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Fox House 1956.
Nr Sheffield.

The Fox House Garage on the Hathersage Road in 1956, we published a similar view in the December 2003 edition from the winter of 1947. Apart from the snow, note how little changed in the intervening years.

Thank You Mike

I doubt if anyone was more surprised than I was when Mike Williamson spoke about my time on the Residents Association Committee at the Annual Meeting on 19 April. We had only been living in Totley for a few months when I was approached about being the Editor of The Totley Independent. Few people in Totley knew who I was or what sort of a mess I might make of that job! We did not have a computer in those days and getting all the contributions to fit into a page size was quite a job. Becoming the Treasurer happened a lot later after I had passed the Independent over to other hands. I do want to say though that there are other people who have been on the TRA Committee much longer than my 17 years. Mike Williamson himself has been in from the early days, as also have Les Firth and John Perkinton to name but three.

However, I must say that serving on the Committee has been a privilege; I have got to meet and know many people whom I can now call friends. Although Marjorie and I came to Totley in retirement we have been able to see that it was merely the next phase in our lives. We have discovered a wealth of opportunity that a fresh environment and more leisure time have brought. My beliefs in the importance of community have compelled me to look for those opportunities. I think that is a message I would like to pass on to anyone else who is reaching "that certain age". For people with a Christian faith the serving of others is recognised as one of the fundamentals of the Gospel. Serving in whatever way our opportunities arise is not only a commandment, it is a privilege. If you don't believe me, try it!

Maurice Snowdon.

The Magic of Blackamoor and Totley Moss

Let us sample a short walk of some 4 miles on this spring morning. Start from the top of Hillfoot Road, follow Chapel Lane, cobbled causeway, crossing the infant Needhams dike, left along Penny Lane passing the popular 'Cricket Inn', keep forward by Totley Bents to the head of Strawberry Lee Lane.

To enter the realms of lovely Blackamoor (note Fishers Moor to the right where a private track across to Hallfield Farm. Here was sited an old abandoned Ganister Mine and Quarry Workings. Now overgrown with Rowan and Silver Birches). The track winds through the elegant Beech Avenue to the moorland slopes of Lenny Hill. This track was originally known as the car road to the high level Strawberry Lee Farm. We cross the bridge crossing the Lee Dike. The path climbs fairly steeply to the junction of paths from the Dore area to the crude wooden seat to drink in glorious views.

Locate the plantation just to the left to locate the stone pillar. Here is located a plaque to the memory of Stephen Morton the popular ex-president of the South Yorkshire Ramblers Association. All of the area of Blackamoor 448 acres was presented to the City of Sheffield back in the year 1933 by that great landowner and benefactor the late Alderman JG Graves.

Head forward across the moorland slope to the final gate, swing hard left across rough pasture land this area was part of the 90 acres farmed by old Tommy Sampson, the site of the Strawberry Lee Farm was habited right up to the year 1903, demolished in 1936. All that is left of the original building is just a pile of stones. It must have been a hard life at this wind swept high level abode. A rather grim end was met by the housekeeper old Kitty in 1902 she was returning from a shopping trip to Totley Bents one winters day when caught in a snow storm lost her way in the blizzard conditions. Her body was found in the deep drifts only a hundred yards from the farm door two days later. Don't let this true story put you off a grand walk.

We locate a wooden parapet over the infant Lee Dike stream in the corner of the field. To another gate, swing over to our left again and traverse across the slope of shapely Wimbleholme Hill. A grand spot at 1150 feet with views of a high order we then join the main path across Bole Hill and Totley Moss. Turn left again to another gate and descend to either Bole Hill Lodge or the steep moorland path above the rifle range and adjacent to the Totley Tunnel railway airshaft. Bole Hill Lodge was once a gamekeeper's home, now a private residence.

Soon we join Moss Road, and pass the old Brook Hill Farm (now used as the Army Cadets rifle range centre). Simply turn left at the junction with Lane Head Road, locate the gap on the right into the sports field and soon we are back to the Cricket Inn and wending our way home after a grand outing around Totley's scenic Heritage.

John C Barrows

OPEN UP SHEFFIELD

Each May 1,000's of people from all over the city and further afield dust off their A to Z's and set out on a trail of discovery, searching out the wide range of contemporary artists, designers and craftspeople at work across greater Sheffield. Many visitors are 'new' to art, drawn in by an informal and welcoming atmosphere, helping de-bunk the idea of art being something for them and not us, making it popular in the best sense of the word. Entry to all studios, workplaces and venues is free. Artists from S17 are listed below. openupsheffield.co.uk is a not-for-profit organisation promoting art and artists in the region.

CONTACT: For further information and comments about Open Up Sheffield, please contact Sharon Gill on 0114 275 3847 or email openupsheffield@yahoo.com or website www.openupsheffield.co.uk

Overdale Pottery

129 Prospect Road, Sheffield S17 4HX

0114 262 1122

www.overdalehouse.freemove.co.uk

DESCRIPTION: Studio with gas kiln. Also used by visiting potters. Throwing, hand-building, glazing, and firing demonstrations.

