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Totley Brook Road in the summer of 1914. It is hard to appreciate that over the Channel there are the beginnings of a horrific war for, over here, everything appears to be peaceful and calm, apart from the steam train thundering past.

There is still much confusion over the names of local rivers and I remind readers that it is the Old Hay Brook that runs parallel to Totley Brook Road and which is the boundary between Dore and Totley (although the straightening of its course during the railway construction has slightly confused the exact alignment). It is the Totley Brook which separates Totley from Holmesfield.

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.

Friends of Green Oak Park

We were pleased to receive a commendation from Streetforce for helping to make Sheffield's environment a better place. It was presented to us by the Lord Mayor. The certificate can be seen in the library along with the plans for the multigames area.

We were hoping our multigames area would have been started by now. We have the money. But we have to go through the Council and unfortunately there is only one man who does this job and we are only one of many parks he deals with. The tenders have gone out and should be back by the end of April. It is a much bigger job than we realised. The removal of the surface and the fence will need a big lorry to take them away and both entrances at the top of the park are not suitable. We are having to look at the bottom of the park. Whatever is done everything will be made good when the job is finished. We were hoping it would be finished for the start of the school summer holidays. It is now unlikely to start before July. We have been told it will take 6 weeks so the holidays will almost be over. It is a shame but it cannot be helped. I will keep you up to date. The daffodils are coming out in the park. It is a pleasure to walk through.

Sylvia Ruddle (Chair)

Lets hope the vandals leave them alone.

LET'S PUT A STOP TO SPEEDING!!

We've all seen them, whizzing along Dore road at about 70 mph. Just as your clambering out of your car with 7 carrier bags full of shopping this overwhelming gust of wind followed by the groan of an engine zooms past you nearly knocking you and your box of eggs flying! The image in your head is probably rather humorous of this incident but I am sure it's another story when you're the relative or friend of someone who's seriously been hurt by dangerous drivers.

What prompted me to write this article is my mother had a near miss the day before mother's day. Bellowing down Glover Road, a Golf GTI hurtles itself, totally oblivious to pedestrians and the elderly into my very cautious mothers little Ford Ka, which just gets her from A-B! As I am still hung-over and recovering in bed from the antics of Friday night I am faced with the horrific screech of brakes followed by an enormous bang!! I jumped up and immediately shouted at the top of my voice "Mummy". Maybe it was gut instinct but I new it was my mum in danger. I jumped up out of bed, nearly giving my friend a heart attack that was in noddy land beside me, and rushed to the front door! "Damn, where the hell are my keys", I knew they were somewhere but in my tipsy state last night I must have launched them! I looked out of the window; she was sitting in the car, not moving. Still looking for my keys I was getting more frustrated and angry, I could see my mum but couldn't get out of the house to get to her. Eventually she moved and with some aid from the other driver she came and let me out of the house. I literally fell out of the door into her arms in floods of tears. Tears for joy that she was ok!! After sitting down for about 10 minutes my mum got up and said, "Right darling, I am off to work!!" After all that she wanted to work. I couldn't believe it. "You could have died," I blurted at her! My mum's answer to that was simple... "But I didn't chicken". So she took herself off in my car and went on with her hectic day.

If this upsetting day taught me anything it is sheer admiration for my mother and total disgust for people who recklessly drive. My mother was ok, luckily, but not everyone is. The driver did admit to my mum it was his fault but to the insurance company he refuses to admit liability. Driving over the speed limit in itself is terrible but to not admit that it is your fault is more disgraceful in my view. Why should a law abiding and lovely citizen have to be put through a near death experience and then have to pay out all their hard earned cash for something they didn't cause? It just doesn't seem fair. So my message to all you reckless drivers out there is SLOW DOWN as it could be your mother next time.

And finally the message to every son or daughter out there is give your parents a big kiss and cuddle, as we don't appreciate how precious they are until we nearly lose them!!

Keeley Harris

Trip to Flower Show.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to organise the proposed trip to one of the RHS Flower Shows. We appreciate that this will disappoint those people who expressed interest, and voted for their preferred location. However, the number of people who replied was insufficient to make an organised coach trip an economic option. Perhaps next year???.....

Jennie Street

TOTLEY WEBSITE IS COMING

I am now working on setting up a Totley website, under the auspices of Totley Residents' Association.

There used to be a Totley website, and it received increasing numbers of hits, but had to fold when the funders pulled out.

I would like to have as many groups and activities listed on the website as possible, and to make this a vibrant and dynamic community feature.

If you would like your group, organisation or activity to feature on the website, contact me and I will get it put on.

I shall rely on you to keep me posted of forthcoming events, changes in contact details, new information etc. When you send me information, give me as much information as you can, and make sure it has been approved by your organisation/group, as I cannot be responsible for mistakes in what you send me.

Also, I cannot keep the website up to date if you do not continuously keep me posted of changes. I will do my best to update the information on the website, but it will only be as good as the information that is sent to me by everyone listed.

Please tell all your friends and relatives about it, as I will also have a "Memories of Old Totley" page.

I will also try to get as many photos of Totley now and in the past, as possible, so send me what you can, either by post or electronically.

But please note that all information will be the responsibility of Totley Residents' Association and if there are any queries about information to be posted on the website, you will be contacted by the TRA directly.

The website address will be www.totley.org.uk

Please be patient as I will not get everything on at once - it will take time to get information on, keep it accurate, and cover everything that goes on in Totley.

Until I have set up the email link on the website, contact me on: jbeazer@hadish.f9.co.uk, phone: 236-2302, 16 The Grove, Sheffield S17 4AS

John Beazer



Transport 17

I am sure that a lot of you will, by now, have seen our newest bus. The old Renault

has now been sold on and all three buses are Volkswagens. They are much easier for the drivers. Like all our buses, the new one is fitted with seat-belts, a lift and electric step.

Our thanks go to everyone who contributed to the £39000 needed to purchase the new bus. All three buses will be working every day.

Ken Parkin has been an escort to passengers of Transport 17 for a long time. He has not been very well lately and has decided to hand in his T-shirt. I know everyone would like me to thank him for his energy, kindness and humour over the years. We hope he and Sheila have a lovely summer and enjoy relaxing together.

If you are a taxpayer and would like to make a donation to us, this can be done through Gift Aid which benefits us even more. Please get in touch with our Treasurer, John Savournin, on 236 2962, if you would like to know more.

