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NO HAPPY CHRISTMAS FOR URIAH

It is worth painting a little picture of what Totley was like for some children three hundred years ago.

In 1705, Uriah, son of the Totley Bents blacksmith, Edward Dalton was apprenticed to another Edward Dalton (who was a cutler) for eight years at Abbeydale. The young lad may have been as young as ten. It is likely that the employer was a cousin and either one of them probably lived in what we now call Lower Bents Farmhouse opposite the Cricket Inn in Penny Lane. Uriah was lucky to be at Abbeydale, for cousins and friends from Totley were often apprenticed in Sheffield where the conditions were appalling and dismal. There was an 'absence' of comfort and frugality of food in the big town and the lodging and bedding provided for the apprentices must have been dismally squalid'. The staple food for the young lads could consist of stale oatcake and groat porridge, made with more water than milk. During the seven or eight years of the apprenticeship they could be paid as little as two pence a year and a lump sum of perhaps ten or twenty shillings at the end when the young man was 'freed'. By Uriah's time in 1705 conditions had improved but were still harsh and holidays were minimal, if at all. Apprentices could be serving their time s for many years - in one case it was forty! It is hard to imagine the contrast when, that same year, Her Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket was opened as England's first opera house!

A century earlier, in 1605, Thomas Ffeyle was recorded as having 'drowned', some eight months after his wife Agnes had been buried in Dronfield. A Thomas Ffeyle (or Ffayle) who may have been the father had, some 45 years earlier, been a tenant of The Earl of Shrewsbury and had a fair house, farm, lime kiln, mill and was also a lead smelter probably at Old Hay on the Dore/Totley boundary. There are a few questions - did the death of Agnes depress her husband enough to throw himself into the lead mill pond, or the nearby Old Hay Brook; were there any suspicious circumstances; was he pushed and if so why? We may never know.

Typically, in October 1805 during the Napoleonic Wars, Nelson was killed. Back here in Totley this event may well have moved the Totley Overseers to pay £3.13s 6d 'for a man for the general defence'. A few months earlier John son of George Marshall, breeches maker of Totley, was apprenticed to Philip Warbleton, a Hallam file smith for nine years. A sort of kick in the pants? *Compliments of the Season to all readers from Brian Edwards*

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TRA Update

We were joined at our November Committee Meeting by representatives from Totley County School and a resident from Baslow Road. Our concerns, the safety of us all as we carry out our daily lives and attempt to cross the road. We are all at risk, young and old, but particularly the disabled from speeding cars, vans and heavy good vehicles. For several years, TRA and local councillors have been asking the Council to do something about the roads in the Totley area. Matters have got worse since the summer as there is no crossing patrol person to ensure the safety of children going to and from school. The council have agreed to re-assess the situation. A recent survey undertaken by the council has concluded the average speed is 39 miles per hour. This agrees with what local residents have been saying for some time!

Community Safety

The latest initiative, chairyobics, held in the library on Thursday afternoons, 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm, is proving very popular, especially with those who have had operations and need to keep up an exercise programme. It begun on a trial basis for 6 weeks, the course leader Glynn Stones, from the council community for adult education department was delighted when 11 ladies attended the first week. Week 2, more joined us, we were delighted to welcome our first man. The sessions are FREE and aim to keep the participants cheerful and supple. Do come along and join us. We are already asking for the sessions to be extended after the 6 weeks trial.

Police Presence

We are very pleased to welcome the new police team into our area. If you meet a member of the team do stop and have a chat, any problems ring 2963187/2963184. Police surgeries will be held in the library every first Monday (6.00 pm to 6.45 pm) and third Wednesday (2.00 pm to 3.00 pm) in the month.

Lighting

If there are any problems with missing lights in your area please let us know. This information, along with the help of the police, can then be passed to streetforce. The old orange lights are to be upgraded to the new sunshine sodium lights, but this will take time.

GreenOak Park

The roadway into the park continues to cause concern and annoyance to Totley residents. Nick Clegg MP has been made aware of the problem. He has written to the Council Chief Executive, Sir Bob Kerslake, on our behalf. TRA and local councillors are waiting for a response from the council legal department as to why part of OUR PARK has been made into a private road. The good news is legally, that a development in keeping with the nature of the park would be permissible. Replacing or converting the existing buildings so they could serve as a community facility as well as for holding sporting equipment would be acceptable. It must be pointed out, there is a LONG WAY to go before the dream of a community facility for Totley becomes a reality.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the residents who work so hard to improve the life of people living and working in Totley.

Seasons greetings, enjoy a Happy Christmas, may we all look forward to a Good New Year.

Avril Critchley
Chairman TRA

UPDATE ON TOTLEY YOUTH NUISANCE

Following the very well attended public meeting at Heatherfield a Multi Agency Group was established to draw up an Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan.

To date action includes -

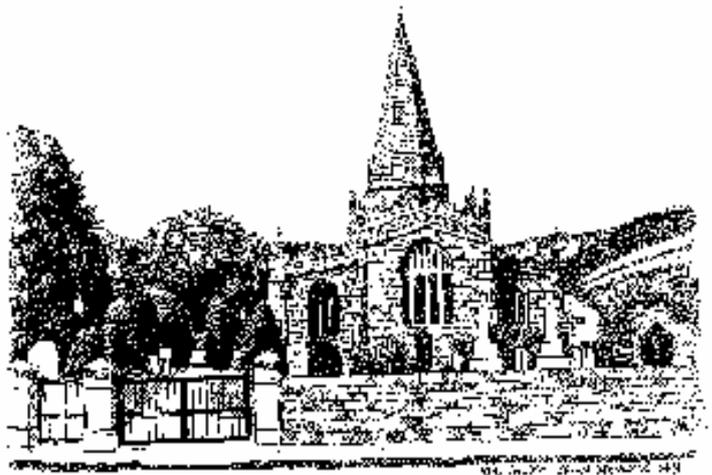
1. An increased Police presence. 1 Sgt, 2PCs and 2 Police Community Support Officers with increased patrols, more enforcement and improved reporting procedures. (New telephone numbers 2963184 or 2963187 for local Police contact)
2. Extension of the Sheffield Futures youth work project.
3. Removal of graffiti and an undertaking to remove any future graffiti immediately.
4. Work with retailers and licensed premises to tackle under age drinking problems.
5. Increased use of Greenoak Park (junior bowling and multi use sports facility) and plans for further community use.
6. Improved contact between Cherry Tree Home and local residents including Totley Residents Association.
7. Community participation courses started.

Future action will include drugs awareness education programmes, a crime prevention and reduction survey, improved Neighbourhood Watch arrangements and, most importantly, further work on the provision of youth services. There are no quick and easy solutions but we are now moving forward.

Councillor Anne Smith

Councillor Michael Waters

LOTS OF HOPE ?



The drawing is of Hope Church, one of the villages 'opened up' by the arrival of the Dore & Chinley railway line in 1894 - thanks to the driving through of the Totley Tunnel. I am currently working on a revised version of my 1985 book 'Totley and the Tunnel', which had three reprints but still sold out. I am always being asked if another reprint is on the way but I have decided to include new facts that have come to light and extend the text to briefly include the villages of Grindleford, Hathersage, Bamford, Hope, Edale and Chinley, and how they were affected. I would be more than delighted to hear from anyone who has copies of documents, photos or anything else related to the subject.

BRIAN EDWARDS 01629 640752

Do you remember when.....Pubs.

More memories of shops and businesses in Totley in the 1960s by John Perkinson and Mike Williamson. If you have any tales or memories of the following please let us know.

Grouse Inn

This used to be a popular ale house which stood on the corner of Strawberry Lea Lane and Penny Lane. Many of the old Totley characters spent their time there, and beer only was sold. It was once a farm and pub, owned by the Pearson family, later by the Fosters and then the Clarkes.

Cricket Inn

Another popular drinking place at the side of the recreation ground which also had a separate function room. It has seen many changes over the years with landlords such as Bill South and Bert Carr.