OPEN: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th until 6pm.

DISABLED ACCESS: Yes.

Sue Blythe

15 Poynton Wood Glade, Sheffield, S17 4NH

0114 236 7464

OPEN: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th.

DISABLED ACCESS: No.

DESCRIPTION: Functional and non-functional ceramic forms combined with other mediums.

Marisa Boden

2a King Ecgbert Road, Sheffield, S17 2QQ

OPEN: 8th, 9th.

DISABLED ACCESS: No.

DESCRIPTION: Attracted to markets, people and trees; interesting faces, colourful clothes. No hidden messages, only the joy of painting. Oil, acrylic.

Wendy Carlton

10 Ashfurlong Park, Sheffield S17 3LD

0114 235 3159

OPEN: 2nd, 3rd, 9th.

DISABLED ACCESS: No.

DESCRIPTION: Large, bold, powerful flower heads in oils and acrylics.

Steve Elliott

49 Meadow Grove, Sheffield S17 4FE

0114 236 8469

OPEN: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th.

DESCRIPTION: Pastel paintings of Peak District landscapes, from naturalistic to semi-abstract.

Hazel Lale

2 Brookvale Cottage (Chemical Yard), Back Lane, Totley Rise, Sheffield S17 4HP

0114 236 6031

OPEN: 1st, 2nd.

DISABLED ACCESS: No.

DESCRIPTION: Passion for colour and line in the watercolour medium. Works also in oils and acrylics.



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Library Memories

I read with great interest the letters from M Coldwell and K Reynolds and would like to add my appreciation of our library and staff.

Having a very limited education through illness as a child any knowledge I may have is by reading. Words always fascinated, figures not!! Living in an era of so much unemployment the free libraries were a boon to many. Being an avid reader, devoured all I could get – factual, fiction, the classics, travel, poetry, the lot. Even 'Lady Chatterley' and 'Miss Blandish' (purely educational you understand) now rated very tame by today's criteria.

I used Highfield Library from my teens onward until moving to the prefabs 45 years ago, then regularly to the "little library" as we called it, where the staff performed wonders in such a small building especially when crowded.

The present library was eagerly awaited, and over the years has expanded with audio and video cassettes and other helpful items of modern technology. Also, talks, plays, exhibitions etc have all fostered a good community spirit. I would like to add my own anecdote. Some years ago I entered the library and would see a gathering in the junior section comprising Bill Carter-Wigg (a true gent), Nellie Ellis, Vera White, Ken Hoyland (all sadly gone from us). I stood at the counter when I heard my name, within a few minutes I had been proposed, seconded, elected to what was the first Committee of TOPS. I feebly said, "I only want a book!"

However, that was the start of many happy meetings and outings.

Now in old age, I am still supplied with books brought in by kind friends. Best wishes for the continued pleasure the library and staff have contributed to our lives.

Joan Merrill

A VERY DARK PEAK PRACTICE

The proposed quarries at Stanton Moor

The birds sing, the trees are budding, the air is clear and vibrant. This very special corner of the Peak is about to burst forth into life. A path wends its way through a fabulous wood and onto Stanton Moor, a unique Bronze Age landscape. Near the ancient stone circle of Nine Ladies, a gentle strain of a flute is borne on the breeze. There is a mystery and a peace about this sacred place. Echoes of a distant past are heard in moments of stillness and a haunting atmosphere permeates the whole landscape. The earth goddess-smiles upon this precious, blessed land. Such beauty should endure forever.

Then they will come. The hoot of-an owl is drowned by the heartless, mechanical swooping of the police helicopters. The sound of the rotors, ominous and sinister, slice through the night sky. Teams of infiltrators move freely amongst the protestors at Endcliffe and Lees Cross Quarries. Black propaganda circulates freely amongst the local communities. Divide and rule is the key. For four years, the protestors have camped out in the woods.

The media has been alerted. The end game is in sight. Will it be the heavy machinery at dawn or the jackboot in the dead of night? It is all the same. The weight of the establishment, backed by political and economic self-interest, is about to come crashing down upon their heads.

Yet the protestors remain undaunted. Despite the imminent threat, they maintain a sanguine, good humour. Their policy of non-violence and openness in these trying times is to be admired. With the forces of the state waged against them, their tenacity, resolution and resourcefulness, is astonishing.

There is humour, too, in these dark days. A fairground dodgem is about to be hauled high (somebody will eventually chain themselves to it) and a caravan already hangs suspended between the trees. The tunnels remain a closely guarded secret. Trenches have been dug. Nets and ropes straddle the quarry site. The tree houses create a surreal, Tolkien-esque ambience. But when the confrontation comes, it will be both real and dangerous. These brave committed individuals will put their lives at risk and the rest of us to shame.

The future looks bleak. Dust, pollution, noise, traffic and loss of tourist revenue will inevitably follow in the short term. Further down the line, after 3.2 million tons of rock has been gouged from the site, the gift to posterity will be an eyesore of monumental proportions. The vision of the future is one of the desecration of a magical landscape on an industrial scale. The guts of the earth mother will have been ripped out. The crone, with cracked teeth and a sickle smile, knows that when we damage the earth we also damage ourselves. Unless we take heed, and galvanise to stop this act-of greed, we shall watch, in horror, the destruction of yet another piece of our unique English countryside.

