends. We shall be grateful for any donations of plants, books or bric-a-brac. Arrangements to have these collected can be made by phoning 2367176 or 2365313. Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

## 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 or michael.waters@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

## TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

[www.totley.org.uk](http://www.totley.org.uk)

## I know my address, but where do I live?

I was born in 55 Marstone Crescent, which, in 1944, was in Totley, sometimes called "New Totley", Sheffield. The house, when built, was in Derbyshire, hence the street numbering being from Derbyshire, towards Sheffield. I married & moved to Stonecroft Road, in Totley. When we had children, they attended Totley County School. I was a member of the PFA & eventually a governor. I was also Chairman of 1st. Totley Scout Group, at the time of the building of the new scout hut. According to the carved stone, in the wall to the river bridge adjacent to the Methodist Church, on Baslow Road, we had moved from Totley to Dore, when we moved to Totley Brook Road, & we had to write to the Education Authority to ask if our children could still attend the County school, rather than Dore school, which was agreed.

Estate agents agreed, as they would! However, we were living on Totley Brook Road, the brook ironically being further away from us than the Old Hay Brook.

We live next to the cautiously named Dore & Totley URC, near to a Dore Ward Councillor (& vote in Dore Ward), receive Dore to Door magazine, are in the proposed Dore Village Society conservation area and our house is deemed to have historic value which is of interest to the Society. However, we are under the "Totley" policeman, P.C. Wadworth.

Last year, I entered the photographic section of Totley show. I paid my money & my entry was accepted. When I went to collect my winnings, I was told that I shouldn't be getting them, as I didn't live in Totley! They had been happy to accept my entry fee!

I also entered Dore Show. I paid my entry fee & subsequently collected my winnings. A few weeks later, I met the winner of the photo competition, who told me that I shouldn't have entered as I don't live in Dore! She went on to tell me that the Dore/Totley boundary, was "somewhere" about halfway down Furniss Avenue. (I guess she means about Mercia Drive which was allegedly the boundary of Mercia). Her argument was based on the fact that she had to apply to marry in Dore Church (a good few years ago) as she was deemed to be living in the parish of St. John's, Abbeydale. To complicate this even further, when the land for our house was sold, by the Abbeydale Estates Company in 1907, it referred to the land being in the township of Dore in the parish of Dronfield, in the county of Derby. But, a previous conveyance, dated 1906, showed the parish of Dore, in the County of York!

I don't think that I live in Totley, and therefore may not be eligible to enter Totley Show, but I do think that I live in Dore, or is it Abbeydale, in which case, is there a show which I can enter, without causing upset to someone?

Since the start of my research into this article, I have found that Totley Show is classed as an open show, with one regular competitor coming from Wisewood!

I suppose that I can live in the comfort that I live nearer to the "Welcome to Totley" sign than most people who live in Totley!

Roger Hart

## Station Master's House

Following the comment and drawing by Brian Edwards of the Station Master's House on Abbeydale Road South, during the very early 50s the name of the Station Master was Mr O'Reilly. Being a trainspotter in those days a lot of time was spent at Dore and Totley Station.

Mike Roberts

## 1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for March 2007

1st Prize No 74  
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Hollindale

2nd Prize No 57 £10  
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Peter Casson

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

This is your final reminder about a very funny comedy at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. "The Other Fellow's Oats", by James Pattison and Peter Clapham, has all the right ingredients - a smart London flat lent out by Charles to his friend Desmond while Charles is away, the dolly-bird who thinks she can write, a plumber who can't get it right, wives where they shouldn't be - and a good laugh is inevitable. Don't miss this one.

Wine and coffee will be on sale for the interval. Tickets from any TOADS member, or from me, Kate Reynolds on 2366891. The dates are Wednesday to Saturday, May 16th to 19th and the fun starts at 7.30pm