Crown Inn

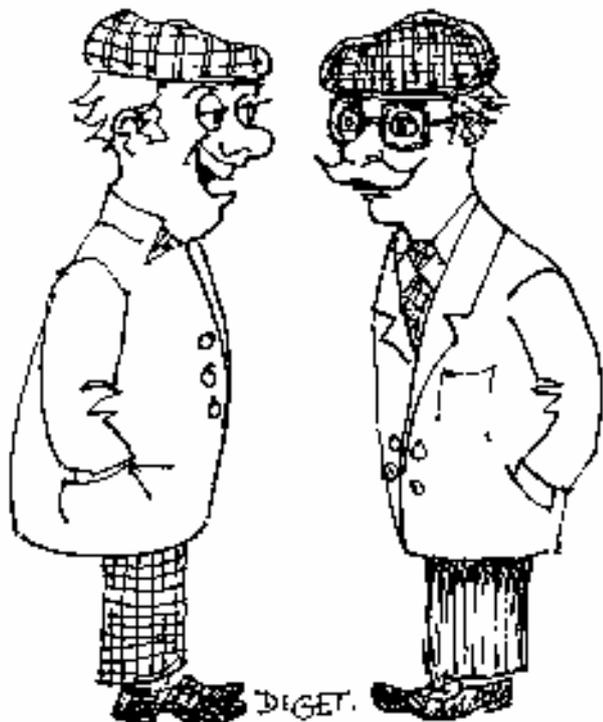
Once a regular meeting place for the Barlow Hunt before setting off on the chase over the tip and Blacka Moor. Landlord for many years was John Harrop and his wife Sandra.

Cross Scythes Hotel

Originally an ancient coaching inn and still at a convenient bus terminus. Up above the old stables was a large function room used for such events as wedding receptions and the venue for Totley Show. At the rear was a well used bowling green. We remember the Scotts, Fearnleys, Oldhams and the Warkups as landlords.

Fleur de Lys

Re-built in the 1930's to the larger size pub. originally owned by the Kirby family. Later by the Greens, followed by Roy and Brenda Watson who livened up the area with groups and bands. Then came Ossie Tyler who moved there from the Peacock at Owlbar and also owned a night club at Barnsley.



"I WAS LISTENING TO THE DAWN CHORUS AND I'M SURE I HEARD A LESSER SPOTTED TOTLEY CHICKADEE!"



Transport 17

Les Firth presented us with a cheque for £300 at our General Meeting on 9th November. This was from everyone who worked at or supported Totley Show. Thank you all very much.

Dore Village Society recently donated £500 to us. This will be used to make sure that our oldest minibus is kept in good order. Michael Finn is very proud of the fact that all our buses always look good and do not depreciate in value too quickly.

I can't believe that it is already time for Christmas. We must thank Cheshire Home for their help and support. The local shops, especially "Busy Bee", the library and the churches, clubs and volunteers all help us to carry on in our endeavours. Where would we be without our drivers and escorts and, of course, our passengers. There wouldn't be any point in having the minibuses, would there.

Let's hope that we all have a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Thank you to everyone for their support in 2005, especially Totley Independent's editorial staff to me!!

Transport 17 will close its doors on Wednesday 21st December. We re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2006.

Keep safe and warm.

Best wishes.

Margaret Barlow

Totley (Morning) Townswomen's Guild

Another interesting year for the Totley Townswomen's Guild, our 19th anniversary, which was celebrated with a birthday lunch on 4 October 2005, attended by 47 members.

Two enjoyable events took place in the summer, a mid-summer cream tea at the home of Mrs Beryl Tolson, and a coffee morning at the home of Mrs Rita Farmery, lovely weather on both occasions. Our Dore and Totley choir gave a "September Song" concert on the 27 September and together the sum of £428.64 was raised for our chosen charity, the "Samaritans".



Each month at our meetings we are entertained by an interesting speaker, after a short business meeting and coffee and biscuits.

There is always a sales table and a raffle.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the secretary, Mrs Jill Sturdy, telephone 01246 417689, or just come along at 10.00 am to the Methodist Church Hall, Totley Rise on the third Tuesday of each month and see if you like us!

Visitors are always most welcome.

Mrs ME Crowther

Christmas Concert

at Totley Library on Wednesday, 7 December
10.15 am to 11.15 am

Children from Totley Primary School performing

Everyone is welcome, especially the Under 5s.

**Coffee and Mince Pies
Please come along.**

Attention all Bookworms

There is a New Readers Group starting at Totley Library. It will be held on the first Monday of each month, starting 5 December 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. Come and join us and have fun reading a new book each month and having a lively discussion.

Numbers are limited.

Telephone 0114 293 0406 for details.

Latest News on Greenoak Park

Still no action over the footpath. The legal department in the Town Hall told me that a notice has to be displayed if any alterations are to be made to the footpath. Anybody that uses the park please let me know if any posters are displayed and where they are. We will be able to put our concerns to the panel of council members. We must show them we have a strong case to keep our park.

If the council get this passed the residents of Totley, the rest of the park is at risk. We, the residents of Totley, must make it known to the council we want to keep Greenoak Park for future generations.

Janet Chapman TRA
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BEAUCHIEF GARDENS

Volunteer Working Mornings 2006: 10 to 12 am.

Jan 14th
March 4th
May 6th
July 22nd
Sept 23rd
Nov 18th

All welcome! Friends of Millhouses Park: Mike Kidder
2960550, mikekidder@blueyonder.com



Bethlehem comes to Totley

Do your children like receiving presents or dressing up?

If so, why not bring them to visit Father Christmas and participate in one of the nativity plays we are organising this year?

Those who came last year enjoyed dressing as Mary, Joseph, the angels etc and playing out their role as we narrated the

wonderful story of the nativity. We recreated the Bethlehem stable scene in our barn complete with live animals, cow and calf, ewes and lambs and a 'stubborn' donkey to give it a flavour of real authenticity and atmosphere. The parents joined in the carol singing and photographed the whole performance or their child's part in it.



The after performance refreshments proved very popular, particularly the mulled wine for the adults! Santa's house was the main attraction for the children as they collected their present from him, although the free donkey was a close second!! The whole event lasted approximately 1½ - 2 hours, with the narrated play taking about 30 minutes at the beginning. Do visit our website at www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk for pictures of last year's performances and a list of special options for groups and clubs that start at £2.50 per person. Below is a schedule for this year's performances and we would love you to join us for this unique and special start to Christmas.

For further information, or to book your places using our credit card hotline please phone Jenny on **0114 236 4761**.

2005 ticket price and performance schedule

Adults @ £8.00 – includes tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies

Children aged 3-16 @ £8.00, Children under 3 @ £3.50 – includes a present, drinks and Christmas biscuits.

	Fully booked Schools				Mon 12th Dec			4.30		Mon 19th Dec			X	1.30	4.30	6.30
					Tue 13th Dec			4.30		Tue 20th Dec			X	1.30	4.30	6.30
					Wed 14th Dec			4.30	6.30	Wed 21st Dec			X	1.30	4.30	6.30
					Thur 15th Dec			4.30	6.30	Thur 22nd Dec	10.30	1.30	4.30	6.30		
Fri 9th Dec				Fri 16th Dec			4.30	6.30	Fri 23rd Dec	10.30	1.30	4.30	6.30			
Sat 10th Dec		1.30	X	Sat 17th Dec	10.30	1.30	X	4.30	6.30	Sat 24th Dec	10.30	1.30	X	3.30		

Times marked X are already fully booked

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To the Heights of Flask Edge

Let us head for the local high ground. During this festive season forget the car and step out into some grand scenery right on our own doorstep, hiking boots desirable on a walk of some 5 miles.

Proceed along Totley Hall Lane, take any of the 3 tracks into Gillfield Wood. Head to our right towards the A621 road. Just before the end of the path note the stile and route across field path that swings over to our left and heads for Moorwoods Hall Farm, after crossing the infant Totley Brook a second stone stile swings right and we cross a stone parapet. Keep to the edge of the next field and locate a white metal gate that leads into Moorwoods Lane (do not forget to replace the top bar). This area has a unique role in local history of fell walking for just up the lane lived the king of all hill walkers the late G H B Ward. At Storth Lodge turn right for the few yards back towards the Owler Bar Road. Cross with care at the side of Moor Edge Far and start the ascent of Totley Moss along a gorse sprinkled path. (Alternative simple route is just walk along the A621 road for quarter of a mile passing the brickyard to the Totley Moss path but road walking is rather boring). After 70 yards a gate leads onto a broad green path to the open moorland. Keep forward for another 100 yards crossing another track, head slightly to the left as we join a broken wall line which finally crests the hill to the huge grit stone cairn which dominates the whole Totley scene. Cross a flat stretch of moor and the North Sea Gas Line and after passing another broken wall we climb again to the true summit of Totley Moss at Flask Edge 1296 feet, some how metres (395) have no magic appeal! The views are well worth the climb, Kinder Scout, The Hope Valley right around to the White Peak and the Matlock area in all its glory. This spot deserves a coffee break. Start the homeward trek by keeping forward to join a faint path from the trig point which to our right joins the main track from the Longshaw Estate. Note the Totley Rail Tunnel airshaft, which dominates the whole moor. Soon we pass Brown Edge on our right and we are at the main junction of paths above the rifle range. Once again the views are fine as the whole of South Yorkshire and the Sheffield scene spread before us. A choice of routes down to the Moss Road via the steep bank field path or the stony causeway passing the imposing Bolehill Lodge (one a gamekeepers home now a private residence). Once again a choice of final routes, either stay with the causeway track right down to the end of Strawberry Lee land and adjacent to Blackamoor turn right passing Bents Farm and The Cricket Inn or down the steep bank passing the rail airshaft to Moss Road and Bank View Farm turn left along Lane Head Road, sports field and maybe a well earned tipple at the popular Cricket Inn and finally homeward bound via the cobbled causeway and Chapel Lane after a grand outing on our local hills. I wish I could join you!

