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Brinkburn Grange, built in 1882/3 by steel and file manufacturer Thomas B. Matthews, was demolished around 1938 and stood on the site of the present Brinkburn Drive.

The location is close to Bradway Mill, an ancient corn mill that was reported to be in a ruinous state as long ago as 1580. However, the building was eventually restored and for a time worked as a grinding wheel. The mill dam was converted to a pleasure lake by Mr. Matthews.

Only the remains of the Victorian gate posts on Abbeydale Road South bear testimony to this large house and lodge. Mrs. Irene Lonslow, who lived in the lodge as a child, recalled pedestrians streaming past on their way to the station, these days folk stream past in their cars.

Brian Edwards

**Totley Residents Association will be holding the A.G.M in Totley Library on Monday, 4 April at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come and join in the discussions.**

## **Totley Residents Association – Update**

Members of the Committee continue to be involved with a variety of subjects in and around the area.

### **Buses**

In common with other parts of the city there are problems with the reliability of the bus service. If you find any difficulties please ring 2211452 or write to Pam Horner or Barbara Frost at External Relations Department, SYPT, PO Box 801, Exchange Street, Sheffield S2 5YT. Give details of date and times when a bus is late or missing. The more complaints received, the better chance of hopefully getting an improved service.

### **Youth Nuisance**

Quiet at the moment. The Youth Project Team are working in the Totley area for a few months. It is hoped the youth workers will engage with the young people and help them to work together with the community.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

At present there are problems with no police officer available. The Chief Constable is dealing with the problem.

### **South West Area Panel Meeting**

Inspector Richard Dove gave the meeting the following information. Sheffield South covers 32 square miles. There are 23 officers working in teams : 194,000 people live in the area. On average there are 180 calls a day in the district. In Dore and Totley only 7 calls, so this area is classed as a "low crime area". Incidents include vehicles, burglary, criminal damage, public order, fights and assaults and youth nuisance affecting the quality of life. Major problem is stealing goods to fund a habit. The Inspector apologised for the problems with 2202020 number. Hopefully it will improve and get better in the future. 3,500 to 4,400 calls are received daily, on average 600-700 999 calls are received in 24 hours.

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## **TRA Update – continued**

### **Yorkshire in Bloom**

An officer from Streetforce, who organises the competition explained what will be happening in 2005. Sheffield will be entering Yorkshire in Bloom so communities are being encouraged to enter the competition. Sheffield has been chosen, along with St Ives, to represent Britain in the Entente Florade. This is a great honour. Sheffield will also be hosting the prize giving for Yorkshire in Bloom. It is hoped Totley will be able to enter Sheffield in Bloom, the Lord Mayor's Award.

### **Beauchief Traffic Lights**

We were shown video recordings of events at the junction and members of the meeting made comments. There will be further discussion on the future of the junction.

Avril Critchley – Chairman T.R.A.

## **21 YEARS AGO**

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### **FROM TUPS TO TYKES**

**– 50 YEARS ON**

**ON THE 1st APRIL 1984 TOTLEY  
WILL HAVE BEEN PART OF  
SHEFFIELD FOR 50 YEARS. (But  
is this a cause for celebration?)**

In 1919 Totley Parish Council was asked to consider joining with Norton Parish Council to become part of Sheffield; but Totley did not wish to do so. The next reference to this item in the Minute book is on 30th July, 1931 when Totley Parish Council renewed their subscription to Derbyshire Rural Community Council for 12 months, the fee a £1.

A justice of the Peace was appointed by Derbyshire County Council on the 21st April, 1932. A letter dated 9th November, 1932 was received by Totley from the Town Clerk of Sheffield informing that Sheffield City Council had given instructions for the promotion of a Bill in Parliament to provide for the extension of the Sheffield City Boundary (Sheffield Corporation Bill 1933). The letter was put on file until all views had been heard.

A resolution was passed stating "That this Council (Totley) views with extreme disfavour any further attempt on the part of Sheffield to include Totley Parish Council within its boundaries and that the District Council be urged to press for the retention of the Parish within the administration of Derbyshire County Council". Five for the motion, one against.

The Ministry of Health wrote on 27th January, 1933 stating an Inspector would hold an inquiry on the proposals of the Derbyshire County Council for the review of their boundaries, but consideration of proposals would be deferred until after the hearing of the Sheffield Corporation Bill. It was noted on the 11th Jan 1934 that Totley Parish Council ceases to exist on 31st March, 1934 owing to being absorbed by the City of Sheffield on that day. (Compiled by M. Coldwell with courtesy permission from Sheffield City Libraries).

Therefore Totleyites (along with other areas from Norton Rural District Council) were forced to change (at least on paper), their birthright of being Derbyshiremen (Tups) to Yorkshiremen (Tykes).

## **Fossil Find**

An unusual fossil was unearthed by contractors working on Totley's sewers in January.

Initially they were baffled when their spades struck something solid and cylindrical in the soil beneath Aldam Road. Further investigation revealed a number of giant "tentacles" in the site where a new detention tank is being installed to reduce the risk of flooding in the area. A section of what the crew christened Ollie The Octopus was subsequently removed and the British Geological Survey consulted on the mystery.

Once experts had examined the evidence, it was established that, rather than a sea-going mollusc, Ollie was a section of root from a plant which grew in the prehistoric equivalent of the mangrove swamps found today around the Amazon or Northern Australia. The plant may have been as high as 150ft as the root still extends 60m underground - and probably remains in the same shape in which it grew millions of years ago before the plant died and was covered by mud.

The fossilised evidence suggests that during the Carboniferous period around 280 to 300 million years ago, Totley was at the heart of a tropical, swampy delta with soft ground ideal for giant ferns - one of the earliest forms of tree to evolve on the planet. Most will have been crushed and carbonised over the millennia to become the coal so important to Yorkshire's heritage. However, examples are found occasionally where the land was once much sandier - such as on the banks of a fast-flowing river or on a beach - and are therefore less likely to alter their composition under the pressure of overlying rock strata.