Thank you very much to everyone who sent cards and good wishes to Danny and I on the birth of our little granddaughter Zoe. It was good to go down to Devon and help the family and her brother Ben is very proud of her.

God bless.

Margaret Barlow

LITTLE SAINTS TO CELEBRATE ITS 45th ANNIVERSARY

IT was the dawn of the swinging sixties when a Totley mum transformed a bedroom in her family home into a playgroup to serve the growing community of toddlers and young children who had moved onto newly built Meadow Grove Road.

Betty Dunhill was a qualified nursery nurse but could never have imagined how her plans to earn a bit of extra cash from home would turn out. Known simply as "Mrs Dunhill's", the makeshift playgroup quickly became popular and outgrew the bedroom. It was moved further up the same street, to a neighbour's house, where a large extension meant that the Totley toddlers could trundle round with their toys with space to spare.

Now entitled "Little Saints Nursery" and situated in the old caretaker's house, next to Totley All Saints Primary School on Hillfoot Road, the group is celebrating its 45th anniversary and staff are asking: "Are we the oldest nursery in Sheffield?" The eight strong staff hopes to find out in the run up to their anniversary party, which is to be held this summer in Totley All Saints Primary School hall.

They are inviting people who have first hand experience of the nursery to come forward with their memories, so they can be recorded in a potted history currently being compiled by Heather Mellon, who attended the nursery in it's formative years and is now a joint manager of Little Saints. Heather said: "I was three or four years old when I first attended the group and it was quite busy even then as we had to wait for a place."

John Hill-Wilson, chair of Little Saints' Nursery management committee lived on Meadow Grove Road when the group first formed and sent two of his four children to "Mrs Dunhill's." He recalls: "I don't think there was any attempt to educate the children. It was just bouncing around with trundly cars in this house extension, that was basically like a spacious habitable garage."

Now the nursery, which is a registered charity and employs eight staff providing 17 child care places, puts a firm emphasis on learning through structured, rather than free, play. And, say staff, in a society where safety fears often mean that children are not allowed to play outside together, the modern nursery is more vital than ever for social interaction and community spirit.

Heather said: "If children don't come to places like this some of them won't get the chance to mix socially with other children of the same age."

June Waite, fellow joint manager added: "Children will always want to play and the best place for them to do that is a controlled nursery environment instead of playing at home alone in front of a play station."

Current staff, who hope to track down past staff for the summer anniversary celebrations, believe their forebears will be proud of recent current achievements.

An Ofsted report, compiled in December, found that Little Saints provided a "very good" quality of teaching. Staff were "enthusiastic" and provided "a stimulating and innovative program of activities to engage children and to develop their learning skills." The report found that relationships with parents and carers was "very good", staff responded "well" to children's individual needs and all children were "valued and included".

Anyone wishing to contact the nursery with memories of attending or working there over the past forty-five years should contact Little Saints on 2352148.

Penny Baddeley

TOTLEY SCOUT HISTORY

I am the son of Jeffrey Salt born at 320 Baslow Road Totley on 14th March 1920. Unfortunately my father passed away in our local hospice in Torquay on 4th March. The reason for this article is that dad was an avid reader of your Totley Independent and was intending to put pen to paper as he was one of the original 6 boys of the Totley Scouts.

I can only let you know what I gleaned from him during our talks, but it appears that 6 boys were talking in Sunday School at Totley about 1932-4, with their teacher, and the Totley Scouts were formed from this meeting, the teacher being the Scout Master. I understand that 3 of the original boys were killed as spitfire pilots in the war and whether any of the others are still alive I don't know. Father went on to become a King Scout and was twice at Windsor Castle. I have some photos and an old film of video somewhere in his belongings.

If any of this information is of interest to the Totley Scouts then please pass on my address and phone to them and I will endeavour to find any relevant info. Jeffrey will be cremated in Torquay and in about the first week of April will be interned in his family grave at Holmesfield where there will be a memorial service. I would be very interested to know any information you or anyone in Totley has about the formation of the Scouts.

Martyn Salt martynsalt@onetel.com

Sewerage Improvement Work in Totley - Laverdene Avenue & Aldam Road.

As you are aware, we are currently carrying out some important sewerage improvement work in the Totley area. We would now like to provide you with an update on the forecast completion date.

Laverdene Avenue and Back Lane.

Subject to conditions being favourable, the remaining construction activities in Laverdene Avenue and Back Lane will be completed by the end of April, with any minor reinstatement issues to be resolved after that date.

Aldam Road and Green Oak Road.

Unfortunately, the works in Aldham Road and Green Oak Road have been delayed due to poor weather and unfavourable ground conditions. Pipelaying and construction activities should be complete by the end of March and, subject to conditions being suitable, the remaining reinstatement activities will be completed by the end of April. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by this delay and thank you for your continued patience. We have written to local residents and in the case of an emergency relating to our project, we have asked them to telephone our Customer Helpline on 0845 1 24 24 29.

Should you have any questions about our work, please contact me on 01274 692426 and I will do my best to help.

Gemma Lambert

Communications Advisor, Yorkshire Water

Totley All Saints School Re-Union.

A Re -Union is being held again for pupils who left before 1952 , It will be held at the Fleur De Lys Totley on Monday 18th April from 7-30 pm onwards, (there will be no buffet this time). We look forward to meeting up again.

Neighbourhood Watch

Making a Difference in the Heart of the Community

What is 'Neighbourhood Watch' all about? The answer is in the title, but it is mainly what you make of it! Neighbours and the Neighbourhood are at the centre of any active Watch. A



'Watcher', a member of a local Neighbourhood Watch, should not be seen as being nosy or as an invader of privacy, but as someone with an interest in the well being of others as well as their own. It works both ways; so being part of a small or large group with a common interest will bring confidence, reassurance and results.

A 'Watch' covering a few homes or more, such as a street, will bring about a common purpose in reducing the likelihood of suffering at the hand of criminals also you can learn more of what to do about home security.

Do you know how to react when there is a suspicion of crime, when 'something is not quite right', or when there is a crime involved? When and how to contact your Community Police Officer and when to phone 999 is all important.

By forming or becoming part of your local Neighbourhood Watch you can readily become equipped to know what to do. Perhaps become an active Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and distribute important information to prevent crime. When formed, your Neighbourhood Watch can formally register, can receive crime messages via the Police information Computer 'WATCHLINE' and have recognition with a notice on the lamp posts that say,

"You are entering a Neighbourhood Watch Area"

Remember, by being part of a registered Neighbourhood Watch you are much less likely to be a victim of various forms of crime, and you could see the benefit in your home insurance premiums.

