

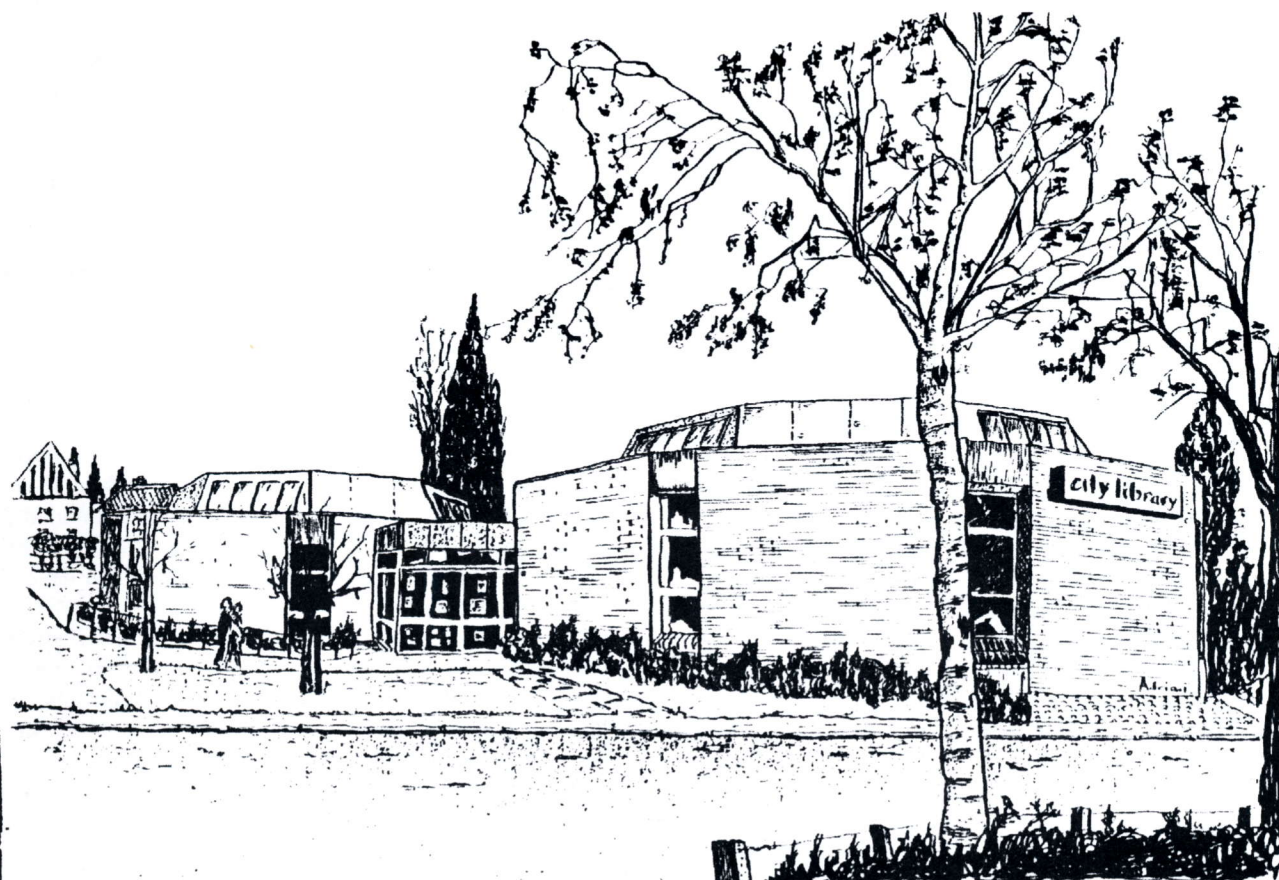
TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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DOORS OPEN ON £43,000 LIBRARY AT TOTLEY

This heading appeared in the "Star" on Thursday February 28th. 1974 when the Chief Librarian and Information Officer opened Totley Library. The new building, that was reported to open with 21,000 new books, replaced an old library which had served the area since 1939. (see inside for a brief history). A small 30th. birthday party took place on the morning of Friday, February 27th.

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MONDAY 19th. APRIL, 7-30pm.

TOTLEY LIBRARY.

Please make an effort to come along and hear what your Totley Residents Association committee, all volunteers, have been doing since the last A.G.M.

There will be an opportunity for you to voice your concerns about what is happening in your community.

30 YEARS OLD

At the end of February Totley Library staff celebrated 30 years of public service in the current building.

Many people may not know that Totley had a small library service many years before and that the present building is the second library in the area.

The first library was on Abbeydale Road South (presently hairdressers) near to "Late Shopper". I believe it was opened in the late 1930's just before the War. The small library was staffed by two members of the Library Centre Service (now mobiles) I used to be one of the staff.

The counter was rather high so we had to stand on a wooden platform in order to reach the counter but we also had to be careful not to fall off the end of the platform. This small library closed the evening of the opening of the present building.

Totley Library was built on pre-fab land; the council was knocking all the pre-fab bungalows down in order to build the present houses.

I was working at the Hillsborough library at the time and was offered a job on Totley staff, I readily accepted because I only lived (and still do) about 10 minutes walk away.

Three staff were appointed in the beginning Mr. Ian Johnson, Librarian, a young lady called Janet and myself. The librarian bought and chose the books; Janet and myself processed them ready for issue. We worked at Highfield library, upstairs, because they had the space, you can imagine how many boxes we had (hundreds). However as the weeks went by staff from all around the city were loaned to us to help prepare. We worked about four and a half months at Highfield, September 1973 to early January 1974.

The day finally came when we were able to start moving into New Totley to move all the boxes from Highfield and stack into empty vans, a shute was rigged up for us to send the boxes down to the drivers below. It took us five weeks to get Totley ready for the opening so things were a bit hectic trying to keep to schedule.

As well as all the books a company came from outside Sheffield to put the blinds up in the roof of the junior library, that took a few days.

The day of opening arrived and by this time a full staff had been appointed. A single decker bus brought City Councillors for the opening by the City Librarian Mr. Bebbington.

That evening Totley Library was open to the public in order to look around and register if they hadn't already got a ticket. The following day we opened for business 10 am. to 8 pm.

There are many amusing stories that relate to this library over the years, the one I remember most of all was when a very strong wind blew the outer door off the hinges. I had to ring my husband to bring my clothesline in order to tie the door up for safety until the maintenance team could come from central. We tied the rope to the junior library door and everyone going in and out of the junior library had to duck under the rope. Needless to say it was a very busy Saturday but no one minded. The door was repaired and eventually it was replaced by the present front door.