John C Barrows

In appreciation

John C Barrows is an outstanding contributor to The Totley Independent. I always enjoy his articles.

I am so pleased he will be in London to honour all those in The Mountain Rescue Service at the Remembrance Service.

I trust there will be another interesting article telling us all about it.

Mary Hanson

Adapting to Ageing

Living in my 92nd year and still enjoying life, I feel that some fairly recent action taken by me might be worth passing on to those residents of Totley who are getting on a bit.

It could well be that some of the readers might like to add something from their own experiences in future editions.

The Problem	The Solution
Accommodation	Try and live in a dwelling that fulfils your everyday needs
Liability to Fall	Always walk with a stick, preferably an NHS one, measured for height by a physiotherapist
Forgetting	If you cannot remember some fact, stop thinking about it and try again in an hour or so
Going to another room to do something and then forgetting what it was when you get there	Go back to the room you left
Transport	If you own a car, get rid of it. The cost of taxis will be more than covered on an annual basis, by the car expenditure. Be prepared to presume on family and friends for lifts.
Difficulty in getting about	Always go out with another person. They are there to lean on or to do the odd jobs for you
Difficulty with shoes and socks	Wear sockets that will pull on in one pull. Wear slip on shoes
Slowness in doing things	In your daily or monthly planning, allow more time that you used to
Slowness in eating	Allow longer time for your meals
Preparation of food	Abandon the Sunday joint and elaborate cooking, fully made up dishes, main course and sweets are available can be delivered frozen in a reasonable quantity and price
Failing hearing	Do not wait too long to get on the NHS waiting list for a hearing aid.
Failing Vision	See an ophthalmologist. Whatever the outcome vision aids can be obtained if necessary. Always read in a very bright light

The great principle is to acknowledge your disabilities and take action.

There can be real benefits, eg people registered blind or their spouses who are registered blind get a tax allowance of £1,610, ie £1,610 of their taxable income is tax free.

With my best wishes to all who are getting older may they continue to enjoy life.

Dr David Caldwell

Phone 2508772

PS – Pets

Since writing the above I realised that I have said nothing about pets. Some people like to keep a budgie but I am very happy with a grown up neutered male cat, fed on dried feed and able to use a catflap. A dog needs to be taken on walks.

The cat adds another living creature to the household and is always there.

Great Fun

Avril, Janet and myself decided we needed to have a workout what with the heavy workload in the Totley Residents Association, so we undertook to join the Chairobics (leotards optional) – just joking.

But on a more serious note the chairobics was excellent and Glynn the teacher is a fully qualified instructor and made the course very enjoyable with his sense of humour and the hour passed all too quickly.

The course starts at 2.00 pm until 3.00 pm every Thursday and on the first week there were 11 pupils, all ladies (where were the men?).

Hopefully we shall be attending each week and who knows we 3 may take on the London Marathon, “ho”, “ho”, “ho”.

Marlene TRA

Christmas Shopping at London Road Gallery

You may have seen a few notices or articles about the (fairly) new Gallery at 100, London Road. We are a co-operative of local artists, designers and craftspeople who are committed to producing and exhibiting high quality original works for sale.

We have just completed our first year of trading, and are pleased to say that we now have a very loyal and ever-growing customer base, people who have discovered some real treasures to purchase as gifts for friends and family, or as unique items to enhance their homes.

Recently, we were successful in a bid to the Arts Council for funding towards improving the display space at the Gallery and towards developing our marketing skills. Over the next few weeks, hopefully you will be seeing more evidence of the Gallery in the form of brochures and advertising.

We want to spread the word that hand-made, crafted and individually produced goods mean so much more as presents than mass-produced items. In terms of variety too, you would be surprised at the breadth of choice to be found at the Gallery:

paintings and poetry,
jewellery and gesso,
knitwear and necklaces,
silk scarves and ceramics,
figurines and photographs,
wrought iron and rings,
glassware and gift tokens.

Something for everyone!

Apart from the usual opening hours (every day from 10am to 5.30pm and Sundays from 11am to 5pm), we are holding two Christmas Exhibition Open Evenings.

These will be on Friday 2nd and Friday 16th December until 8pm.

Why not come along to the friendly and relaxed ambience of the Gallery and find that unique gift? So much nicer than rushing round the superstores!

For more information, contact us at 100, London Road, Sheffield S2 4LR

Tel: 0114 201 0630 or email info@londonroadgallery.co.uk or go to our website, www.londonroadgallery.co.uk

Pet Care

I write with deep concern to the entire pet owning public. The next time a pet owner has to pay a visit to the vet with an animal that requires an anaesthetic I would urge them to ask who is monitoring the anaesthetic. I quote from www.pets-mrsa.com forum. From the Veterinary Review issue 103 May 2005.

Maintenance and monitoring of anaesthesia in veterinary practice are part of a continuous process. So it is dangerous to assume that the latter can be carried out by staff trained to a lower standard. Avril Waterman-Pearson, an anaesthesia diplomat warned the RCVS council.

Maintenance of anaesthesia should be only being undertaken with direct veterinary supervision but monitoring could be carried out by any suitably qualified person, it has suggested.

The committee was also concerned about the impact on practice on of any person of any proposals to restrict the maintenance of anaesthesia to listed VNs or student VNs.

There was "an irreducible requirement for the person monitoring anaesthesia to have an understanding of the physiological processes involved and that knowledge could only be obtained at the level of VN training," she said. The profession could not afford to be complacent about the risks involved in anaesthesia as the mortality rates reported in veterinary practice were an order of magnitude poorer than those recorded in human surgery. Significantly, those death deaths were not taking place during in induction-a task usually undertaken by the veterinary surgeon responsible-but during the surgery and the recovery phase.

Roger Eddy warned that restricting maintenance and monitoring to VNs would cause problems in many practices as only 1,600 out of approximately 2,500 practices, were employers of trained or trainee nurses.

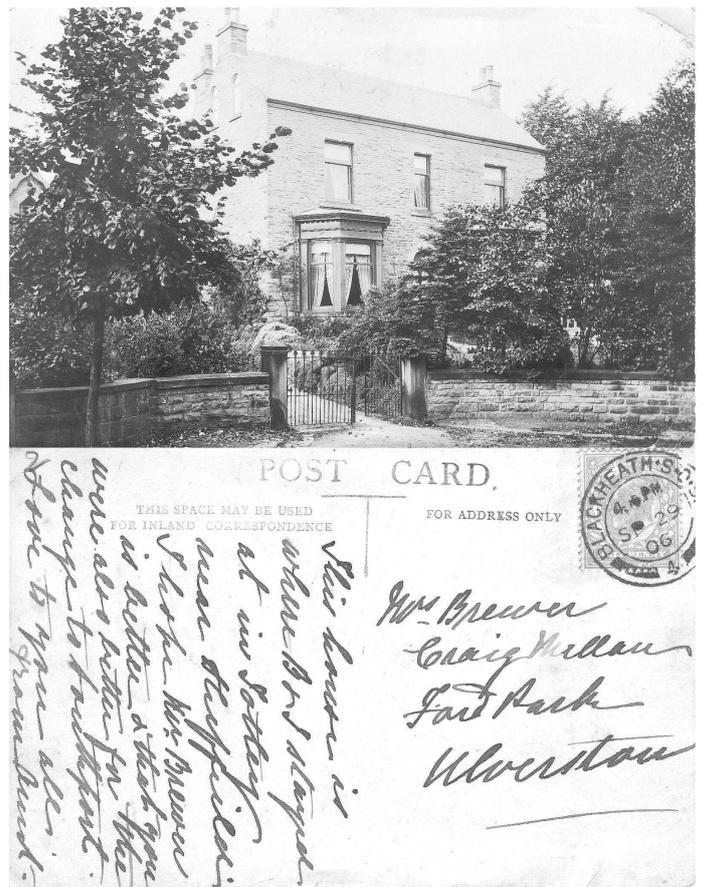
This was followed with a reply from a Diploma Vet Nurse-who said .The sooner the law is passed to limit the monitoring of anaesthesia to qualified nurses only, the better. Too many practices seem to have the attitude that" if the animal is alive, then the anaesthetic is fine-they wake up at the end of it -don't they. If a law is passed to this effect-yes it will have an impact on practices-in the sense they will have no choice but to employ qualified staff to provide the dedicated attention our animals deserve. It is essential that every animal has a specific staff member assigned to their anaesthetic-this individual is NOT leaving the patient at any stage to answer the phone or fetch and carry materials I am unsurprised by the stats on occurrence of anaesthetic deaths-too often the team's mind is on the next patient rather than the current-leading to' production line anaesthesia' of 6 or 7 animals left lying unattended in recovery in kennels. I once heard anaesthesia compared to flying-the most risk is involved during induction (take-off) and recovery (landing). Not maintenance (autopilot). Not to say that we are on autopilot while monitoring an anaesthetic in any way-but monitoring anaesthesia should continue until the patient is awake. The law needs to be changed and the remainder of the 2,500 practices mentioned need to brought up to standard or closed down. Again bad memories of my first practice come flooding back-closed but how many more like this? Even one more like it is one too many. Please owners-vet your vets.