We invite you to think about Neighbourhood Watch and hopefully join us. When we live together in a neighbourhood, play together in groups, we belong to that community. Whatever we do in that community, at school, at home or in the neighbourhood, can make a difference, it can damage it, or it can improve it. We've seen the effects of crime in our communities: graffiti on bus shelters, stations, trains; broken windows in buildings, vandalised public telephones, environmental damage, litter pollution; busy casualty departments, frightened old people, overcrowded prisons. The lack of respect by others, rudeness and selfish attitudes all damage our communities in some way or other.

There are many ways to improve our community, we all have the right to a good life, freedom from the fear of crime and discrimination and the right that our property is not damaged or our lives threatened.

That's why laws and rules are made to make our lives run smoothly and comfortably. Imagine if everyone obeyed the laws—not just the civil laws but moral laws too! Is this an impossible dream, or could we all work to making it happen. We can all make a difference if we try.

John Sturdy.

**South Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Association,
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29 Howard Street
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Telephone 01709 365908**

PS Please note that the local Bradway/Dore/Totley Neighbourhood Watch Area members meet quarterly at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Jillian Simpson on

(0114) 236 5594 is the organiser and the next meeting is on Wed. 18 May at 7.00 pm.

The South Yorkshire Police Watch Liaison Officer who gives technical support is PC Glen Glaves on (0114) 296 3211. Totley Residents Association is also willing to give practical help to those trying to address some of our local problems.

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PUZZLE CORNER

Pythagorean Perfection

The Pythagoras Theorem is something all of us who have done school mathematics remember, but other studies by this old Greek are also interesting. In studying numbers and their divisors he defined three different types.

Defective numbers : The divisors add to less than the number itself e.g. 10 : 1+2+5 add to less than 10

Excessive numbers : The divisors add to more than the number itself e.g. 12 : 1+2+3+4+6 add to more than 12

Perfect numbers : The divisors add to the number itself e.g. 6 : 1+2+3 = 6

This puzzle is concerned with a perfect number. 6 is the first, 28 is the second (1+2+4+7+14=28). You are asked to identify the third from the following clues.

The number is represented as ABC each letter, representing a digit.

- (1) AB is a square
- (2) CA is a square
- (3) Both A and C are divisors of BC
- (4) BA is less than BC

LIFE'S SCARY MOMENTS

My husband and I were reminiscing (as you do quite a lot when you get to a certain age!) about the most scary moments in our life. Peter thought his worst experience was when we were on holiday on the Mull of Kintyre. It was about three weeks after the Chinook helicopter crashed into the cliffs at the tip of the Mull. We parked the car at the end of the public road and set off down the track to the lighthouse (a lovely walk we had done many times before). Of course we knew about the crash but what we saw shocked us into silence. You could see where the helicopter had impacted and set fire to the whole hillside; we soon found ourselves surrounded by charred heather. By the track were flowers laid by friends and relations of the victims - we paused to read the cards. It was very quiet. Then the silence was broken by the sound of an engine - a boat we thought. The cliffs were steep and we couldn't see the sea immediately below. The noise grew louder and louder and then immediately in front of us a Chinook rose above the cliffs and came towards us. It was very low. We could see faces at the windows apparently watching us. The noise was horrendous and the downdraught whipped up the charred heather all around us. The helicopter repeatedly swooped towards the ground - each time we feared it would crash into the cliffs. After about ten minutes it was gone, as quickly as it had appeared. Silence once more! Peter later said he had had a weird feeling that we were in a time warp and were about to witness the original accident. When we returned to the farm where we were staying, we mentioned the incident and were told that it was the first good day since the crash. The Chinook was probably attempting to simulate the final movements of the helicopter's fatal flight.

My most frightening experience was when we were staying on the Isle of Muck in the Inner Hebrides. Just off the Isle of Muck is a very small island called Horse Island. It is always surrounded by the sea but when there is a very low tide it is possible to paddle across to it. Our host, Ewen McEwen gave us clear instructions about watching for a certain rock to emerge as the tide receded, we could then cross safely. Equally, he told us to watch for the tide creeping up the rock, then we needed to get ourselves off Horse Island. Well, Peter and I and our dog, Prince, crossed over with no problems. The island was lovely - ground hugging wild roses and hundreds of greylag geese. The weather was perfect and we explored and ate our sandwiches. Then, oh dear! we suddenly realised the rock was completely covered by the tide. We had a quick think - the next low tide was in the middle of the night so we wouldn't be able to see the rock to cross back to Muck. The next time we could cross would be the middle of

the following day and we had no food left. So we decided to risk the crossing. The tide was coming in fast and the current was strong. We waded into the sea, holding hands in order to give mutual confidence and added security. Prince was a strong swimmer and needed no encouragement to enter the water. He crossed quite quickly and stood on the other side with a look on his face which seemed to say, "What is keeping you. For goodness sake, hurry up!" as we struggled through deepening water trying to keep our footing on the seabed which was littered with hidden rocks. As we slipped on the seaweed we went under complete with binoculars, camera and watches. Thankfully we didn't get swept away and only damaged one pair of binoculars. Unfortunately, Peter broke his toe on one of the submerged rocks. We got back to Ewen's a very soggy, dripping mess - I've never seen him laugh so much!

Our worst sea crossing experience happened one summer when we were on a small passenger ferry crossing from the Inner Hebrides to Mallaig. Soon after we set off a force nine gale blew up. We were all thrown around like corks. We were ordered off the deck and at one point we were told to hang onto something whilst the Captain changed course. All the passengers were very sick and some of the crew as well. One interesting fact was that there were a number of dogs on board - none was ill. The journey should have taken two hours - in fact, it took five hours. We fell off the boat at Mallaig - battered, bruised and green. One passenger was carried off on a stretcher. Until that day, I was convinced I was a good sailor. Peter, having sailed across the Bay of Biscay, knew he wasn't!

Since these scary experiences were in the Islands and Highlands of Scotland, we started reminiscing about incidents nearer home and here we both agreed on our most frightening moment.

