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Can anyone date this photograph taken outside what was once the old Dore post office. Later it was known as the corner sweet shop and is now a private residence. We would like to know the date and what was the celebration taking place?

View from KES (4)

For schools everywhere this is an extremely busy time of the year. It is exam time. The Y11 students finish around the middle of May, we have Y10 students on work experience as well as doing their mock exams and we have Y9 students doing SAT's. Despite what can be a particularly stressful time for a number of students, the atmosphere at KES remains relaxed and purposeful. What follows are my brief notes on some of the main events, which have taken place or are due to take place in the forthcoming weeks.

OFSTED

We were, overall very pleased with the outcome of the Inspection, which also received extremely favourable reports in The Star and The Sheffield Telegraph. A full copy of the report can be seen on OFSTED's website: www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports

The New School Building

The contract with the consortium called Priorgate has now been signed. Work is progressing well, and is currently on schedule. The management of the school meet with Gleasons (the builders) on a fortnightly basis to discuss progress and to share concerns. It is at these meetings that we have reported to us any issues, which have arisen from our local residents and how Gleasons are dealing with these. We are all keen that any difficulties, which may arise are quickly and effectively dealt with. The company has a help line on 0800 783 3741

Dore Festival

Maureen Cope one of the organisers of the Dore festival has contacted me about King Egbert School becoming involved at some stage during the 2-week festival. At the time of writing I know that Maureen is in discussions with Sam Turner, our Head of Music about performing an open-air concert one evening during the festival. So I am hoping that this will take place.

MP's back to school day

You may or may not know that Friday 23rd April was 'MP's back to school day.' We invited Richard Allan MP and Nick Clegg MEP to come along and speak to our youngsters about what they do and to take questions from them. The questions varied from 'Have you met Tony?' to 'Knowing what you know now, was invading Iraq a good idea?' So as you can see the session was light hearted as well as very informative. As well as these questions, some of our students pressed them on local issues such as why are there not more traffic calming measures on Furniss Avenue and Totley Brook Road. We only had an hour with them before they left for 2 other schools, but it was certainly an enjoyable experience.

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Adult Education Classes

Since Christmas we have been able to run (free of charge) adult education classes in ICT and Asian cooking. These have proved very popular, particularly the ICT sessions, which in total attracted around 60 adults. These have stopped for the moment. However, we are working with Sheffield College and they will be using us as a centre from September for a number of courses. The publicity has not yet been produced, but when it comes out, I hope as many local residents as possible will take advantage of the courses which will be put on here at KES. As these courses will be delivered by Sheffield college tutors there will be a charge involved.

The Wizard of Oz

I cannot write about the school and the community without mentioning our production of the 'Wizard of Oz'. For three evenings in March the hall was sold out. The quality of performance from everyone involved was spectacular - I was extremely proud to be associated with the school and they will now be performing at the Merlin theatre for two nights in July. I know that the local residents who came along to watch thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I hope next time, when we are in the new school that we shall have even more of you attending.

Charity week

During Charity week at school we raised nearly 1,000 pounds. The school council decides how we spend this money. This year half will be going to the Sheffield Childrens Hospital, while the other half will go towards the building of a community room in the New Mosque which is being re-built on Wolsley Road. The governors from the Mosque will be coming up to school to meet the Headteacher and to have a look around the school in May.

On this subject, we are continually trying to improve community links with all our local communities. I, with Mazher Baig, our Urdu teacher go to the Mosque on the last Thursday of every month, to speak to the members of the Mosque. These visits promote greater understanding of one another and now some of our school governors have expressed a desire to accompany me on these visits. As well as this, on the last Wednesday of every month, I with Mazher and Gavin Walker, our Inclusion coordinator go to Highfield Library from 4.00-5.30pm to make ourselves available to local residents of this area. We call it a 'Drop-in surgery,' where anyone can walk in off the street and speak to us around any issue concerning the school.

If you have any questions to put to me or any comments to make, could you write to me at King Ecgbert School, Furniss Avenue, Dore, S17 3QN

Thank you

Sean McClafferty

Deputy Headteacher i/c Community and Technology College Status-

Totley Primary School is right up your street...

for meetings, parties and social gatherings!

Do you need to hire a hall for a family party, social gathering or a meeting?

Totley Primary School is making its facilities available to the public as part of plans to extend its support to the local community.

The school, sited in extensive pleasant grounds off Sunnyvale Road, is just minutes from the Peak District National Park.