The contractors team have won a coveted Five-Star Award for the work in Totley and made many friends among the community while improving the local sewerage network. It was a bonus for each of them to be left with a section of Ollie, a unique example of Yorkshire's natural history.

## **THE TEA DANCE**

It's the Sunday tea dance and they'll all be here today,  
Aches and pains forgotten, dance the afternoon away,  
Foxtrots, quicksteps, waltzes, some are slow but some are  
nifty,

With memories of how it was way back in 1950.

Norman's in the toilet and he's struggling to pee,  
He's got trouble with his prostrate, and he'll likely miss his  
tea.

Eddy's got a new love that he met in Thornton Heath,  
She does a lovely tango, but she hasn't any teeth.

His latest fancy footwork nearly broke his partner's neck,  
She mistook his outside swivel for a travelling contra check.

Ida's had her hair done and she's ready for the saunter,  
She had a vindaloo last night and it's coming back to haunt  
her.

Florry's miniskirt's revealing when she's spinning in the jive,  
She really shouldn't wear a thong, approaching 85.

They've had their tea and chat and had a little laugh,  
And gamely rise with creaking knees to face the second half.

Norman's made it back in time for rumba number one,  
His cucaracha's very neat, but he's left his flies undone.

Vera's fallen over in a massive Crimplene heap,  
Bert's got indigestion and Mabel's fast asleep.

It's last waltz time and up they get for Humperdinck's old  
tune,

And then: 'Goodbye, good luck, take care, God willing see  
you soon.'

Derek Prothero

## Farming Scene

Well we took a chance on the weather and put some lambs out to grass at the beginning of February. Murphy obviously was not watching as the weather has continued to be relatively mild and dry. We hedged our bets somewhat by ensuring the lambs we put out weighed over 25kgs and were big enough to stand a bit of winter weather without coming to much harm. All our Dorset flock is now weaned. The majority of the lambs are outside in a sheltered field hopefully growing quickly on a diet of 18% protein finishing pellets and some young green grass courtesy of the recent sunny weather. The ewes are also out in our Lane Head field, slowly putting back on the weight and condition lost as they reared their lambs.

Our first flock of Texels are due to start lambing on 28 February, the second on 28 March, when we will be right in the thick of it. One of the ewes miscarried (or aborted) last week, probably caused by a viral infection. There are 3 main types of abortion, enzootic, caused by chlamydia infection, toxoplasmosis, caused by toxoplasmas gondii, often carried by cats, and vibrio caused by campylobacter, which can appear from nowhere suddenly and then disappear again. The first two can be controlled by vaccination, which must be done prior to the ewes becoming pregnant, as infection during pregnancy will cause the loss of the lambs. Campylobacter is endemic in the environment, can be picked up at any time and cannot be vaccinated against. A 5-30% loss of lambs can be expected if the flock becomes infected.

That is the bad news, what is the good? Well, Sunbeam our old (13 years) Hereford cow should now be in calf and is due to give birth on 21 November, just before the Christmas nativities start. As we have no bull of our own, and did not want to take a chance on introducing any new diseases by hiring in a bull, we have had her artificially inseminated. This is common practice in most dairy herds. It saves the cost of keeping a bull all the year round and enables the farmer to pick and choose what breed and type of animal to use on a particular cow, rather than having them all served by a single bull. Therefore, if he is looking to produce "dairy" replacements, he will select semen from a high performance milk type bull, maybe a Friesian or Holstein. For a beef type calf, a well muscled Charolais, Limousin or Belgian Blue. This method gives much greater flexibility when choosing the calf type and gives the farmer access to bulls of a much higher genetic quality at a reduced cost. The biggest problem, of course is getting the A.I. man at the right time. Spotting a cow that is "bulling" (on heat) can be very difficult as they tend to be "on" for no more than a day and mostly display the signs in the middle of the night! This becomes even more difficult in our situation where there are no other cows around for her to "get fresh" with. However, we think we have got it right, only time will tell!

## PUZZLE CORNER

Where is it?

Find a five letter answer to each clue. The middle letters of the answers, in the numerical order of the clues, form three words. The letters of the three words can then be re-arranged into a Sheffield district.

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|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Competed   | 4. Presents | 8. Puzzle out   |
| 2. Vehicles   | 5. Weary    | 9. Steeple      |
| 3. Roof space | 6. Guide    | 10. Sleeve ends |
|               | 7. Choose   | 11. Later       |

Don Ashford – answer page 7



## Transport 17

There will be the Transport 17 Annual General Meeting on Monday 21st March at 7.30 pm. This will be held in Totley Library, Baslow Road. If you need transport, please ring our office on 2362962 as soon as you can. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the official business is over.

Is there anyone out there who would like to join the Management Committee? We have meetings every 6-8 weeks. You could put in your ideas for fund raising or how we run things. We are quite a normal, friendly bunch, so please think about it.

If you are interested in being a shareholder - it costs only £1 - please get in touch with John Savournin at the office. Your membership is confirmed at the AGM.

We send our congratulations to Tony Powell, one of our volunteer drivers, on reaching his 65th birthday. He was born on 29th February so celebrates on March 1st. On 20th March he and his wife Pauline also celebrate 40 years of marriage. We wish them well and hope that they enjoy both events.

Have a very happy Easter. Spring is here with the promise of good weather and days to enjoy, we hope.

God bless.

Margaret Barlow

## Totley Library Coffee Ladies

On Wednesday 15 December the Totley Library Coffee Ladies served coffee for the last time. They have been serving drinks on Wednesday mornings for the last 14 years, but due to various circumstances have finally decided to call it a day.

Over the years they have raised well in excess of £2,300, which has been used to buy books and art materials for the children's library.

With this in mind the staff at the library wanted to express their thanks and appreciation in some small way and chose to do it at the yearly carol concert. We had a lovely morning, the children from Totley Primary School performed a charming nativity play and at the end, the coffee ladies were delighted to receive plants and specially made cards from the grateful staff.