We were walking on a footpath in a field near Holmesfield. There were bullocks in the field. Suddenly, one of the bullocks put his head down and charged Peter, knocking him to the ground. Peter got up and it charged and knocked him over again. Fortunately we were at the edge of the field beside a barbed wire fence and hedge. I yelled at Peter to get out of the field. The bullock eyed me and came charging at me. Unfortunately, the other side of the wire and hedge was an eight-foot drop into a ditch but I was under the wire and in the ditch with the speed of lightning, quickly followed by Peter. We were shaken and bruised and Peter's anorak was torn on the barbed wire but at least we were still in one piece. Some weeks later we learned that another Totley resident who passed through the field an hour later, wasn't so lucky. The bullock charged him, at a point where he couldn't get through the hedge, and broke some ribs. Don't worry folks; I'm sure this particular bullock became beefburgers a few year's ago.

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No Landing Place

Every year millions of people visit the Peak National Park in search of exercise and scenic beauty from the popular venues of Edale, Castleton, Crowden and Fairholmes they explore the heights of Kinder Scout, Rushup Edge, Bleaklow, Blackhill and the edges above the Upper Derwent Valley. Climbers and bogtrotters weave their routes across the peaty plateau of Kinder to the downfall and the landslip of Alport castles. Yet few of these walkers realise that their favourite haunts hold hidden secrets. Over 50 crashed aircraft lay tucked away in wild gullies and on slippery screed slopes a lasting memorial to the courage and devotion to duty of the airmen in the Second World War.

Many bomber crews failed to return to their bases on Yorkshire and Lincolnshire airfields and remnants of their Halifax, Lancasters, Wellingtons and short Stirlings lie exposed to the elements. Causes of crashes varied from severe weather conditions, technical faults, shortage of fuel to damage from enemy aircraft and simply flying off course. Ranging from a pre-war Handley Page bi-plane Heyford to sabre and meteor sets, these wrecked aircraft lie littered across the Peak District moors. The list also includes a B29 Super Fortress, Ansons, Oxfords, Dakotas, Botha, Liberators, Mosquito, Swordfish, Lysander and Boulton Paul defiants. The most recent crash site is a Hawker Hunter jet back in 1993. Perhaps the strangest quest is searching for sections of AVI Rocket (Doodlebug) around the slopes of Margery Hill.

This unique site above the Derwent Valley recalls Adolf Hitler's last desperate gamble to win the war with the flying bomb. On Christmas Eve 1944 about 50 V Is were unleashed from Heinkel bombers around an area of Spurn Point and along the East Coast down to the Wash. This deadly target was set to bomb the regions of Manchester. Fortunately, our airmen were a match for the enemy and most of the Doodlebugs were shot down but a few reached their target causing death and destruction in Manchester and Oldham.

One Rocket landed near the village of Beighton near Sheffield killing a few chickens and livestock, another exploded and burnt out on Coombs Moss near Buxton and of course the Margery Hill site which failed to reach the target. During the Second World War a total of approximately 2,000 aircraft crashed around the shores and among the hills of the UK. This is an astonishing total considering that the discovery of a crashed plane was often a matter of chance and the removal of casualties a most difficult problem. Sometimes local farmers, police, soldiers or members of the RAF regiment had to form search parties and they ensured a reasonable standard of stamina and endurance. Unfortunately, these qualities could not always guarantee a successful search and rescue because more experienced and special equipment were often required to cross high mountains. Survivors frequently needed skilled medical attention before they could be evacuated to lower ground and transported to hospital.

The area around Liverpool Bay and the coastline of North Wales provided an important and busy flying route for the training of aircrews in 1942 when flying accidents in the hills of Snowdonia were reaching an alarming level. To the rescue came Flight Lieutenant George Graham Station Medical Officer at RAF Llandrwog the founder of the Mountain Rescue Service. He organised and trained a search and

rescue party consisting mainly of medical orderlies and keen volunteers. Graham insisted that the Air Ministry provide special mountain clothing for his team. RAF Llandrwog was controlled by flying training command and towards the end of 1943 some staff officers at HQ recommended to the Air Ministry that permanent mountain rescue teams should be established in all areas of Great Britain. Units were set up at Harpur Hill, Buxton for the Peak District, Millom for the Lake District, and Kinloss for the Scottish Highlands etc. On 22 January 1944 an Air Ministry Order outlined the final formation of the mountain rescue service. During the later war years the service extended to units at Montrose, West Freaul, Wick, Harrowbeer and St Athans. Nowadays the rescue service is a highly technical organised and professional body and recognised the world over. Many famous mountaineers learned their skills at Kinloss, and Stafford and RAF Valley namely Ian Clough, FLT/SGT, Johnny Lees (B.E.M and George Medal), Sgt John Hinde (B.E.M.), FLT/SGTS Has Oldham (B.E.M.) and Peter McGowan (B.E.M.). The latter two both became Peak Park Rangers in civilian life. The rescue teams led many expeditions to Alaska, The Alps, Mount Kenya. During the year 2001 a successful ascent was made to the summit of Mount Everest by a team from RAF Kinloss and Leuchars. Towards the end of 1943 George Graham was posted to the Far East where he was decorated for bravery, parachuting behind the enemy lines in the Burma Jungle to rescue injured Aircrews. He was promoted to SQDN/LDR and honoured with the M.B.E. and D.S.O medals, this hero and founder of the RAF Mountain Rescue Service died in 1980. I had the privilege of attending the 60th anniversary of the M.R.S. at Carlisle Cathedral where a plaque was erected to his memory. At the present date the M.R.S. has been condensed to just 4 units RAF St Athans, Kinloss, Leuchars and Leeming in North Yorkshire. Several books have covered the story of the Mountain Rescue Service. "Two Star Red" by Gwen Moffat, 1962, "Dark Peak Wrecks" by Ron Collier, 1978, "No Landing Place" Vol 1 and 2, 1979 and 1999, "The Legend of Llandrwog" 1986 all by Edward Doylerush. Plus the final "Hell on High Ground" 1989 and 1998 vol 1 and 2 and extracts from my diaries "All in a Day's Work" Snowdonia air crashes 1944-46, all written by David Earl, 1999.

John C Barrows

Anniversary

A couple decide to go for a meal on their anniversary and after some deliberation decide on their local Chinese restaurant.

They peruse the menu and finally agree to share the chef's special chicken surprise. The waiter brings over the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to start in on the meal, the lid of the pot rises a tiny amount and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down.

"Good grief, did you see that?" she asks her husband. He didn't, so she asks him to look in the pot.

He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and again he sees two beady little eyes looking around before it firmly slams back down.