As we have no community centre in Totley this library and the church halls are a great asset to the area for local events.

Totley Librarians have been: - Mr. Ian Johnson, Mr. Trevor Finch, Mrs. Barbara Joel, Mr. Nigel Atkinson, Mr. Terry Whitham, Mr. Peter Farrell and Mrs. Pauline Rosser.
Margaret Coldwell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I walked into Totley Library at 10am on Friday 27th February and was greeted by a poster saying "Happy 30th Birthday". I said to the girls, "How did you know it was my birthday?" Well, when they had stopped laughing (which I felt was rather hurtful), they explained that it was, in fact, Totley Library's 30th birthday the previous day, and as it was a Thursday, they were closed, and so they were about to start the celebrations a day late. I was invited to stay and join in, along with library staff from the past and present and anyone who happened to be in the Library that morning. There was a display of newspaper cuttings from the day it opened in 1974, coffee was ready to be dispensed, and there were TWO birthday cakes! One even had a photograph of the library scanned onto the icing, and the other had candles. These were duly lit and we all sang "Happy Birthday dear Library", two small children were roped in to do the honours and attempt to blow out 30 candles, no mean feat, and Margaret Coldwell, the first Librarian at Totley, cut the cakes.

It made me think about the time the Library opened - I lived in Grove Road and my two youngest went to Totley Primary School. The new building was so different from the small, dark predecessor next to Jimmy Martin's old shop. We felt so lucky to have such a splendid facility on our doorstep, where children were made so welcome and it was a pleasure to browse. It was also very different from my childhood days at Millhouses, when I had to go to the Central Library children's section, where you had to be quiet and couldn't have a laugh with your friends.

Over the years, the Library has gone from strength to strength, hosting exhibitions, Carols and Nativity plays by the local Primary Schools, talks on various subjects, a small touring company doing comic sketches, to name but a few. But, more importantly, it is a friendly meeting place. Go in there any day, except Thursdays of course, and you will almost certainly see someone you know and have a chat. Look what happened to me - only went in to return a book and stayed more than half an hour! A big thank you to all the staff for going to so much trouble on their birthday and sharing it with us. And the cake was delicious!

Kate Reynolds

Totley Residents Association Update

Thank you to the residents who left comments about the closure of Green Oak View later this year. There will be a further opportunity for comments and suggestions at the AGM

Youth nuisance: - Things have been quieter since the Police contacted some parents in the area. Please continue to inform the Police of any incidents/graffiti by ringing 2202020.

Phone box by the Co-op: - B.T. has confirmed, in writing, that they are ready to reinstate the phone. They have been waiting sometime for Npower to replace the necessary electrical supply before the equipment can be re-connected.

Totley Hall Park: - It is hoped a dog-waste bin will be placed in the park in the not too distant future. Please can all dog owners make sure they clean up after their dogs and use the dog bins.

T.R.A. notice board: - The Mickley Lane board has been removed for safety reasons. It is hoped it will be repaired and re-located in the Hillfoot Road area when the necessary permission has been granted.

Planning: - Sheffield Animal Hospital is appealing against the Council decision not to allow the business to extend into the basement on Glover road.

Avril Critchley

EASTER 2004 with Totley Rise Methodist Church

Good Friday (April 9)

Walk of Witness. Starts at Totley Library 10:15am

Outdoor Service. Totley Rise Methodist car park 11am

Easter Sunday (April 11)

'Sunrise Holy Communion' 8am Preacher - Rev Chris Kirk

Family Communion 10:30am including new born baby chicks! Preacher -

Rev Chris Kirk

United Easter Praise 6:30pm with Totley All Saints.

Preacher - Rev. David Rhodes

All Easter services at Totley Rise Methodist church

More info on 236-3157

Have a Happy Easter!

Many thanks

Rev Chris Kirk

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TOTLEY BROOK ROAD

In 1888 a group of Christian friends living in the Dore and Totley area formed a Church open to people from different denominations, known as the Dore and Totley Union Church. In the early 20th. Century it moved from a site near the station to its present position in Totley Brook Road.

In 1972 the rest of the country caught up and the United Reformed Church was formed, of which the Union Church became a part.

People of all backgrounds and denominations are still welcome. While we hold fast to the central beliefs of Christian life, we do not wish to persuade worshippers to accept a detailed uniformity of belief, and the communion table is open to all.

Our services for Holy Week are as follows

Sunday. April 4th. Palm Sunday, 10.30 am. Family service.

Thursday April 8th Maundy Communion 8 pm.

Friday April 9th. Good Friday.

We join other Churches in the service of Tenebrae which tells the story of the first Good Friday through bible readings, at Christ Church, Dore. 8pm.

Sunday April 11th Easter Sunday.

Sunrise Service, Higger Tor. Dawn.

Family service with Communion 10.30am.

Evening service with Communion 6.30pm.

Should you care to join us, you will find a warm, friendly welcome waiting for you.

A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

Easter Services at All Saints, Totley,

Good Friday 9th April

10.00 a.m. 30 minute children's service for Good Friday followed by refreshments

Noon - 3.00 p.m. - series of 6 half hourly meditations "Consider the cross"

Easter Sunday 11th April 8.00 a.m. Quiet service of Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Celebration Holy Communion for all the family 6.30 p.m. (Shared with Totley Rise Methodist Church) at Totley Rise - Easter evening celebration.

David Rhodes

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH FOR EASTER TIME

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 4th. 6.30p.m.

The choir of St. John's and other singers from around the area are singing

A SHORT PASSION from St. Matthews' Gospel.
By Johann Sebastian Bach.

Conductor, Alun East

Organist - Paul Green.

Soloists

Ann Brookes, Soprano.

Kathryn Wells, Contralto.

Robin Hughes, Tenor.

Andrew Horn Baritone

Francis Wells, Bass

Everyone is welcome to come and hear this beautiful work, a fitting preparation for the passion. Do come and support the choir.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Agape Meal Followed by Communion. 7.30p.m

GOOD FRIDAY:-

10a.m. Family Service

2p.m. - 3p.m. An hour of devotion by the Cross.

8p.m. Service of Tenebrae. A joint service for all the Churches in S17 to be held in Christ Church Dore.

EASTER SUNDAY:-

8a.m. Said Communion Prayer Book service.

10a.m. Sung Eucharist with the choir and Easter Hymns and to include the renewal of Baptismal vows.

Everyone is welcome to join with St. John's at any or all of these services.