Kate Reynolds

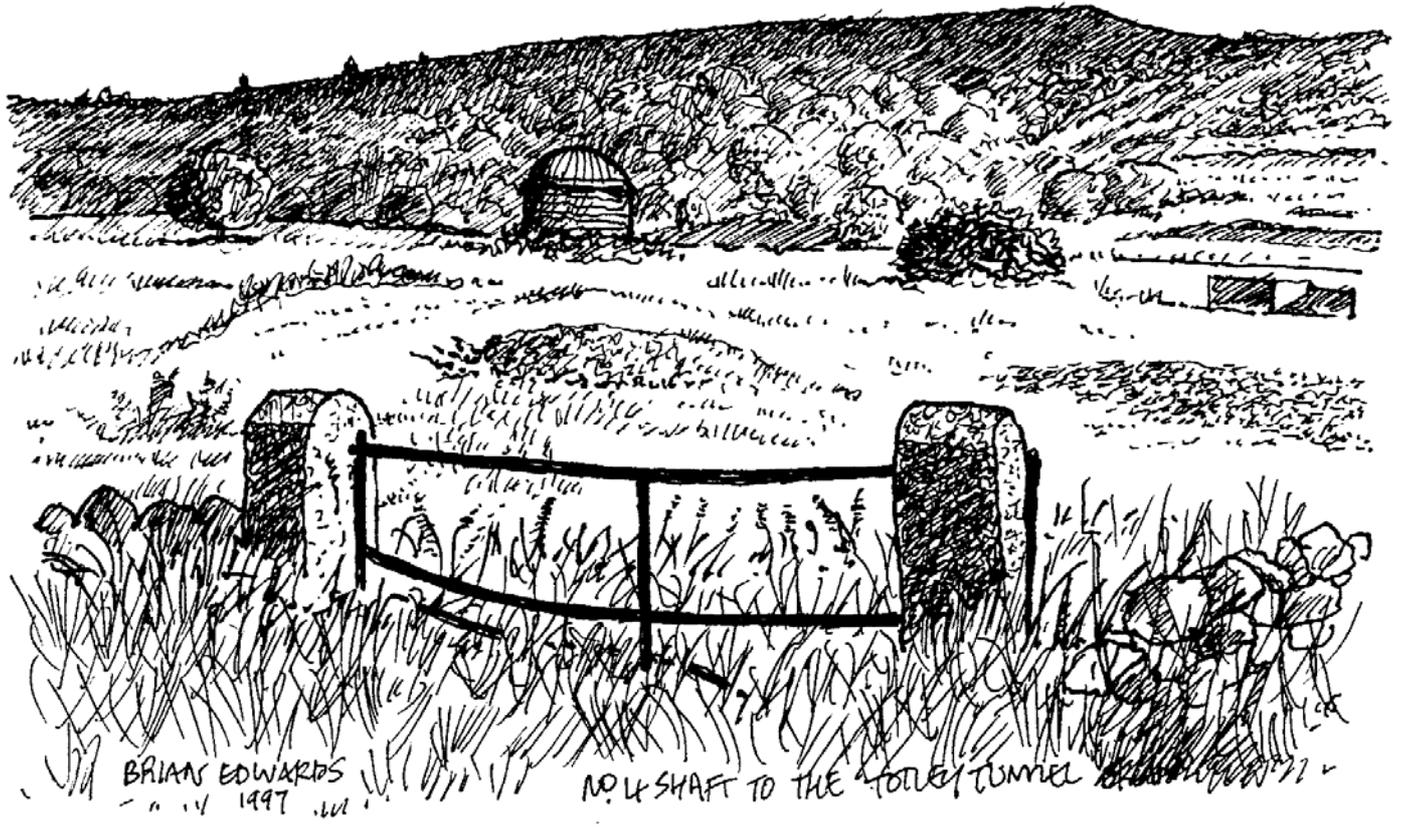
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- Type letters? Pay bills?
- Help record family memories?
- Sort and file papers?
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- Anything else ???