I am totally sure there are many pet owners, who have no idea that unqualified people are monitoring their pet's anaesthetic. You only have to look at the professions response to this on the forum. It is not a requirement for a veterinary practice to employ qualified nurses.

Mrs Elizabeth Tiernan

100 Years Ago

Philip Robinson has recently purchased this postcard on eBay. dating from 1906, which evidently shows a house in Topley. The card was sent from Blackheath, South London, to Ulverston and has a postmark of 29 September 1906.



The message reads "**This house is where B & I stayed at in Topley near Sheffield. I hope Mr. Brewer is better & think you were also better for the change to ?Southport. Love to you all from ?**".

The gateposts are pyramid topped, and on the left-hand post is the word 'BRIAR', presumably the right-hand post has the second part of the house name e.g. Lodge or House.

Philip was wondering if the house still exists. If it does, he has generously offered to pass the card on to the current owner with his compliments.

Please contact us (details back cover) if you can identify the house or want further details.



THE MERCIAN WAY?



This sketch, drawn from Woodthorpe Hall Farm, shows a humble footpath heading towards Totley. My guess is that this is the remains of a bridle way dating back over a thousand years; could it be that King Egbert travelled this route in AD829 as he marched up to Dore for his meeting with King Egbert from Northumbria? That this track was important is perhaps born out by the nearby finding, in 1971 by Clive Bellamy, of a coin from AD41 when Claudius became head of the Roman Empire. The coin is now in Sheffield Museum. To reach the track from Totley, head up the 'white track', from near The Shepley Spitfire and after a few hundred metres the ancient way leads off to the left, towards Woodthorpe and Holmesfield, and to the right the way would lead to a ford through the Totley Brook and then on to Totley Hall Lane. Perhaps this was a very ancient 'M1' and it is quite likely that there were traffic jams in those days too!

Brian Edwards

Autumn

There's death and decay, death and decay
 Death and decay as the year slips away
 The leaves on the trees hang there in distress
 Their colour all faded, the fall to impress
 The beauty of flowers are just memories
 The weather's so cold it's liable to freeze

The sun does not shine the sky is so grey
 And fog like a shroud, clings on night and day
 The rain sweeps down from low leaden skies
 Tearfully mourning the summer's demise
 The wind howls with rage at all that it sees
 With anger it threatens to pull up the trees

The earth now it lies in utter despair
 The fields and the trees have nothing to wear
 The dark and the cold their rule now holds sway
 Joy has been banned, only sorry to pay
 But deep in the earth where no-one can see
 Are seeds of the spring, one day they'll break free
 Vivien

Children in Need

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff and customers of The Shepley Spitfire at Mickley Lane who helped me to raise £300 for Children In Need. I found it quite a nice experience to sit there and talk to people, I found that they were very generous. Thank you again.

M B Marsh



South Yorkshire
POLICE
 SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

There has been a major re-structure within South Yorkshire Police and as a result of this we are pleased to welcome you to our area.

These are:

PC David Spence (Area Officer for Dore)

PC Mike Wadsworth (Area Officer for Totley)

Police Community Support Officers: Sarah Hague / Sam Bell

We are all stationed at Messybrook Station Station on Chesterfield Road.

We can be contacted on 0114 236 1635

E-mail: Disc@me.com or southyorks.pn@police.uk

or mike.wadsworth@southyorks.pn@police.uk



There will be a Police Surgery held in the library every
 1st Monday 10-11.30am and 1st Wednesday 10-11.30am
 in the month.

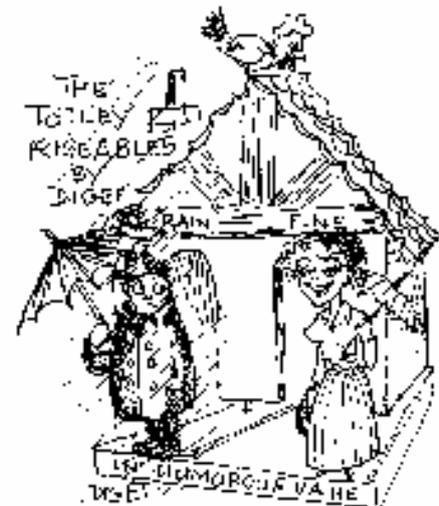
Starts Monday 2nd December.

Journey to Bethlehem

Can't get to Bethlehem this Christmas? Never mind – Bethlehem is coming to Totley Rise Methodist church (www.totleyrise.co.uk). Over the weekend 10th and 11th December the church buildings are transformed into the Bethlehem of Jesus' time for the church's Journey to Bethlehem.

Be escorted by a Roman centurion through scenes leading up to the very first Christmas 2000 years ago. See the effect on Mary of hearing the angel speak to her. Spend time in the market place seeing townsfolk demonstrate the crafts and tastes of the time. Meet with shepherds, an innkeeper and census taker; finish the tour at the stable where Jesus is cared for by Mary and Joseph. It's Christmas like you've never experienced it elsewhere.

The tour is free and takes about half an hour. Tours start from 4:30pm to 7:00pm on Sat 10th and 4:30pm to 7:30pm on Sun 11th December. Come as a party, a family group or on your own. Please book in advance on 0114 236 1635 – it is very popular. Over 750 people 'journeyed' last year.



"IT'S NOT RAINING OVER HERE.
 WHY IS IT ONLY RAINING ON YOU?"

Farming Scene

Here we are in the middle of November and due to the very mild weather to date, many of the leaves are still on the trees. In fact our oak tree we can see from our kitchen window is still covered in very green leaves. They have not even begun to change colour. The downside to this mildness has been the amount of rain that has accompanied it. The last 2 weeks of October and the first of November were particularly wet with water running off the fields regularly. So wet in fact that not only were the sheep having difficulty finding a dry place to lie down in, but our 4 wheel drive quad mule had to struggle to get along at all on some parts of the fields. The surface was covered in water and sloppy sludge. Thankfully, this last week has been much drier and colder, the overnight frosts enabling man and sheep to get about much more easily.

The mild weather has kept the grass growing much later on in the year than normal, consequently our sheep, or most of them, are still feeding on this late grass rather than eating into their winter hay rations. By the time you read this our outlying fields on Mickley Lane and Baslow Road will have been eaten off and the sheep concentrated on the fields at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane. Those of you who regularly walk our footpaths will have seen the texel tup have been busy since the first week of in October, so by now all the ewes should be nicely in lamb ready for the start of next year's crop in March. Lambing dragged on into June last year (drag being the operative word!) so this year the tups will be removed shortly to curtail any very late lambings.

Our Dorset flock is now housed at the farmstead ready for their lambing period which is due to start on 1 December. The onset of lambing is usually a sign of very cold weather, and sure enough, the forecast is for very cold north winds and snow this coming weekend. This is obviously much more seasonal for the last weekend in November and may be a taste of what is to come if the weather forecasters are correct this year. It seems yonks since we last had what used to be a typically cold and snowy winter. By coincidence our Christmas trees are coming this weekend so the arrival of both the snow and trees has got to be a herald of Christmas.