LEONARD CHESHIRE SERVICES IN SHEFFIELD
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SPRING FAYRE



WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL 2004

10 am - 12 noon

at THE SHEFFIELD CHESHIRE HOME
MICKLEY HALL TOTLEY

Contributions for any of our stalls will be very welcome

*Books - Bric-a-Brac - Cakes - Crafts
Nearly New - Plants - Preserves - Tombola*

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

The Spring production is described by Samuel French, the main publisher of plays, as an "engaging and entertaining thriller", and it certainly is. "Curtain Up on Murder" written by Bettine Manktelow, features an amateur drama company rehearsing in the theatre at the end of the pier. Storms rage overhead and the doors are locked, and they are trapped. Their sense of foreboding is not improved by the appearance of a ghostly presence! Much worse is to come – but that would be telling, and I'm not about to do that!

Rest assured, there is humour too. and a newspaper critic described it as "a skillfully written piece of suspense".

Fortunately, the play is in May, not November, the nights will be a lot lighter and you won't be scared going home. Why not come along and see a well written and, hopefully, well acted play at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Totley.

Wednesday to Saturday, 12th to 15th May. at 7.30p.m.
Tickets still £3.00 or £2.50 Concessions, from me Kate Reynolds, on 2366891 from the beginning of April.

The Apex Players

We are Apex Players, a small drama society in Sheffield. We meet on Tuesday evenings. New members always given warm welcome. No auditions.

Details can be obtained by calling Steve Doyle on 01142693329.

Our next play is 27-29 May 2004 and we perform at the Library Theatre.

"Playing Away" by Judith Shaw

A bitter sweet comedy set in the Frog and Duck pub. It's not about football!

If you need more info contact Steve Doyle.

Tickets £5 and £4

0114 2693329 or 0114 2348499

27-29th May 2004 7-30 pm

Library Theatre, Sheffield.

Louise Taylor, Apex Players, Greenhill.

Tel. 274 6413 for details.

Dear Editor,

As a young female resident of Totley, I have become aware of the rising vandalism and petty crime in the S 17 area.

On Tuesday 10th February 2004 at 2.45pm, I experienced both physical and verbal abuse from a gang of youths.

After contacting the police who were supportive and swift to arrive, I myself confronted the gang, demanding to know why I was targeted. I noted how little respect they have for the police or myself, and how arrogant and confident their attitudes were.

In my opinion the 'softly softly' approach favoured by today's society is not the answer. The only way to tackle problem youths is by placing them into the Armed Forces. This will teach them mental and physical discipline, ultimately turning them

into proper, decent young men. It appears some of the Totley residents who witness crime and vandalism; turn a blind eye in fear of reprisals. Surely working with the police, and actually making a stand, like I did would be a

much more positive approach.

Yours Sincerely,

(Name and address supplied)

Concert at Banner Cross Methodist Church

12 Ecclesall Road South

SHEFFIELD FOLK CHORALE

Bach to Barleycorn

The choir's repertoire features melodies from Britain, France, the U.S.A, Poland and the Czech and SlovaK Republics with new English lyrics where relevant. It issued its first C-D "Spite Winter" in 2003 featuring songs performed at a debut concept in Sheffield Cathedral. Graham Platt researches, writes and arranges the material as well as conducts the choir. He and his wife, Eileen, are established performers on the traditional music circuit. Formed in 2001 the choir now boasts 80 members.

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PUZZLE CORNER

Crack the code.

The answer to each clue is written in code.
Each answer is treated separately in exactly
the same way, according to the code.

1. A Totley Pub

BSNTR TBZSIDT

2. Built for navvies in Totley

ASHDJFX SNX

3. A Totley Church.

LFSINEHTS

4. A local Hall

BBMPM

Having solved the code how would
Totley Independent be written?
Don Ashford.

Do you remember when?

If you lived as a child in the 40s, 50s, 60s or 70s, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have:-

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Our toys were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cupboards and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No-one was able to reach us all day. No mobile phones!

We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were ACCIDENTS. No-one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We did not have playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games, 65 channels on pay TV, video tape movies, surround sound, personal mobile phones, personal computers, internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went round to their homes and talked to them.

We ate patty cakes, bread and butter, and drank cordial but we were never overweight ... because we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with 4 friends, from one bottle and no-one died from this.

We made-up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we hardly ever put someone's eye out with that.

Some students were not as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat it. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. Parents actually SIDED with the law against us!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers ever. But how did we manage to survive our childhoods?

COFFEE CAKES and CUTTINGS

This annual event is to take place at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road on Saturday **22nd of May** from 10am to 12 noon. We are looking for unwanted BOOKS and BRIC-BRAC in good condition. If you can make an offering for the CAKE stall we shall be more than grateful. CUTTINGS from your newly grown plants will be more than acceptable. Arrangements can be made for collection by ringing 2367176 or 2365313.

John Artindale.

THE TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

The dates for our 2004 meetings are:-

April, Tuesday 27th.

May, Wednesday 26th.

June, Thursday 24th.

July, Tuesday 27th.

August, No meeting.

September, Wednesday 22nd.

October, Thursday 28th

November, Tuesday 23rd.

All meetings commence

11:30am, until 12:30pm.

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

'How dismal you look,' observed a bucket to his companion as they were going to the well,

'Ah' replied the other, 'I was reflecting on the uselessness of being filled, for, let us go away never so full, we always come back empty.' 'Dear me, how strange to look at it that way,' said the other bucket. 'I enjoy the thought that however empty we come, we always go away full!'



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The Chatsworth Dragon

An investigation into the mystery of Beeley Moor

By Andrew Hassall

Chatsworth is well known to many visitors. However, to the east of the estate, hidden from the crowds, there exists an area of wilderness rarely appreciated. On Beeley Moor, there is a strange, almost disconcerting presence. The brooding atmosphere impinges upon the senses, grates upon the nerves and makes one feel on edge. Few remain unmoved by the experience. The base of a medieval stone cross lies buried in the deep heather. A boundary stone marks the border of two ancient Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. On windswept stoops, crooked stone fingers point down abandoned track ways. The primeval moor exudes a magical ambience, liminal, betwixt and between, where the landscape whispers in an arcane tongue of long-forgotten folk tales and ghostly secrets.

Winlatter Rock (A folk tale)

The Devil came out of the north. He turned himself into a fiery dragon and lay waste all the land. He got as far as the hills above Chesterfield. He was met by a priest, who climbed atop Winlatter Rock and spread his arms in the shape of a cross. Three times the dragon tried to move him, but the priest stood so firm his bare feet sank into the rock.