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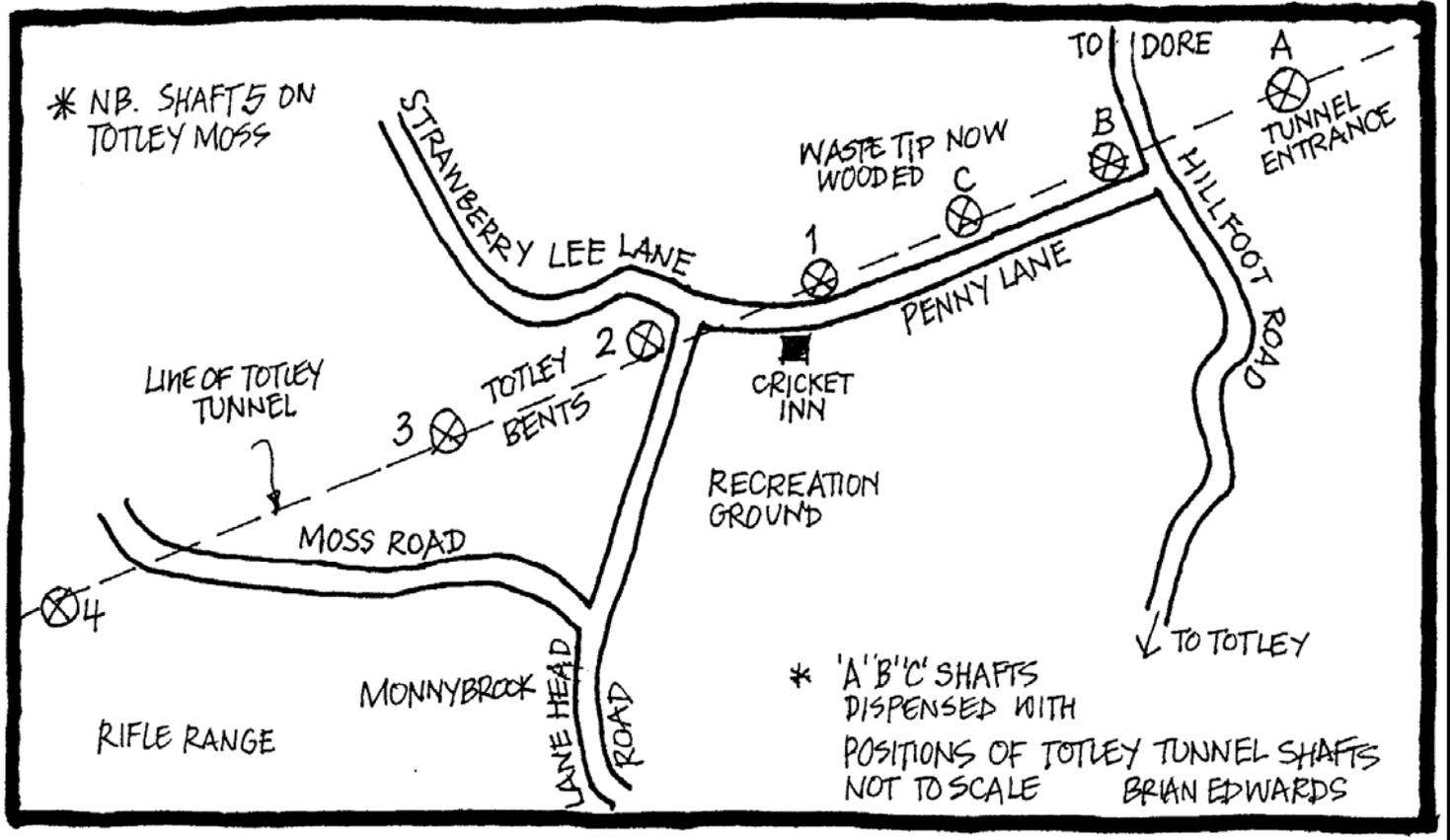


BRIAN EDWARDS  
- 14 1997

NO. 4 SHAFT TO THE TOTLEY TUNNEL

### SKETCH OF No.4 SHAFT, TOTLEY TUNNEL

When the Totley Tunnel was completed in 1894, various elements remained. The sketch here is from Moss Road looking towards Brown Edge; in the centre is no. 4 shaft. No. 5 is high up on Totley Moss, no. 3 off Moss Road, no. 2 at Totley Bents And no. 1 is hidden by dense foliage at the side of Penny Lane. It is not generally known that there were a further three shafts sunk. One which I call 'A' was sunk at the start of the tunnel and used as a pumping station until the cutting was complete. 'B' was at the corner of Penny Lane and Hillfoot Road. 'C' was sunk 50 or 60 metres along Penny Lane. All three were dispensed with as work proceeded.



## The Classical Music is not for Sale

I have always had a keen interest in all types of jazz music. A few years ago I visited the car boot sales in Derbyshire in search of that rare jazz LP record. I had no luck at Hope or Bradwell so I headed for Tideswell area. Again drew a blank.

On leaving the field a young couple walked by holding a copy of Miles Davis Plays Porgy and Bess. I remarked to them I see you are keen jazz fans, the young lad said "Oh no this is classical music and we are not interested in jazz music". I tried to explain that Miles Davis is a modern style trumpet player and would they be prepared to sell me the LP and I would give them a profit on the sale. But they insisted that the music was classical so the subject was dropped.

I could hardly poke my nose in and tell them that any record by Miles Davis was quite collectable, so my wife and I decided to go for a walk, for it was such a lovely summer's day. We parked the car in the village Litton and strolled across Tansley Dale to the limestone crag of Peters Stone at the head of Cressbrook Dale, then back across the meadows towards Tideswell Dale.

Just as we were leaving the last field area I noticed a calf that was staggering and looked to be on its last legs. The cow at the other end of the field just completely ignored the plight of the young calf. I tried to get the animal back to its feet but to no avail. So I ran back to the nearest village of Litton to report the incident. Picking the nearest farm house I knocked on the door, a young man opened the door and before I could explain my urgent message he looked me straight in the eye and said "no you can't have that record".

We both had a good laugh after realising the strange coincidence of meeting up again. Even though the message was of a serious nature. It appeared that later that day the calf died and was owned by the character farmer Fred Furniss from the hamlet of Wardlow Mires just along the Stoney Middleton to Tideswell Main Road.

