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Baslow Road, before the bungalows were built along the top side of this very wide thoroughfare. The first pair of houses on the right in both views was called the Queen's Temperance Hotel in 1891. Five years later the building was listed as The Queen's Gentleman's Club. From 1900 to 1904, directories mention Abbeydale Club on Baslow Road and a 1919 map is inscribed as such. Brian Edwards

Totley Residents Association 2005 AGM

The AGM was held as usual in Totley Library on Monday, 4 April. The attendance was disappointing with only 22 people including Councillors Keith Hill, Michael Waters, TRA Committee Members and local residents. Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Smith.

All were welcomed to the meeting. The minutes from the 2004 AGM were circulated. There were no matters arising from these minutes, they were accepted unanimously.

TRA Chairman's Report – Avril Critchley

TRA Committee members have had another very busy year. All volunteers, we are striving to improve the area. Trivial problems arise, these are easily solved, others are long term and require patience from us all!

The bus service continues to cause difficulties. We can all help by ringing and voicing our concerns. Likewise the bus shelters, these were promised some time ago but we are still waiting!

The new road junction at Beauchief has been criticized by local community groups. Representatives have held on going discussions with Councillors and Highway Officers.

In spite of concerns raised by TRA several years ago, that new housing development would compromise local services nothing was done. Some parents were dismayed to find their children are unable to attend Totley Schools because they are full. The matter was taken up by local Councillors who put the case before the Education Scrutiny Board in October. In spite of requests for temporary classrooms or extra funding it was too late for this academic year. Consequently some Totley children now attend schools out of the area. We must hope this is not repeated in coming years, as new houses are still being built.

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Youth nuisance—As a result of continuing problems and a serious incident in Green Oak Park, a meeting of local residents, Councillors, the manager of Cherry Tree Home, Sheffield City Councils Youth Offending Team, Community Team, Youth Services and South Yorkshire Police was held in the Town Hall in August. The conclusion reached was that with residents help, reporting incidents, the Police would step up patrols. The Youth Offending Team needed to be further involved and more facilities were required. The Totley Project Plan was put in place. This 6 month programme involves an out reach youth and community service team using a mobile camper van. The project is endorsed by Sheffield Futures and the South West Area Panel. A report on the first 2 months progress is expected shortly. There are still periodic problems and the Police must be kept informed.

At least we have our phone box back!

I know I said in my last report that Green Oak View would close in November but it was reprieved and has been used for respite care throughout this year. It will close this autumn.

Results from the fliers handed out by Councillor Hill at last years AGM had mixed results so TRA mounted a survey when 1800 leaflets were delivered by hand to hopefully every household in Totley. The results were collated by Les Firth.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the survey.

4 priorities emerged all about the same level of importance-

1. Somewhere to meet for all ages.

2. Better provision for young people.

3. New facilities in Green Oak Park.

4. An extension for the Library.

There was much regret for the loss of Green Oak View and concerns for the lack of provision for older residents.

It is hoped a meeting with residents and Council Officers in the near future will be able to bring to a conclusion the difficulties in Totley Hall Park.

In spite of 38 letters of objection and a petition of more than 200 the council gave planning permission for Tesco to open a store on the old BP garage site. It is up to the community to support our local shops or loose them.

On a positive note the good news is that John Beazer has volunteered to set up the Totley web site again, for which we thank him.

Totley Open Gardens were open as in previous years and the money raised went to T17. Thanks to Jennie Street for her organisation once again and for the people who opened their gardens.

Totley Show was also a success involving many members of the community. We must thank Les Firth (Show Chairman) and his team of helpers who meet throughout the months prior to the show to plan the event and to all the volunteers who help on Show Day.

Thanks also to those who are helping to brighten up Totley by planting bulbs given to us by the Council. We need more help with planting this autumn.

TRA are hoping to cheer up Totley by placing planters in strategic positions round the area. We are also entering the Pinfold into The Lord Mayors Awards. Any help in any form would be gratefully received.

Finally I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their help throughout the year. Special thanks to Ian Clarke and John Perkinson for The Independent, Amanda Hardwick for keeping the minutes, Mike Williamson for acting as my deputy and Richard Wrigglesworth our treasurer.

We all live in Totley so it is up to all of us to do our bit to create a community where we can all live in harmony.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Wrigglesworth

Richard Wrigglesworth circulated the balance sheet. TRA have received money from the community chest to be used within the community with a bias towards older people. It was suggested that some of the money currently held by association could be used for: -

To improve the Totley Independent

To create a database for groups in our area and to support them

To support those who ask for TRA help such as Neighbourhood Watch and Woodseats Advice Centre

It is also proposed that money will be spent on The Pinfold and other areas in an attempt to brighten up Totley.

The accounts were accepted. Thanks once again to Richard Frost for auditing the accounts. He has agreed to audit the accounts again next year.

Constitution

Totley Residents Association Constitution (Proposed amendments AGM 2005).

Management

a). The Association shall be managed by a General Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

b). The General Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a maximum of twelve other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting. Of the twelve committee members there should be a representative of each section of the Association.

c). the Chairman or Deputy Chairman or Secretary plus four other committee members shall constitute a quorum for the General Committee.

d). to remain.

e). to remain.

f). the Deputy Chairman shall be elected, from the committee members, by the new committee, at the first committee meeting following the AGM.

The amendments put forward by Mike Williamson were accepted.

Election of Officers for 2005/2006

Lisa Blake and Rita Garnett have resigned. Thanks for their help on the Committee. The existing committee stood down, nominations for executive positions and committee members were proposed, seconded and accepted by the meeting.

Chairman – Avril Critchley

Deputy Chairman – To be elected by the committee

Treasurer – Richard Wrigglesworth

Secretary – Amanda Hardwick

Committee Members – Les Firth, John Perkinson, Mike Williamson, Janet Chapman, Carol Pugsley, Marlene Marshall, Sylvia Boyles, Claire Marshall, Duncan Froggatt, Ian Clarke (Editor of the Totley Independent)

Report from the Chairman of Friends of Green Oak Park

Sylvia Ruddle reported that there had been a delay in the building of the multigames area on the old tennis court. It is a much bigger job than at first realised. It is hoped the work will begin in July. The bowling club are hoping to encourage young people to play bowls by beginning a junior section.