Then, hundreds of years after the priest had driven him away, the Devil came again out of the north in the form of a dragon. He brought thunder and tempest and fire with him and all fled before him. This time, the townspeople were saved by three valiant lads, who drove a sword into the priest's footsteps on Winlatter Rock. It shone like a cross in the pale sunlight as the church bells rang out in Chesterfield and Grindleford. So the dragon sought the first dark cavern he could hide in, and went down the Blue John Mine. Over time, the location of Winlatter Rock became forgotten.

The Investigation

A dowser cast his eye over the folk tale of Winlatter Rock. The analysis was interesting. Energy or ley lines are often marked by stone circles, churches, standing stones or crosses. Such lines are also called dragon lines: they are often associated with unusual mounds - the best known is the dragon mound next to the White Horse at Uffington in Oxfordshire. Driving a metal spike into the ground can divert energy lines. It is generally recognised that geomantic anomalies or changes in the electromagnetic field in the landscape can induce altered states of consciousness. Therefore, in such special places, it should come as no surprise that there tends to be an accretion of folk tales connected with the supernatural.

Field research yielded amazing results. The two crosses at Fox Lane and, further south Whibbersley Cross align in a north-south direction. To the north of the Fox Lane crosses, there is the mysterious dragon mound of Smeekley Wood and south of Shillito Wood, there is the weird story of the missing village of Leash Fen:

"When Chesterfield was heath and broom,

Leash Fen was a market town,

Now Leash Fen is all heath and broom

And Chesterfield is a market town.'

According to the dowser, the line of energy passes through the two Fox Lane crosses, Leash Fen and Whibbersley Cross, before heading south towards Beeley Moor. Amazingly, the dowser followed the energy line for several miles before reaching a large outcrop on Harland Edge. The rock had a flat platform and seemed to fit the description as described in the folk-tale - there were even two foot-shaped indentations! Is this the missing Winlatter Rock? The evidence is compelling. And there is more information to back up the claim.

South of Beeley Moor, the curiously named Flash Lane follows the line of energy. At nearby Harewood Grange, it has been said that Beauchief Abbey established a grange in order to punish sinful monks. Others claim that the monks were placed there in order to counteract the evil malevolence from Beeley Moor. There was reputedly a wood just below Gibbet Moor known as Win Wood. Is this a vague trace of Winlatter? In Derbyshire, the word 'win' means a ridge, which exactly describes the location of the rock at Harland Edge. An eccentric guide at Peak Cavern in Castleton insisted that a dragon lurks in the depths of the Blue John Mine - the final resting place of the dragon according to the folk tale!

Conclusion

So has the mystery been solved? Probably not. There are always more questions than answers. Winlatter Rock still calls out across the aeons in a voice laden with mystery. It speaks of priests and dragons, of weird mounds and subterranean lairs and tells of holy men battling with the Devil, church bells driving away evil spirits. Yet there is more to it than that; the story captures the spirit of place. In such special places, where the veil is thin, access can be gained to a different reality and the colourless, mechanistic world is left far behind. Standing on an ancient rock, in the sweet-smelling twilight, the hoot of an owl can stop the world. At the edge of consciousness, in the brooding metallic wilderness, the gods of modern materialism have no place.

Sheffield

LEONARD CHESHIRE



To all Friends and Supporters of the Sheffield Cheshire Home

This request is to ask whether you would be willing to hold a Coffee Morning with your friends and neighbours and help to raise funds towards the purchase of the following items which are required at Mickley Hall:-

Colourful plants for the containers outside the entrance porch
A 'welcoming' flower or plant arrangement for the porch
Fresh flowers for appropriate niches in the Home
Small flower posies for the tables in the dining-room

The above are 'extra' items which will greatly improve the appearance and add a little colour to the Home. Flowers are very much appreciated and give daily enjoyment to the residents and staff- and visitors! Regular provision of fresh flowers is more expensive than permanent silk flower arrangements but we feel sure you will agree that with the spring and summer months approaching we all benefit from the colour and fragrance provided by the addition of a few fresh flowers around us.

If you feel you would like to help this 'Flower Fund' appeal, please send proceeds from coffee mornings (a bring & buy table of unwanted gifts is an added help even if only half a dozen or so attend!) with the attached form below to Jackie Short or leave in the office at Mickley Hall for her attention. Thank you for your continued support of our charity which is always very much appreciated by everyone at Mickley Hall.

To: Jackie Short, 6 Ashfurlong Drive, Dore, Sheffield, S17 3NP. (Tel: 0114 - 2367491)

I enclose a cheque/cash for £..... for the 'Flower Fund' which will be used to purchase

flowers and plants for the Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall. This donation represents the proceeds from a Coffee Morning held at my home. (Please make cheques payable to 'Leonard Cheshire Services in Sheffield')

FLOOD

The teacher in a junior school, said, "Sit in a circle round me,
I'll tell you a story about a big ship, that never went near to the sea!"
The children, *who* obeyed their elders, sat in the way they were told
And listened with awe as this story, of a ship, by the teacher, was told.
"God came", said the teacher, "From Yorkshire, like Noah and his family, too,
In a dream. God said, to old Noah, 'Here's what I want thee to do;
Get thee some wood and sane rivets and build thee a massive big boat,
It must be a long and a wide 'un, above all, I want it to float'.
So Noah chopped wood and made rivets, his arms ached and nearly fell off,
He didn't have time to be poorly, not even to sneeze nor to cough.
The wood that he used was called Gopher, water-proofed over with pitch,
Noah's wife also was busy, she'd hundreds of curtains to stitch!
Noah worked hard at his labours and when he had done the assembly,
The boat was a hundred and fifty yards long, that's thirty yards longer than Wembley.
Noah was nearly six hundred years old, his strength was beginning to fail,
God, feeling sorry for Noah, poor man, said, 'Don't build a mast nor a sail.
Tha's made a good job out of building thi boat, tha's built it high, wi three decks,
There isn't *much* more for thee Noah, to do, here's what tha's got to do next.
All t'living things as is on this earth, tha gathers a lad and a lass,
And when tha has done it - and I'm watching thee - summat is coming to pass.
Now listen, old Noah, to what I've to say, it's me as thart going to please,
So get two on everything as tha can find, from Elephants, reight down to Fleas!'
Well, Noah, his sons and his grandsons, were busy from daylight to dark,
One night. God said, 'I've been thinking, this boat, we shall call it an Ark'.
They gathered up thousands of creatures, two of each sort they could find;
Till the Ark was filled, nearly bursting, yet millions they had left behind!
God looked and smiled on old Noah, said, 'Eeh, thart doing alreight,
Naa go and get thee some fodder, tha'll all want summat to eight.
There's one more thing I've to tell thee, get watter-proof shoes for thi feet,
When thee and thi family are sleeping, it's going to start raining, to-neet! '
God kept the promise to Noah he'd made, that night, it started to rain,
The land was flooded, a million feet deep (they hadn't invented the drain).
For forty days and forty nights, it rained through dark and light,
Until at last, the mountain tops were hidden from their sight.
It was a long time until it eased off, falling from the skies,
One month, one week and three days it took, if you must be precise,
Their troubles were not over yet, though, despite all the time that had passed,
Another half year had to go by, plus fifty more days till at last,
Two hundred and thirty days total, from the time it had started to rain,
Would pass, till the Ark of old Noah, ever felt dry land again!
It happened to rest on a mountain, the highest there was round about,
So Noah, he sent off a Raven, to do what you might have called scout.
The Raven returned empty handed, or would you prefer empty claws?
The reason he came back with nothing, was purely and simply because
All other mountains there were in the world, were still covered deep by the rain
Eighty more days would have to pass by, before they were dry land again!
Ten months from the night it had started to rain. God looked down from above,
Commanded the waters should subside again, and Noah, he sent out a Dove.
In a short while, the Dove she returned, she carried an Olive Leaf,
Noah knelt down in the Ark and he prayed, unshaken in his belief.
At last, the Dove, she flew off again, this time she didn't come back,
Noah went out through a door in the Ark, this time, not wearing a mac.
The waters receded and all Noah's sons, they went and they searched far and wide,
Those of his lads who hadn't yet wed, went off in search of a Bride.
Have you any questions?" the young teacher asked, looking around at her band;
One cheeky girl, it seemed had the nerve and slowly she lifted her hand,
"What colour curtains did Noah's wife choose?" a question the teacher thought crass,
"You'd better ask Mrs. Simpkins", she said, "She takes the embroidery class!"
Les. Hanson.