As regards the Miles Davis record, I picked up a copy a few months later at a car boot sale in Bakewell. I always rated Miles Davis as a brilliant trumpet player but he was never my favourite, my specific trio in the jazz world was Buck Clayton, Ruby Bralt and Bobby Hackett. All these trumpet players have since met their maker.

On a final note, have any readers got a copy of Artie Shaw Orchestra playing the numbers The Glider and Let's Walk, on LP?, I would willingly exchange a record of their choice. I used to have the tunes on a 78" record but it got broken. I still keep looking for that special artist.

John C Barrows

## PUZZLE CORNER

First an apology for omitting one of the clues in "Numbered Letters" START = 72 was missed, it was entirely my fault.

### Middle Three to Follow

Solve each of the clues with a single word so that the middle three letters of the word became the first three letters of the following solution,

e.g. CORRECTLY RECOMMEND

1. Tenacious ; 2. Exceedingly delighted ; 3. Scope or compass; 4. Assume English ways ; 5. Toady ; 6. Axle ; 7. Not accurately describable ; 8. Touching ; 9. Germ killer ; 10. Tantalum containing mineral.



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## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for various roles, here at Mickley Hall volunteers provide an invaluable service in a number of ways, one of which is something as simple as talking with our service users or playing a game of bingo. If you could help us in any of the following it would be very much appreciated:

**Laundry helper** - to help collect clean clothes from the laundry and tidy and put away service user's clothes. Your role will enable staff to spend more quality time in other areas with service users.

**Drivers** - to escort service users to doctor's appointments, religious meetings, shopping etc. It might be that a service user would like to go for a meal on their birthday but is unable to as drivers are busy with other people for the more urgent day to day matter.

**Games enthusiast** - to help with games such as cards and bingo. Its a very rewarding role which involves fun for you and the service user.

**Reader** - read newspapers, books, letters and other materials to service users. It is very rewarding knowing that you have helped in the communication between service users and their families or to help keep the service user in the know about what is happening in the outside world.

**Befriender** - spending time chatting with a service user or accompanying them to different places.

Thank you.

Gwen Webster 0114 236 9952

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On Wednesday 4 April this year, Mickley Hall Cheshire Home at Totley in Sheffield held its annual Spring Fair as part of their ongoing fund raising activities. The event, at which staff and volunteers sold books, CD's, videos, clothing, bric a brac and home made foodstuffs, raised over one thousand pounds. The Fair was opened by the manager of Sheffield United Football Club, Neil Warnock, who used to visit Mickley Hall once a month as a chiropodist between 1980 and 1986. Neil, who was accompanied by his young daughter, Amy, fondly recalled his time at the Home and was still remembered by some of the longer serving members of staff there. He spent some time chatting to the service users, their families, friends, visitors and staff, posing for photographs and signing many autographs.

Before embarking on a shopping trip around the Fair, the Premiership League Club Manager handed over a cheque for an additional £500 that had been 'donated' by one of his players in lieu of a fine imposed for some misdemeanour, together with a football and shirt signed by all the players for later auctioning off to further boost the coffers.

In addition, Neil also made mention of his visit to the Home in his weekly column in 'The Independent' national newspaper (published 7 April) in which he describes the work of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation and how " it's run by an amazing group of people." He observed how service users react to the downsides and disappointments in life "puts football into perspective" when those in the game moan and groan about the pressures of relegation and promotion.

Mickley Hall is well supported by both Sheffield football clubs as in December last year, their Winter Fair was opened by Dave Allen, the Chairman of Sheffield Wednesday FC., the Championship League club themselves still entertaining an outside chance of promotion to the premier league.

## Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

Welcomes new members male and female

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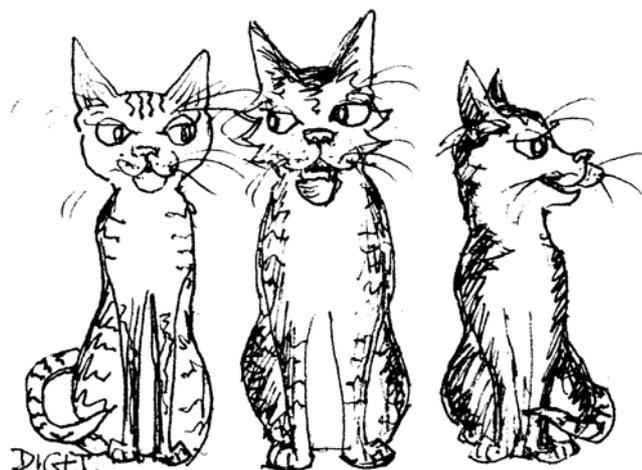


a ghost tour and much more, it's easy to see why the Festival attracts over 36,000 people to the heart of the Peak District each year from all over the country and abroad.