Two things happening in Europe at the moment that are causing concern to many farmers and in one case consumers as well. Bird flu has now reached the wildlife in Eastern Europe and all the predictions indicate that it is not a case of whether but when it will reach Great Britain. It would have a devastating effect on poultry farmers in this country, particularly those who specialise in free-range eggs and outdoor reared table poultry. Both the chicken and turkey rearing sectors have expanded rapidly in recent years as consumers have deserted red meats, lamb and beef in favour of cheaper to produce and buy white poultry meats. It now looks unlikely to reach our shores before Christmas so our roast "tatties" look certain to be accompanied by turkey and stuffing this year anyway. On a more serious note, the infection of the poultry flock would cause as much heartache and disruption as the foot and mouth outbreak did 3-4 years ago. The free range egg industry being particularly badly affected.

The other problem is Government based, and is founded on their ideas to cut the price paid to farmers for sugar beet by 43%. Yes 43%, with an ensuing cut in wholesale sugar prices by 39%. Will this mean that sugar prices will go down by 40% in the shops? Very unlikely, or as some would put it, "in your dreams". There should be some benefit for consumers, but at the expense not only of farmers throughout Europe, but also those in other sugar producing areas, such as Africa, and the Caribbean and Pacific countries. These too

will have their incomes severely cut, as they have to sell onto a much lower retailer driven markets. So much for the myth that lower European prices favour the producers in other much poorer countries! They suffer as well when prices fall. Who were the surprise visitors we anticipated having at Totley Hall Farm this Christmas?? Those of you who read the Sheffield Telegraph will probably already know. We anticipated having a pair of Santa's Reindeer on site for our nativity plays. We found someone who imports them regularly, went into details of what they liked to eat, mainly mosses and lichens, what penning arrangements would be required, how tame they would be etc, only to find later that they are susceptible to an otherwise harmless virus that can be carried by sheep. So that has suspended, but not necessarily billed, that idea for now. It must be said that they were not cheap to buy and the special "moss replacement" flood they had to have was very dear also. No wonder Santa's deer soon go home when he is in residence here! They are frightened of the sheep!! I wonder if llamas or camels would be suitable replacements?

CARTERKNOWLE JUNIOR SCHOOL

CENTENARY CELEBRATION

In January 2006, Carterknowle Juniors is one hundred years old. We are planning to hold a celebration and would like to hear from former staff, pupils and friends.



We would like to know...

- Were you a teacher or pupil at the school?
- Do you have any old photographs/memorabilia you would be willing to loan for display purposes?
- Do you have any special memories of the school/ anecdotes, etc. you would like to share with us?
- Were you at Carterknowle during the early decades of last century or did you attend during the war years?
- Would you like to come back for a day to see how the school has changed or to share your memories with present day pupils?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES please contact Sue Burlago on 2552347/2960605 or email to sue.burlago@carterknowle.junior.sheffield.sch.uk

1st Totley Scout Lottery October 2005

1st Prize No 68
BT Freestyle Cordless Phone
Mr and Mrs Newbold, The Quadrant

2nd Prize No 71
£10 Voucher
Mrs Cook, Green Oak Road

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Gardening Tips for December/January

I have just had a look outside with a view to doing a bit of tidying up in the garden; it is blowing a gale and raining rather heavily so I have decided to write the tips for you instead. It is a funny old time for gardeners, trying to get the garden wrapped up for the winter (they say that we are in for a rather nasty bit of weather so get the fleece out). It also a time for planning what you are going to surprise us with, what new things you are going to try, the catalogues are brimming with new ideas, a lot of them are even growing the plants on for you so the chore (or pleasure) of seeding, pricking out and potting on are done for you.

I like to plant a few seeds now and then, it always amazes me that such lovely things can sprout from what looks like a bit of dirt or a bit of grit, though some seeds do look unusual, I planted a srelitzia (bird of paradise) seed which looks like a mohican haircut 12 years ago, I nurtured it with care and this year it flowered for the first time, good job it did as my patience was wearing a bit thin but it was worth the effort, it should continue to flower every year now given a bit of TLC let's hope so, they say patience is rewarded.

My garden is not looking its best and after this wind I suppose it will look an even bigger mess with the taller perennials being blown about, I shall have to hope the weatherman gives us a few fine days to enable us to do a bit of straightening out, I am pleased to see the old oak tree is hanging on to its leaves a bit longer than usual because I have not covered the pond with netting yet, another job to do!

As I have mentioned before time to plan your gardening now, paths and decking can be put down if you like that sort of thing. Trellis and fencing needs looking after with a coat of preservative, huts and summerhouses also need looking after and locking up securely and whilst you are at it when you are planning, to bear in mind what you are going to put in The Totley Show, yes! You need to think about it, the time for planting onion seeds (for the big ones) is Boxing Day or thereabouts and that tapestry or painting may take a little while to finish so get cracking and lets make it the best show ever, especially the children's section. Make this one of your New Year resolutions but let this be the one you do not break. Bear in mind that these notes cover 2 months so do not go doing things too soon.

I hope you all have a peaceful, restful and not too tumful Christmas and a lovely fruitful gardening New Year, best wishes from Christine and myself.

Flowers Dig any vacant ground and top-dress with a good manure or fertilizer, if you are putting in bedding plants next season do not over do the fertilizer or they will make more green than flowers. A touch of bone meal or hoofanhorn will do nicely. Make sure your insulation around the plants which are likely to be affected by frost is adequate, straw or agricultural please or even newspaper can help (newspaper can only be used where it is a sheltered spot, otherwise it goes all soggy and freezes up). You can take root cutting at this time, oriental poppies, perennial verbascums, anchugas and phlox can be propagated this way, dig up a root mark the top cut into small pieces about an inch long noting the up end, push them into sandy compost in a well drained box or pots. The tops of the cuttings should be just level with the soil. Place in a greenhouse either warm or not and water moderately. They will be slow at shooting and in late spring when they are properly hardened off the small plants can be established outdoors. Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rotting bits and dust the cuts with flower of sulphur. Prune clematis, jackmanii and the hybrid types. Increase stocks of rhododendron and azaleas by layering, that is bending one of the lower branches down to earth and pegging it down. A bit of sand mixed with the soil where it touches the ground will help, a small nick in the branch will also be beneficial and encourage it to "strike" sooner.

Vegetables Dig any vacant plots, clearing away any crops that are finished. Leave the clods of earth large so that the frost can get at them (this is the only thing that frost is good for. Oh it also knobbles a few slugs). Check your soil condition and balance the ph. To suit the crops you are going to grow, do not add any lime to freshly manured soil, the lime locks the goodness in the manure and takes a long time to be of benefit to the soil. Protect cauliflowers from frost by bending a leaf or two over the curds. You should all know by now if you have been paying attention that Boxing Day is the traditional day for planting onion seeds, especially the ones for The Totley Show. Kelseo or Robinsons mammoth are the real whoppers like the ones Aaron wins with. I do not know what he puts under them but it must be good stuff. I have only beaten him once, I must find out what he uses and which song he sings and when.

If you want really good flavoured onions use Ailsa Craig seeds, they are great for kitchen use. If you are not growing

from seed, onion sets make good bulbs but are planted in May under cloches or April in the open. (Turbo or Sturon are good varieties). Seeds need to be in deep boxes or in individual fibre pots. Pots are best because there is less root disturbance when planting out in May or April and therefore less check to growth. They do not need a lot of heat 55 to 60 degrees or so, lowering to 50 degrees F when they show through.

Start planning what you are going to plant and where, try not to plant the same crops in the same place as last year, rotation is the order of the day.

Buy the seeds in good time so that you have an early start if the weather is clement (we hope).

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit Continue pruning if it is not already done, it must be completed by the end of January. Also, the winter tar oil wash. This will kill off any aphid eggs and other nasties waiting to pounce in spring. Check over any potted shrubs and ornamental trees in pots. Make sure they are comfortable in their winter quarters and make sure they have not blown over or the insulation is loose. These things can be quite expensive so a little thought at this time can save a lot of heartache later. Cover any soft fruit bushes with fleece or netting in January, as birds can be a nuisance pecking off developing buds. Spring flowering almonds and any shrubs or trees susceptible to silver leaf curl or black spot or canker with a good healthy quality fungicide, choose a bright clam day and wear a mask and any other protection recommended by the manufacturers. If we have snow this winter go round knocking it off the branches of conifer trees, the weight of snow can seriously deform this type of tree, especially if they are quite small ones.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants Your greenhouse should not be empty at this time but if it is give it a good clean up with a good disinfectant, especially if you have had nasties in there last season. Those proper gardeners who have plants in will have to be extra careful when disinfecting and cleaning, cleaning the glass is particularly important as in the winter the plants which are growing will need as much light as possible during the shorter days.