ADDITIONAL ODE

If you're submerged by troubles, think of Noah in his Ark,
though all the world was flooded, yet he found a place to park.
G.P.

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

The editor has asked for my deliberations early which always makes me a bit muddled in my garden, writing what's to be done in April when there is snow on the ground at the end of February. I start planting my seeds too soon and bring on my tubers if I'm not careful. I must say the snow always looks nice at this time, it covers up all those unfinished patches and everything looks neat and tidy until the thaw, then, what a mess. I suppose that will be one job I shall have to start early. April, when you read this, will be upon us and for us gardeners it is one of the busiest months preparing beds ready for planting out bedding plants (that is if the snow has gone!) making the final pruning of roses etc.

The weather in April can be most unpredictable (although I think this applies to most weather forecasting.) it can be very hot, lovely sunshine warming up the soil nicely then old Jack Frost comes and undoes all the good the sunshine has done. We have a lot to put up with us gardeners, thank goodness for fleece and bubble wrap, what would we do without them. Things are coming along nicely, my onions should be good they are really healthy seedlings, given another month they should be ready to plant out. They will be under cloches or a plastic tent. This gave them a head start last year (2nd. Prize at the show).

We should be well on the way to having the garden looking spick and span for the visitors to the "Open Gardens" on June 26th. and 27th. a bit earlier this year as some of the gardens last year had past their best. I hope you will come round it is well worth it to see the endeavours of other gardeners. Don't forget April is a good month for taking cuttings of fuchsias, geraniums etc. and the planting of summer bulbs can be done at this time. As I said last month keep the old hoe going eliminating weeds before they get a strong hold otherwise you will have to drink dandelion tea and have dandelion sandwiches instead of lettuce and cucumber. If you want some dandelion recipes see Totley Independent April 2000, page 10. I hope you don't need them.

P.S. Don't forget watch the weather and enjoy your gardening. Good the sun's just come out; I'll go for a walk round the garden.

Flowers. There is still time to plant herbaceous perennials moved from open ground but the sooner this work is completed the better; container grown plants can be put in anytime provided they are sufficiently well established to be moved with roots and soil intact. Plant a few more gladioli in small batches throughout the month so that you get a succession of blooms later. April is a good time to plant or move Alpines. Also for making a new violet bed out of doors to provide clumps for forcing next winter. Sow hardy annuals in beds where they are to flower. Plant out and stake sweet peas. Start dahlias in frames if you have not already done so, watch out for frost forecasts and cover at night.

Some bedding plants could also be transferred to the frame, watch the ventilation carefully, especially on sunny days, keep them moist. Antirrhinums and penstemons raised in autumn from seeds or cuttings may be planted out in their flowering quarters if they have been properly hardened off. It is a good time to take cuttings of chrysanthemums that are going to make dwarf specimens in pots, you can use standard chrysanthemum plants for this but some varieties take to this treatment better than others, weed, clean up and stir the soil crust of bed and borders and prepare them for new planting's. Stake up tall plants.

Feed, top dress and mulch around perennials. Deadhead flowers as they fade, don't strip the flowers from bulbs or corms let them die down naturally and give them a feed to encourage flowering next year. Keep newly planted plants well watered. Plant up patio pots with summer flowering bulbs, these can be placed in borders to add a touch of colour, especially amongst shrubs and plants which have flowered.

Vegetables. Dig over and prepare any spare plots for future plantings, check lime content, if you are not sure brassicas need quite a good top dressing of lime, do not put manure on at the same time. Give springs cabbage a top dressing of Nitrate of soda (14g per sq. meter) hoe it in. A further dressing in about three weeks will be beneficial.

Plant onion sets in well prepared soil 15cm apart in rows 30 cm apart, just cover the main bulb. Most vegetables can be sown now. Don't put out bean plants until every chance of frost is past. Earth up potatoes as they make new growth. Plant out herb plants, which have been in containers.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit. Apply Tonks fertiliser to roses, this will give them a good start for a summer show of quality flowers. Some flowering shrubs such as hardy fuchsias, buddleia, leycasteria, willows etc. can be pruned now, with all these pruning should be hard, last years growth cut back

quite close to older wood, with buddleias you could leave a few branches to remain to build up a framework of growth if a large bush is required.