Andrew Hassall

(Andrew Hassall is the author of 'Snakebreath' - a thriller set in the Peak District. He is one of a group of Peak District writers deeply concerned by the developments at Stanton Moor.)

COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS.

As mentioned in the April Independent this event will be held on **Saturday 22nd May from 10am to 12 noon** in the Car Park at English Martyrs Church on Baslow Road. It is always a pleasant social occasion when one can relax and have a coffee or two, buy from the plant, bric-a-brac, cakes or bookstalls, knowing that the proceeds are mainly for Transport 17. Contributions for any of the stalls will be gladly welcomed. Collection of any item can be arranged by phoning 2367176 or 2365313. Please make a note in your diary and come along. You will be very welcome.

John Artindale

Blackamoor District Ranger Unit Appeal

My friend, Rebecca, and I are members of the Blackamoor District Ranger Unit. Last October we were selected from all of the British Guides to attend a trip to India this summer with Guiding Central Headquarters (in London) and North East England Guiding. The groups are aged from 16 to 18 and both Rebecca and I will only be 16 when we leave. While there we will be staying in the World Guide Centre, Sangam. We will also be helping with a children's camp for underprivileged locals- singing songs, doing craft and helping with the running of the camp.

As part of the challenge of our trip we have to raise £1,300 each as our contribution to the overall cost. So far we have raised funds by helping to organise and run a district event, selling quizzes and valentines cards. I am writing to enquire whether anyone in the Totley area would be able to offer support to us, in any way.

Girl guiding UK sends groups away each year to international camps all around the world. To be selected to go on this trip to India I had to go through two selection processes, one for Sheffield girls and then girls from North East England. We are 'judged' by leaders of the area on organisation, initiative and basic common sense!

We would be happy to send you a report of all that we do while out in India. We are both sure this will be an amazing experience for us and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Sophie Burgess
30 Devonshire Road,
Sheffield
S17 3NT
(0114) 2365664

Transport 17 – May Report for Totley Independent

It was very good to see Councillor Sylvia Dunckley at our AGM on 29th March. She is on the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority Committee. We get funding from them. Together, her and our Treasurer, John Savournin, have been putting our case and things are looking good. Many thanks to them both.

Alan and Barry are back and we have another driver due to join us. This is just as well, because holidays, Grandparent duties, etc., are coming up as well as clubs wanting to go out and about. We need drivers and escorts even more.

By the way, I must emphasize that we don't just cover the S17 area. We go to many other parts of Sheffield and I am sure that many of you will have seen us out and about.

The outing to Bridlington is on Monday 12th July. Anyone is welcome to come. The price is £8 each (Monday Club members – this doesn't apply to you!). The Gordon's coach can take wheelchairs and has a lift. We will leave Totley at 9.30am. Please ring Irene Wells on 236 0602 to book and pay.

Please go along to the "Cakes and Cuttings" Morning at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, Totley. This is on Saturday, 22nd May, from 10am till 12 noon. It is a lovely social event where you can buy plants, cakes and bric-a-brac. Best wishes.

Margaret Barlow

PS. Congratulations to our eldest passenger, Edith Dyson, who was 102 in March. What a lovely lady she is.

Farewell

After many years as librarian at Totley Library, I am transferring to the Mobile Library service. This is a result of reorganisation in the library service.

I am very sorry to leave as I have always appreciated being able to work at Totley Library. People in Totley have always made me feel part of their community and have always given the library unstinting support.

I would particularly like to thank the Residents'

Association for their support, which I am sure will continue with my successor. The new manager, for the time being at least, will be Anne Staniland, who is currently involved with preparing the new library at Ecclesall for opening on 26th April. I am sure you will be seeing more of her once this is open.

I have found working here sometimes challenging but very enjoyable. This is partly due to all the really nice people I have met here, but also to the hard work and commitment of the library staff, who have kept the library running very efficiently, sometimes through quite difficult times.

In my new post, I will be helping to run (not literally) the Mobile Library service, the service to Housebound people, services to residential homes and the Hospital library services. It's quite different from anything I've ever done before, so I expect it to be quite challenging.

So, very sadly, I have to take my leave, but I'll be keeping in touch with developments in the area.

Best wishes,
Pauline Rosser

First Bus Services 30, 50 and X30

50: Sheffield – Dore

X30: Royal Hallamshire Hospital – Sheffield – Mosborough

From Sunday 25th April, the existing Service X30 will be re-numbered as Service 30 and will extend from Hallamshire Hospital via the current Service 50 route to Dore replacing most journeys on Service 50. Service 50 will only operate early mornings and at peak times on Monday to Friday. For further details of all bus, train and tram services in South Yorkshire, please telephone Traveline on 0870 608 2 608, open seven days a week from 8am to 8pm or visit their website at www.traveline.org.uk

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Peter Casson

PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

MAY

Sat 15th. & Sun 16th. Chatsworth International Horse Trials.