Facilities are available for a wide range of recreational activities. There is disabled access and toilet.

Letting fees are competitively priced and can be tailor-made to suit your special occasion, whether it is a birthday or book club meeting, local lecture or walkers' rendezvous.

Anyone interested in hiring out these well-maintained facilities should contact Mr Allen Miller, building supervisor, at the school between 8.00 am to 11.00 am or 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm weekday, telephone 236 4482.

TRA Update

At the committee meeting held on May 10th further discussion took place as to the way forward re: Greenoak View. The results of the questionnaire handed out at the AGM had proved useful. It was decided to distribute a simple questionnaire to every household in Totley. We ask that residents fill this in and return to either the Post Office or the Library by Wednesday, 30 June. The results will then be collated. This will give the TRA and our councillors an idea of what Totley needs and wants. We will then be able to plan for the future. Copy of a letter received from Eddie Sherwood from Social Services (below).

Concerns were raised about the admission policy of Totley Primary School. There appears to be a lack of communication. The school has not kept parents informed. One family have been told their child, registered aged 6 months and attends "Whiz Kids" cannot now go to Totley Primary School although they live in Totley. It is hoped contact with an education officer will help with the problem.

TRA are hoping to start up the web site again. If anyone feels they could help in any way we would be most grateful.

BT have contacted Npower again. They are still waiting for them to reinstate the power so the telephone can be used again.

We look forward to hearing from you with what you feel Totley wants/needs in the future.

Avril Critchley.

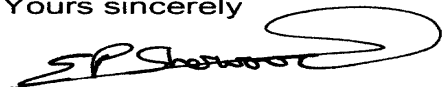
Dear Avril

I am writing to confirm the outcomes of the Social Services exploration of the local community's interest in a piece of land, including the bungalow at Green Oak View. We have met with planners and property services and have reviewed and concluded that there has been very limited current use by the community. It is very important to Social Services that we maximise the amount of money we receive from the sale of the site as we require this to reinvest into our Older Peoples Resource Centres.

In view of this, we are not in a position to withhold the land and the bungalow for use by the local community.

As mentioned at our meeting, I would be happy to attend a further meeting to keep you all informed on Green Oak View and services for Older People.

Yours sincerely



Eddie Sherwood
Strategy and Operations Manager Older People

TWO-MAN ART EXHIBITION

Great Longstone illustrator Brian Edwards joins with Rod Kay the Calver artist in a two-man exhibition of their work at Baslow Village Hall on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June. Brian's work will include pen & ink originals of the Totley & Dore area, Longstone and other parts of the Peak District and South Sheffield, together with watercolours from his various travels at home and abroad. Rod Kay is an accomplished painter in watercolours and oils, particularly of Derbyshire and other parts of the UK. His work has been included in the Derbyshire Open, Great Sheffield Art Show and many one-

man and joint exhibitions. The Baslow exhibition is open 10am to 5pm and entry is free.

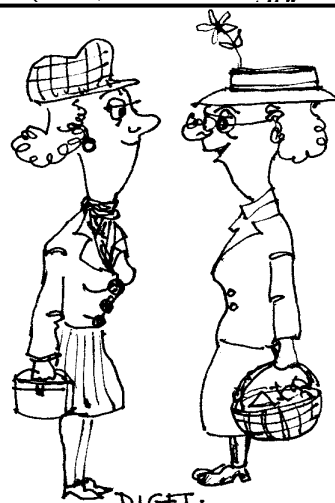
TRAVELS WITH A PEN, BRUSH AND CAMERA

Brian Edwards has been persuaded to give an illustrated talk about his work. This will take place at Baslow Village Hall after the exhibition on Saturday 26th at 7:30pm. Admission £3, proceeds to Baslow Bowls Club. Tickets 01629 640752 or at the door.



Bradway Classic Car Show

Following the success of last years Classic Car Show at Bradway, the event is to be held again this year. With more than fifty vehicles already registered, it is hoped that the total entries will exceed the eighty plus of last year. Cars of note include Isetta Bubble cars, Frankern Aviator series, classic motorbikes, and many classic sports cars. Owners of classics are also invited to turn up on the day, which should bring some unusual and unexpected entries. Held in the attractive setting of Sir Harold Jackson School in Bradway, the event is again promoted by the Scout Groups from Bradway, Greenhill, and Woodseats. Entries have been received from the Sheffield and Hallamshire Motor Club, Classique Cars, and private collectors. The show takes place on Saturday, June 12th, starting at 11.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. There will be plenty of other entertainment including tombolas, coconut shy, bouncy castle and slide and many varied side stalls. Refreshment available will include barbeques, strawberry teas, and other drinks and snacks. All in all a good day out for the family.