Whilst you have the disinfectant out, give the empty pots and trays a good dowsing ready for the busy springtime ahead. Where watering is needed, do it sparingly and do not splash around, you need to keep the atmosphere as dry as possible.

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TOTLEY ALL SAINT'S SCOUT GROUP

Until 1933 there were no Scouts in Totley, the nearest group being 2 miles away at St. John's Church Abbeydale Road where Dr. Mary Andrews was the Scout Master. There was never any obvious interest from my two elder brothers, possibly because Totley village was very remote from the activities so far away or, because they knew that my Father was of the opinion that Scouts were the beginning of militarism, and would not allow them to join. Nor did I hear of any village boys who had the urge to join.

Then, in 1933, during a discussion with six 13 year-old boys at the end of a Sunday-school class in the 'Tin-tabernacle' room of All Saint's School, Lesley Aubrey, (Aubrey to those close to him), an enthusiastic and enterprising teacher, suggested that they should form a troupe of Totley Scouts. The first problem was a place to meet, and here, after a little negotiating with Mrs Milner of Totley Hall, they were offered the white-tiled old round kitchen at the base of the turret, which still contained the circular wrought-iron staircase that led to the large dining room above. Sadly three of the boys; Ken Seals, Vin and Ken Webster, lost their lives very early in the second world war, and the names of the other three elude me. However, the following extract from the All Saints Church magazine of January 1937 may throw some light on one of them, for the name of Johnson is mentioned, possibly indicating that this was John Johnson of Lanehead who was

the same age and a friend of Jeff's, perhaps someone will remember a friend or relative who was one of the other two originals.

With Aubrey as their Scoutmaster the troupe flourished, and in 1935 Jeff, now a King's Scout, had the great honour of representing Derbyshire at the St. George's Day Parade of Boy Scouts in the great Hall and Chapel at Windsor Castle. One of his proudest memories was his meeting with King George 5th an experience to be repeated in 1937 when he represented Derbyshire again at Windsor Castle, this time to meet the new King George 6th. Jeff was a dedicated King's Scout, and the family were very proud when he represented Derbyshire at the World Scout Jamboree in Scotland a year later; a week he said he would never forget with memories of the King moving freely amongst them and heartily joining in with their songs, as well as the many friends he made from all over the world.

The following is an extract from the Parish leaflet of All Saints' Church Totley in January 1937.

SCOUT GROUP

ROVER SCOUTS The Commissioner is taking the necessary steps to license the formation of a Rover Scout Crew in connection with the Group. Thus will All Saint's Group be complete. A preliminary meeting of those interested will be held when an outline of Rovering will be given. Will any at all interested please send their names at once, either to the Vicar or Mr. Aubrey? They will then receive notice of the meeting. 'The age limit is over 17'.

BOY SCOUTS It is with mixed feelings that we report the resignation of A.S.M. Rawson. We look back on many happy times with him and recall his willing spirit to be of service at all times. Those of us who have been to camp with him know what a stalwart he was there. Mr. Aubrey loses a real supporter and adviser by his departure. We congratulate him on his appointment as Scoutmaster of St. Chad's Sheffield and wish him the best of luck and happiness in his new work. May we take this opportunity of thanking the many people who have helped two of our Scouts to raise funds for the Troup by joining their Christmas Club. It was nice to have a visit from our Brother Scouts of Our Lady and S. Thomas Troup recently when we had a most rollicking meeting together.

Troup Leader Jeffrey Salt gives weekly instructions to the Troup in Physical Training - passing on knowledge he gained at a special course for leaders in Chesterfield. We welcome Deric R Platt who comes to us from the Cubs. Johnson gains his 2 years star and Barr his first.

Wolf Cubs. The Cubs recently had a lantern lecture on their meeting night called "A journey to Switzerland" which contained some fine slides of the Rhineland and Switzerland. Interest was added by A.S.M. Balbernie who has recently visited these places & was able to illuminate things by his reminiscences. Thanks to the L.N.E.R. for the free loan of these 100 fine slides.

'CYMRU'

Perhaps someone reading this will know where the Totley Church Scouts met after Mrs. Milner left Totley Hall for Baslow, Jeff could only remember that it was a Hall somewhere, but where? and for how long?. War was declared on September 3rd, 1939 and next morning Jeff volunteered for the R.A.F. depleting the Scouts of four of its founder members. My son Arthur was the Scribe to the Scouts in 1953 when the new Scout Hut in Hall Lane was opened by Mrs. Tozer of Totley Hall. This Group he says were the '1st Totley Scouts' as today, but when were they founded? and what happened to 'Totley All Saint's Scout Group'?.
Jo Rundle.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We are frequently exhorted to use public transport instead of cars but as far as I can judge, the persuasion falls mainly on deaf ears. The two reasons most often given for changes are global warming and traffic congestion. Congestion is obvious to anyone in towns and cities as well as on some motorways. Global warming is not so immediately obvious to most of us, though it is fairly evident that the most vociferous in the "anti" lobby are those with a vested interest in not clearing up their activities.

It is my view that much more could be done to improve matters. Our local authority has annoyed many drivers by introducing poorly planned bus lanes. Even where bus lanes are more sensibly introduced, they are often flouted with no obvious penalty. Cycle tracks are introduced but covered all day by parked cars as can be seen any time on a run past the Botanical Gardens to the Hallamshire hospital. The most recent initiative I heard of was cheap parking for electric cars, which may be helpful about global warming but would not help congestion.

To have any chance of a large change to public transport I believe certain objectives must be met. Potential customers want efficiency, reliability, convenience, cleanliness and value for money. How far from approaching these ideals has been well illustrated on my recent travels.

As a holder of a local O.A.P. bus pass I found I could use it to go to Leeds. Fine but then I cannot use it on certain services. As well as visiting one daughter in Leeds we also travel to London by train to visit another in Kent. By booking in advance we can get a reduced fare but must travel on specified trains. How does it harm anyone if I decide to catch the 11.25 instead of the 10.25 as both are well outside the busy travel times? Travellers to London will have experienced the renovation of St. Pancras station to accommodate the Channel Tunnel trains. Under this new development why are there no toilets at platform level and why are the train indicators so poor? Having said that, they are better than the ones on Sheffield station, surely an insult to modern technology.

We have recently travelled to Oban by train and several features of this experience were not designed for passenger convenience. The first enquiry elicited the information that, using our Senior railcards we could travel from Sheffield to Oban for £14.50 each, providing we booked 14 days in advance. "Excellent" we said, "we'll do that". First snag - you can't book at the "booking" office you must do it by phone. Several attempts to book by phone over the next few weeks always elicited the information "those tickets are not being booked yet" and so we passed the 14 day point before our travel. We also learned we had to book singles, not returns. Next we were told the equivalent tickets, booked 7 days in advance, could be had for £17.50 each, single journey. Then the 7 day passed with no tickets being booked in spite of several attempts to do so. On the Wednesday before our intended Saturday travel we booked our tickets at the station at a cost of £62.25 each return [216% increase on our original quotation]. In the event I suffered a set back on the Friday, and we had to defer our journey to the Monday. As the outward journey was dated for the Saturday, my wife tried to exchange the tickets at the station but this could not be done. She was told we had to buy new tickets, claim a refund on those not used and pay £10 for the refund.

The journeys themselves were not without criticism. We had to change at both Edinburgh and Glasgow. The journey between these two stations was crowded but clean, quick and punctual. We boarded the Oban train at Glasgow, finding two nice seats by a large window and facing forward. Just before departure we were told the train would split and we had to

change to another coach as ours was not going to Oban. Yes, you've guessed it, our new seats were travelling backwards and restricted view.

The return journey had even more examples of inconvenience to passengers. The train change at Edinburgh was a nightmare. We were not able to get information about the departure platform until the fourth time of asking including the information desk. In the event we made it on platform 21 with 5 minutes to spare. I would suggest the first three announcements on board were not designed to encourage passengers. [1] Anyone with a ticket specifying another time of travel could not use this train [2] Due to computer failure booked seats could not be indicated so non-booked passengers should travel in coach D which was not booked in advance. Result - crowded coach D and sparsely occupied rest of train [3] Passengers holding G.N.E.R. tickets could not use this service. This latter route via Doncaster is, I believe, an accepted alternative route.