Dressage, show jumping and cross-country.

Tel. 01295 788492

Thur. 20th to Wed. 26th. Tissington Well Dressing.

6 Wells in the village. Tel. 01335 352200

Sat. 22nd. Middleton by Youlgreave Village Market.

1 pm. onwards. Tel. 01629 636229

Sat. 22nd. & Sun. 23rd. Chatsworth Fishing Fair.

Catering for game, coarse & sea fishing enthusiasts with added family attractions. Tel. 01328 701133

Sat. 22nd. to Fri. 28th. Middleton by Youlgreave Well Dressing. 1 well. Can be seen decorated 18th.-21st.

Tel. 01629 636229

Sat. 22nd. To Sat. 29th. Flower Festival. St. Giles Church, Great Longstone. 10 am to 6 pm. daily excluding Sun. 23rd.

Refreshments in the Village Hall nearby. Tel. 01629 640478

Sat. 29th. to Sun. 6th June. Polish your own Blue John Stone.

Treak Cliffe Cavern, Castleton, 10 am – 4 pm.

Tel 01433 621487

Sun 30th. to Mon. 31st. Sheffield and District Orchid Society- Chatsworth Show, Cavendish Hall, Edensor.

30th. 11 am. to 5 pm., 31st. 11 am to 4 pm. Tel. 01709 790427

Mon. 31st. Bamford Sheep Dog Trials and Fell Race. 8 am. – 6 pm. Bamford recreational ground, Water Lane.

Tel. 01433 651588

Mon. 31st. Glossop Bank Holiday Market.

JUNE

Sat. 5th. to Sun. 13th. Ashford in the Water Well Dressings.

6 wells decorated. Tel. 01629 813005

Sat. 12th. Jazz in the field. Edale playing field 7-30 pm. to 11 pm. Tel. 01433 670338.

Sat. 12th. and Sun. 13th. Peak District Products – “In the Park”. Exhibition and sale of exclusive art, craft and design made in the Peak District. Cavendish Hall Edensor, Chatsworth. 10 am to 5 pm.. Admission free.

Tel. 01335 370112

Sun 13th. Edale Country Day. Playing field 10-30 am. to 5 pm. Tel. 01433 670217

Sat. 19th. Midsummer Market. All Saints Church, Curbar 11 am. to 3 pm. Tel. 01433 639437

Sat. 19th. to Thur. 24th. Youlgreave Well Dressings. 5 Wells Floodlit until 11 pm. Tel. 01629 636341

Sat. 26th. to Fri. 2nd. July. Rowsley Well Dressings and Flower Festival. 3 well in the village, flower festival in St. Katherine's Church 10 am .to 8 pm. Tel. 01629 733574

Sat. 26th. to Sat. 3rd. July. Tideswell Wakes & Well Dressing Week. Wakes stalls open daily 10 am. to 5 pm. Market stalls open 26th. & 27th. June & 3rd. July. Tel. 01298 872181

Sat. 26th. to Sun. 4th. July. Hope Wakes & Well Dressings Week. 4 Wells decorated. Tel. 01433 621312

Sat 26th. to Sun. 4th. July. Litton Well Dressings and Wakes. 2 wells dressed. Tel. 01298 872569

Sun. 27th. to Sun. 4th. July. Bakewell Carnival and Well Dressing Week. Events throughout the week, programmes available May. Tel. 01629 814112

All the above, plus many more events, can be found in “Peak District 2004” the National Parks Free Official Newspaper and Guide

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 skilfully 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

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

"Playing Away" by Judith Shaw

A bittersweet 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,

Tel. 274 6413 for details.

REFLECTIONS

We met, we married, a long time ago

We worked long hours, the wages were low

No telly, no radio, no bath, times were hard

Just a cold tap and a loo in the yard

No trips abroad, no carpets on floors,

We had coal on the fire, never locked doors

The children arrived, no choice in them days

We brought them all up without state aid.

No valium, no drugs. No L.S.D.

We soothed away pain with a nice cup of tea

If you were sick you were treated at once

No filling forms then come back in a month

No vandals, no muggings, we nowt to rob,

In fact you were rich with a couple of bob.

Milkmen and paperboys would whistle and sing

A night at the flicks was a wonderful thing

We had our troubles we had our strife

We just had to face them, it was all part of life.

Now on reflection we look back through the years

We don't think of bad things, the troubles, the tears

We remember the blessings the home filled with love

We've shared them together and I thank GOD above.

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REMEMBER HOW IT FEELS?

Tina is a young mum struggling to cope with her 2 young children.

Jack is 18 months and cries all the time, he won't sleep at night and so neither does Tina.

Claire is 3 years old and is very lively and inquisitive. Tina is finding it difficult to cope, she is always exhausted and stressed.



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June, Thursday 24th.

July, Tuesday 27th.

August, No meeting.

September, Wednesday 22nd.

October, Thursday 28th

November, Tuesday 23rd.