AOB

Questions were asked about the state of the grass verges in Totley. The top of Mickley Lane and Green Oak Road are causing concern.

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Beauchief Junction – According to council officials it is a success, but they are considering removing the triangle of red tarmac.

King Egbert School – Liaison committee leaflets were handed out.

Back lane will be tidied up and resurfaced when the sewerage work is completed.

Totley website – John Beazer is working on the site, but needs to receive information from the community to keep the site updated.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. One resident remarked, it was a pity when we have so many people living in Totley, that so few turned up for the meeting. This is endorsed by the committee.

Avril Critchley

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

For the last nine years of caravanning we had a motorhome based on a Volkswagen vehicle. When I had to stop driving we purchased a small VW car for my wife to drive. Both vehicles were serviced at the local dealers. When the car went in for service last year we asked for the plastic pads, which prevent the bonnet lid rattling, to be replaced, but this was not done. For the service this year in February, the same request was made, again in writing, and again the job was not done. This was not the only item we had to complain about and so I wrote to the service manager and so far have received no reply.

In March we needed to purchase some Euros for a trip to the continent. I enquired at the Fargate branch of the Yorkshire Bank, and was surprised to learn they were not available unless ordered beforehand, and they would then be ready for collection the following day. When the time came I tried to telephone the Fargate branch, where my account has been held since the 1950s. Instead of my call going to the branch, it was routed to a call centre. After the usual waste of time listening to warnings about calls being recorded and a sequence of button pressing, I was answered by a female voice with a Scots accent. I then had to explain why I wanted to speak to someone at the Fargate branch. "I will put you through" said the lady, "just hold on". After a time I heard the ringing tone twice and then no more. I repeated the whole procedure, eventually to be answered by a male Scots voice. Again I had to explain why I was ringing, this time to be told I didn't need to ring Fargate, this kind gentleman would order them for me, ready for collection next day (Thursday) at Fargate. In fact I didn't go to collect them until the Friday, only to be told there were none for collection and it looked as though they had not been ordered. The lady I spoke to said all she could offer was to order them again but because of the weekend, they would not be there until Monday. Naturally, I wrote a letter of complaint to the manager but, as with VW, so far no reply. Of course there could be any number of reasons why I have not received replies - my letters lost in the post, both replies lost in the post, I don't have an E-Mail address. My telephone number is known if a letter is too much trouble, but perhaps that can no longer operate if its not routed via a call centre.

What happened to old fashioned business courtesy? No wonder I have joined the ranks of The Grumpy Old Men.
Don Ashford

TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON (HGV) VEHICLES TRAVELLING THROUGH HOLMESFIELD

In reply to concerns expressed on increased movement of heavy goods vehicles through Totley I have now received an 'official' response from Sheffield City Councils Transport and Highways Division, together with a map of proposed traffic signs and count signs. As a result of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction placed by Derbyshire County Council on vehicles travelling through Holmesfield on the B6054 (and continuing through Bradway to Meadowhead) the signed HGV route within the Sheffield boundary will become the A621 through Totley (Abbey Lane/ Abbeydale Road/Baslow Road), and the A61 (Dronfield Bypass). The reason given is that 'as a mainly A classified route it is felt that its use as a HGV route is appropriate'. The map refers to Baslow Road as the 'Displaced HGV route'.

In order to minimise the risk of HGV's diverting into inappropriate residential roads, a series of signs will be put up along both the existing route and the displaced route. These will be placed at locations thought best to deter use of Mickley Lane, Prospect Road, and Twentywell Lane, to be situated at the Baslow Road /Mickley Lane junction and at the bottom of Twentywell Lane. These will now point to Bradway and Cheshire Home as 'unsuitable to HGV's' and direct traffic to the M1 and M18. Before and after counts have also been arranged to monitor their effectiveness. These will be at the Mickley Lane junction and Tinkers Comer at Bradway and will quantify any need for additional measures. In response to concerns on enforcing the current 30 mph speed limit I quote –

'There are plans for a scheme to address inappropriate speeds on the section of Baslow Road in Totley, in association with the new pedestrian crossing which has been installed near to Hillfoot Road. The plans are to introduce a scheme to reduce speeds on both approaches to the new crossing. The scheme will include road markings and speed activated signs, which flash up to inform motorists if they are travelling above the speed limit. These signs have been shown to be effective in reducing vehicles speeds. The scheme is planned for this year, although it has yet to be designed up.'

Further details are promised. The letter confirms that there are no current plans for additional road crossings in the area apart from on Abbeydale Road South where central refuge islands are one option.

In conclusion the risks from our taking additional HGV traffic previously shared with Holmesfield and Bradway, together with vehicles such as the bulk carriers and powder tankers from the Derbyshire aggregates industry, are rather obvious. We are a designated route through to the M1 and M18 and presumably appearing on all the satellite navigation systems as such, and there inevitability will be a vacuum between the implementation of the scheme and the promised calming measures. Totley Residents Association will be discussing the issue at their next meeting on Monday 9 May. Please telephone me (0114) 2368577 if you have any specific concerns or can offer technical input. I am sure the issue will also be raised at future South West Area Panel meetings as our local Councillors have also expressed concern.