Self service Coffee is still available at the library on a Wednesday morning from 10 to 11.30 and everyone is welcome.



The staff showing their appreciation for many years of fund-raising.

## Peakland Hostelries of the Past

No one can dispute that our glorious Peak District can offer scenery unsurpassed. The city motorist can unwind from the pace of business pressures in a matter of minutes and to cater for his sophisticated needs in this modern world the Peakland hotels tempt his palate with sumptuous fayre.

The breathalyzer drinking laws certainly make sense and most motorists heed the warning. So over the years habits have changed slightly and now the fashionable inns of Bakewell, Eyam, Hathersage, Buxton and Matlock etc now attract the family outings with their speciality food.

Many village inns have completely disappeared since the turn of the century simply due to economics and water catchment areas have wiped out whole valleys and farming communities. How many readers can recall just a few of the old inns of the Peak with a little pride and nostalgia. No one armed bandit or space invader game machines to pull or fitted carpets. But always a welcoming roaring fire and a good sing song.

The 2 charming ladies that ran the quaint old Devonshire Arms in the little backwater hamlet of Sheldon will always be remembered with affection by the early rambling clubs as one could sample beer straight from the wood or the choice of a pot of tea. The pretty village of Wormhill seems to miss the old homestead of The Bagshaw Arms, a drinker's delight. Even the popular Angler's Rest at Millersdale used to have friendly competition with the once Station or Railway Hotel now a private residence.

The olde world and fashionable George Hotel in the award winning best-kept village of Alstonfield, even had adjacent company with the long gone Crewe and Harpur Inn. The village of Totley Bents now a suburb of Sheffield once boast of 5 hostelries with The Grouse Inn along Penny Lane, and the Grouse and Trout at Redmires could always tempt the farmers and gamekeepers from the Mayfield and Rivelin valleys. When next you visit the area of Stanage Pole and the Redmire Dams locate the ruined tavern and farmstead of Ocean View, it could tell a few wild tales of past.

How many bogtrotters have crossed the tops of Bleaklow to a roaring fire and a welcome pint at the George and Dragon in Longdendale, this fine inn served a need to travellers along the Woodhead Pass. The site has now disappeared forever. To the north of the Peak Park stood the lonely Isle of Sky tavern and was a great meeting place for the tough hill walker and cycling clubs. The local farmers and shepherds would always be ready to join in with a song after scaling the Heights of Soldiers Lump and The Saddleworth Moors. This inn commanded an elevation to rival even the Cat and Fiddle along the Buxton, Macclesfield road. Alas, all that remains along the Pennine Way beyond Black Hill from this northern tavern outpost is just a pile of rubble.

The ruins of the Millers Arms below Saltersbrook Bridge where now traffic thunders between Manchester and Sheffield holds a special magic for yesteryear. Hill farmers would round up their stock on the surrounding fells of the Upper Derwent Valley and then slake their thirst before returning via Featherbed Moss and the Shepherd's Meeting Stones back to the homesteads West End and Banktop Farms. For long before the building of the giant Derwent and Howden Dams this valley held thriving and working communities, Walkers, Hancocks, Ridge, Marebottom and Abbey Farms to name but a few. Even the once popular coaching Ashopton Inn has long vanished under the waters of Ladybower Reservoir.

The modern, stylish Flouch Inn that commands an imposing position at the crossroads between Manchester, Huddersfield

and Barnsley once dated way back into history. The original building was known as The Plough Inn for it simply attained the present name through the lettering sign being weathered away.

So when you next you drive out to your favourite hotel, spare a thought for the haunts of the past.

J.C Barrows.



"I THINK JULIUS CAESAR IS THE STRONGEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL. HE ONCE THREW A BRIDGE OVER TOTLEY BROOK YOU KNOW!"

## Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road

### Welcome to our Holy Week services

Sunday, 20 March PALM SUNDAY

10.30 am Family Worship conducted by Revd Jane Rowell

Thursday, 24 March MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00 pm Service conducted by Revd Jane Rowell

Sunday, 27 March EASTER DAY

Sunrise Service at Higgarr Tor

10.30 am Family Service conducted by Revd David Hudston

6.30 pm Evening Worship conducted by Mrs Christine Carrick

On Good Friday we join with other churches for Tenebrae at All Saints, Totley Hall Lane at 8.00 pm

**A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL**

## **THE TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.**

The dates for our 2005 meetings are:-

**March, Thursday 24th.**

**April, Tuesday 26th.**

**May, Wednesday 25th.**

**June, Thursday 23rd.**

**July, Tuesday 26th.**

**August, No meeting.**

**September, Wednesday 28th.**

**October, Thursday 27th**

**November, Tuesday 22nd.**

All meetings commence

11:30am, until 12:30pm.

**Newcomers are most welcome, for  
details please first ring John or Pat  
on 2550758.**

### **Streetforce**

I have been concerned about the state of Totley for sometime and I was advised to contact the South West Area Panel, which I did early last month. At the end of last week I received an e-mail from Andrea Peers attaching a response from StreetForce. I was delighted to find out that Glover Road was cleaned during the week ending 22 January and road sweeping in the surrounding area will be carried out on a 12 weekly cycle.

Also the gullies on Glover Road & Mickley Lane have been inspected & arrangements have been made for these to be cleaned.

Arrangements have been made for all necessary repairs to Glover Road's carriageway to be carried out within the next 6-8 weeks.

A street light bulb which had been reported not working at the beginning of October is now OK. Also I have been advised the City Council has a priority system to allocate funding for improving lighting in Sheffield. This year's budget has been allocated but Green Oak/Laverdene have been added to the list of schemes to be considered in future applications.

I have passed my congratulations on to Andrea & StreetForce for a job well done.

So if there is a problem, don't just ignore it, wait for someone else to deal with it or moan about it, contact the right authorities and you'll be amazed what happens.