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

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Totley Primary School

Tuesday 4 May 2004

Doors Open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

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M&S – Principles – Kangol
Dorothy Perkins – BHS

No ordering – Buy on the night – Cash or
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Kids - the things they come up with

The following excerpts are supposedly actual answers given on history tests and in Sunday school quizzes by children between 5th and 6th grade ages in Ohio. They were collected over a period of three years by two teachers.

Read carefully for grammar, misplaced modifiers, and of course, spelling!

- Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate Of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.
- Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandos. He died before he ever reached Canada but the commandos made it.
- Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was a actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. It sounds like he was sort of busy too.
- The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.
- Socrates was a famous old Greek teacher who went around giving people advice.
- They killed him. He later died from an overdose of wedlock which is apparently poisonous. After his death, his career suffered a Dramatic decline.
- In the first Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled biscuits, and threw the java. The games were messier then than they show on TV now.
- Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out "Same to you, Brutus."
- Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw for reasons I don't really understand. The English and French still have problems.
- Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen," As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "hurrah!" and that was the end of the fighting for a long while.
- It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood.
- Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented Cigarettes and started smoking.
- Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper which was very dangerous to all his men.
- The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter.
- Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He Wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Since then no one ever found it.
- Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by Rubbing two cats backward and also declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." He was a naturalist for sure. Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.
- Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's Mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation.
- On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got Shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture

show. They believe the assassinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

- Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large.
- Bethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf that he wrote loud music and became the father of rock and roll. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.
- The nineteenth century was a time of a great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up.
- Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbits but I don't know why.
- Charles Darwin was a naturalist. He wrote the Organ of the Species. It was very long and people got upset about it and had trials to see if it was really true. He sort of said God's days were not just 24 hours but without watches who knew anyhow? I don't get it.
- Madman Curie discovered radio. She was the first woman to do what she did. Other women have become scientists since her but they didn't get to find radios because they were already taken.
- Karl Marx was one of the Marx Brothers. The other three were in the movies. Karl made speeches and started revolutions. Someone in the family had to have a job, I guess.

I HAVE NOTICED

Everything is farther away than it used to be
It is even twice as far to the corner
And they have added a hill.

I have given up running for the bus
It leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper
Than in the old days
And have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers?
There is no sense asking to read aloud anymore
As everybody speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now
Especially around the hips and waist,
That is it almost impossible to reach ones shoelaces
And the sizes don't run the way they used to
The 12's and 14's are so much smaller.

Even people are changing.
They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age.

On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am.
I ran into an old classmate the other day
And she has aged so much that she didn't recognise me.

I got thinking about the poor dear while I was
Combing my hair this morning and in so doing I
Glanced at my own reflection.
Really now, they don't even make good mirrors like they used to.
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GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

I hope you all enjoyed and took advantage of the good weather earlier and got on with all those jobs in the garden that have been neglected. My garden is a blaze of colour at the moment (April 16th) the daffodils, tulips and hyacinths are in full bloom, the plum trees are covered in a white blossom and the apple trees are about to burst into the lovely pink and white blossom which heralds a good crop fruit. We have increased the vegetable area this year so when you come round to see the open gardens you may see my efforts with the veg starting to show, slugs permitting (open gardens weekend is on June 26th and 27th) we look forward to seeing you there. I hope you are bearing in mind also the "Totley Show" in September when you are planning your garden. I hope to see more competition from you younger gardeners, if you need any tips on showing pop round to see me. I'm almost always in the garden unless I'm at the gym keeping fit (HaHa) do try taking part in the show. I wouldn't bother trying to win the onions though 'cos mine are going to win this year (now there's a challenge for you). You could enter other categories though, I'm not very good with carrots or knitting – I might enter a couple of photographs, and Christine will be entering the Jam and Lemon Curd sections (Christine's lemon curd is worth going to bid for at the end of the show, I had to bid last year to try and get a taste would you believe). So have a go – the schedules will be in the July edition of "Totley Independent" and copies will be available in the Busy Bee, Library and Post Office. Watch out for the weather and have fleece or newspaper handy in case old Jack Frost tries to knobble those tender plants.

FLOWERS

Prepare beds for summer flowers whilst hardening off the plants. A dressing of Growmore or your favourite fertiliser will give young plants a good start. Water if necessary any new plants. Liquid feed container-grown plants, take out bulbs which have finished flowering and place them in a trench, out of the way and cover with soil so that leaves can die back naturally. Stake & tie up Sweet Peas, keep them well mulched. Plant out Dahlia tubers, protect shoots from frost. Give Roses a spray of fungicide to prevent blackspot mix a bit of insecticide with it if aphids are present. Plant out seedlings of hardy perennials, place them in a nursery bed where they can grow undisturbed during the summer. It's a good time to plant up window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs etc. If you can keep them under cover they will be nicely established when it's time to put them out later. Trim Aubrietia to prolong the flowering period and top dress with fertiliser. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants such as Phlox. Michaelmas Daisy and Golden Rod. Use your favourite slug bait around tender plants. Sow hardy annuals such as Clarkia, Cornflower, Calendula, Candytuft, and Godetia etc.