Richard Wrigglesworth TRA

Farming Scene

Well, lambing is nearly over now, some 8 weeks after we started. It does seem to have dragged this year, maybe that's because we both had a bad cold half way through which pretty much drained us of any spare energy we had. Maybe we are just getting older, the late nights - around 12pm or often later, when I do my final maternity inspection rounds, the 4am inspection and then the 7am starts, certainly seem to affect us more than they used to. The one good thing about this year is that with no soft fruit to pamper and titivate we should be able to have a more steady and relaxed summer period. Lambing, on the whole, has gone very well, with a good crop of lambs with relatively few headaches or catastrophes. One quarter of our Texel flock were two-year-old sheep (sometimes called shearlings because they have been sheared only once at 12 months of age) and experiencing their first lambing. This can be quite traumatic for both sheep and shepherd. The ewes are not really sure what is going on, why they are experiencing labour pains, and what these small fluffy things that 'baa' at you, are doing in their pen! Some jump up after they have given birth and totally ignore their newborn. Where possible we try to smear the ewes noses with fluid and mucous off the lamb, to stimulate their instincts to firstly lick their own faces clean and then as a progression, the head and body of their lamb. This is what experienced or good young mothers would do instinctively. This process not only cleans and dries the lamb, helping to prevent hypothermia if the weather is cold, but also stimulates them into breathing, talking to their mum, and finally struggling to their feet. This 'lick clean' develops the bond between mother and offspring as they recognise one another by smell and the ingestion of the cleansing stimulates the ewes milk supply and let down. Failure for them to bond at this point usually means the ewe totally rejects the lamb which then has to be fostered to a more receptive ewe or more likely hand reared. It is not unknown for a ewe to head butt to death a lamb that it has rejected, so quick removal from its pen is pretty essential.

The next problem comes when the lambs have got to their feet, and naturally try to find the ewe's udder so that they can have a drink. Having newborn lambs to fuss over is one thing, having them nosing about underneath you is quite another! Here again, first timers can back away from the lambs indignantly or even head butt them away. This is when one of us has to hold the ewe whilst the other tries to get the lambs to find and suck the teat on the udder. Some lambs are very quick learners and successfully find the teat and suck vigorously straight away. Others are as thick as three short planks and not only spit the teat out when you put it into their mouths, but totally refuse to cooperate. However, when they get hungry, usually some six to eight hours after birth, they usually come to their senses and are glad to be assisted in the search for sustenance! Likewise after two or three sessions of being held while the lambs feed, the ewe gets used to the idea of lambs poking about underneath her and feeding from the udders they did not realise they had got!

What fun! I am pleased to say that 90 - 95% have been very pleased to properly welcome and mother their offspring. Some have even been very proud and possessive to say the least. They even butt the shepherd when he handles their lambs or chase Judy our collie sheep dog across the yard when she gets too close!

What both sheep and shepherd require now is some of that essential feel good factor - warm, sunny, dry weather so that we can all relax, thrive and enjoy life.

Edwin Pocock



Transport 17

A small number of people attended the AGM in March.

I must admit that I was not there as I had come out of hospital only the day before. Many thanks for all the good wishes, etc. Those who did attend, heard the good news that we have two new drivers and two new escorts. I am sure our passengers will be pleased to hear this. We recently had to cancel a club because there was only one driver available that day and, as we service three or four clubs a day, it would have been physically impossible for him to do it.

We have received funding to up-date our computer system. Apart from passenger lists, club details, tax, etc., we have to provide statistics to support our claim for funding from SYPTE. There is a lot to be done before the buses even leave on their journeys.

By the way, John Savournin is in the office every morning from 9 am till noon, if you need to cancel a trip or ask about anything else - such as a donation!!

We drive around many areas of Sheffield. A lot of our passengers seem to live in cul-de-sacs or quite awkward places to get into. It would be difficult in a car but in a mini-bus things are not made easy by the number of people who park on double yellow lines, especially at corners. We are also seeing more and more drivers on their mobile phones whilst driving. I am sad to say that many of them are women with children in their cars.

I can also testify to the terrible state of the roads having been driven from hospital with a very sore tummy!!

Please remember to support the Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings event at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, Totley. This will be on Saturday, 21st May from 10 am till noon. Our thanks to everyone involved and everyone who buys. You are all stars.

Keep safe.

Margaret Barlow



P.S. Thankyou to the Cheshire Nursing Home on Mickley lane & the English Martyrs Church on Baslow Road. Who both allow us to park our Minibuses in their car parks which is very much appreciated by everyone at Transport 17.

I have attached a picture of the new bus.

Mike Finn

It's all in the punctuation:

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman: Without her, man is nothing."

Cookie The Parrot

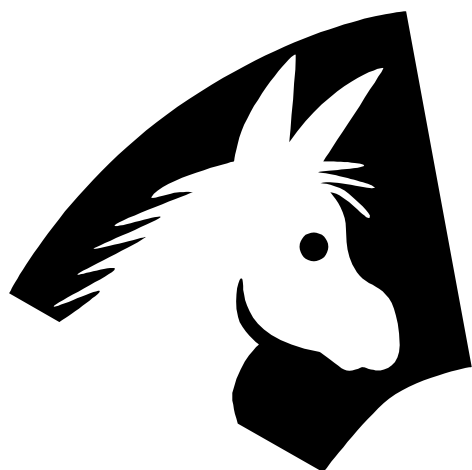
On Saturday, 2 April we were just sitting down to have our tea and watch the birds in the garden. While looking up at the trees at the end of the garden I said "What is that bird in that tree?". My wife said "It is 2 birds side by side" but I did not think so and after getting the binoculars out I discovered it was a grey parrot.

Not knowing what to do about it we carried on with tea. Later I just happened to go in the front room and look out, and there, walking up Baslow Road was this chap with binoculars looking around. So I hastily went after him and sure enough he was looking for a parrot! I brought him back home and for the next 2 hours until it went dark he was trying to coax this bird down to no avail. Dave then went home and said he would be back early in the morning to see if the parrot, whose name was Cookie, was still there.

Sunday morning arrived and so did Dave and his wife Tina and they spent all Sunday trying to coax him down. He was doing all his usual call signs like the burglar alarm, microwave etc. They contacted the RSPCA who promised to ring them back and did not. By this time Cookie was getting hungry and colder but even though they brought his cage to try and tempt him down he remained put. It then went dark once again and he had to face spending another night in the tree, with rain forecast and he did not like getting wet.