"IF YOU STAND ON TOP OF MY WARDROBE YOU CAN SEE MOST OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN TOTLEY AFTER DARK!"

Totley Residents Association 2004 A.G.M.

The AGM was held in Totley Library on Monday 19th April. There was a good attendance of 50 people, including Councillor Keith Hill, Councillor Colin Ross, T.R.A. Committee members and local residents. All were welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes from the 2003 AGM were circulated. As there were no matters arising from these minutes they were accepted unanimously.

The Chairman gave the report for the year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Avril Critchley

It does not seem a year since I was giving the last report. Where has the year gone? The committee have quietly carried on trying to improve life for the residents of Totley. Some of the requests of the 'Wish List' have been granted, many others are long term and require patience. Friends of Green Oak Park has been set up – more from their Chairman later. The committee met with Pamela Horner from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport and Mike Nuttall from First Mainline – many questions were asked the results being:

- Buses are run as a business not a public service
- There is a shortage of bus drivers
- Their hours are strictly governed
- They are often under pressure from abusive passengers
- Any problems re – buses should be reported – 0114 221 1452
- A621 is a Quality Bus corridor with an improvement programme. Totley is mid-way through this programme. We should see improvements – bus shelters during 2004.
- Supertram was discussed – concerns expressed if it were to terminate at Dore station as to what would happen to Totley. It now appears cost has ruled out the route.

Totley Show – September 6th was a successful community event the money raised going to T17. Thanks to the Show Committee who gave up their time throughout the year and to all the volunteers who helped on the day. A special thank you to the retiring show chairman Pauline Perkinson and to Tom and Christine Steel. We are pleased that Les Firth has taken over the position of Show Committee Chairman.

Totley Open Gardens were held on July 19th/20th. Congratulations to all concerned, particularly Jennie Street who co-ordinated the event. The money raised being donated to T17.

The Council supplied us with more bulbs, daffodils this time. Thanks to the hardy souls who spent a Saturday morning in the cold and wet planting them mainly across Baslow Road from the Library. They certainly brighten up Totley.

Tidying up Totley – things have improved thanks to those who lead the way and tidy up on a regular basis. The Council workmen now walk up Baslow Road on a regular basis with their litter pickers. It is up to us to do our bit and keep our community tidy.

Youth nuisance – residents were angry and upset when bus shelters were smashed many times, the Co-op phone box was blown apart and graffiti scrawled everywhere. The Police were invited to a meeting in October. They were presented with a detailed list of incidents which had occurred. As a result the area has been targeted by police patrols on a regular basis. With help from the community who were asked to ring in with incidents on 220 2020 or 296 3680. Most of the troublemakers are now known to the police. Parents have been informed. Do not hesitate to ring if anything happens. Phone box will be re-instated waiting for Npower, letter from Chairman and Petition were a success.

Green Oak View – closure soon as it does not meet with national standards. Meeting in January 2004 with Eddie Sherwood and Janet Burke from Social Services, also concerned members from local churches. Will close in December – no decision as yet to what will happen with the site. Residents moving to The Lees at Norton.

Finally I would like to thank the Committee for their help and support, especially Amanda Hardwick for keeping the minutes, Les Firth, Ian Clarke and John Perkinson for the Independent, Mike Williamson for acting as my deputy and finally Maurice Snowden and Richard Wigglesworth – our Treasurers. Thanks also to members of the community who are willing to help in any way – particularly Marlene Marshall and Janet Bale. Thanks also go to our local councillors and SW Area representative.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Richard Wigglesworth

Richard Wigglesworth circulated the balance sheet and highlighted the following points. There was a surplus of £762.07 from the Independent. TRA is a sound organization built round the Independent, the Totley Show and the Open Gardens, with an income of about £3,400.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2004/2005

Mike Williamson on behalf of TRA and Totley thanked Maurice for his valuable help over the years. Some of Maurice's 'Jobs' were highlighted. December 87 – April 91 as the Independent Editor and then Treasurer. He often acting as an 'ambassador' for TRA and Totley at various meetings.

The existing committee then stood down, nominations for executive positions and committee members were then proposed, seconded and accepted by the meeting.

The committee remains the same as last year, except for the retirement of Maurice Snowden.