VEGETABLES

Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans. Thin out carrot, lettuce, parsnip, turnip and spinach seedlings. Keep all crops well watered. Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops. Clear remains of spring greens and prepare bed for leeks. Prepare mounds for planting out courgettes, marrows pumpkins etc. Sow succession sowings of beet, carrots, peas, broad beans, also lettuce, salad onions, radishes and parsley. Sow sweet corn mid May, better results are obtained if they are planted in square pots rather than straight rows. Plant out winter greens, particularly brussels sprouts and cauliflower. Runner beans can be planted outdoors, put 2 seeds together, if both germinate, single out later. At the end of the month sow vegetable marrow and ridge cucumber outdoors. They are best grown on a mound, I use 2 bales of straw with a good rich compost between, this keeps them warm & moist and slugs are kept under control better. Watch out for pests and diseases and deal with them early, they may get out of control otherwise.

TREES, SHRUBS & FRUIT

Mulch round fruit tree bushes & raspberry canes with well rotted manure or compost; this helps retain moisture, keep

down the weeds, and gives them nourishment. If apples & pears are in fruit, full ringing might help. This involves cutting through the bark so far round the tree trunk, see your gardening book for exact details or call in the library! Spray pears with fungicide if scab was a problem last year, add on insecticide if caterpillars are about. Start to pick gooseberries, thinning out so that the remainder can develop evenly alongside the branches. Keep all fruit well watered. Prune overcrowded raspberry shoots. Summer prune vines. Keep newly planted evergreens mulched and spray with water, especially on hot days. Remove any suckers from trees & roses. Trim over & top dress heathers after flowering. Give your eracious subjects a treat with Iron Sequestrene plant tonic. Plant out tender shrubs like fuchsias and hydrangea. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, willows & dogwood. Trim back dead shoots on Rose of Sharon.

GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS

As the sun gets stronger it is imperative that you shade & ventilate carefully. Begonias and Gloxinias, in particular enjoy being shaded. Watering will also have to be increased particularly with cucumbers and tomatoes, check them everyday. Pot on Pelargoniums and other greenhouse plants which were struck earlier. Allow Nerines, Arums, Freesias and Lachenalia to go to rest by gradually reducing moisture and place them in a sunny part of the greenhouse, this will ripen the bulbs ready for a good show next season. Don't forget to pollinate tomato flowers, use a soft brush or a rabbit's foot and gently take the pollen from flower to flower. Train and feed cucumbers and melons. Sow a few seeds of Cinerarias if you want to have plants in flower by December. Water freely and liquid feed plants including any which have been in their pots for a month or more. Take cuttings of most common houseplants, sow flowering pot plants like Browallia, Indoor Primula, Calceolarias, Cinerarias, Ornamental Peppers & Cacti. Pot on seedlings & cuttings, and once again, watch for the pests and diseases and deal with them promptly. Watch your weather it can still turn quite cold at night so keep your heaters at the ready.

LAWNS

Give weedy lawns a dressing of lawnsand. Keep new lawns well watered. Top dress joints in new turf, regular cutting at medium height is better than cutting the grass bald. Some of you may have noticed I haven't mentioned the Totley Show this month. I thought I would give it a rest, most of you know what's required and no one's going to beat my onions anyway.

Tom Busy Bee

GREEN OAK VIEW *

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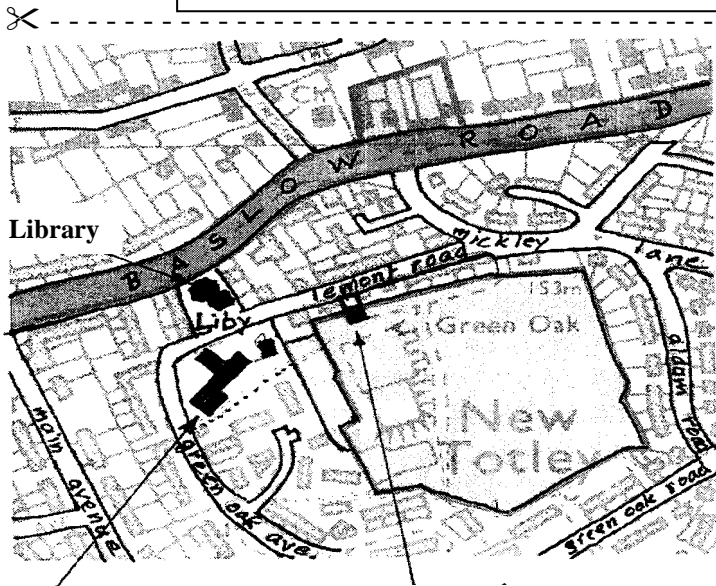
- Totley has lost many of its community facilities over the past few years.
- Green Oak Park needs new facilities (bowling pavilion? toilets? Changing rooms? etc.)
- Our Totley Library is one of then best in the city, but is grossly short of space.
- We do not have suitable or adequate provision for our young people.
- We have growing parking problems - especially in the Green Oak area.

CAN WE TURN THIS TO OUR COMMUNITY'S ADVANTAGE?