Steve Wiles

Streetforce can be contacted on 273 4567 and via the council website [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk)

## **Horses at Totley**

I still go each weekend to hand round carrots and apples to the horses in the fields at Totley Bents.

Early in November, 2004, I ploughed my way along the track, muddy after heavy rain, that runs along the bottom of the rifle range. As I approached the horses I gave, as usual, a series of piercing whistles to attract their attention. At a point where three fields converge I gave some of the fare to those horses already assembled and waiting in two of the fields. In the other field at a distance of some one hundred yards I saw Herbie, Anna and Aran gazing anxiously in my direction but making no attempt to come closer. This was most unusual as Herbie is usually first in the queue.

At length after a prolonged period of whistling without result I climbed the field gate and walked over to the reluctant trio. The ground was boggy and, as I drew near to the horses became a quagmire into which my shoes sank and became waterlogged. As I emerged from the mire the trio of horses surrounded me, Herbie to the fore nudging me violently with his head while I handed over the remaining carrots and apples. I now knew the reason the trio had not come over to the gate - the mire of course. Who says horses are stupid? A week later the ground had dried out a little and the trio made their own way to the gate.

Teresa, the owner, tells me that Anna the mare is in foal and I look forward keenly to see the foal when it arrives later in 2005. Herbie is usually the dominant horse of the trio but I notice recently that Anna takes her place alongside him at the gate while Aran remains quietly in the background. Herbie, perhaps aware of Anna's condition, does not intrude when I give a carrot or piece of apple to the mare. I have to throw Aran's share to him.

My favourite horse is Lara, now four years old. She has a sleek, brown, coat and a white blaze on her face. Lara has a temper which belies her beauty. Often she shows her mettle by kicking out at neighbouring horses with her hind legs when being fed.

Mystic Meg at Debbie's Farm must now be a year old or so but I still give her only small carrots, although she is growing nicely. She usually shares a field with Merlin who belongs to Debbie's infant son. Merlin loves carrots but is not too keen on apples and I usually refrain from giving him these.

Punch and Jerry live at the farm at the foot of Moss Road. Punch, a tall, white, gelding has a voracious appetite and eats twice as quickly as Jerry, a brown horse whose coat is flecked with grey. This reflects his age of some 46 years - a great age for a horse - well over 100 years in human terms.

Other characters include Sid, a tall, brown and white horse of a friendly disposition and Guinness, a dark, well-groomed horse.

At one time two shire-cross horses with conspicuous manes and feathers occupied the field next to the Crown Inn but they left some months ago much to my disappointment.

I have been visiting the horses each weekend for some years now - a habit I enjoy and one that continues to give me pleasure, each horse displaying his or her characteristics. Long may the visits continue.

PS. New year saw the return of the shire-crosses to the field adjoining the Crown Inn. What a delight it is to see them.

Hugh Percival

## Village Spirit

Since my family and I moved to Totley 18 months ago we have come to appreciate the village spirit that is special to the area. We were welcomed very quickly into the community and within weeks were invited to the Church Harvest Supper and several festive parties.

My dog Tara, a large German Shepherd, has a fan club of her own and my hens are often seen walking up to the school or even walking out of the school gates to visit the vicar's house! Working at Totley Primary School, watching the children growing up, greeting parents, I have come to realise the school is very much at the centre of community life. The school is home to the Totley Fair, as well as the school Summer Fair, Junior Club and birthday parties. In the past the school hall has been hired by line dancing clubs, keep fit clubs as well as for lectures etc. and the school is keen to encourage more activities of this nature.

The children are interested in starting a gardening club and if any reader has the time and the knowledge to help with this, please contact the school on 236 4482.

I hope everyone who lives in Totley appreciates what a unique area they live in and take full advantage of the facilities and community spirit that is within their grasp.

Allen Miller

Building Supervisor, Totley Primary School

## Peak District Events

### March

**3rd** Buxton Farmers Market 01298 23114

**6th** Castleton Farmers Market, Castleton Village Hall, Free admission Open 10am - 3pm

**13th** Arts and Craft Fayre, Hartington Village Hall, 10am to 5pm, admission 50p includes free tea/coffee.

**19th - 3rd April** Polish your own Blue John Stone at Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton - 01433 621487

**26th** Easter Egg Hunt underground at Treak Cliff Cavern Castleton - 01433 621487

**27th-28th** 1950s Weekend Crich Tramway Village- 08707587267

**29th** Flagg Races, Flagg Nr Buxton- 01625 575236

### April

**9th - 10th** Peak Design Exhibition, Peak District Products, Cavendish Hall Edensor - 01335 370112

**16th - 2nd May** Peak District Walking Festival -0870 4447275

**23rd - 24th** Diesel Weekend Peak Rail -01629 580381

### May

**1st-31st** Leek Arts Festival, dates-throughout May - 01538 483741

**2nd** Annual Brass Band Concert, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton - 01298 23114

**11th-15th** Annual Antiques Fair, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton- 01298 23114

**14th - 15th** Chatsworth SsangYong International Horse Trials - 01295 788492 ,

**21st-22nd** Chatsworth Angling Fair - 01328 701133

**28th** Ancient Garland Ceremony, Castleton. Garland making from noon, procession from 5.30pm - 01433 621595

**28th - 5th June** Teddy Bear Hunt, Tittesworth - 01538 300400

**29th-30th** Dunsar Farm Open Day Castleton - 01433 670368

**30th** Dovedale Fete-01335 350365

**30th** Bamford Sheepdog Trials, Recreation Ground from 7.30am - .01433 651588



"I'VE BEEN TO SEE MY DOCTOR IN TOTLEY WITH MY BAD FOOT, HE SAID 'LET ME SEE THE OTHER ONE'. I FELT VERY EMBARRASSED AS I HAD ONLY WASHED ONE FOOT!"