Spray gooseberries and black currants. If you have suffered in the past from mildew, use one of the new fungicides which have now replaced the suspect chemical ones. If your black currants suffer from big bud mite, pull off the affected buds and burn them, if necessary spray with a quality insecticide. Make sure to check your tree ties have not loosened over the winter, and replace any broken ones, release any that are too tight and are cutting into the bark. Remove greases bands and burns them. Make sure new growth of raspberries and blackberries are tied in well.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants. Your greenhouse should be bulging by now with cuttings, seedlings etc. so watch the ventilation carefully and shade any tiny seedlings from the full sun. Cyclamen seedlings planted last summer will need potting on singly in 3in (8cm) pots. Bedding plants and half-hardy annuals can be hardened off later in the month. Watch out for green fly and other pests and deal with them as soon as possible, remember though if you are using strong pesticides or smoke cones, protect or remove seedlings as they will be killed or severely set back by these products. April is a busy month in the greenhouse, pricking out seedlings, potting on cuttings, don't neglect any of these tasks at this time, as pot-bound plants and seedlings take a long time to recover and don't make very good specimen plants. Freesias, lachenalias, lilies and cyclamen which have been flowering during the winter months must now be allowed to rest, place them quite near to the glass and reduce the water supply, this does not apply to the young cyclamen previously mentioned. Train and pollinate melons.

Thin out peaches and nectarines, Plant cucumbers in heated greenhouses. Sow aubergines and capsicums. Sow arrows, melons in 3inch (8cro.) pots in greenhouse at 60F (16C). Gradually increase watering and feed established houseplants. Plant tubers of begonias and hot water plants. Sow in warmth indoor primulas, asparagus fern, cacti etc. Gently wash leaves of foliage plants and give them a dose of fresh air outside on a warm rainy day.

Lawns. Rake and lightly roll. Scarify, spike, aerate apply lawn feed or dressing. Start routine mowing. Seed new lawns and keep well watered in dry weather.

Enjoy your gardening, Cheerio for now, Tom.

**P.S. Totley Show.18th September.
MAKE A NOTE TO BE THERE.**

Tribute to a Proud Service

50 Years On

Good Friday Easter 1954 marks a special date when the first National Park Ranger Service was formed. History was made at Edale when the very first warden was employed, namely, Mr. Tom Tomlinson. Tom was a great character, previously he and his wife had been resident wardens at the nearby Rowland Cote Youth Hostel. This was certainly a new venture for T.D. as he was affectionately known. It seems like only yesterday when he used to meet the rambling clubs at Coopers Café at the head of Edale Village to form a patrol on the access land of Kinder Scout.

The increasing numbers of visitors to the area was causing friction between local farmers, gamekeepers and landowners. Access for ramblers was always a delicate situation in the early days. By-laws were introduced for behaviour on the newly acquired moorland areas and very often friction had to be calmed between the two groups, but of course the rambling club patrols had no real powers, for they were only in a voluntary capacity. So gradually as further access areas were obtained the Peak Park Board decided to employ part-time weekend patrol wardens for the extra regions of Bleaklow and Hayfield. By 1960 there were 2 full time staff and 12 part-times. The visitor influx was now really on the increase as further access areas were obtained around Stanage Edge, Crowden and Langsett Moors. Now the explosion of tourists in their thousands every weekend to the popular Peak District was really on the march. The regions of Dove Dale, Manifold Valley, the eastern edges of Froggatt, Curbar, Eyam, Castleton, Hope Valley etc. brought out ramblers and tourists in their thousands every weekend. By the late 1960's further staff had to be employed and upholding the by-laws was never easy. But the wardens always maintained a good image with the visitors. Their duties also included conservation work, footpath and litter clearing, often callouts for hill rescue accidents, map reading and first aid skills. By the 1970's there were around 12 full time and 100 part-time staff. In their wisdom the Peak Park Board retitled the name to Ranger Service, with a much more friendly ring.

Many important names in the mountaineering world have seen service in the Peak, ex-team leaders from the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service, The late John Rodney Lees (George Medal and BEM) was the Ranger Training Officer. Mike Hammond left the area of Glencoe in Scotland to work as the District Ranger for the Eastern Edges, in his holiday breaks he used to lead expeditions to the arctic regions of Spitzbergen, now retired. Peter McGowan (BEM and MBE) was the action man as District Ranger for the Crowden area. A real popular figure. Another ex-R.A.F. Mountain Rescue expert was Has Oldham. He was the District Ranger to the Millers Dale and Roaches area. Now employed as the Ranger Safety Officer, holder of the BEM. George Garlick was the second warden to be appointed as deputy to the Head Warden Mr. Tom Tomlinson back in 1960. Since retired. Tom retired in 1978. He had held a unique role as the very first warden to National Parks in England. Ex-army Colonel Eric Bardell from Bamford was Head Ranger from 1978 to 1985. Both these gentlemen have since died. Tom hailed from Hathersage and will always be remembered with affection. Ken Drabble was Head Ranger from 1985 to around 1996 and since retired to Chapel-En-Le-Frith. He gave at least 35 years good service to the Peak Park. The present Head Ranger is a Mr Shaun Prendergast based at Aldern House, Bakewell, long may he prosper. Gordon Miller the District Ranger for the Kinder Scout Area has recently retired after 35

years service but still lives in Edale. Tony Hood the popular figure for Brunt's Barn and the Eastern Edges is still as keen as ever in his vocation. Terry Tallis was in charge at the Tissington Trail. Geoff Howe loved his job as Ranger to The Goyt Valley Area, since retired. Geoff Frost still works in that grand area of Dovestones to the north of the park. Ian Hirst who hailed from Buxton has seen service in all areas of the park. Gordon Danks who used to reside on The Grove at Totley is the District Ranger to the Langsett Moors area. Brian Jones who resides at Hagg Farm is still the District Ranger for the popular area of Fairholmes and the Upper Derwent Valley. He has around 40 years service. He is about to retire this month. This is my favourite region which I relate as God's own country. At Fairholmes the facilities for visitors are unequalled anywhere else in the park. The Severn Trent Water Authority have also contributed with helpful amenities. You may meet Joe and David in the Information Centre most weekends. Joseph resides in Totley and David lives at Yorkshire Bridge, two great characters. Pop into the West Tower at Derwent Dam to meet Vic Hallam. The Dam Busters RAF Exhibition holds a very special interest of nostalgia. In closing I would like to pay special homage to the late Fred Heardman (B.E.M), a true lover of the high ground. He was mine host to the two pubs in Edale, his Nags Head Inn was the first information centre for the Peak Park. Brunt's Barn is named after that very special gentlemen Harry Brunt (M.B.E.) who was the Deputy Planning Officer to the Peak Park. A pity that they are no longer around to see through their noble efforts how to develop the best of all National Parks.

A final tribute must be made to the pioneers of the ramblers who fought hard in the early days for freedom to roam the hills. G H B Ward, late of Moorwoods Lane (Storth Lodge) near Totley, plus John Derry the author of that classic book "Across the Derbyshire Moors" and never to be forgotten that little king of ramblers Benny Rothman from Manchester.