Rather perturbed he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening and demands an explanation.

"Well sir", says the waiter, "What did you order?"

"We both chose the same", he replies, "the Chicken Surprise"

"Oh I do apologise, this is my fault" says the waiter, "I've brought you the Peeking Duck"

ADVERTPHOBIA

Occasionally my wife spots an interesting or amusing snippet in the newspaper and reads it out to me. One evening recently I caught the phrase "Control barking in just three weeks". As I was just recovering from a persistent cold and cough I thought she had found a magic cure for my discomfort, but not so, as farther reading made clear. "The Dog Bark Control Collar uses high-frequency sound to train your dog and break the barking habit". This is one item gleaned from a catalogue distributed with that paragon of papers "The Times". This sounds a great idea though I am one of the world's strongest cynics where adverts are concerned. I remember someone once saying that, if dog dirt was collected up and put in fancy packages, the gullible public would queue to buy it. I don't think this statement was based on serious research, say by the ladies in town who try to stop you to ask questions, but I am sure it carries more than a grain of truth.

Continuing my search among the wonderful items, next to the above doggy gem, I found "Burn belly fat into a rock hard lean stomach." This seemed promising to me as I am convinced ready made trousers come in a different shape these days. However the picture of a man on his back with ropes under his feet for pulling with his hands didn't tempt, in spite of the name Speedshaper. Cost Deluxe £14.99 or Super Deluxe £19.99. Perhaps I should go for another item, which looked easier, the "Tummy Trimmer" (Buy one, get one Free) at £19.99. "Guaranteed to make you look inches slimmer." Ah there's the snag it only gives women's sizes, and I wouldn't know which to get. In any case, my wife says you can't trust the labels these days 12, 14, 16 seem to depend on random sewing of labels!

Another wonderful looking device, perhaps also for the ladies, but not exclusively, the Snore Stopper. "Give your partner a good nights sleep using medically tested TENS nerve stimulation technology, the Snore Stopper recognises a snoring sound of 60dB or more and triggers a safe, gentle impulse, stimulating the snorer to change position without waking." Well, with all that impressive technology, it must be better than a dig in the ribs by an elbow!

From previous experience I can't recommend the lockable Bagstrap, your name "woven into the webbing in a repeat pattern" and "integral address tag" would seem to flout all advice not to advertise your absence from home. I was once given such a strap and promptly lost the plastic key. Not to worry, a bent paper clip did the job.

I won't bore readers more with details of the 5-in-1 Breakfast Maker, the Car Dent Puller, or the Pelvic Back Pain Belt. Perhaps the latter is useful if you suffer after using the Speedshaper mentioned earlier.

Anyone reading this far will have gathered I am not usually kidded by claims in adverts. Indeed I cannot even cotton on to what some of them are advertising. I knew what the Bisto Kids were trying to sell even though I couldn't really smell it. I even understood that photographs of a scantily clad female draped on a car bonnet was meant to sell the car and not the girl. However many of the fast moving mixed images in TV adverts leave me wondering what it is all about. But I have to admit an old sceptic like me gets caught out. Recently I have been trying to get travel insurance to visit friends in Portugal. Many holiday insurances are advertised but many phone calls or actual visits have been required to find that Thomas Cook no longer cover privately arranged trips, one bank no longer do travel insurance, another three have upper age limits of 66, 69 and 79 respectively, none of which were obvious in the advertising leaflets. Oh the joys of growing old!

Don Ashford

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
- 22) There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are sweets while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth?

One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? Is it an odd, or an end?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

Gardening Tips for April

We had a good weekend gardening this week. I dug over my vegetable plot; I have to do it two or three rows at a time so that my back does not get too strained. I do a bit of light work in between times; we old timers have to think about these things. We can go dashing into all this hard work without thinking which bit is going to hurt afterwards. It was very satisfying to see all the nice earth well dug ready for Jack Frost to nip all the clods and break it down for me, the birds enjoyed it, and my friendly robin came for a few worms. He stood on the spade whilst I was resting, dunocks and blackbirds were also around, the pigeons were waiting until I had gone so that they could continue pecking at my cabbages etc. It is a shame they do so much damage. A bit of colour is now starting to show, primulas are full of blossom and the daffodils and tulips are starting to show their colour. My new centrepiece is coming together nicely; it is nearly ready for planting. I am looking forward to seeing whether it comes up to my expectations when it is finished. The goldfish are stirring a bit; the water has cleared nicely after the disturbance of de-weeding in December. I have not seen any frogspawn yet; it has been a bit cold for the frogs I suppose. I need to give the summerhouse a coat of preservative; it is looking a bit grey at the moment (there is always another job when you look around!) We are having compost problems, we have an area set aside for the compost bins which is fenced off to keep it looking tidy but the fence is stopping the sun's heat from getting in so the compost is not developing as quick as it should. We look like having to remove some of the fencing; it will not look nice in that corner but needs must. The greenhouse is bursting at the seams with all the plants waiting to go out and seedlings popping their little head up in the seed trays. The nasties are waking up, I discovered a fuchsia covered in greenfly, the little devils have started early so I will have to knobble them with some insecticide as soon as possible. The lawn looks a bit untidy at the moment, raking and scarifying gets rid of most of the moss but it always looks a bit said afterwards but it soon picks up and gives us a lovely green sward (we hope). Isn't it lovely to see a bit of prolonged sunshine which brings on the plants and gets rid of the winter blues, it is coming out now so I had better get out there.

Flowers – Complete the planting of herbaceous perennials, plant gladioli. April is a good time to plant or replant alpinas. Apply a good fertiliser to roses; it will give them the food they require throughout the summer. Sow hardy annuals. Plant out and stake sweet peas, also violas and pansies if they have been properly hardened off. A rather cool semi-shaded place is best. This will give a longer life to the flowers and a well-manured bed will ensure fine blooms.

Start dahlias in a frame, cover tubers with a light soil and water moderately. Those of you who planted half-hardy bedding plants early can transfer them to a cold frame. Keep the frames closed for the first few days unless it is really hot. Cover over with sacks or insulation at night in case of frost. Plant antirrhinums and penstemons once they are hardened off. Clematis can be planted now, a good pot-grown specimen is best.