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

Our next production won -the Laurence Olivier award for Best Comedy when it was first produced on the London Stage in 1998, so it should make you laugh. Written by Michael Frayn, it is 'Alarms and Excursions', more plays than one as he says. In fact it is a series of short plays, two of them connected, but all having the same theme - examining the difficulties modern technology has added to life. Who has not come across a so-called "must-have" labour saving device that they cannot operate, or, when it goes wrong, cannot find the all- important instructions? The results are hilarious for the audience; so do come along for a good evening out. It will be a headache for the stage construction team, but they are always moaning about wanting a challenge, so here it is. Hopefully we shall have red and white wine on offer as well as coffee, as the trial run in November went well and was much appreciated.

So the dates for your diary are Wednesday to Saturday, May 11th to 14th. at St. John's Church Hall. Abbeydale Rd. South at 7.30.p.m. Tickets from me, Kate Reynolds, on 2366891. or any other member you know. Still £3 or £2.50 concessions. Kate Reynolds

## 1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for January 2005

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Number 51  
Stainless Jug Kettle  
Mrs Wilkinson  
Oak Bank Court

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Number 06  
£10 Voucher  
Mrs May  
Haybrook Court

Peter Casson

## Avoid premium-rate dialler scams on your home PC

You may have seen reports in the press recently about internet users who have received huge phone bills, sometimes running into thousands of pounds, for calls to premium-rate numbers that they did not make.

If you're worried about this, and want to ensure that you don't get caught, read on.

There are 2 ways to dial a premium-rate phone line. One is to call in the conventional way from your telephone. If you, or someone in your household, were to do this then it would be obvious.

But what if the call was dialled by your computer's modem, under the control of a program, which you were unaware, was running? That's how these scams operate.

Some legitimate companies offer computer-based services that require the use of premium-rate lines. For example, some web sites require you to hang up your Internet connection and redial on a more expensive number. They can then offer their content without the need for the user to sign up with a credit card, as the call merely appears on their phone bill and the revenue is split between the telephone company (eg, BT), the content provider and the company which runs the premium-rate lines.

When your computer tries to download a dialler which will contact a premium-rate number, you will often see a pop-up message which says something like "Do you want to download and install the dialler?" The message will often then spell out what the dialler does, and how much the calls that it makes will cost you.

Remember: NEVER click the "yes" button without reading the message in full, as it could end up costing you a lot of money. If the messages keep appearing, and your computer keeps telling you that you must answer "yes" in order to access the site or play the games which are on offer, continue



to click "no" until the messages go away.

Unfortunately, not all companies play by the rules. Some distribute dialler programs as email attachments which are not easy to identify, and which don't ask for your permission before they install themselves. These programs don't offer any Web content, or access to any special Web sites. They simply reside on your computer, silently making regular calls to a premium rate number, at your expense, every few minutes. Some of them do this 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for as long as your computer is turned on and not connected to the internet (ie, whenever the phone line is free). This makes lots of money for the companies which operate the premium-rate numbers, as they get a share of the revenue from BT.

To avoid being stung by this scam, never click on any email attachment unless you know what it is. You could easily catch a computer virus, or a rogue dialler.

Most dialler programs can be detected by recent antivirus software, so you should update your antivirus software regularly.

## New Work Policy

### Dress Code

You are advised to come to work dressed according to your salary. If we see you wearing Prada shoes and carrying a Gucci bag, we will assume you are doing well financially and therefore do not need a raise. If you dress poorly, you need to learn to manage your money better, so that you may buy nicer clothes, and therefore you do not need a raise. If you dress just right, you are right where you need to be and therefore you do not need a raise.

### Sick Days

We will no longer accept a doctor's statement as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

### Personal Days

Each employee will receive 104 personal days a year. They are called Saturdays & Sundays.

### Bereavement Leave

This is no excuse for missing work. There is nothing you can do for dead friends, relatives or co-workers. Every effort should be made to have non-employees attend the funeral arrangements. In rare cases where employee involvement is necessary, the funeral should be scheduled in the late afternoon. We will be glad to allow you to work through your lunch hour and subsequently leave one hour early.

### Bathroom Breaks

Entirely too much time is being spent in the toilet. There is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, the stall door will open, and a picture will be taken. After your second offence, your picture will be posted on the company bulletin board under the "Chronic Offenders category". Anyone caught smiling in the picture will be sectioned under the company's mental health policy.

### Lunch Break

Skinny people get 30 minutes for lunch, as they need to eat more, so that they can look healthy. Normal size people get 15 minutes for lunch to get a balanced meal to maintain their average figure. Chubby people get 5 minutes for lunch, because that's all the time needed to drink a Slim-Fast.

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## Gardening Tips for March

I have just come in from the garden it is drizzling a bit but one or two things needed to be done. We have had a bit of gale damage to fences and trellis. I have been putting stronger supports in ready to replace the broken parts. Also, topped up the paraffin heaters because there is a cold snap forecast. The warm winter (up to now – 11 February) has brought things on; the daffodils are well in advance. I have even got tulips showing through and one or two fruit buds are bursting. I hope the frost is not too severe or the blossom will be nipped in the bud, which of course means there would be no fruit if that happens. The snowdrops have been lovely like little lanterns around the garden and one or two primulas are giving a bit of colour. The greenhouse is bursting at the seams with seedlings coming on and geraniums and fuchsias keeping warm. The new centrepiece that I mentioned before is finished. Christine says it looks like a machine-gun dugout! I have not put any soil or plants in yet so it does look a bit odd at the moment, we shall see later if it is an improvement or not. March is a bit iffy for gardeners. You have to be patient or a bit of a gambler when deciding what to do next. I tend to stick to tidying up and preserving the summerhouse and fences and checking that the pavers are safe to walk on, planting out is definitely a no no in my garden. The greenhouse is a safe bet if you have a bit of heat planting your own bedding plants is still cheaper if you have a lot of borders to fill. I was looking at the price of petunias in the garden centre yesterday and they were 40p each?! Even though paraffin is not cheap I think it would be cheaper to plant your own seed especially if you have a little heat for overwintering delicate plants in any case it is a bit fiddly at pricking out time but very rewarding when you see the end result. So you see you can be doing things in March, late digging over of plants, manuring, fertilising, pruning, as well as all the above mentioned jobs so do not just sit there get cracking as I said last month gardening is the latest healthy pastime and “by golly it does you good”!!