PS: I never had the privilege of meeting John Derry. He passed away around the year 1930. Bert Ward died in 1957. Benny Rothman lived to 90 years old and died in 2002. Magic names.

PPS: I must not leave out the figure of Gary Bacon who has run a successful team of rangers at the popular centre of Millers Dale. This group covers an area across to Monsal Dale and Taddington. He has been undertaken this for the past 8 years and was previously a part-time weekend ranger. In memory of the pioneer of the old days there is a plaque to John Derry situation on the bridge at Slippery Stones (Upper Derwent Valley). This bridge was rebuilt from the original site of the old packhorse route in Derwent (drowned village). John Derry was the editor for the long gone "Sheffield Independent" newspaper. "Wards Piece" the stone direction finder plaque is on the summit of Lose Hill. Fred Heardman has a plaque on the wooden footbridge above slippery stones on the track to Cut Gate. Benny Rothman is remembered from the epic mass trespass on Kinder Scout on 24 April 1932 with a plaque at Bowden Bridge Quarry, Hayfield. Brunt's Barn is situated just above Grindleford Railway Station and adjacent to the historical Nether Padley Chapel. Hoping this story is of interest and not too long.

John C Barrows

Few wake up to find they are famous, but those who do prove they haven't been asleep

Hunley v Lentall (Continued) by Hugh Percival

Tea was taken in the interval between innings, a knife and fork job, as Peter Sidebottom was wont to describe it. Plates of ham salad were set out for each player and for the umpires and scorers. There were also plates steeped in bread and butter, scones and cakes and dishes full of jam. Each team and scorer were seated at their own separate long table to preserve the element of competition whilst the umpires had their own small table. Cups of tea were provided by the tea ladies. Sandwiches, cakes and cups of tea were available for purchase by spectators.

The hilarious atmosphere at the Hunley table was reminiscent of feeding time at the zoo. Walter Jordan, having consumed his ham salad and a large share of the bread and butter in a manner to make a gannet envious, assisted one or two teammates to dispatch their own food and then joined in the frantic scramble for the remaining bread and butter. The confectionery next disappeared at an alarming rate. A request was made to the tea ladies for more food after the precedent set by *Oliver Twist* but with less justification than that unfortunate orphan had. Some further supplies of bread and butter were forthcoming and were quickly consumed together with the last of the jam.

The home team was evidently in good spirits at the state of play. As the last of the food vanished and thoughts returned to the game Dick Sparrow remarked "150 is not a bad score but in today's conditions we want stuffing if we don't beat it." This appeared to be the consensus of Hunley opinion. Mick Dyson in particular endorsed his captain's remarks. "You can stuff me if I don't score 50" he said confidently.

The Lentall eleven had watched the antics of their opponents with some amusement. They had their own opinion as to the likely outcome of the match and were satisfied with their own score having in mind the devastation caused by their bowlers in the previous match between the sides.

The visitors had no reason to change their minds when in the opening over by Arthur Derby, Dick Sparrow narrowly avoided decapitation by the first ball and had his middle stump uprooted by the second delivery. The severity of the captain's depression would have astonished a psychiatrist. "Damn" he muttered fervently, slapping his pads fiercely with his bat. "Get your head down Mick, Plenty of time left" he instructed the number 3 batsman as they passed each other. "True. 40 overs left" replied Dyson with deep sarcasm to reflect his view of the captain's failure. Hunley had been allocated the extra over not used in the Lentall innings.

Dyson marched to the wicket in the best military style, took guard and with grim determination played the remaining 4 balls of the over with a dead bat as though his life depended on the outcome. Arthur Derby angered by such defiance appealed on the last ball with no justification whatsoever. Both Dyson and umpire Hill expressed disdain as the latter turned down the request in a stentorian voice.

Henry Jewel was possibly the only Hunley player who relished slow scoring being particularly proud of one innings of 29 singles that still stood in the club records. Any of the other players would have been embarrassed to play such an innings. Today however his dour, stonewall batting was invaluable as he and Dyson thwarted the opening attack, albeit at a snail's pace. Hoskins, in particular, took exception to the batsmen's tactics (foreign in Dyson's case to his nature). By the 10th over he resorted to a succession of short-pitched balls that climbed over the heads of the intrepid batsmen as they watched them pass with disdain.

Hoskins was now replaced at the request of captain Seals who politely asked Jack Hunter to bowl. This change again proved

the adage when Hunter, despite colliding violently with umpire Armitage and sending him to the ground, had Dyson caught behind by wicket-keeper Henderson. Andrew Armitage at the appeal raised his finger from his prone position much to the annoyance of Dyson who swore as he departed. 14 for 2 in the 12th over.

Brian Smith, the wicketkeeper took his place. Smith, a sturdy, left-hander of aggressive nature soon changed the tempo of the innings. After 2 overs in which to get used to the pace of the wicket he pulled Hunter's short-pitched ball to the square-leg boundary for 4 and continued to bat fluently for some overs. Jewel also changed his momentum taking singles and in one over from Derby a 5. This arose following an unfortunate accident to a fielder. Peter Wicks, chasing the ball downhill, trod in a pothole and collapsed in pain. The two batsmen continued to run hard until the ball was retrieved by another fielder who had run from slip. Wicks, his ankle badly swollen, was carried to the pavilion and took no further part in the game. He was replaced by a substitute with the consent of captain Sparrow. "I don't recall a 5 all run on this ground before" remarked scorer Brightmore as he recorded the runs. Another club record for Henry Jewel.

With the score on 62 Smith fell lbw to Derby this proving the validity of another adage, that if you don't appeal you won't get many wickets. Umpire Hill, having turned down numerous appeals by Derby, casually raised his finger on this occasion. Smith had scored 30 runs. 9 runs later Jewel's solid innings came to an end when he was bowled off stump by Derby when attempting to steer the ball down to third man. He had made invaluable 25 runs and was succeeded by Walter Jordan.

Alec Millar, who had replaced Smith, scored two lofted drives for 4 apiece and was then caught by Norman Day off a similar drive off Derby's bowling. 81 for 5. In the space of the next 5 overs 3 wickets fell, all to the bowling of Derby. Bill Sansom, unusually quiet on this occasion, Tony Wright and Peter Sidebottom were all beaten and bowled by devastating pace, the first two scoring but one run each and Sidebottom failing to score. 86 for 8 in the 33rd over.