Chairman – Avril Critchley, Deputy Chairman – Mike Williamson, Treasurer – Richard Wigglesworth, Secretary – Amanda Hardwick, Committee Members – Les Firth, John Perkinson, Lisa Blake, Rita Garnett, Sylvia Boyles, Ian Clarke (Editor of Independent).

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT - Les Firth

Thanks to Ian Clarke for editing the Independent and John Perkinson for distribution, also thanks to Dot further in her support as 'reader'. Also thanks to all the advertisers and Starprint – who have not increased the printing costs for 13 years. Continued support is always welcomed.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN OF FRIENDS OF GREEN OAK PARK – Sylvia Ruddle

The setting up of the group was outlined – there is a committee who meet once a month. They have a bank account; this was needed so that they could apply for grants. They opened the account with £350 from fund raising, £16,000 available from 106 planning gain monies. This has allowed one piece of equipment to be installed and there are 2 more to follow. Also applied to the Living Spaces for match funding for the tennis courts – so that they can be made over into a multi – games area and shelter. £500 for insurance. Hoping to hold a sports event, volunteers and helpers are always needed.

REPORT ON GREEN OAK VIEW – Duncan Froggatt

When Green Oak View closes the site will be developed. As a result there should be 106 monies available to the community. (Probably about £20,000) We need to have something that will benefit Totley, however this will only happen if we are determined. Need time, commitment and money. Possibly applying for Lottery funding. We need to

be absolutely clear as to what we want – if it is a communal facility – what exactly? Polling interest in the community – what interest is there? A business plan needs to be formulated. There is a steering committee and messages can be left in the Library and they will be passed on. Some possibilities were outlined e.g. extending the Library, or the Bowling Green buildings. If the bowling green area was used then it would be likely that the present buildings would have to be demolished and there be a new build – no bigger than present space. Alternatively sharing space with Totley County Primary School. When Green Oak View closes a luncheon club will be lost, the school has kitchens or make links with the Cheshire Home. This opportunity should not be wasted.

Responses

Dave Aspinall – updated the meeting – spoken to Parks department who were not happy with the suggested location of buildings in the park they suggested it should be nearer the bowling green. Questions of maintenance arise – it would need to be a shared project with TRA, Friends of Green Oak Park and the Bowling Club. The City Librarian has concerns over space, particularly the children's section at the moment as it has a computer base. Original Library was designed with 3 sections in mind. Potentially need ¼ million pounds to fund the various options. Today outline planning permission has been granted on the green Oak site for 2x3 floors of flats and 11 houses. The monies gained by the sale will be used to fund a care facility opposite Tesco's. There will be consultation over the application.

Councillor Keith Hill – also involved in the future for Totley. Still early days in the planning of 'what next' but we need to make our voices heard otherwise decisions would be made for us. Keith highlighted a simple questionnaire available – likely to raise expectations – up to us to make our feelings known – the questionnaire is to act as a stepping off point. We may have to settle for something modest but all options will be looked at.

Opportunity for those present to respond.

Mike Williams endorsed what was said and reminded those present of the past history of trying to get a community centre over the last 25 years. Need input from the younger generation – what do they want? Need to harness that energy and go forward following the different avenues that are opening up.

Richard Wrigglesworth also supported what had been said – this is a one off opportunity. Cited the development of a facility in Dronfield and told us of the changes he has seen over his time living in this community.

Another resident questioned are we talking about what we want or what we need?

How well used are the facilities in Totley already? Majority well used – Heatherfield needs upgrading. Where is the support from the parents in their 30's/40's? Need to consult with those that are hard to reach – the 'youth' Via Matt Conant – Youth Worker for the area. Further discussion on similar lines took place.

Colin Ross spoke about Youth in Totley – not the few who are a nuisance and how and when a new facility has been installed other things should follow e.g. the new equipment in the park. Need to canvas the schools to get the youth perspective so that we get a multi-function facility.

Opportunity for further discussion over the above report then took place.

AREA PANEL MONEY

Litter bins and grit bins have recently been installed. Funds are available including for highway trees. It was pointed out

that grit bins were needed on Aldam Road, Sunnyvale Road and near the Cheshire Home.

AOB

- Totley Hall Park is waterlogged despite installation of some drainage – football pitch is fine. Dave Aspinall to follow up.
- Request for dog bin in that park to be followed up.
- Notice board repaired and to be resited – Hillfoot Road junction.
- Road sweeping needed at end of Glover Road – shop end.
- Footpath between Main Avenue and Green Oak is in a poor state.
- Bottle and paper banks are overflowing at Totley Rise – it was questioned whether the paper banks were needed now that we all have blue bins?