Monday morning arrived, he was still there, and back they came. By this time we were going out so had to leave them to it. Apparently, someone suggested getting hold of a treeman who then turned up with a big ladder. Up the ladder went Dave with some biscuits and managed to grab him. They think he did not know how to get down from such a great height. So all is now well, he is back home on Totley Grange where he had a good meal and promptly went to sleep. It was all quite exciting for the neighbours around and quite a change from our normal birdwatching.

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Saturday, 14 May 2005 at 7.30 pm. Tickets
£5.50 including refreshments, from Jenny
Parker 2360798

COFFEE CAKES and CUTTINGS

Before the next issue of the Independent is on sale the above event will be done and dusted. The date is Saturday May 21st. The venue is English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road and the time is 10.00am to 12 noon. Please make a special note in your diary and come along to socialise for half an hour or so. You can enjoy an ordinary or an Irish coffee and browse round the stalls. By doing this you will be helping TRANSPORT 17 to whom a large slice of the proceeds will be going.

Obviously we need items to sell. Any good quality bric-a-brac and books are wanted as well as plants and cuttings. Arrangements for them to be collected can be made by ringing 236 7176 or 2365313.

John Artindale

DOG MATTERS

My family and I have lived in Totley for 8 years so we are relative newcomers! My children attend All Saints School and we walk there each morning as do many other families. Unfortunately, we frequently encounter dog fouling on the pavements and paths.

Hence we are forced to use the road to walk on which is not satisfactory.

Adults can avoid this menace but children are more inquisitive. Dog excrement can cause illness and this is worrying.

I do like dogs and I am an animal lover but some people are irresponsible, the minority I am sure.

Totley is a delightful area, so to all you dog owners who need reminding, please remove your dog dirt.

Mrs Anne Webb

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Saturday, 14 May 5.00 am to 7.30 am

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Woodlands Wander

Moss Valey Woodlands Nature Reserve

Sunday 21 May 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Enjoy a quite stroll at the Trust's Moss Valley Reserve this afternoon, as we take a look at the ecology and history of the many different bluebell woods in this area. Meet at Coal Pit Wood Entrance SK363808. Please note that parking at this site limited.

Woodland Bird Introduction

Wyming Brook Nature Reserve

Sunday 29 May 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Introduction to woodland and moorland birds. Wyming Brook Reserve gives us a great opportunity to learn about a range of birds from the babbling Rivelin Brook, through the slopes of the mixed woodland, onto the moorland plateau. Meeting point, Redmires Road car park SK269859. Please supply your own lunch. Please book by Wednesday, 25 May.

Contact Alan Morley on 0114 2792670 for details and bookings or to join the mailing list.

1st Totley Scout Lottery

Lottery draw for March 2005

1st Prize Number 38
Russell Hobbs Pod
Brewing System
Mr & Mrs Hebblethwaite
Lane Head Road

2nd Prize Number 55
£10 Voucher
Mrs Tym
Sunnyvale Road

Peter Casson

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

O.K. This is your lost chance - you have Just ten days to purchase your tickets for "Alarms and Excursions", the award winning comedy by Michael Frayn. First night is Wednesday 11th May at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, at 7.30pm, and it continues until Saturday 14th May. Red and white wine, as well as coffee and orange will be on sale in the interval. There is a large car park and it doesn't matter if you have to double park, as everyone will be leaving at the same time!

Tickets are £3. or £2.50 concessions from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds on 2366891. Enjoy.

Steve Elliott

Peak District Landscapes

Open-Up Studios 2005

Sheffield Open Up Studios is now in its 7th year. Entry to all the studios is free and there is no pressure to buy. Most studios are open 11 am to 5pm. Open Up is an opportunity for the public to meet and talk with artists, to find out what motivates and inspires them, to observe how they work and to understand their techniques.

Artist's studio open at

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Telephone 0114 236 8469 Email steveelliott1@aol.com

Daytime from 11am to 5pm

Saturday, 30 April, Sun 1 May, Monday, 2 May, Saturday, 7

May and Sunday, 8 May

Evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm

Monday, 2 May and Tuesday, 3 May

Puzzle Corner

G	S	R
I	A	L
P	K	N

Using the letters in the grid once each, and always including the central letter A, how many words can you make? Avoid words shorter than 3 letters, plurals and proper nouns. Avoiding all verbs ending in ING (eg GASPING) you should easily find more than 60.

Perhaps the editor would publish the longest list submitted.
Don Ashford



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PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

May

Sat 7 & Sun 8 VE DAY 60TH ANNIVERSARY

WEEKEND Crich Tramway Museum, 1940s celebration of VE Day. 10am- 5.30pm. Tel: 0870 7587267. Web: www.tramway.co.uk Email: enquiry@tramway.co.uk

Sat 14 & Sun 15 CHATSWORTH SSANGYONG

INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS Dressage, show-jumping and cross country. The world's top riders compete in one of the country's most spectacular settings for eventing. Tel. 01295 788492. Web. www.chatsworth.org

Sun 15 MORRIS MINOR DAY Crich Tramway Museum. A great day out for Morris Minor owners. 10am-5.30pm. Tel: 0870 7587267. Web: www.tramway.co.uk. Email: enquiry@tramway.co.uk

Sat 21 & Sun 22 CHATSWORTH ANGLING FAIR One of the only specialist Angling Fairs in the country catering for game, coarse and sea-fishing enthusiasts with added family attractions. Tel. 01328 701133. Web. www.chatsworth.org

Sat 21 to Sun 29 ASHFORD IN THE WATER WELL DRESSINGS 6 wells dressed located in usual sites around the village. Tel: 01629 813005. Web: www.ashfordinthewater.com

Sun 22 STANAGE ROUND WALK Bring packed lunch & suitable clothing. Meet A57 lay-by near Cutthroat Bridge. 10.30am, finish 3pm. Tel: 0114 2337463 or 0114 2851375 Web: bradfieldparish.org.uk. Email: parisharchives@aol.com

Sat 28 to Sun 5 June POLISH YOUR OWN BLUE JOHN STONE Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton. Tel: 01433 621487

Sun 29 VILLAGE FUN DAY Sports Complex/School, Tideswell, from 10am. Tel: 01298 872181. Email: bob@tidza23.freemove.co.uk

Sun 29 to Sun 5 June PEVERIL CASTLE MEDIEVAL HUNTSMAN 11am-5pm. Market Place, Hope Valley, Nr Castleton. Tel: 01433 620613.