"That's it. It's Lentall's game," admitted John Brightmore to Judith Pass in a gloomladen remark. Dick Sparrow, although sharing this opinion kept his views to himself as Alan Ray, ashen faced at the change in state of play, joined Walter Jordan at the wicket. Captain Sparrow, consulting the scorers, found that 65 runs were required in 8 overs and 1 ball with only two wickets in hand. "8 an over" calculated scorer Brightmore.

On the field Roger Dean spoke to Jack Hunter. "We've got them now Jack"

"Don't count your chickens yet, Roger. Cricket's a funny game" replied the bowler, although his broad grin suggested that he himself was now sure of victory.

The spectators awaited the formality of a Lentall victory, those supporting Hunley quietly accepting the boisterous taunts of their rivals with stoicism customary in these encounters.

In the 34th over Jordan launched a ferocious attack on Hunter's bowling and acquired 12 runs from the over with hits for a mighty 6 over the roof of the distant White Lion inn, a 4 driven straight and a 2 run very quickly to square leg. Captain Seals, brows furrowed, made calculations and decided that Hoskins should replace Hunter at the end of Derby's next over. Derby, having taken 7 wickets for 30 runs in 17 overs, maintained his accurate line and length, the batsman failing to score in the 35th over.

Hoskins, now returned to the attack in a final endeavor, ran in at great speed and pitched the ball in the middle of the wicket. It rose sharply to be met by an inelegant, though effective, stroke from Jordan which sent the ball high over the pavilion roof onto the road for 6. Two other similar balls in the same over were dispatched for 4 apiece. 112 for 8.

"39 required in 5 overs" John Brightmore announced in a voice now alive with hope. The home spectators now found voice at the change in prospects. "No ball" a cry went up as Derby sent down the first delivery of the next over.

Unfortunately for Hunley the cry came not from the umpire but from a spectator. However the ball was wide of the stumps and no harm was done. "His foot was well over the line," cried the irate spectator. "Watch his front foot umpire" he called loudly to umpire Hill as that gentleman, impervious to criticism, leaned over the stumps awaiting the next delivery. This found the edge of Ray's bat and went racing through the slips for 4 to the delight of the Hunley spectators and the disgust of their rivals. 2 singles from the over left the score at 118 with 4 overs in hand.

Captain Seals, his faith in Hoskins unshaken, kept that bowler on in a determined attempt to break through. Jordan and Ray scored 12 runs from the over including a four to Jordan past deep mid-on and a 6 over mid-wicket pulled by Ray.

Derby's next over, bowled at a frantic pace, saw but one scoring stroke, an unorthodox 6 by Ray, high over the heads of the slips. 136 for 8 with 2 overs left.

Captain Seals, now scratching his head in bewilderment, permitted Hoskins to bowl the penultimate over. Jordan, swinging his bat like a scythe, dispatched the first ball for 6 over long-on, took 2 runs for an edged shot down to fine leg, missed the third ball, sent the fourth high over the mid-wicket boundary for another 6 to bring the scores level.

The fifth ball missed the stumps by inches. Hoskins cried out in anguish. The sixth ball was pulled to the square-leg boundary for 4.

Hunley had won by 2 wickets with an over to spare. Jordan danced on the wicket like a dervish, embraced Alan Ray and the two heroes returned to the pavilion through an excited, if incredulous, crowd of spectators and players, some elated and others despondent. Sid Jones, batsman number eleven, stood by the pavilion entrance, ashen-faced and bemused, as if he could not comprehend that he had no need to bat.

"We bat in depth" remarked Dick Sparrow as he shook hands with a disconsolate Alan Seals. The visiting captain congratulated the Hunley skipper with good grace in the circumstances. "Well played Hunley. I was sure we had you beaten at 86 for 8."

"Things were in the balance for a time" Sparrow admitted trying hard to disguise his relief at the outcome.

Hunley had obtained a maximum 16 points while Lentall were restricted to 5 bonus points, the difference in the league table being now 19 points.

"Bad luck, Alan. A close run thing" remarked John Brightmore.

"Yes, Thank you" replied captain Seals quietly. Graham Hoskins was not so diplomatic. "Lucky buggers" he shouted to the spectator who had call 'no Ball' on several occasions. Hoskins returned to the welcome shade of the visitors' dressing room while the spectator, now mollified, adjourned to the White Lion together with other spectators. The players soon followed to that hostelry. John Brightmore shook hands with Walter Jordan. "The winning hit brought up your fifty. It was overlooked in the excitement"

"The icing on the cake" said Jordan coolly. "Bill Hodgson owes me a pint." The landlord had a rule to give a free pint of

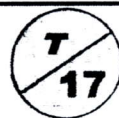
beer to Hunley players who scored fifty or took five wickets.

"Their captain lost the match" opined Peter Sidebottom. "Fancy leaving Hoskins on at the end."

"Ours not to reason why" said Bill Sansom sagely. "We'd have won whoever bowled" remarked Henry Jewel, an advocate of positive thinking.

Previous matches between the two villages were recalled. Arthur Derby remembered one victory for Lentall nearly twenty years before. Lentall, 9 wickets down and a man short enlisted the services of their elderly scorer who helped to put on 40 runs for the last wicket and give them an unlikely win.

In the cool of the late evening Bill Hodgson called time and those players and spectators still on the premises made their way home reluctantly after a memorable day, one to recall with pride in future years.



Transport 17

I am very glad to say that Alan is back driving for us and Barry is much better and hopes to be back in April. I am quite sure that all the kind prayers and thoughts have helped.

We have a new driver, called Tony Powell, from Deepcar, near Stocksbridge. He helped us before, many years ago. We also have a new escort, Lorna Baker, from Dore. Lorna is very involved with Dore to Door and Dore Village Society, so we feel she is an old friend already.

The date for the Monday Club/Transport 17 day out has been fixed. This will be on Monday 12th July. Anyone is welcome to come with us, not just our passengers. Our regulars are picked up by minibus, as usual, and brought to our office in Baslow Road. We transfer to a full size Gordon's coach. This has a lift at the side and plenty of space for wheelchairs. We hope to leave Totley at 9.30am. We can provide some helpers for pushing chairs, but if you have your own helper that will be even better. By the way, the trip is to Bridlington. More details re-price and people to contact, next month.

During recent bad weather, some clubs were cancelled. Sometimes it is their choice and sometimes it is Michael Finn's. I would like our passengers to know that, unless their club organiser or representative rings to say that the club is off, then we will be there to collect them. We are intrepid!!

Keep safe, best wishes. Margaret Barlow

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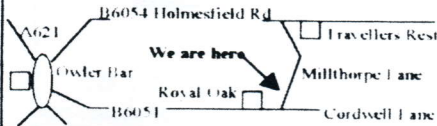
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