Vegetables – Feed spring cabbage which are near maturity with a top dressing of nitrate of soda and hoe it in and another dressing in 3 weeks time. Plant the second early and maincrop potatoes to give them plenty of room. Plant onion sets 4-6" (10-15cms) apart in rows about a foot (30 cms) apart. Sowings of lettuce, radish, peas etc should be made. Soil should be pulled up along each side of broad bean rows. Sow winter cabbage, savoy cabbage and broccoli. Prepare trenches for runner beans which will be sown or planted next month. Keep the hoe going on all plots – the frequent aeration of soil and checking of weeds does a great deal of good and certainly encourages growth. Those of you who grow celery should prepare trenches now unless of course you grow the self-blanching type. Sow parsley outdoors. If your garden is susceptible to carrot fly then make a fleece tent for your parsley, as carrot fly grubs love a change.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit – Clean up strawberry beds – Take off dead or damaged leaves and clean up generally making the whole tidy. Spray blackcurrants against big bud mite with a proprietary insecticide or lime sulphur. Spray gooseberries against mildew. Make sure any newly planted shrubs or trees are kept moist during dry spells while they are getting established. Keep an eye on plum trees for the first sign of aphids and deal with them as soon as they are seen. Remove grease bands from around trees, which have been on since September.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants –

There will now be much less difficulty in maintaining sufficient temperature in the greenhouse, it may even be

necessary to shade temporarily on the hottest days – do not use side vents or doors which can cause damaging draughts.

Prick off seedlings as soon as they are handable. Do not let them get too deep-rooted as this causes them to check growth when transplanted. Pot on seedlings pricked out earlier.

Take cuttings of winter flowering begonias. Rest freesias, lachenalias, arum lilies and cyclamen. Place them on a shelf near the glass and gradually reduce watering. Stop early flowering chrysanthemums by pinching out the tips of rooted cuttings required for spray flowering.

Plant tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum etc in a heated greenhouse. Sow annuals for flowering pots in the greenhouse. Watch out for ants and woodlice, they can do an awful lot of damage to seedlings.

Indoor plants should have their watering increased and established houseplants given a good feed. Split up and repot ferns.

Lawns –

Rake up debris and lightly roll. Scarify, spike and aerate. Start or continue routine mowing. Apply lawn dressing or liquid feed. Treat any moss or lawn diseases as soon as they are seen. Seed new lawns and keep well watered in dry weather.

Cheerio for now,

Tom, Busy Bee.

Can you build?

The Pinfold on Hillfoot Road is in need of a little stonework repair. One of the terrace retaining walls is coming away and it might become dangerous.

As the Pinfold is to be part of the Open Gardens on July 16/17, we need to get it repaired, even though it's not a big job, and it is all being done by volunteers.

If you are a builder or stonemason, or just handy at stonework, please could you help Totley in this way?

Please ring Donna Bate on 235-1708 or email: stephen@bate6719.freemove.co.uk
Jennie Street Tel. 236-2302



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

Just a reminder about our next production so that you can get your diaries organised! It is "Alarms and Excursions" (more plays than one), an award winning comedy by Michael Frayn. The settings are numerous - a dinner party, adjacent hotel rooms, a plane, etc., which present no end of problems for our backstage staff, but I have every faith in them sorting it all out before May. We are also planning to offer glasses of red and white wine again along with coffee and orange, as the November audiences appreciated the choice.

So, tickets still at £3, Or £2.50 concessions, the usual venue, St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, May 11th to 14th at 7.30pm. Tickets from any member, or phone me, Kate Reynolds. 2366891. Hope to see you there.

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE FOR NEXT MEETING!

The next meeting of the **Reserves Advisory Group** will be held at **7pm on Monday 19th May 2005** at Totley Rise Methodist Church, junction of Abbeydale Road and Baslow Road. Following this, meetings will be held on:

Monday 19th September'05

These will also run 7pm-9pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church

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Green Oak Bowling Club

The new season starts in April.. This year we hope the bowling green will be used more often.

Do you fancy a game of bowls?

You don't have to be a club member. Just ring 2365499 for details, weekdays and weekends are available, bowls can be hired. New players are always welcome to join the club.

JUNIORS – Are you aged between 10 – 16 years. Would you like to learn to play bowls (free)? We are hoping to encourage young people to learn the game. Ring 2365499 and give your name, then we can arrange some sessions and maybe next year we can have a junior team, to play other parks. If there is anyone willing to donate their old bowls to the club we would be most grateful.

Sylvia Ruddle (Secretary)

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Don Ashford

The Boss in our House

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Until I get home
If you ask how I really know
My wife kindly told me so

I am the master of all I survey
From my garden shed
That's how far I can stray she said
So long as I don't look too far ahead

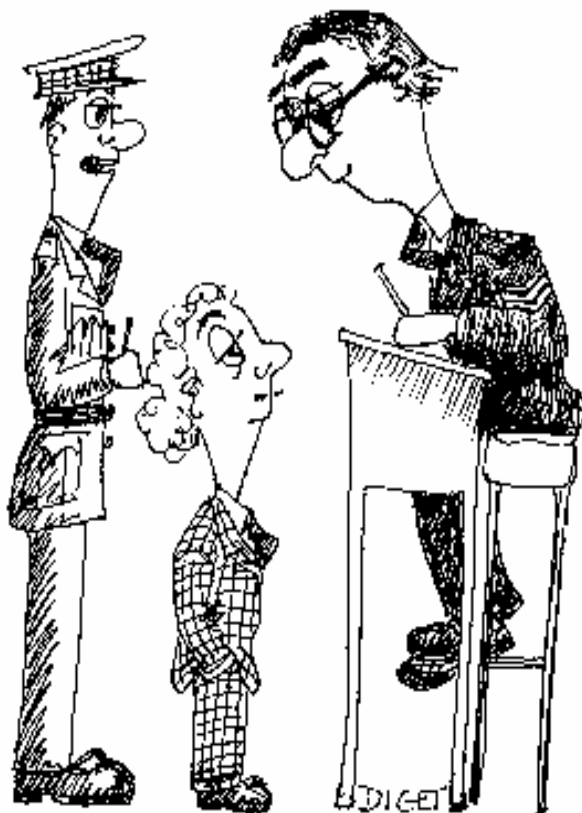
I'm the boss in our house
Until I get home
But when my wife says to me
'Look here, I have been thinking'
That's the time my heart starts sinking

But I never show it, no not me
Standing there with trembling knee
I give her one of my broadest grins
From cheek to cheek down to my three chins

Then I say 'well dear, that's nice to know
It must be right if you say so
But I'm sure you don't need me to lend a hand
As you have it already fully planned'

Now I'm the boss at our house
Until I get home!