Below is a questionnaire. Please fill it in (copies acceptable if you don't want to cut up your 'Independent') and hand it in at:

TOTLEY RISE POST OFFICE or TOTLEY LIBRARY

**This is because Green Oak cannot fit the Government's "National Care Standards Act"
The cost of rebuild and refurbishment would be prohibitive
Its residents have opted to go to the new 60 bed private home on Warminster Road*



GREEN OAK VIEW

PLEASE NOTE:

- We have no guarantee that planning gain money will be available
- We know that much more extra funding will need to be found

BUT

- We believe it is important that we think ahead and look at the options.

Please help us help you by numbering the following in rank order of importance for you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/parking measures | <input type="checkbox"/> A Totley community facility |
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Thank you, We shall report back in future "Totley Independents"

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Easter Activities at Totley Primary School

Car Boot Sale

On Sunday 28 March 2004 despite one hour less sleep due to British Summer starting, Totley Primary School PTA organised a very successful car boot sale in the car park of the Cross Scythes pub.

25 sellers and over 200 buyers turned up and all who attended the sale, either as buyers or sellers, enjoyed themselves finding bargains or making a few pounds from their unwanted goods.

The sale raised £250 for the primary school which will supply more much needed items for school.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday 4 April 2004 Totley Primary School's PTA first Easter egg hunt proved to be a huge success. Over one hundred children joined in the search for eggs all over the school playing fields in an event which must be repeated next year due to the enjoyment had by all whom attended. The proceeds of this fund event raised £280 for school funds.

Other Days

Oft in the stilly Night,
Ere slumbers chain has found me,
Fond memories bring the light,
Of other days around me.

When I remember all the friends,
so linked together,
I've seen around me fall like leaves,
in wintry weather.
I feel like one who stands alone,
the countryside deserted.
Whose lights are fled, and garlands dead,
and all but He departed.

Oft in the stilly Night,
Ere slumbers chain has found me,
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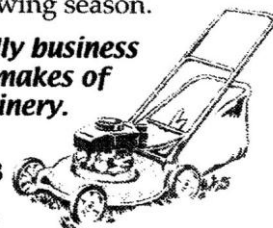
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Blitz

Shortly after my return to Hunters bar from evacuation at Hope in March, 1940, war began in earnest and the Germans soon blitzkrieged their way across the Continent to the English Channel. The miraculous evacuation of British and French soldiers from Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain took place. The Luftwaffe, frustrated by the few of Fighter Command, turned their attention to the cities. London was bombed regularly, Coventry was obliterated in November, then it was Sheffield's turn.

At seven o'clock on the evening of Thursday 12th December 1940, I, aged nine, was taking a bath in the tin tub in front of the fire (The terraced house in Fulmer Road had no bathroom or hot water on tap). To my great dismay the sirens rang out and I hurriedly completed my ablutions.

Soon the drone of aircraft engines could be heard in the clear, frosty air. My mother, sister and myself crept under the stairs with much trepidation to await events. There was an Anderson air raid shelter in the back garden but it was damp and not the best of accommodation. Old Mr. Shireby the tenant (my mother was sub-tenant) took shelter in the outside lavatory. My older brother Dennis, aged twelve, was out on ARP duties.

A blaze of light flared up through the blackout curtains like some monster firework and lit up the interior of the kitchen. My mother cried out in despair and I bit my lip such was my fright. An incendiary bomb had landed in the back garden. I did not know at the time but this was one of many flares dropped to guide the following bombers. Fortunately this device was soon extinguished by an air raid warden.

"Don't worry, Mrs. Percival" a cheerful voice called out from the kitchen door. "The fire's been put out. No damage at all."

"Thank you. Is that Mr. Summers?" my mother asked.

"Yes. Are you all right?" the warden asked.

"Yes thank you. Come in for a cup of tea when you get the chance" my mother said, soothed by the confident demeanour of the warden.

"Thank you Mrs. Percival. Perhaps later when things have quietened down. Must go - Jerry's about" replied the warden.

The sounds of explosions could now be heard one whistling bomb testing our nerve. At the end of the long shrill whistle it landed and rocked buildings in the vicinity. I trembled with fear and my mother offered up a prayer. My sister, aged six, held her breath.

There was a lull for a time. I moulded wax from the candle into strange shapes as we waited anxiously expecting further bombs to fall. Some time later another drone of aircraft engines hit our ears. One enormous explosion shook the vicinity followed by the sound of broken glass falling. The next day we learned that our neighbour, Mr. Guest, who had taken shelter in a house across the road, had called out "There go the Percivals' windows". He was not best pleased to discover later that his own windows had been shattered by the blast.

The nightmare continued seemingly forever as we waited helplessly under the stairs with the sounds of bombs exploding sometimes nearby and sometimes more distant. Then eventually a more prolonged lull, a seeming age of suspense and fear and then, to our enormous relief the all-clear signal rang out. No sweeter sound was ever heard. The time by Mr. Shireby's antique clock on the kitchen mantelpiece was 4-17. The raid had lasted nine hours.