Buxton Festival is the UK's largest and foremost opera festival and the only one dedicated to producing rarely performed opera, featuring a highly acclaimed programme of operatic gems that cannot be seen elsewhere. Recently hailed as good as an

arts festival gets by The Independent, and commended as the principal supplier of new opera in the North West, Buxton Festival has a reputation for excellence and innovation.

Don't miss out - call the Festival Office on 01298 70395 for a brochure or visit [www.buxtonfestival.co.uk](http://www.buxtonfestival.co.uk) for further information.



"TOTLEY TOM HERE USED TO BE A SHIPS CAT, AND HE'S JUST GOT HIS CALLING UP PAPERS FOR THE NAVY."

## Gardening Tips

I have just been looking through some old Totley Independents (for inspiration). We seem to forget these days that May can be quite a cold month; I mentioned one year that snow was falling!! I suppose we can put the change down to global warming. The snow did not last long this year and April has not had many showers yet, and the forecast is 75F for the next few days. I think we may have to consider installing air conditioners in the greenhouse or taking the glass out if things continue weather-wise. I wonder if old Mother Nature has anything up her sleeve to give us more to think about. I suppose with a possible warmer climate we might see bigger insects, I understand that hornets are now more common in this area than they were and we can do without them, wasps are bad enough. Perhaps we shall see more exotic creatures such as snakes and chipmunks, a locust or two might be eating your cabbages in a few years time! I am getting carried away now. I think old Mother Nature has a way of balancing things out in the long run unless the politicians make a pig's ear of things. On looking through the old Independents I notice how many things have been taken off the market which used to be useful in the garden. We are having to go back to the old methods of eradicating the nasties, picking off caterpillars, using soap water for knobbling greenfly and sulphur powder for mildew and canker. Has anyone got a formula for knobbling locust? Be prepared is the old boy scout's motto, this really applies when it comes to gardening.

May can be a bit unpredictable so have the fleece ready and the shading just in case and do not put your heaters away yet, we have had some hard frost in May. I remember losing a lot of seedlings by taking a chance on the weather in the past.

Looking around the garden centres I notice the prices are quite high. A little while ago it did not pay to grow your own seeds when plants were cheaper. Now it is back to pricking out and potting on. It has got to be cheaper if you grow or buy a lot, unless your time is taken up with other things. I see most plants are priced each, instead of trays or boxes. When a packet of 300 lobelia seeds is around £1.50 and petunias £2.20ish, it makes you wonder where the prices come from. I suppose you could put it down to my getting older as the doctors say.

### Flowers

Prepare beds for summer bedding whilst hardening off the plants. Give plants, which are growing fast, such as delphiniums, hollyhocks etc a dressing of fertiliser or liquid feed. Plant dahlia tubers outdoors. Cover them with 8cm (3") of soil; make sure you mark the spot. Protect any shoots from late frosts.

Sow hardy and half hardy plants if you want a show in early autumn, the seeds should be broadcast where the plants are to flower and cover lightly with soil. Stake, tie and train sweet peas and keep them well mulched throughout their growth. Dead head bulbs which have finished flowering. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants, such as phlox, michaelmas daisy and golden rod to ensure bushiness. Do not overdo this as it may delay the flowering too long. Watch out for slugs and snails and deal with them, especially around young growing shoots.

Get window boxes and hanging baskets ready. Plant them up if you have space indoors, otherwise wait a week or two until chances of frost are past or make a temporary shelter for them, bringing them out in the daytime. Do not forget to water all newly set out plants. Watch out for greenfly, eradicate as soon as you see them, they reproduce at an alarming rate and can devastate a young plant in a few days.

### Vegetables

Earth up potatoes, give support to peas and beans. Prepare mounds for marrows, pumpkin and squash. I grow my marrow in rich compost placed between 2 bales of straw, this keeps them moist and off the ground away from too many slugs and is nice and clean for the marrow to rest on. If you are growing outdoor tomatoes this year, prepare the ground now, they need a good rich soil. Plant out winter greens as soon as they are hardened off. Sow dwarf beans, main crop beetroot, sweet corn etc. Thin out vegetables sown earlier, such as carrots and parsnips. These are best grown under a tent of fleece if you have had trouble with carrot fly as I have. Sow runner beans outdoors. From now on make successional sowings of salad, lettuce, salad, onions, radish, leaf chicory and also parsley. Plant up your herb garden, increase your plants by dividing or cuttings.

### Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

As before, keep all newly planted specimens well watered. Give all fruit a good feed when the buds start to well up. Tie-in new growth of blackberry and loganberry. Prune overcrowded raspberry canes and then mulch. Watch out for aphid and caterpillar on gooseberries and deal with them as

soon as possible by spraying or dusting. The same applies to blackcurrants. Clean straw can be put round strawberries, make sure it is well tucked underneath the plants; you could use black polythene as an alternative. Remove all suckers from trees and roses. With lilacs remove secondary shoots at soil level so they grow up as single stems. Trim over and top dress heathers after flowering. Water azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, wisteria and hydrangeas with some sequestrene plant tonic. Complete the planting of container grown roses, heathers, clematis etc. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria, willows and dogwood as soon as they have finished flowering. Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape.

### Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

Liquid feed and water flowering and fruiting plants, including any which have been in their pots for more than a month. Shade most plants from strong sunlight and ventilate well. Pinch back any straggly shoots on pot plants. Pot on spring-rooted pelargonium's and other greenhouse plants. Allow nerines, arums, and freesias to rest by gradually reducing the amount of water given. Feed, disbud and pollinate tomatoes. Train and feed melons and cucumber. Sow cinerarias if you want to have plants in December. Pot begonias, gloxinias and streptocarpus. Greenhouse primulas sown in April will need to be pricked-off into other boxes or seed trays, water well and place them in a sheltered frame. Harden off bedding plants, watch the weather and protect from frost. Feed tuberous begonias as pots fill with roots. Time to think about shading as the sun gets stronger. Although the weather (hopefully) is getting warmer at this time, clear frosty nights can follow warm days so watch out for these variable conditions.

### Lawns

Feed established lawns and treat for weeds. Keep new lawns well watered. Top dress joints in new turf. Set your mower high for the first few cuts.

That should keep you busy for a while!

Cheerio for now,

Tom

## Trinity Daycare Trust

The Trinity Daycare Trust sale realised £1,500 - thank you all who supported us.

Mike Teanby

## SCHOOLS AND LANGUAGES.

Recently the questions about teaching of foreign languages to school pupils have come to the fore again - the fact that learning a foreign language in secondary education is no longer compulsory after the age of 14, and the recommendation that a foreign language should become part of all primary education.

My own school days finished before World War 2 so my personal experience is almost ancient history. I am sure that at my primary school the teachers had all on to teach us to read and write. I doubt whether any of the staff in those days had ever been on a holiday abroad, let alone being able to teach a foreign language. I transferred to Grammar School in 1932 where I had to take both French and Latin every year until I moved to the sixth form to study science.

I hated Latin but had no particular feelings about French - it was just one of the subjects we had to do, no question of choice. I obtained passes in both at the school certificate level - as I recall a pass in a foreign language was a requirement for the school certificate but I can't remember whether the Latin was a further requirement for matriculation.

Once in the sixth form we did mathematics, physics and chemistry, no more "foreign" languages though Chaucer, not in the modern translation, was part of our English course. I can still remember the first few lines of the Canterbury Tales prologue from 70 years on. I was not clever enough to gain a scholarship to university so my full time education finished when I left school to start work - but not my brush with languages!

My first job was in a steelworks laboratory in Sheffield, for which I was interviewed, even for a bottom of the ladder post, by three different people. The first was presumably some sort of administrative chap who sent me to the chief chemist. He was a very elegant man, dark suited and bow tie, ensconced in a beautiful panelled office with elegant desk and book cases. After he had quizzed me in a general way he said he would hand me on to his assistant Mr W ---- who would ask me some more questions. A little later there was a knock on the door, and in shambled a rather frightening figure, also smartly dressed but with ordinary, not bow tie. Here, for a lad just leaving school, normal appearances ended. Not only was he scrupulously clean he had the hairiest hands I had ever seen, he carried a wooden box and wore large, old type ear phones like my dad had used for early wireless sets. He was deaf and this was his hearing aid of the day.

He, in turn, took me off to his office, a much less imposing place in the corner of the laboratory, lined with technical journals. First of all he got me adding columns of figures and subtraction which were no trouble of course. Then the bombshell - "I see you've studied French and passed your exams. Let's see what you make of this." He then picked up a technical French journal from his desk and pointed to a paragraph in there. I'm sure I didn't shine at that. We then went into the laboratory where I had to do a titration for him, presumably better than the French translation as I was invited to start work.

Later, when I studied part time for a London University degree I found that the chemistry papers, as did those of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, had compulsory questions of translation from French and from German.