Don Allott



"HE TRIED TO BUY TWO TICKETS FOR THE
POLICE BALL WITH A TOTLEY FOUR
POUND NOTE SARG!"

National Service

In February, 1950, nearly four months after my eighteenth birthday, I reported to Padgate to begin my term of national service in the Royal Air Force. My medical examination had found me to be underweight - height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 11 stones - and I was graded A2, which excluded me from certain trades and I was designated as a clerk with general duties.

At Padgate, where we kitted out, rain fell for the entire week of our stay and I wondered why the authorities saw fit to have a base so near to Manchester with its notorious rainfall. I then moved on to West Kirby on the Wirral peninsular for square bashing.

The training was hectic; from parade-ground drill in full dress uniform, to physical training in shorts and vest, to battle denims for bayonet practice, return to shorts and vest for cross-country running, back to battle denims for the firing range and return to full dress for more drill. The evenings were spent polishing our boots until they were like mirrors and also cleaning brasses, which had been presented to us at Padgate in a very tarnished condition. We were on the go from 6am to 10,30pm. No wonder we slept well. The recruits ate their meals like starving men and all put on weight despite the frantic activity.

The instructing drill corporals were demons. Three of ours were Irish regulars and the other a cockney national serviceman. How they put us through it. No convict undergoing hard labour ever underwent such torture - 'Attention, slope arms, by the left, quick march' - and off the squad would go around the square until 'right wheel' changed our direction, except for one unfortunate recruit who wheeled to the left and marched in splendid isolation in the opposite direction, later to be admonished in the vernacular by the drill sergeant when he saw fit to rejoin the squad. 'Halt, order arms, stand at ease, stand easy'. And so on in the heat of the day - never had I experienced such weather in February and March. It was as hot as midsummer while the recruits perspired in the sunshine, but we were fit - that I can avow - fitter than I have ever been, before or since.

At bayonet practice, sacks filled with straw or some such packing were suspended from wooden structures. The recruits were advised by the sergeant to thrust their bayonets into the sack and then withdraw them before retiring, all the time screaming like dervishes. After one recruit of docile demeanour had uttered a feeble cry the sergeant exclaimed in stentorian tones "I said scream - you sound like a virgin with a crumb in it" The recruits broke into hysterical laughter. "Oo sarge. You are a caution" one recruit commented.

On one occasion I was complimented by the instructor on my position when holding a sten gun. I sat cross-legged on the ground, the sten gun tucked into my shoulder, preventing me from falling over as I dozed off. The sergeant tapped me on the shoulder and I awoke to find him advising the other recruits to take note of my position as it was ideal. I was pleasantly surprised to be so well recommended. It was not unusual to take forty winks such was our fatigue.

Each recruit had to take his turn in the boxing ring. My opponent was a large young man and I was quite in awe of him when the round began. I stuck out a straight left-hand and my opponent obligingly ran into it. It transpired that he had a timid disposition and knew less about the noble art than even I did. He continued to run into my left hand and well before the end of the round his face was bruised and swollen, so much so that I took pity on him and simply evaded his rushes for the rest of the round.

One of the Irish instructors, Corporal Maloney, took a dislike to one of the recruits. During one boxing session the corporal, a burly, red-faced, powerful man took the recruit into the ring and berated him soundly with ferocious punches. Fortunately for the recruit's longterm health the punishment lasted for one round only. The other recruits took note and determined not to get on the wrong side of Corporal Maloney, at least I know I did.

On the rifle range I scored a mere 29 out of a maximum of 100. I was disappointed but consoled myself with the knowledge that this was the first time in my life that I had fired a rifle with live ammunition. One recruit of farming stock, an expert shot had been bragging of his prowess since arrival but when marking his target he found to his dismay that not a single bullet hole was to be found. He had sent his bullets into his neighbour's target the centre of which was blasted away. The other recruits were much amused. The farmer's son, a burly, red-faced young man with a not unpleasant nature, ceased to brag after that time and never again referred to his shooting skill.

We had been warned of the horrors of a gas test by earlier recruits 'with some time in' as they condescendingly remarked even though they had joined up only a week or two prior to ourselves. The test involved detention in stone buildings underground while being subjected to the release of obnoxious gas. In the event we were not put through this test, for what reason I do not know.

One evening I was obliged to deal aggressively with a fellow recruit. This young man, a Brummie, cheeky, mischievous, of small stature with bright blue twinkling eyes, sat on my bed tapping the newspaper I was reading. I gave him a belligerent look but he persisted. At length, without warning, I hit him violently on the nose. Blood spouted onto the bed and the Brummie, name of Royce, returned the blow instinctively. I put my hand to my injured nose and gave a cry of anguish. Fortunately we both saw the funny side of the matter encouraged by other laughing recruits and hostilities ceased at once. Royce afterwards treated me with respect and, I suspect became more wary of antagonising seemingly naive victims.

After eight weeks training we passed out from West Kirby on a parade before the Air Officer Commanding. The band played as we marched smartly past this august personage, a credit to our instructors.

I had been posted to Cottesmore, a flying training camp in Rutland. After a fortnight's leave, when my mother treated me like a hero returned from war,, I reported to camp and began my duties in the P2 officers section of the orderly room at headquarters.

The airmen's sleeping quarters were situated in well-built brick buildings that seemed luxurious after the primitive wooden huts at Padgate and West Kirby.

Shortly after my arrival at Cottesmore North Korea attacked the South and hostilities began. I had originally enlisted for 18 months but a further 6 months were added on the outbreak of this war. We recruits were not best pleased. The consensus of opinion held that the North Koreans had become overconfident on receiving intelligence of our antics at squarebashing but I maintained that the timing of the attack was simply a coincidence.

My stay at Cottesmore was desultory and I longed to get back to civilian life. My discipline was not good and on one occasion I was confined to camp for 7 days. This involved extra duties such as cookhouse fatigues and reporting to the guardroom in full dress uniform at 6am and again at 10pm. The offence occurred when I and a colleague forgot to obey orders from the duty officer to exchange our bedside cabinets

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that were of officer quality for those designed for mere airmen. The two of us, who shared a cubicle, thought that the officer would not remember his instructions but he did. We were tried by different officers - my roommate being based in stores. I was not pleased to find that he got only 3 days cc compared to my 7 days but perhaps I was adjudged to be the instigator of the offence.