My mother, my sister and I went outside to survey the scene. Looking towards town the centre of the city was ablaze like a sunset. Many years later I learned that the blaze could be seen at Harrogate some fifty miles away. Mr. Shireby, phlegmatic as ever, emerged from the outside lavatory to join us.

We were relieved to find that there were no casualties among our immediate neighbours and, after a time spent on reflecting on our good fortune, retired to bed to sleep as best we could, thankful that our ordeal was over - at least for the time being.

Next morning with two school friends I went on a tour of the neighbourhood. Of course there was no school although the school itself had not been hit - a mixed blessing from my point of view. Nether Edge Hospital had received three direct hits and houses opposite on Osborne Road had been destroyed, smoke still rising from the rubble. A house on Chelsea Road was in ruins and further up the road an enormous crater caused by a landmine had already been filled in by engineers to assist the flow of traffic. On Westbrook Bank, off Sharrow Vale Road, demolished houses lay smouldering and rescue services men were at work trying to retrieve victims from the rubble.

Gas and water supplies had been cut off. Relief water wagons did not arrive until the afternoon. I joined the queue, armed with buckets and saucepans in which to store the precious liquid.

Full details of the damage became general knowledge through the newspapers. About seventy people had been killed by a direct hit on the Marples Hotel at the corner of Fitzalan Square and High Street. There were many burnt-out and demolished buildings in the centre of the city which had borne the brunt of the bombing together with the inner suburbs. Overturned, burnt-out trams and other vehicles littered the Moor and High Street.

The raid, intended to destroy the steelworks, had not achieved its objective. A blanket of fog had protected the industrial east end of the city.

The Luftwaffe returned on the following Sunday evening and this time industry did suffer. This second raid restricted to three hours was confined to the east end. Fortunately these two raids were the only major attacks on the city during the entire war.

The final total of dead and missing came to 760. Looking back I realise how fortunate we were to avoid death or injury. Those who did experience such horror must have had tragic tales to tell. There was bravery as well. Four George Medals were awarded and gallantry was almost routine for the trained rescue squads who saved many lives. No doubt many such instances witnessed by families and neighbours went unrecognised by the public at large. I always remember our neighbour up Fulmer Road, Mr. Cloves, a retired gentleman previously inconspicuous, who now came to life with his friendly demeanour and good humour in those dark days.

It is not possible in this brief account to give fuller details. However, there is a book entitled 'Raiders Over Sheffield' by Mary Walton and J.P.Lamb. It was first published in 1980 by Sheffield City Libraries and is probably now out of print.

Hugh Percival

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CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.
- WEDNESDAYS.** COFFEE in the LIBRARY, 10am. to 11.30am.
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall 8pm. to 10pm.)
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Sue, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 2839195
- THURSDAYS** PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm.. to 3pm. Tel. 2363157 for further details.
- SATURDAYS.** MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall 2nd. And 4th. Saturdays 7.30pm. to 10pm.

MAY 2004

TUE. 4th LADIES FASHION SHOW, Totley Primary School, 7.00 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. see further details inside.

WED. 5th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "Reflections on the Land called Holy", Rev. Jane Rowell, in the Church Lounge, 7.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

SAT 8th CAR BOOT SALE, King Ecgbert School, 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. £6 per car, refreshments by Blackamoor Rangers

SAT. 8th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Tony Verno, Heatherfield Club Baslow Road 8-30 pm. Non Members Welcome. Entry £1-50

SUN. 9th FOBS MAIN PLANT SALE, Sheffield Botanical Gardens, 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Further details 236 1568

TUES. 11th WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. "Sheffield & District Co-op", Mr. I. Eade, 2.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

WED. 12th to SAT. 15th. T.O.A.D.S. St Johns Church Hall 7:30 p.m. "Curtain up on Murder". Tickets from 236 6891.

FRI. 14th JAZZ AND A BARBEQUE, The Leonard Cheshire Home Garden, from 7.00 p.m. Tickets from 236 7491 or the Office at Mickley Hall

SAT. 15th SPRING FAIR, Dore & Totley URC, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

TUES. 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, "Colour & Style Analysis", Kim Bolsover, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

WED. 19th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "Travels in New Zealand", Stella Jockel, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

FRI. 21st CHARITY AUCTION, Totley Primary School, 8:00 p.m., details inside.

SAT. 22nd SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Bobby North, Heatherfield Club Baslow Road 8-30 pm. Non Members Welcome. Entry £1-50

SAT. 22nd COFFEE, CAKES & CUTTINGS, English Martyrs Church Baslow Road, 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.

TUES. 25th WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Our Favourite Places & Network Stall 2.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

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

THU. 27th to SAT. 29th APEX PLAYERS, Library Theatre 7.30 p.m., "Playing Away", tickets £4 & £5 269 3329 or 234 8499

JUNE 2004

WED. 2nd WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "Mauritius – My home island", Rene Serendat, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

WED. 16th WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "The European Methodist Festival 2003", Marie & Ralph Hebden, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

SAT. 19th TABLE TOP SALE, Dore & Totley URC, 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m. Tables can be reserved for £5 – telephone 255 7938 or 235 2178

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