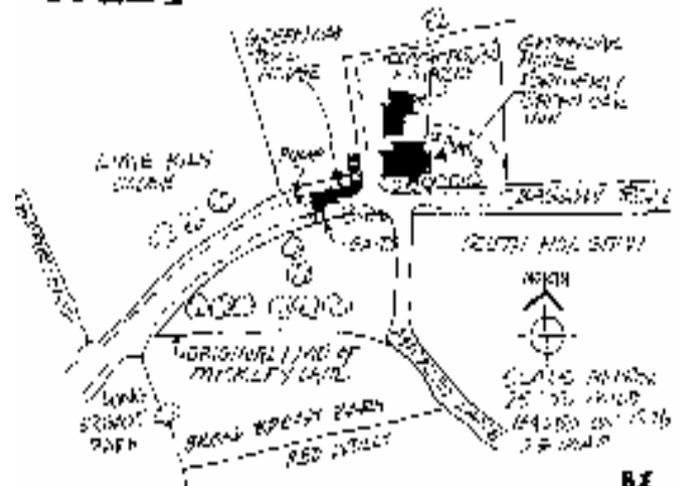
Should I apply for a job promoting rail travel?

Don Ashford

160 YEARS AGO

Readers may be aware that there was a Toll Cottage opposite the top of Mickley Lane. The tollgate was erected in 1844 and stood next to the Greenoak Inn. More details of the tollhouse can be found in 'Turnpike Trail, Gleadless to Calver and Sheffield to Baslow' by Howard Smith. In 1845 there was discussion by the Turnpike Trustees and exceptions to the tolls payable were agreed. They were: carts drawn by one or more horses or asses going to Sheffield with milk only and returning with empty barrels or cans in which milk was taken; to go and return two pence. Carts and carriages going empty for lime or laden with coals, slack or coke (to be exchanged for lime) to pay once for going and returning although they didn't return on the same day. Inhabitants of Dore and Totley going through the main gate (Baslow Road) or side gate (Mickley Lane) for coals for house use and lime kilns to be exempt on payment of half toll for each load. Carts and wagons without full 6" wheels to be charged as such if owners couldn't prove by the makers that they were, when made, full six inches and that deviation was caused by friction and wear, the owner to bear the cost of proving the same.

TOTLEY



How complicated the regulations must have been for the toll keeper but his job was made more acceptable when in October 1845 the Trustees agreed to lay out £45 for an additional room, privy (what a relief) and coach house.

Brian Edwards

PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thurs 1 to Wed 21 CHATSWORTH HOUSE DRESSED FOR CHRISTMAS Tel: 01246 582204.

Thurs 1 to Fri 6 January CASTLETON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Switch on 4.30pm. Tel: 01433 620330.

Sat 3 & Sun 4 SANTA SPECIALS AT PEAK RAIL Each weekend to Christmas. Matlock Tel: 01629 580381.

Sat 10 & Sun 11 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton, Carol singing in festive underground atmosphere. Admission by ticket only, booked and paid for in advance. Tel 01433 621487

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Sun 11 ARTIST AND DESIGNERS FAIR Pavilion Gardens, Buxton Tel 01298 23114

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Mon 26 BOXING DAY RAFT RACE Matlock Bath Tel 07961 144034

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JANUARY 2006

Sun 1 to Fri 6 CASTLETON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Switch on 4:30pm. Tel 01433 620330

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

Mrs Eaton's Sweet Shop

In the November 'Shop Window' article, John & Mike mentioned Mrs. Eaton's. We are indebted to Eric Wilson who has lent us these pictures.



Looking across Abbeydale Road towards Dore station showing the railway passenger bridge that no longer exists. On the side of the road is Mrs Eaton's sweet shop in the wooden hut.

Just to the left of the railway bridge is another wooden building which was W.H. Smiths newspaper shop.



Looking across Abbetdale Road South from Dore station towards the Almshouses, with Mrs Eaton's sweet shop in the little wooden hut at the side of the road.

SHEFFIELD

BACH SOCIETY



Conductor - Peter Callis

Handel's 'Messiah' at the Sheffield Cathedral on Monday 5th December at 7pm

Tickets £13.00 (concessions £10.00)
Students £6.00 at the door

Tickets available at the door or from
Sheffield Music Shop, Broomhill 0114 2661000
Blue Moon Café, St James Street 0114 2763443
Or by post - SBS, 3 Tapton Mews, Tapton Crescent Road,
S10 5BE

If you would like to know what time the concert will end
please ring 0114 268 3812

Come and Sing Messiah at Dore Church on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm (£7 incl. wine and mince pie)

MINIATURE RAILWAY SANTA SPECIALS

**Sunday 4th and Sunday 11th December 2005
Gate opens 11am to 3.30pm**



Buy your tickets at the gate - £4 each. This entitles you to unlimited miniature train rides, a visit to see Santa in his grotto, a present for children and refreshments (fruit juice, coffee, tea, mince pie) for everyone.

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OLD TOTLEY by Jo Rundle

The recent changes in the centre of Totley village have completely transformed it from the one known throughout the years, it seems almost since Domesday, for the farmhouse on the corner of Hillfoot Road and the main road, opposite the market cross and entrance to Cross Scythes farm, had been the heart of the village since before the new turnpike road was created from Owl Bar to Sheffield in 1818. Summer Lane, possibly one of the new developments resulting from the more easily accessible village, had been known by various names, Ogden's Walk in 1880 after an important resident who lived here. New Row in 1891, when residents were diverse characters and occupations, some moving in from other parts of the village. One such was Joseph Ward, stonemason, with his wife Ann, son Henry and daughter Eva. Henry, later known as Harry Ward, lived in what was then known as Chapel Walk, now referred to as Chapel Lane, in one of the houses overlooking the path. Perhaps there are some Totley residents who remember Harry's son Ernest, who married Doris Turner, daughter of Mr. Turner, one of the leaders at the Chapel, who lived in Lemont Road, Green Oak. Doris was a member of the Chapel choir and both she and Ernest were members of a local choir, the name of which eludes me, but should any of the Wrigglesworth family still live in or near Totley they may know, for, after Ernest's untimely death, Doris was for many years a member of the choir created by Dick? Wrigglesworth. William Green, file cutter, who with his wife Elizabeth and children Amelia 11, Harry 8, Effie 5. Arnold 8, now lived in New Row and this Harry, I believe, was the friend of my Mother, who often spoke of his sister Effie. In the 20s Harry was the joiner and coffin-maker who lived on Glover Road at Totley Rise, and about 1930 was the last publican at the old Fleur-de-Lys in 1932, and first in the new one in 1933. There were so many file-cutters in Totley in the early 20c, in Hall Lane, Lane Head, New Row, and Hillfoot Road, that one is led to think that they might have been out-workers for the forges in the valley, much as the 'Little-Mester' farmer in Cordwell, Elijah Green, who was a tortoise-shell penknife finisher for a cutlery firm in Sheffield. There may be records somewhere for anyone who has the interest and time to search.

Two elderly sisters, Olive and Alice Green lived in one of two cottages nos. 1 and 2 that still stand at the entrance to Summer Lane, next door to the Kenworthies, already mentioned in a previous article. Until his death, James Green their Father lived there with his wife Millicent, sons James and William, and Olive and Alice. Another daughter had married my Mother's Uncle, Henry Peat, a besom maker, son of John and Ann Peat of Piper Cottage opposite the top gate of Blackamoor. The records describe James Green as a carpenter, but my Mother often spoke of him as being a famous clock-maker, more correctly a clock cabinetmaker, his work apparently known for many miles around the district and Sheffield. Those Totley residents who attended the Wesleyan Chapel in the 20s will remember Olive and Alice Green, for they were two stalwarts of the congregation, unique, prim, always walking with their rolled-up umbrellas, the backbone of the Chapel. James's son James was also a cabinet case maker, but William his youngest son may be better known to the older residents; He lived at the far end of Summer Lane and worked as a gardener at Totley Hall. He was a well-known character with a pronounced rolling gait that brought many humorous remarks from the lads. William was father of ? 'Cobby' the main butt for the ridicule of the Headmaster, John Wood's sarcasm, and Harold 'Nobby' whose wedding was the first to be held at the new Church on July 25th 1924. It was at his wedding that the custom of locking the gates first started when the lads of the village, as a prank, fastened the gates to the Church and made the bridegroom pay a fee of half a crown (2/6) to have them opened. This was supposed to be a 'One off, but became a habit and, in 1936 after my wedding, my new husband made sure he had a half-crown in his pocket to pay the toll. The farmer at the corner of Hillfoot Road, more correctly the cow keeper was Joseph Wainwright, son of George Wainwright, Great-Great-Grandson of George Wainwright a Methodist Preacher and Weaver, who was born at Dons in 1717, whose portrait hangs in the Cutlers' Hall Sheffield. The Cutlers' Company had an ingenious way of raising funds to celebrate important occasions, as they did in 1809 to celebrate George III's Jubilee, by inviting a group of very notable citizens to dinner at the Cutlers' Hall who, in return for a donation to the Company's cause, received a self-portrait. The oldest guest was George Wainwright, whose portrait was painted by a Leeds artist by the unusual name of Schwanfelder. In 1926 the portrait was given to the Cutlers' company by a relative, W.G. Mitchell -Withers and still hangs in the Cutlers' Hall,



The first wedding at Totley All Saints Church on July 25th 1924, Harold 'Nobby' Green of Summer Lane.