And so, by a very circuitous route, what do I think about language teaching in schools? I certainly feel the competence of most people to speak a foreign language, other than their native tongue, is abysmal. I am not in a position to know how competent our diplomat's may be, but I suspect not many of our MPs, for example, could cope with being interviewed in a foreign tongue by a journalist or a television interviewer. The position is even more embarrassing when people on the radio or television cannot conduct a reasonable sounding conversation in their own language.

Are schools to blame? Would compulsory language lessons help? Did it help me? It certainly didn't help me to become a

competent linguist but I am sure the smattering of French I learned, helped when I came to travel in France in later life. Latin I am sure helped in my understanding of my English tongue. Would the suggested one hour per week help? I think it would. At my school each of the five days was divided into seven 45 minute periods and, as far as I remember, two each in Latin, French, English Literature, and English Language each week.

To my mind there is no doubt about the advantage of starting young - that is when we learn to speak and to learn our native language. Therein lies another feature. Our lessons out of school are not restricted to one hour per week. We are continually talked to in all sorts of situations, we have to learn to respond, we have to learn the nuances of speech, how to read the written word and how to write it. It cannot be just a "book - learning" exercise; we have to respond, to participate. I assume the introduction of language laboratories helps in this direction although it is a little artificial compared to face to face conversation.

I heard on the radio of one primary school teacher giving a history lesson in French. Perhaps this is the way to go. After all, students who come to study in this country have to cope with lectures presented in English - no millions of pounds spent on translation services for them as is reported for immigrants.

My only venture into this type of territory may raise a smile. I attended an evening class in beginners German. The teacher was a German lady from Berlin. At Christmas she gave us a little party where I was first introduced to Stollen. As a contribution I offered to show some slides of Germany. She said fine, if I would give the commentary in German! I was foolhardy in those days and agreed to try. Can you imagine any thing worse? It's usually boring enough sitting through somebody's holiday slides let alone a very poor accompanying description in what must have virtually been "pidgin" German.

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## OLD TOTLEY by Jo Rundle

Now, moving from the aesthetics to the essentials perhaps some readers may wish to skip to the end and miss the next section as it's only, but necessarily, about 'toilets', those things that the English soldiers who came home after the first World-war, called "Loos", why?, because the small, shoulder-high buildings in the middle of the streets in Paris had 100 on the door, and they interpreted it as "Loo", and I'm sure you know what that means without any explanation from me. As Shakespeare said, "What's in a name?". We could split hairs and argue for hours as to what is the correct name, for some householders call them 'Privies' as they do indeed provide a semblance of privacy, whilst others use, what may be considered by some to be the correct description, the 'Closet', a small room for retirement and privacy; a side-room or recess with doors for storing things in, and this is the description afforded those at Lane Head. However, our loos, toilets, closets, at Lane-head were also the midden; what the dictionary calls, a dung hill, a prehistoric refuse heap, or a kitchen- midden, dependent on which dictionary you might be consulting. Our midden- cum- toilets-cum closets were in the back yard, a building about twelve feet square with access doors for the scavenger in the wall facing the field, the adjacent wall holding up the entrance road from the highway into the allotments. The other two walls formed a right-angle facing into the yard, one housing the two toilets, the other having two deep recesses at waist height, one with a stone flag floor for throwing-in tin cans, bottles etc. the other an iron grating, through which the housewife could riddle the fire ashes and retrieve all the re-usable coke to back-up the fire as necessary; a task considered part of the housework therefore never done by a man!

The scavenger in 1908 was John Fisher, could be my Mother's uncle, but, as there was a John in every branch of the Fisher Family of Hallfield Farm, and every generation passed the name on to the next born, I can only hazard a guess by his age, and so assume that he was the son of Francis who inherited the farm when his father Thomas Fisher died in 1885. There were two toilets for the three houses in the first group at Lane Head; one for adults, the other having a lower seat more easily to accommodate children, and as there was no water supply when the cottages were built a deep well was sunk in the back-yard in front of the toilet doors that was supplied from a stream flowing from deep in the hillside opposite. When the other houses were added in the top yard, which were sold by auction in 1898, (See previous article), a new supply line was installed and the well, considered of no further use was sealed over allowing the stream to flow under the entrance road into a ditch running down the side of the land that, by arrangements with Rev Aldred of Dore around 1900, became the allotments, and was used by all the allotment holders in the top section throughout the second war and beyond. I have recently learned that the brook has been dried-up for a number of years and can only assume that it was filled-in and sealed when the middens were demolished to make way for a garage, but what happened to the stream I can only hazard a guess.