Mon 30 CROMFORD MILL PLANT FAIR 10am-4pm, free admission. Many specialist nurseries offering a range of interesting and unusual plants. Tel: 01526 352453.

Mon 30 BAMFORD SHEEPDOG TRIALS & FELL RACE Recreation Ground, Water Lane, Bamford. 8.30am-6pm. Tel: 01433 651588.

JUNE

Sat 11 CHATSWORTH CELEBRATION PROM The London Gala Orchestra with Aled Jones. In aid of the NSPCC, includes fireworks spectacular. Tickets £25. Tel: 01246 850320.

Sat 11 MIDSUMMER MARKET All Saints' Church, Curbar. 11am-3pm.

Sat 11 - Tue 21 LITTON WELL DRESSING & WAKES Well blessing - Sun 19, 3pm, Wakes night - Tue 21 from 6.30pm, ending in a torchlight procession at 10pm. Tel: 01298 871569.

Sun 12 SHEFFIELD BOTANICAL GARDENS SPECIALIST NURSERIES PLANT FAIR Within Botanical Gardens where newly restored Orangery is now open. Entrance to gardens free but small entrance fee to plant fairs, times: 10.30am-3pm. Tel: 0114 236 7169.

Sun 12 THE SPA TOWN COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Palace Hotel, Palace Road, Buxton. Doors open 7.30pm, show 8pm to midnight. Tel: 01298 70194. Web: www.frank-hambleton-promotions.co.uk Email: frankhambleton@aol.com

Sun 12 EDALE COUNTRY DAY Edale playing field, 10.30am-5pm. Tel: 01433 670138. Email: edalecountryday@fsmail.net

Sun 12 TRAMATHON All the working trams running 10am-5.30pm. Tel: 0870 7587267. Web: www.tramway.co.uk. Email: enquiry@tramway.co.uk

Sun 12 BARLOW OPEN HORSE SHOW Bakewell Showground. 8.30am-6pm. Tel: 01246 583996.

Mon 13 THE GEOLOGY OF MILLDALE A short evening stroll to look at the fascinating limestone geology of Milldale on the river Dove. Meet at 6.30pm at Milldale Information Barn, next to the Viator's bridge, Milldale. Free but please book in advance. Contact the National Trust South Peak Estate Office on 01335 350503. Email: ilampark@nationaltrust.org.uk

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Sun 19 EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPLAY DAY Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. All emergency services covering the Peak District National Park, including fire, police, ambulance, PNP Rangers, Mountain & Cave Rescue. 10.30am-16.30pm. Tel: 01663 747786.

Wed 22 MEANDERING IN THE MEADOWS An evening walk and talk about the successful re-creation of wildflower meadows in Lathkill Dale, which will look spectacular at this time of year. Learn about the species and traditional management of this increasingly rare habitat. Meet at 7pm. The walk will last for 1 1/2 hours. Easy walking but with some steep slopes. Booking essential 01629 816640.

Sat 25 BAT EVENING IN LATHKILL DALE Join our guides and experts to find out more about these fascinating little flying mammals. Where do they live, what do they eat, how do they hunt? Meet 9.30pm. The walk will last for 2 hours. No dogs on this walk, please. Some rough surfaces and narrow paths. Booking essential 01629 816640.

Sat 25 TIDESWELL CARNIVAL Tel: 01298 872181.

Sat 25 to Thurs 30 YOULGRAVE WELL DRESSINGS 5 wells plus children's well dressings.

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Sat 25 to Sun 3 July HOPE WAKES & WELL DRESSING WEEK 4 wells. Well Blessing Sun 26, 7pm, St Peters Church. Tel: 01433 621312 or 07747667082. Email: david@critchlow1133.freemove.co.uk

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All the above, plus many more events, can be found in "Peak District 2005" the National Parks Free Official Newspaper and Guide.

Gardening Tips for May

May is a lovely month, my garden always has a bit of colour but May is usually lovely and after winter is an uplifting sight with primulas, daphne, tulips and the apple blossom all adding to a wonderful sight. The tadpoles are growing well, though the blackbirds are reducing their number somewhat, the redesigned section is coming together nicely with the raised bed in the centre making a good eye-catching piece (come and have a look on open days in July). The birds are back with a lot of song, we were not so lucky last year, there were not many at all, it really is nice to hear them again as we go around digging etc or having a lovely cup of tea! The veg are coming along well though my onions are a bit slow, I will have to give them a bit more feed and may be give them a rendition from my repertoire, ha ha!!! Maybe not, that may slow them down even more! I have not been up to see how Aaron is doing but last year he said he gives his onions a pint of beer every 2 weeks. I think he was pulling my leg. If he did that they would be a bit wobbly. I am a teetotaler; do you think orange juice would help? No, I think I will stick to liquid fertilizers; they did not do too badly in the show last year. I hope you are planning your exhibits for this year's Totley Show on 17 September. I look forward to seeing lots of you there again, it was really a friendly atmosphere last year.

Flowers – Prepare beds for summer bedding and harden off the plants. Clear out spring bedding plants carefully, lifting any bulbs and heel them in elsewhere to die down naturally. Stake and train sweet peas and keep them mulched. Top dress and mulch around flowers and plants.

Trim over aubretia to prolong the flowering period, then top dress. Dead head bulbs do not let the seed heads form as this saps the strength of the bulb, which will give next year's flowers. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants such as plox, michaelmas daisy and golden rod to ensure bushiness. Cut back herbaceous plants after flowering. As always watch out for slugs and deal with them before they can do too much damage, they are particularly fond of delphiniums and hollyhocks and other young plants that are growing fast, as they need plenty of nourishment at this time. Greenfly will be getting prolific now, if they get too much of a nuisance deal with them using your favourite insecticide, soft soap spray etc. Plant dahlia tubers outside cover tubers with about 8cm soil then the frost (if any) will not bother them. For you chrysanthemum growers, it is time to stop them, if no flower buds are showing. Keep an eye on lilies and tulips for virus attack – signs are unusual stunting, yellowing, mottling or distortion, lift and burn the affected bulbs.