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 9:20p.m.

TGI Sunday!

The Biggest Barbecue Ever (in Totley!) II

Sunday June 27 at Green Oak Park 5pm - 7pm

After the success of last year (over 400 burgers & hot dogs served) Totley Rise Methodist in partnership with Totley All Saints Church are holding another barbecue for the whole community.

Along with tasty food there'll be a couple of bouncy castles, fire engine, games and a live band playing your rock n roll favourites.



And it's all FREE!

Three Praise Services in Green Oak Park will follow - July 4, 11, 18 all starting at 5pm.

For details call Totley Rise Methodist 236-3157

Tracing Homesteads from a Bygone Age

This is certainly the age of living in the fast lane. The fashion of the day is the art of the web site, computers and tourism. Look around the local moorland scene and you will have seen vast changes over the past 60 years. Access to the hills has become much easier with the formation of National Parks and organisations such as the National Trust who own large areas of scenic beauty and stately homes. The City of Sheffield is a grand place to live with its easy access to Derbyshire moors. Our own suburb of Totley is a gateway to some first class scenic delights. At the turn of the 20th century the local moors of Totley, Burbage, Houndkirk, Hallam, Bradfield, Ramsley and Big Moor were still the domain of the grouse shooters. Woe betide any ramblers who ventured onto the hills in the early days for this was classed as trespass on private land. The Duke of Norfolk, Rutland and Devonshire owned large stretches of moorland all around Sheffield and created employment for hill farmers and gamekeepers but slowly tolerance ruled the day. Grouse shooting was on the decline and access to the hills has become so much easier. The old bog trotting pioneers from the 1920s



who fought hard for the right to roam would feed proud of the challenge. Look around at the ruined shell of many homesteads situated on these wind swept heights. Along the old coaching Houndkirk Road you stumble across the site of the Badger House and Oxdale Lodge once the homestead of the Duke of Rutland's gamekeeper and family. This site is situated midway between Fox House and Ringinglow, close to the Thieves Bridge that spans the infant Redcar Brook (feeder of the River Sheaf) on the fringe of the moor and just off the Fox House Road is the ruined farmstead of Piper House the home of that gentle giant gamekeeper George Stone. His family can be traced in Dore Churchyard. I once was invited to tea at the home of this grand family back in the early 1930s. Now these moorland areas are owned by the Sheffield City Council. Follow the Piper House track through Blackamoor and the ruined shell can be found just across the Fox House Road. It must have been a hard life for old Tommy Sampson, the gamekeeper and farmer at Strawberry Lee. Follow the cart road track from Totley Bents to trace this ruined site. Old Tommy must have been a great character. All these high level abodes were finally demolished in the late 1930s. Other homesteads of the past was Stonyridge House which combined the toll road near Fox House. There is even a tollhouse situated at Owler Bar. Just below and set back at the edge of Totley Moor is the fashionable Thickwood Lodge; this was once a gamekeeper's residence. Also, Bole Hill Lodge at the head of the Moss Road likewise – note the site of Ramsley Lodge as you drive along the main road towards Baslow. This gamekeeper's residence was occupied right up to the 1950s. Just off the Froggatt Road and opposite The Grouse Inn you will note the imposing White Lodge, this was gamekeeper's home, now used as an outward-bound youth centre. Many ramblers cross the top of Totley Moss on route for the Longshaw Estate and may find the crest of the hill beyond Flask Edge a little flat

and boring but look around you will find interest on this boggy stretch. Even a stone circle can be traced close to the site of Strawberry Lee ex-farm. Close to the main rail tunnel air shaft that dominates the flat top moor I found an old entrenchment and wall line that lead directly back towards the Owler Bar Road and traced the large site of a dwelling that really dates back into history. On the large-scale ordnance map this gives the position as a sheepfold but there was obviously a homestead here for a causeway leads right across the feeders of the Barbrook which flows towards Big Moor. The late veteran ramblor and historian Bert Ward from Storth Lodge along Moorwoods Lane did research on this site and named it "Shepherds Moss House". I found this dwelling about 10 years ago and have always been fascinated by the high level location. I went to the Sheffield reference library but all they could tell me was that they thought it was just a sheepfold. I wonder if any reader could throw any light

to this interesting large broken building site. Enclosed is a photo I took about 10 years ago. I would love to know who once lived in this wild forgotten spot. The whole Peak District is littered with historical interest. For example, "Higgar Lodge" on Hathersage Moor and Callow Farm close to the Cupulo route from Ringinglow to Hathersage and Gotherage Barn in Bretton Clough are just a few extra interesting sites of a bygone age.