### Flowers

If you have not sown your annuals already do so now, or you will be running a bit late. Early March is a good time for potting particularly summer and autumn flowering ones and also those which are grown for their foliage. Winter flowering plants are a different matter and are best repotted as soon as they have finished flowering. Sow herbaceous perennials and rock plants, these are quite easy to grow and include delphiniums, lupins, gypsophilas and many more too numerous to list. Towards the end of the month plant gladioli and monbretias make successional sowings over a month to 6-week period. This will lengthen the flowering time. Work in a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore around herbaceous plants. Weed other beds and start hoeing if weather permits. Dead head daffodils. Lift, split up and replant overcrowded clumps of snowdrops. At the end of the month sow hardy annuals where they are to flower in borders. Lift and divide herbaceous perennials such as golden rod, michaelmas daisy and yarrow when clumps become overcrowded.

### Vegetables

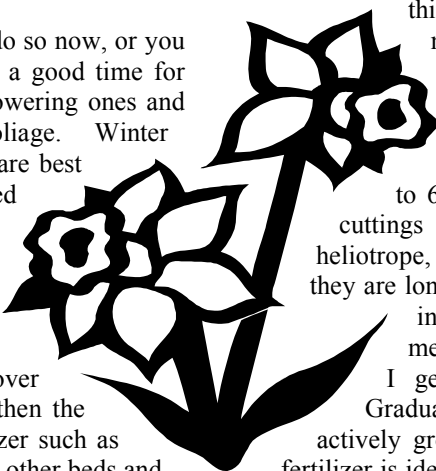
Prepare early seed potatoes by exposing them to light in a cool frost-free place (chitting) ready for planting out later in the month. Sow cauliflower, broccoli and other brassicas in a frame. Sow spinach in a sheltered place, make a small sowing now and more later. Sow lettuce outdoors unless the weather is very bad, choose a cabbage or cos type, sow seeds thinly. Sow broad beans and peas outdoors, choose an open cultivated plot.

### Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

Feed cane and tree fruits with balanced fertilizer, give blackcurrants a feed of nitro chalk. Make sure newly planted fruits are firm in the ground and mulch well. Towards end of month prune roses height down to 6 inches or so off the ground. Floribundas 12 inches minimum depending on the type. Plant new raspberry canes and strawberries, complete the planting of tree and bush fruit early in the month.

### Greenhouse and Indoor Plants

If your greenhouse is empty (what a waste!) give it a good clean inside and wash down with disinfectant if it has plants in then wait for a fine day to do



this. Clear all of the plants out, most of them will not tolerate even the smallest amount of disinfectant. The greenhouse should be filling up with seedlings and rooted cuttings. These must have plenty of light and air and temperature maintained around 13 to 16C (55 to 60F) for the majority of popular plants. Take cuttings of bedding and greenhouse plants such as heliotrope, fuchsias, pelargoniums (geraniums) as soon as they are long enough, around 3 inches for geranium and 3 inches for fuchsia and heliotrope. Cucumber and melon could be sown now in a warm greenhouse, I generally wait until the end of the month. Gradually increase watering of indoor plants, feed actively growing plants with potash, liquid feed tomato fertilizer is ideal. Put a bit of potting compost on plants such as ferns and aspidistras. Repot cacti towards the end of the month. Sow summer annuals for planting into pots for a late show in the greenhouse such as cigar plant, busy lizzie, stocks, schianthus etc. Houseplants such as maidenhair fern, button fern, and spider plant can be divided and repotted.

### Lawns

Deal with bare patches by returfing or reseeding. Aerate and spike compacted areas. Prepare areas for seeding or turfing next month.

Do not forget the Tooty Show in September – Now is the time to make plans.

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## WHY PARENTS GO GREY

The boss needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem, dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper, "Hello." "Is your daddy home?" he asked. "Yes," whispered the small voice. "May I talk with him?" The child whispered, "No."

Surprised, and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your mommy there?" "Yes." "May I talk with her?" Again the small voice whispered, "No."

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?" "Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman."

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?" "No, he's busy", whispered the child. "Busy doing what?" "Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman", came the whispered answer.

Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice. "What is going on there?" asked the boss, now alarmed. In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper." Alarmed, concerned, and even more then just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?" Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle:..... "ME."

## The New World Order

Denis Healey, Tony Blair, Peter Mandelson, George Robertson and Bill Clinton – what do they have in common? The answer is “Bilderberg” – a secret and elite organisation formed in 1954 to discuss policy and shape the destiny of the world. Their shadowy presence explains many historic anomalies. Denis Healey was a maverick in the labour party. Blair and Mandelson have been the principle architects of the destruction of socialism. George Robertson, groomed by Bilderberg, sits at the head of NATO. Therefore, Mandelson’s recent European posting, a spectacular political resurrection, is not without significance.

Bilderberg is not confined to Europe. Bill Clinton appeared at a Bilderberg meeting and was president of the US the following year. The American press barons are members too. There are some who argue that George W Bush is following a Bilderberg-led agenda. Though, he is most definitely a member of other shadowy groups, such as the notorious Skull and Bones and the eccentric Bohemian Grove gathering where a large owl is worshipped!

Conspiracy or Paranoia?

There is little policy difference between the modern democratic political parties. There is also a phoney war between USA and Europe. The agenda is one of globalisation. The multinationals have their own agenda of expansion and domination. The Seven Sisters (oil companies) exert enormous influence on governments. So do arms dealers and the industrial-military machine. The financial institutions are thriving on a huge mountain of debt. The media will ensure that sensitive information remains hidden. The most insidious cages are the ones we do not see. The New World Order is here to stay.