Plant anemones De Caen and St Brigid doubles to flower in the autumn. Plant up containers including hanging baskets and window boxes; keep them in the cold frame or greenhouse until the plants are fully recovered from the transplanting operation. Sowing time for clarkia, cornflower, calendula, candytuft, godetia under cloches: wallflowers, sweet Williams, Canterbury bells, forget me not, foxglove, Iceland poppy and polyanthus for next year's plants. Also, under cloches or cold frame perennials, delphiniums, oriental poppy, pyrethrum, scabious and fleabane.

Vegetables – Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans. Thin out carrots, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings and April sown herbs.

Keep all crops well watered. Clear remains of spring greens and prepare mounds for planting out marrows, courgettes, pumpkins and squashes. I put 2 bales of straw about 18ins to 2ft apart and fill the space with well rotted compost topped with soil. If you do something similar we should see some handsome specimens on the show bench on 6 September at the Totley Show.

Prepare the ground for outdoor tomatoes. Plant out indoor raised French and runner beans, cabbage, cauliflower, sprouts and lettuce. Sow winter greens and maincrop beetroot. Keep plots clear of weeds. Keep plants well watered especially during dry spells.

Trees, shrubs and fruit – Mulch around newly planted evergreens and give them a good spraying regularly. Water and give a liquid feed to shrubs and trees in containers. Remove any suckers from trees and roses which are grafted, these suckers if left will sap the strength of the main plant.

Give acid loving plants (ericaceous) a tonic of sequestrene. Plant out container grown clematis and other climbers and provide supports. Plant out tender shrubs like fuchsias and hydrangeas. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria and dogwood. Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape. Trim back dead shoots on rose of Sharon. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars on gooseberries and deal with them as soon as seen, thin out and use small fruit. Newly planted fruit trees appreciate an early evening spraying with clear water to speed up their development. Keep all fruit well watered. Thin out raspberry canes to 6 canes per plant.

Rather than spraying to eliminate the codling moth which can spoil apple and pears. I am trying a trap which attracts male moths when they enter, they stick to the base and they cannot get to the females (poor things!).

As young shoots of blackberries and loganberries grow, keep tying them to supporting wires.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants – Water and liquid feed flowering and fruiting plants. Shade most plants from strong sunshine, all plants like fresh air. Pinch back any straggly shoots on pot plants. Take cuttings of various houseplants such as shrub plant, cacti, coleus fuchsia, busy lizzy, mother in law's tongue. Sow seeds of pot plants like browallia, indoor primulas, calceolarias, cinerarias and cacti.

Pot up seedlings of plants sown earlier. Watch out for aphids and scale insects and deal with them promptly before they get too troublesome. It may be necessary to shade greenhouses as the sun becomes stronger, especially if you have young seedlings growing nicely. A close watch on watering at this time is essential, also watch the ventilation, not many plants like temperatures about 70, so adjust vents accordingly.

Allow nerines, arums, and freesias to rest by reducing the amount of water. Take off side shoots from tomato plants as they develop, stop growth when they reach 5 or 6 trusses, except smaller types such as Sungold, they can go another truss or 2, remember they also need pollinating. I use a small cane with a bit lamb's wool on the end, also tapping the support canes can help. Cucumbers are prolific feeders and will benefit from regular waterings of liquid nitrogenous feed. They like to be in a humid atmosphere, though the modern varieties such as Petita are quite happy with the tomatoes.

Lawns – Mow regularly; trim edges for that smart appearance. Apply feed if it is looking a bit dull, add a weed killer if weeds are a nuisance.

Don't forget to nurture those special plants and vegetables you are preparing for the Totley Show on 17 September. Let's have the best show ever. I know the artists and photographers are working hard so come on you gardeners get cracking.

Cheerio for now,
Tom – Busy Bee

I OWE MY MOTHER

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "if you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My mother taught me HUMOUR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my

age, you'll understand."

And my favourite:

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Flower Show

With reference to the item about a possible trip to a Flower Show in the April 'Totley Independent' readers may like to know that they can visit the Southport Flower Show on Thursday 18th August.

Further details and enquiries from Walter Martin Coaches Tel: 274 5004

Richard Lamb

St John's Church Choir

8 May 2005, Ascensiontide, are to sing Verdi Gloria (in its entirety) and Blest Pair of Sirens by Parry

If you would like to join us to sing these 2 works then come along to St John's on a Friday evening at 8pm to rehearsals. We have already started these rehearsals so come as soon as possible. We would especially appreciate some more tenors! If you don't sing then come and hear them on 8 May at 6.30 pm in the St John the Evangelist Church, Abbeydale Road South. All are welcome to come.

On Saturday, 9 July at 7.30 pm St John's Church Choir are presenting a Musical Evening in the Church followed by a Cheese and Wine Supper in the Church Hall next door. Tickets price 5.00 will soon be available from all members of the choir or by ringing 0114 2362597. All profits will be going to Church funds. Do support the choir and come and have an enjoyable evening.

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The Management of Blacka Moor

Sheffield Wildlife Trust is currently embarking on a new Management Plan for its activities on Blacka Moor 2006/2010. It had set a tight deadline of April 29th by which people must respond with suggestions or proposals, which must all be linked to SWT's own predetermined aims.

The enclosed statement reflects the views of local residents who have enjoyed a strong relation with the area over many years.

Following the controversy about the Graves Covenant, the strong feelings that have emerged and the remaining uncertainties about the lease, we believe it would benefit the Advisory Group to give adequate time to do a thorough evaluation of what has been done so far before proceeding with fresh plans: an important part of this would be to re-address the question of what is valued and distinctive about Blacka Moor before entering into a new round of discussions on future plans.