Sheffield. Joseph Wainwright had three children George, Harriet, and Sarah who, though very proud, were sadly not very bright, and none of them ever married. There was only a small amount of land and a cow shed close to the farmhouse so one assumes that the cattle were turned out during the summer to graze in local fields, as were those in the city farms in Sheffield. After Joseph's death in 1897 the shed and land were used for a few years by a local man and, though derelict, the shed was still there at least until the end of the war in 1945. By 1898 three cottages had been built on the land at right angles to the road at the end of the bank down to Summer Lane, whether by George, Joseph's son, or by sale of the land to a local builder is not known. The family stayed at the farm until 1900, when George and his sisters moved into the middle cottage in Baslow Road, where they remained for many years. In 1909 Emma Fisher lived in the far cottage with three of her children, when she left Hallfield Farm after the death of her husband, Francis. As a child, Emma was one of the last pupils to attend the National School in Hall Lane, at a cost to her Father, George Hodkin, of one penny per week. After the Wainwrights left, the farm house was sold and became the first Post-Office in Totley, when my Great Uncle, Arthur Bradley and his wife Alice moved from Butts Hill cottages and Alice became the first Post-mistress. Arthur continued working at Totley Hall as Forester and acting Head- Gardener until 1904, when David Lewis, a newcomer to Totley, became the new Head-gardener with Arthur

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Marshall's cottage at the corner of Hall Lane, taken by me in 1932. Seated are Joe Marshall and his brother Frank (Old Hob). The man at the gate was a boarder at the Fleur doing special work as a lithographer at the Sheffield Telegraph.

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HOLA PERU.

In July I was presented with the opportunity to travel to Peru on a Christian Aid supporter tour. This was because I am the Christian Aid representative for All Saints Church, organising fund raising in our area and because of this I was invited to a fund raising discussion at the Victoria Hall in the city. I didn't respond straight away to this invitation, as I thought it sounded a bit boring! 2 days before the meeting I decided to accept the invitation and off I went. It proved to be more interesting than I had anticipated and I remarked that it would be useful to know where the money went once it had all been collected. After the close of the meeting I was approached by the representative of Christian Aid in South Yorkshire, who said if I really wanted to know there was a group going to Peru in October to look at projects they support. If I was interested I had to let him know soon, as it was past the closing date and he thought the tour was full. I went home and thought about it and decided there was no harm in applying, which I did. I didn't hear anything for a few weeks and put it to the back of my mind. One afternoon the phone rang and it was a young lady speaking to me all about Peru from Christian Aid Head Office in London. I asked "Does this mean I'm going to Peru?" "Oh yes", she said, "there was one place left and it's yours if you want it".

So that is how I came to be flying off to Peru at the end of October with 11 other supporters and 2 staff members, all from different parts of the U.K. We had only met each other twice before at briefing sessions in London, so could 14 strangers cope with each other for 2 weeks? As it turned out the group gelled very well.

We flew from various U.K. airports and met up in Amsterdam, where we boarded the plane for Lima, refuelling in Bon Aire in the Caribbean. After 36 hours of travelling we arrived at our hotel in Lima, pop.8,000,000. A sprawling city of wealth and western standards by the coast, but a mass of Shanty towns inland. Although the guide book says. "don't go there", the purpose of our going to Lima was to visit the marginalized young people of the shanty towns and find out how they were being helped by CEPS (Christian Centre of Promotion and Services). Christian Aid works in partnership with CEPS. This organisation helps young people learn about their rights and encourages them to participate in local community organisations and councils. We drove out to Comas one of the most deprived shanty towns and visited a family on Level 3. Their house was the meeting place for the local group of young people. Although they are extremely poor, they had great ambitions for their futures and great concerns for the children living on Levels 8 and 9, who have no water and no electricity. These levels occur because as the people leave the countryside seeking a better and safer life in the city, they simply create a level base on the sand dunes and put up a shelter made of whatever is available. These sand dunes rise from the city, like the hills rise from Sheffield and look like mountains in the distance. Lima is a grey city for 9 months of the year, as it is covered by a thick layer of cloud caused by a mist called "la Garua" which drifts in from the Pacific Ocean and Comas has the highest level of air pollution in the city. Whilst in Lima we also visited "Minka", whose products feature in Fairtrade brochures here in Britain. The next city we visited was Ica, a 4 hour drive south of Lima

in Ica for 28years. We visited Casas de la Salud, clinics we would call them, but with many more facilities than our clinics, more like a mini hospital, where the poor people can get treatment. These are supported by Spain who send out lots of drugs for treatment, especially TB and Christian Aid is a financial partner. We visited Alberto, a TB sufferer and his wife Gladys, who had a "Guinea pig farm", not a farm as we might imagine, but 6 females and one male. Alberto couldn't work because of his TB and they were extremely poor, so Christian Aid gave him 7 guinea pigs, which cost about £25 and now they have some meat, he can sell them at the market and pass them on to others in need, so they in turn can help themselves. Guinea pig is as common to eat in Peru as chicken is here, it's perfectly normal. In fact in the Cathedral in Cusco there is a huge painting of the Last Supper and on a plate in the middle of the table is a guinea pig! We also met families out in the villages, who only have water for 1 hour 3 times a week, asparagus labourers, working in very bad conditions, ladies, all volunteers who run the "Glass of Milk Clubs" for very poor 3-5 year olds. All these people are poor by our standards, but they still care for the very poor. Another group funded by Christian Aid is FEPROMU, an organisation working with women, who through training, can thereby help lift themselves and their families out of poverty. There is so much more I could write about, but I will leave you with this thought. When the red Christian Aid envelope drops through your door next May, remember if nothing else, Alberto, the guinea pig farmer, a little help from us goes a long way for the poor of this world.

Dorothy Firth

through the coastal desert strip, plenty of sand and sea, but not a place you would want to spend your holidays!! I was however impressed by the standard and comfort of the coaches. Double deckers with reclining seats and footrests, more room than an aeroplane, a cake packed in a little box to eat as we got on the bus and couple of hours later croissants and coffee brought round by the conductress, all included in the price of the ticket, which was about £11. Ice was further inland, so free of the depressing mist, but still desert, very hot in the day but quite cool at night. Here we visited IEME, the Spanish Institute of Foreign Missions and another partner of Christian Aid. There was so much to see and so many people to visit in Ica that I'll just mention a few. We were met by Jose Manuel, one of the local priests, a Spaniard who has been working

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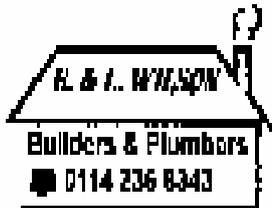
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DECEMBER 2005

- SAT 3rd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Clive Mitchel. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.8-30 pm. Non members welcome.
- SUN. 4th. MINATURE TRAIN RIDES.** Abbeydale Road South, SANTA SPECIAL, first train 11 a.m., last train 3.30 p.m.
- WED. 7th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP**, "Carols by Candlelight", Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church, 8.00 p.m.
- SAT 17th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Sue Charles, Members Christmas Party. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.8-30 pm. Non members welcome.
- SUN. 18th 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.
- TUES. 20th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, "CHRISTMAS MEETING", Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.
- SAT 24th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Christmas Eve Party with Dave Johns. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.8-30 pm. Non members welcome.
- SAT 31st SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, New Years Eve Party with Vince Lee Gayle. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.8-30 pm. Non members welcome.

JANUARY 2006

- SAT 14th BEAUCHIEF GARDENS** Volunteer Working Morning 2006: 10 to 12 am. All Welcome. Mike Kidder 296 0550
- SAT 14th STEP OUT FROM GRAVES PARK** A 4 mile accompanied round-walk. Meet in the Hemsworth Road car park. 10-30am 283 9195
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