So what future is being hatched?

Imperialist wars fought for the control of valuable resources such as oil. Installation of puppet regimes. Governments that stand in the way will be swept aside, either from within like the Old Labour party or by brute force like Iraq.

We are sleepwalking into the “surveillance state”. All telephone calls and electronic communications are monitored and recorded. ECHELON is the system used by the Intelligence Services. The proliferation of CCTV and spy satellites. The technology for invasive monitoring and DNA fingerprinting is already available. If tagging is permitted, why not computer chips in the back of the neck for everyone? What have decent, law-abiding people got to fear? Using this logic, identity cards storing a mass of sensitive and personal data are a foregone conclusion and a DNA database is inevitable.

A black hole budget for Intelligence Services represents a real danger for civil liberties, whereby the protester or persons of conscience are targeted, rather than the drug dealer, the terrorist or the arms dealer.

Exploitation of scientific research by the few. The genome has already been cracked. The spoils of this research, stem cells and cell rejuvenation will be creamed off by the elite. Money will not be the new god. It will be longevity.

Where is the critique and analysis of what is happening? Unfortunately, academics have become lackeys of the system and are unwilling to step outside of it for fear of censure and ostracism. And the media is also reticent to inform and illuminate. The cult of celebrity and dumb TV is the new opiate of the masses.

While the individual faces the bright glare of an intrusive Orwellian nightmare, the agenda of the few is hatched in secret and protected by the Intelligence and Security Services.

So it becomes imperative that writers of integrity keep the beacon of truth alight. It is vital that the intellectuals speak out. It is important that the hidden agenda of politicians and big business is dragged out of the shadows and discussed openly. Otherwise our democracy and right to free speech is a sham. And countries are dragged into dangerous expeditions by decisions made behind closed doors.

Andrew Hassall

Author of “Snakebreath” a dark psychological thriller set in the Peak District

## Another Favourite Novel

Looking back over past numbers of the Independent I came across an article of mine that the editor kindly included in the July/August 2003 edition. It was entitled 'My Favourite Novel' being a discourse of some of my favourite books. The article arose following the BBC programme asking viewers to select their favourite novel.

On reading the article again I found that my opinions had not changed but I did note one significant omission. How did I come to overlook 'Lorna Doone' by R.D. Blackmore. Although my first choice of 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte remains unchanged I have fond memories of Blackmore's novel which I have read at intervals since my youth. At the time of writing I am reading it once more. I noticed recently that the book is to found in the classics section at Waterstone's Bookshop in Orchard Square.

The novel is set in the parish of Oare in Somerset in the 1670's and 1680's during the turbulent reigns of Charles the Second and James the Second. The tale is told in the first person by John Ridd yeoman and churchwarden of gargantuan stature. It features the endearing and enduring love between John and Lorna Doone whose beauty matches her high birth being descended from Scottish nobility, an unlikely match you might think.

Although the love scenes are memorable for their sincerity they are by no means the whole story which depicts country life at that time in some detail. As Blackmore wrote in the preface to the first edition in 1869 'The author thinks that the outlines are filled in more carefully and the situations (however simple) more warmly coloured and quickened than the reader would expect to find in what is called a 'legend'. And the author knows that any son of Exmoor chancing on this volume cannot fail to bring to mind the nurse tales of his childhood - the savage deeds of the outlaw Doones in the depth of Bagworthy Forest, the beauty of the hapless maid brought up in the midst of them, the plain John Ridd's herculean power and (memory's too congenial food) the exploits of Tom Faggus.'

The novel has been popular since first publication and has been reprinted many times. On reading it again now I find that it can still arouse the emotions as it did in my youth.

If any reader of the Independent has not yet read 'Lorna Doone' I can recommend it as a classic work of art.

Hugh Percival

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## Early Days (Continued)

I gradually settled into the office routine. One unpleasant chore I had once the colder weather arrived was to fetch coal from the cellar to replenish the fires in all offices. The fires were lit early before our arrival by the cleaner. Miss Hibbs, who reminded me of Mrs. Mop in ITMA. She was a diminutive, matter-of-fact, earthy type of woman who spoke in the local vernacular.

Derek Hardy soon moved on to the audit staff leaving Harry Hewson and myself to perform general office duties. Harry was an inveterate smoker and, with cigarettes being scarce at that time of rationing just after the war, my mother was able to obtain supplies for him. She was on good terms at the Co-op and was able to obtain a packet of twenty Churchmen each week, which I passed on to Harry. Whether this was good for his health in the long term I rather doubt but nobody gave such matters a thought in those days of near universal smoking.

There were some interesting characters on the staff at that time. The nickname, the Bishop, accorded to Mr. Pearson gave an indication of the managing clerk's irreverent nature. An octogenarian, he was as bald as an egg, with brown eyes, crinkled face and a prominent nose that had apparently been broken at some time in the distant past and never properly set again. Mr. Pearson had a choice vocabulary of swear words and was not shy of expressing them. His handwriting, spidery and nearly illegible, drew much amusing criticism. One opinion by an astute articulated clerk held that it would have been ideal for a doctor. The same young man confessed to being surprised that so few patients succumbed following illegible prescriptions.

The cashier, Frank Larder, and his colleague, Joe Howse, shared an office at the end of a gloomy corridor on the ground floor. They were compatible only in their eccentricity. Mr. Larder, a burly, avuncular, man had a square head with white, closely cropped hair, dark eyes gleaming through his spectacles and a juvenile sense of humour. Joe Howse, little more than a dwarf, had a corpulent frame, long dark hair down to his shoulders, swarthy features and an intellectual demeanour that overawed we office boys.

One day when entering their office carrying a tray of cups of coffee I was struck by a missile and spilt it all as a consequence. I gave a cry of anguish. The two men continued to write rapidly and earnestly on the papers before them. I put down the tray on top of a safe, picked up the missile, placed it on Joe Howse's desk and waited for a response. Both men continued to write without looking up but eventually a sly grin did appear on Joe Howse's swarthy face to indicate his guilt.