Cleaning the toilets each week by the three housewives was a painstaking task for each one of them as a reputation might be lost in the doing. This was one occupation when artistic talent could be displayed so, after scrubbing the seats until they were as white as butcher's benches, and the floors were scrubbed and dried, out came the donkey-stone that had been bought a few days before from 'Potmold' and, after dipping it in water, the designing began. Dependent on the mood of the day, and time available the design could be a simple scallop at the base of the two side walls, or maybe a Greek design of lines in zig-zag squares. Whatever the result it really was the door-step that was most important for, as all housewives knew, if the passer-by saw that the front door step was clean then so was the house, and it befitted great care to make sure that it was, the same criteria befitting the toilet, so the design must look perfect for all visitors. The same attention was not given to the toilet paper, not for Lane Head the neatly cut squares hanging on a string from a hook in the wall, time usually was the matter of the moment so whatever paper happened to be to hand was grabbed on the way down the cellar steps to the yard without bothering to see whether the printers had been over liberal with the ink that day, if it could do the job, then so be it.

Lane Head, of course, was 'Out on a limb' and somewhat remote from the happenings in the village except for school

and shopping, but with much more contact with the outlying farms and other areas through intermarriages. The Daltons with the Pearsons, Wards, and Fishers, the Fishers with the Pearsons and the Salts, the Greens with the Salts, and the Greens, Fishers and Wards with the Peats, all branches of my own family, from the turn of the 19th.C when Joseph Salt walked across the moors from Brampton and opened a clay mine on Totley Moor, that later evolved into Pickford and Holland's Brickworks, and in 1819 married Martha Greenwood from Brampton.

In 1828 Henry Peat, also from Brampton, came to Stoney-ridge farm near Fox House and, through his son John, a besom-maker, brought together Mary Jane Peat and Samuel Fisher, my Great-Grandparents in 1865 through Thomas Fisher who arrived from Brampton in 1836 to live and farm at the Cross Scythes, and from there to Hallfield farm. Of course, by the time that we are exploring, the early 20th.C, it is the young members of these old families that are interesting as they themselves started moving around, first into other Derbyshire villages then, as transport improved, much further away. I would bet my bottom dollar as they say, that however far they travelled, and for whatever reason, they all remember where their roots are. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they, or their descendants would all write in and tell us why, where, when, and how, they arrived at their present destinations? I am sure it would make interesting reading.

To be continued

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- If you take a long time, you're slow. **BUT** if your boss takes a long time, he's thorough.
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- If you're on a day off sick, you're 'always' sick. **BUT** if your boss is a day off sick, he must be very ill.
- If you take a stand, you're being bull-headed. **BUT** if your boss does it, he's being firm.
- If you overlooked a rule of etiquette, you're being rude. **BUT** if your boss skips a few rules, he's being original.
- If you please your boss, you're brown-nosing. **BUT** if your boss pleases his boss, he's being co-operative.
- If you do something without being told, you're overstepping your authority. **BUT** if your boss does the same thing, that's initiative.
- If you're out of the office, you're wandering around. **BUT** if your boss is out of the office, he's on business.
- If you apply for leave, you must be going for an interview. **BUT** if your boss applies for leave, it's because he's overworked.

## Wildlife Trust seeks runners



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The Bright Finance Sheffield Half Marathon is not only for serious runners though, anyone can take part, and what better incentive is there to get fit? Individuals as well as teams can enter. Teams can be from a sports club, a society, a group of friends or even from work, as a corporate team. If the half-marathon still seems too daunting there's also a 3K fun run happening the same day at Don Valley Stadium, which is also raising money for the charities.

For those entering the half marathon, raising money for Sheffield Wildlife Trust has been made even easier by the website [www.justgiving.com/wildsheffield](http://www.justgiving.com/wildsheffield) This allows supporters of the charity to donate money instantly and safely online due to the use of a VeriSign security system. Just giving even automatically adds on the Gift Aid that all charities are entitled to.

Nicky Moore, Community Fundraise at SWT added: "Running the half marathon or the fun run will help the Wildlife Trust continue its valuable work protecting and improving Sheffield's greenspaces for wildlife, and will get you fit as well!"

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### MAY 2007

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**WED 16<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "The Rotary Movement – Making a Difference", Prof. Brian Underdown, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.  
**WED 16<sup>th</sup> – SAT 19<sup>th</sup> T.O.A.D.S. SPRING PLAY** 'The Other Fellow's Oats', St Johns Church Hall, 7.30pm, Ticket Kate Reynolds 236 6891  
**THU 17<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED,** Totley Methodist Church, Grove Road,11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
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### JUNE 2007

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**WED 20<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP,** "Sri Lanka after the Tsunami", Rev. & Mrs. David Willie, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.  
**THU 21<sup>st</sup> TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED,** Totley Methodist Church, Grove Road,11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**SAT 23<sup>rd</sup> SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY, A Feast from the Bach Family, 7.30 pm,** Ecclesall Parish Church, Tickets 0114 268 3812  
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