My clerical duties involved the preparation of documents for each officer on camp. Any happening reported in POR's (Personnel Occurrence Reports) had to be recorded on the documents such as absence on leave, change of home address, promotion or demotion, and change of sex. There were no entries under this latter heading which had been added by an irreverent airman some time previously.

Reveille sounded at six thirty each morning over the tannoy system, the last sitting for breakfast starting at seven fortyfive, which was much earlier than in my civilian life where I did not arise until 8 o'clock. The working days were long and I was not averse to taking forty winks when the opportunity arose. Quite frequently I would take shelter from the gaze of the sergeant in charge of the orderly room and doze off behind a cabinet. One day I was awakened from my slumber by a loud cough, to find the sergeant by my side looking at me with a whimsical expression. Nothing was said, no action was taken but thereafter I never again yielded to inertia and kept awake no matter how compelling the urge to close my eyes, for I did not wish to be put on a charge again.

Hugh Percival

(To be continued)

THE TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

The dates for our 2005 meetings are:-

April, Tuesday 26th. Mr PAUL ALLUM FROM THE FAMILY SERVICE UNIT WILL SPEAK

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.

COFFEE,CAKES and CUTTINGS.

This is a preliminary notice to say that this annual event will be coming round shortly. The actual date is Saturday May 21st-10am to 12 noon. As usual it will be held at English Martyrs Church on Baslow Road. The main beneficiary will be Transport 17. We shall be grateful if you could plant a few extra seeds and produce some plants to sell. Later we shall be requesting books and bric-a-brac.

John Artindale

Bushey Wood Road Petrol Station

The council planning board approved the application for a TESCO store on Baslow Road on 14th March. The only significant concessions gained were a ban on Sunday deliveries and some better boundary treatment. There may also be some modest adjustment to opening hours.

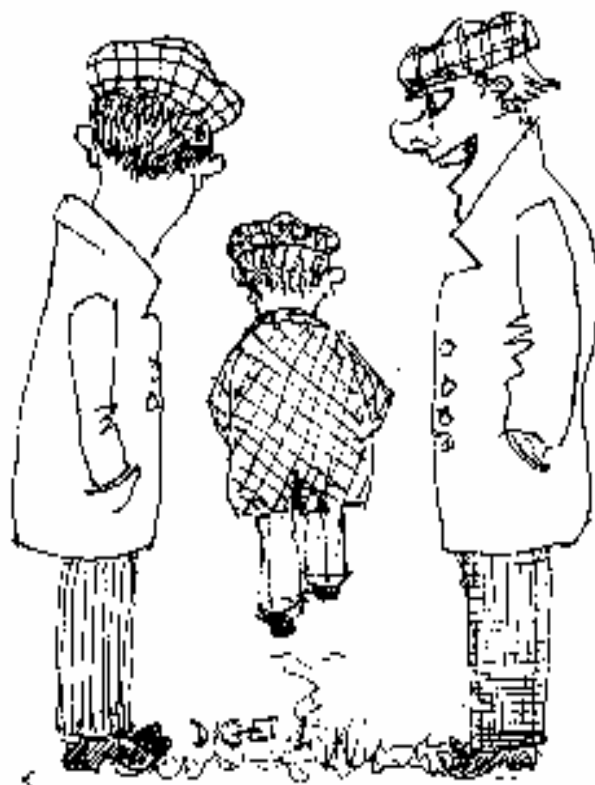
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HE SAYS HE PLAYS GOLF THE
BRADWAY WHO IS THIS BRAD
ANYWAY?

DOES TOTLEY HOLD THE RECORD?

All sort of things go on in Totley, and one of the best kept secrets is that not only is there one book group, but there are three!!

And there's even talk of a fourth setting up.

Could this be a record for a small community like Totley?

The first group was set up in 2000 and has nine members, most of whom are original members. It meets monthly in its members' homes, and reads ten books a year..

The second group was set up in 2001 because the first group was full, and has ten members. It meets every six weeks in the Cross Scythes, and occasionally combines meetings with theatre trips and other events.

The third group was set up in 2003 because the second group was full and now has six members. It meets every six weeks. Membership of all three book groups is women, although the third group would welcome any men who were interested to join.

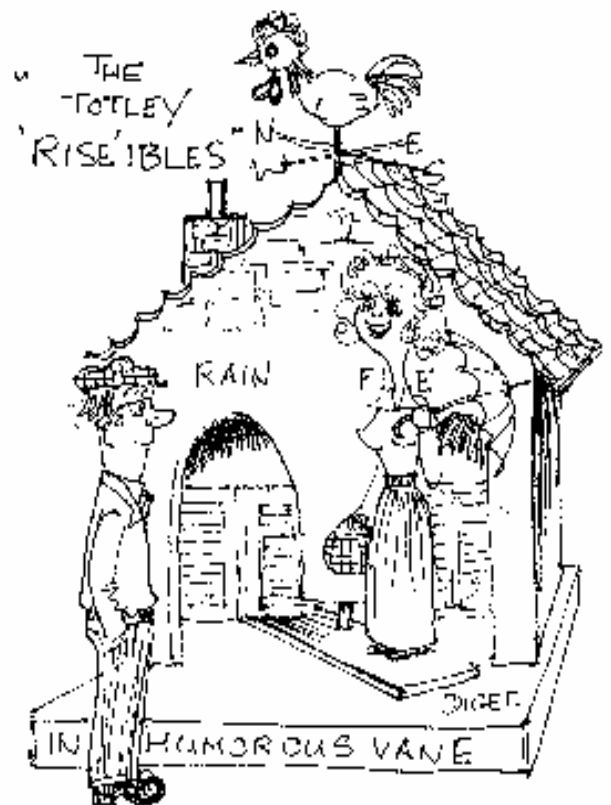
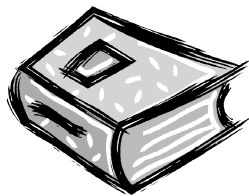
And the fourth?

Well, some men connected with members of the existing groups have been muttering about setting up a group for men readers, so if any more men in Totley are interested, please contact me and I will put you all in touch with each other.

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MON. 18th. TOTLEY ALL SAINTS REUNION, pre-1952 leavers, Fleur De Lys from 7.30 p.m. onwards

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SAT. 23rd ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION, Peace Gardens, 12 noon, 2361287

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SUN. 24th 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.

TUE. 26th TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 4 Grove Road, 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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