We also think that there is no need for urgency about producing a new management plan because any work that needs early attention is in the nature of obvious maintenance requiring a minimum of discussion. It has after all remained a cherished area for many during a long stretch of time when almost no work was done on the site. Only the most vivid imagination would suggest that the area is in some kind of imminent threat. This is just the wrong time to go ahead with new detailed plans for another 5 years of management. Instead a period of taking stock and evaluation is called for.

Statement: -

A New Management Plan for Blacka Moor?

To comply with Sheffield Wildlife Trust's request to make constructive comment on the framework for the management plan would imply acquiescence on the part of the contributor with the general aims of SWT towards Blacka Moor (rather akin to the citizens of an occupied state being asked to comment on the design of new bus shelters). We would therefore begin with an outline of the meaning of Blacka Moor, what the area was originally intended for when first gifted to the people of Sheffield, and go on to describe how that intention has been distorted.

Blacka Moor

Although ancient in origin, the area now known as Blacka Moor came into being in the 1930s when the Graves Trust handed it over to Sheffield City Council "for the purpose of the same being used for the recreation of the public as public walks or pleasure grounds..." Under the terms of the conveyance the council would have a legal duty to ensure that "the property... shall be used for the perpetual enjoyment thereof... for exercise and recreation..." In a letter written by Alderman Graves it was stated that public access to the site be assured 'with such pathways to be provided to make the moor accessible to all who desire to visit for health giving exercise and pleasure'.

We can trace no implication by Alderman Graves that Blacka Moor should have priority as a 'nature reserve'. Indeed the sentiment is obvious that priority should be given only to maintaining the network of footpaths and to access.

Since the 1930s and up until the 1970s the people of Sheffield have enjoyed good access and a reasonably good footpath network. Well in to the late '70s the Totley bus would disgorge sizeable crowds on Sundays and Bank Holidays - for many their only taste of real countryside and indeed for some - an only holiday. After the '80s the footpaths fell into disrepair, hastened by activity from local stables and by mountain hiking, and more significantly by the lack of interest of Sheffield City Council.

The crowds ceased to visit. Many of the older visitors who remembered and applauded the munificence of Alderman Graves died and newcomers especially to Dore and Totley had no idea of the history of the site.

In the late 1990s Sheffield City Council looked for a way of having the area managed whilst retaining ownership. The Peak District National Park and the National Trust would be ruled out on technicalities and the Wildlife Trust appeared to be the best stewards with the advantage that a wildlife trust would have access to funds not available to the city council. In April 2002 Sheffield City Council decided in principle to lease Blacka Moor to Sheffield Wildlife Trust for a period of 30 years. This decision awaited confirmation by the Charity Commission because of a mismatch between the purposes of the two charities, and the plan from 2002 to 2006 was eventually covered by the Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

It was at this time that the designation 'Nature Reserve' was introduced by SWT whose activity, implied by their title and in their charter, was towards the protection and conservation of flora and fauna. In order to satisfy the Charity Commission the SWT Articles of Association were altered to cover areas of recreation. Similarly the Graves Covenant the legal document of the charity has been referred to the Charity Commission for alteration to include the words

'and to be held for the public benefit to advance promote and further the conservation maintenance and protection of wildlife, flora, fauna and habitat'.

At the present time it has not been granted. The posted proposals attracted many responses, all demanding that the original governing document should not be altered. The Charity Commission has yet to announce its decision.

In 2001 SWT declared that they had conducted a consultation through public meetings, visitor surveys and discussions with various interest groups (including CPRE, PDNP, EN). They then produced the survey findings - in order to influence their activity over the following four years. The results, which they titled "What do our Stakeholders want?" unsurprisingly echoed the sentiment expressed by Alderman Graves 60 years previously, namely:

- To have continued use of Black Moor
- To be able to walk dogs at all times, without resort to leads...
- To have a good footpath network...
- To retain the wild, unspoilt character...

Four years of management by SWT have passed and we are again being asked by SWT to contribute to the next four-year plan. To be meaningful, contributions have to be weighed against the degree of success in addressing the findings of the 2001 survey. In short, have SWT satisfied the wishes of the Sheffield public, or, to be more pertinent, the wishes of Alderman Graves?

The answer in our opinion is a resounding NO.

Combining the Graves Covenant with the findings of the visitor survey should have presented an obvious base on which to produce a management plan: simply to maintain the footpath and bridleway network and to some extent the boundary walls. As one local resident put it - "all that is needed is one man with a wheelbarrow and spade".

The reality is that after 4 years and £ 116,000 of charity money the footpaths and boundary walls are worse than during the whole existence of Blacka Moor.

Repeated suggestions have been made over the years and have been ignored. In fact, many people who voiced concerns and constructive criticism, finding their input had fallen on deaf ears, stopped attending "the token advisory meetings". Opinions have been repeatedly voiced about building the fence to contain cattle. In Nov 2001 the SWT declared that

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the fence would be "visually unobtrusive, that barbed wire would be used as a last resort, that it would be installed along a short a length as possible". Barbed wire is now visible and intrusive along much of the boundary walk and the ground has been churned up, ruining the natural environment and with no attempt to repair the damage.

The SWT also said in 2001 that 80% of funds would be spent on physical infrastructure, including repairs to bridleways. Observation would suggest that most has been spent on installing a cattle enclosure and certain unsuccessful bridleway repairs.

Responding to concerns about the use of the word 'reserve', the SWT replied "the use of the word reserve will be clarified to make it clear that the reserve is an area reserved for people to undertake informal recreation" (minutes of meeting Nov 2001). An odd linguistic exercise!

In conclusion, as the opening paragraph suggests, to contribute to the SWT plan would be to acquiesce to their general policy. The visitor findings to the 2001 survey findings still stand, quite simply:

- To have continued use of the whole of Blacka Moor.
- To enjoy the right to roam freely for walkers with or without dogs
- For Blacka Moor to retain its wildness...