No similar sign of levity came from the cashier as he continued to write. Not until I spoke did he raise his head.

"Mr. Larder, I have spilt the coffee."

"Never mind Hugh. These things happen," replied the cashier all innocence. "Just return to the kitchen and refill the cups"

"Hurry along young man. I'm dying for a cup of coffee," Joe Howse intervened.

I left the two of them staring blankly at each other and wondered if my senses had left me at the thought of the mature men throwing missiles at each other like schoolboys.

Frank Manning, the third partner, had been largely responsible for the continued success of the firm. Amos Dilks & Sons from earliest times had had influential clients but Mr. Manning had brought the firm's systems up to date improving them beyond recognition. He had designed the firm's timekeeping system and introduced modern accounting and auditing techniques. Mr. Manning, tall, slim, bespectacled,

brown haired and brown eyed had a studious demeanour and reminded me of a schoolmaster.

One day, forever etched in my memory, he called Harry and myself up to his office.

How do you account for this?" the partner exclaimed in his high pitched pompous voice that had an element of anger on this occasion.

He threw an envelope covered in a mass of black stampings onto the desk. The scene had a comical aspect and I was unable to suppress a burst of laughter. Mr. Manning glared at me fiercely and I trembled with anxiety.

The envelope had been delivered at numerous places in Canada without finding the true address and had now been returned to sender. It was an important letter containing a power of attorney. The town, Medicine Hat had been correctly typed on the envelope but the name of the state had been omitted.

"Who is responsible for this gross negligence?" asked the partner in acid tones.

Harry and I looked at each other but neither of us could remember who had typed the address some weeks earlier. We glanced blankly at each other but made no comment.

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Mr. Manning delivered his reprimand standing before the fire, his left hand behind his back like an orator of old.

"Perhaps there are several Medicine Hats in Canada. Sir" I suggested meekly.

"I wish you had had that thought in mind when addressing the envelope. The unnecessary, unwarranted tour of Canada would then have been prevented," replied the partner indignantly. "Any repetition of such negligence will lead to instant dismissal. That is all. You may go."

Mr. Manning pointed to the door and Harry and I, suitably contrite, left the room and returned to the general office.

I had earlier begun a preliminary course in the study of bookkeeping. Although my school certificate matriculation exempted me from the preliminary examination of the Society it was the practice for office boys to undertake such study to give them an early introduction to the mysteries of double-entry bookkeeping. Such knowledge was of use in comprehending, to some degree, the accounts and schedules we had to call over. In time I became familiar with terms such as debit and credit, trial balance, trading and profit and loss account, balance sheet, income, capital, bill of exchange and many others.

My mother had a delightful sense of humour used only on rare occasions. Once, after a mysterious sound at the door had gone unexplained, she said to me. "It's a wenit."

"What's that?" I asked with a laugh.

"You don't know when it comes or when it goes" she replied.

I burst into laughter. "'It was a favourite saying of your grandfather's when I was young", she explained.

At weekends I played for a local football team selected from players in Endcliffe Park. There were some excellent players in the team and one year we lost but one match. In the summers I played cricket in the park when studies permitted. No pitches were prepared and it was a hazard facing fast bowlers on the uneven turf. One evening I was knocked unconscious by a lifting ball that struck my temple. I came round to find myself surrounded by the other players much concerned for my wellbeing. Some say I have never been the same since.

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CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.
- WEDNESDAYS.** COFFEE in the LIBRARY, 10am. to 11.30am.  
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall 8pm. to 10pm.)  
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- THURSDAYS** PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm.. to 3pm. Tel. 2363157 for further details.
- SATURDAYS.** MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. And 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturdays 7.30pm. to 10pm.

### MARCH 2005

**THU. 3<sup>rd</sup> to SUN. 6<sup>th</sup> EUROPE WEEK CONTINENTAL MARKET**, Fargate, Discover the delights of the continent with the return of this popular market.

**SAT. 12<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY TO DRONFIELDWOODHOUSE CIRCUIT**, Totley Library 10.15 am, A 6 mile walk through woodland and countryside. 283 9195

**SUN. 13<sup>th</sup> SPRING PLANT SALE**, Botanical Gardens, 2.00 pm, As well as plants for sale there will be an Information Stand and Sales Tables with cards, crafts, gardening sundries and pictures.

**TUES. 15<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, "A.G.M", Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

**WED. 16<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP**, "Easter Meditation", Dr. Marion Jepson & Choir, in the Church, 8.00 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

**SAT. 19<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD BACH SOCIETY**, Sheffield Cathedral at 7.30 pm Annual John Dethick Memorial Concert - see inside for details

**SUN. 20<sup>th</sup>. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES**. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

**WED. 23<sup>rd</sup> SPRING FAYRE**, Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane 10.00 am – 12 noon

**WED. 24<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**, 4 Grove Road, 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**SUN. 27<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET**, The Moor, 10.00 am, Come and shop in the open air for a variety of mouth watering and fresh foods and local produce.

**SUN. 27<sup>th</sup>. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES**. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

**MON. 28<sup>th</sup>. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES**. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

### APRIL 2005

**SAT. 9<sup>th</sup> BEAUCHIEF IN SPRING**, meet at the entrance to Morrisons' Car Park 10.15 am, 283 9195. A 5 mile walk through woodlands and parks taking in Chancet Wood, Parkbank Wood, Beauchief Abbey and Hutcliffe Wood.

**SUN. 10<sup>th</sup>. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES**. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

**TUES. 19<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, "Hansel and Gretel", Mrs Jean Loeb, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

**SAT. 23<sup>rd</sup> ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION**, Peace Gardens, 12 noon, 2361287

**SUN. 24<sup>th</sup>. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES**. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

**WED. 26<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**, 4 Grove Road, 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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