It may be thought desirable by those with a knowledge of conservation and protection of wildlife to alter the infrastructure of Blacka Moor to suit their own remit. That may be well meaning but promotion of access should be given priority. Other things may follow. Blacka Moor is loved by many as an escape from the noise and pollution of modern life, from the increasing urbanisation and despoliation of our landscape, as a place to think and recharge the mind, as a place to exercise the legs (and the dogs). The majority of locals have fond memories of family outings, bilberry picking and weekend rambles. The word access would have been the key to their enjoyment, not words and phrases such as 'reserve' and 'pro-active management'.

The move by Sheffield Wildlife Trust and Sheffield City Council to create a nature reserve is in defiance of the terms of the gift of the land to the people of Sheffield as a 'pleasure ground'. It is an arrogant move, made all the more alarming by a total disregard of local feeling and the wishes and needs of the people of Sheffield.

Areas Needing Attention

This list was compiled by one local resident and is only a selection from many mentioned by regular users

1. The main through bridleway/footpath from Strawberry Lea car park up to the farmhouse ruin has had abortive repairs and is now in a worse state than when work began. Advice was given in 2003 simply to clear water run-offs but no action regarding this has been taken. Deep ruts have now appeared caused by the vehicles used by SWT contractors.

2. The area close to the bench below Lenny Hill at the meeting of four paths was until recently an idyllic spot. It now begs description. There are mounds of rubble; the ground surface is impossible to traverse resulting in an ever widening area of mud; trees are scarred or broken and dry stone walls have been destroyed - all by SWT contractors' vehicles. This was reported in May 2004 - but no action has been taken.

3. The main path continuing up to the Strawberry Lea farmhouse ruin is in places now 15 foot wide due to walkers and riders attempting to avoid the deteriorating centre. Suggestions for improvements were made in November 2003. No action has been taken.

4. The nearby working farmer to Blacka Moor voiced his opinion in July 2004 that unless the top stones were cemented on to newly built walls and top pins of gates reversed, both would be stolen (this based on his own experience) and charity money needlessly wasted. No action has been taken.

5. Lumps of concrete litter the ground around the Strawberry Lea car park, and the walling begun in 2003 has not been completed.

6. A path exists around the northeastern perimeter, which makes a round walk and is used by many visitors. This path doesn't appear to be recognised by SWT maps. During 2002 a collapsed plank footbridge was reported. No action has been taken.

7. Suggestions have been forwarded for ways to improve the footpaths crossing the central moor. No action has been taken.

8. Complaints have been made each year since 2002 about mountain bikers ruining walkers' routes and enjoyment. The simple solution, put forward by the bikers themselves, was to sign which are footpaths and which are bridleways. No action has been taken.

9. The site is littered with metal signposts, many from the 1930s and eroded beyond legibility and adding to the general air of neglect. Comments have been made. No action has been taken.

10. The boundary wall along the Hathersage Road from the National Park boundary marker to the top end of Blacka Moor is ruined in many places. A state of affairs that must dismay the PDNP whose housekeeping is exemplary.

11. A footpath ran from the fingerpost 100 yards into Blacka Moor from the Devil's Elbow entrance in a NNE direction through woods, forming the previously mentioned round walk. This was an idyllic path completely unspoilt and in any season magical, when the walker shared the solitude with only the birds and the squirrels. Not now. The path has been obliterated in parts by deep tracks caused by repeated crossing of 4WD vehicles used to erect a fence, which itself now runs with, and intrudes upon the view of the walker. Unless the path is reinstated one's natural inclination is to follow the line of the barbed wire or walk in the tracks of the vehicles. Either way the pleasure in using that route has gone.

If you are concerned about the future of Blacka Moor you should attend the public meeting at Totley Rise Methodist Church at 7pm Monday 9th May.



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THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly its true.
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

Unknown

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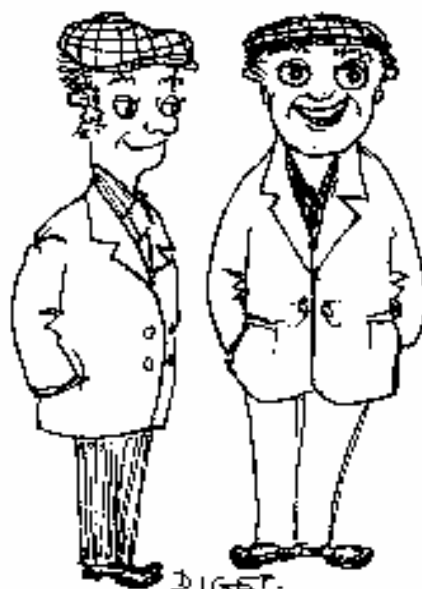
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Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday, 25th May . The meeting will be at 11.30 am.

For any queries etc, please ring Pat or John on 255 0758.



DIGET.
"PADDY HERE TOLD ME HE'S
COME TO LIVE IN TOTLEY.
'OH REALLY' SAID I, 'NO,
O'RILEY 'SAYS HE! "

MILDRED

Mildred, the local spinster, village gossip and self appointed guardian of morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several villagers did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused George of being an alcoholic after she saw his old car parked in front of the village's only pub on several afternoons. She emphatically told George and several others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

That evening, George quietly parked his old car in front of Mildred's house and left it there all night.



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MON. 2nd. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES – BANK HOLIDAY, Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

WED. 4th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, Rev Chris Kirk & Heather, Reflections, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m.

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TUES. 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, "100 Years of Wedding Dresses", Mr. Roy Young, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

SAT. 21st COFFEE CAKES and CUTTINGS, English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road 10.00 am to 12 noon.

SAT. 21st SPRING FAIR, Dore & Totley URC, Totley Brook Road, 10.00 to 12 noon.

SUN. 22nd 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.

WED. 25th TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, Totley Methodist Church, Grove Road 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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MON. 30th. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES – BANK HOLIDAY, Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

JUNE 2005

WED. 1st WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, Ken Bell, Living with our neighbours, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m.

TUES. 21st TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, "Journalism", Mr. Alan Powell, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

WED. 15th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, Nora Rogerson, Sheffielded Canal Basin Dereliction, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m.

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