John C Burrows

THE TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

**The dates for our 2004 meetings
are:-**

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
at 4 Grove Road, Totley**

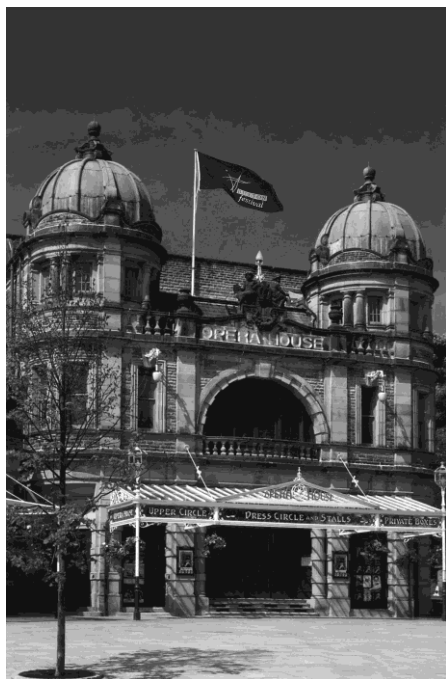
**Newcomers are most welcome, for details
please first ring John or Pat on 2550758.**

Buxton Festival, a hidden treat just around the corner!



Buxton Festival is one of the UK's largest arts festivals, with a star literature series, outstanding concerts and an international programme of opera. This July (9 – 25), the charming spa town of Buxton will once again be brimming full with a festive buzz. If you have never been to the Buxton Festival, you are missing one of the finest treats that is literally on our doorstep.

This year some of the highlights continue to have a Yorkshire theme, with the internationally renowned actor, Patrick Stewart, talking about his life and works, from Star Trek to the RSC. Appearing again is Glyn Foley, Festival General Manager, Topley resident and professional bassoonist! If you thought the Festival was all hot air, you should think again. A Good Reed is a fascinating, and humorous, concert dispelling the old joke 'What's the difference between a bassoon and a chain saw?' – 'The exhaust'! But, if four bassoons in a room is too much bass for you, why not try The Sancerre Ensemble who will be performing in Tideswell's glorious 'Cathedral of the Peak'.



The Festival also presents eight operas, from Rossini's sparkling comedy *Il turco in Italia*, to the gripping adaptation of the Henry James ghost story *The Turn of the Screw*, both sung in English. Not to mention 17 literary star speakers including Robin Cook, James Naughtie, Barry Cryer and Libby Purves. And if this hasn't whet your appetite,

why not try one of their many afternoon and late night concerts? What's best is that Festival tickets are also very reasonably priced, ranging from £5 - £41 for opera, with concerts costing an average of £10.

The main Festival venue is the fully restored Edwardian Opera House, in the middle of the historic spa town. The elegant design and the four miles of gold leaf are just two of features that heighten the beauty of this venue. No matter where you sit, you are simply drawn into the action with perfect intimacy and acoustics. As well as the Opera House, Buxton offers plenty of excellent restaurants, cafés, parks and tourist attractions.

The Festival is only a pleasant 40-minute drive away, which makes it a perfect day trip for you and your friends. But be quick because tickets are selling fast! Call the Festival box office today on 0845 12 72190 or check the website www.buxtonfestival.co.uk.

TRANSPORT 17

I am writing this report before the "Cakes and Cuttings" morning. We would like to thank everyone at English Martyrs Church and everyone else who supports this event and for the donation to our funds. God bless all of you.

Don't forget, if you want to come with us to Bridlington on Monday 12th July, tickets cost £8. We leave Topley at 9.30am. Anyone can come and you don't all have to stay together during the day. Ring Irene Wells on 236 0602 or the office on 236 2962.

We are pleased to announce that our Treasurer, John Savournin, is now in the office every morning, from 9am till noon – unless he is called out to escort or go to Community Transport meetings!! There may be someone in the office at other times, but it depends on which clubs we are working for. Sometimes the mileage to come and go to the office would be too much. Clubs are charged by the mile.

If you have an event which you would like advertised, we have 2 good sized notice boards in our windows. We are at the bus stop and near the shops, at 172 Baslow Road, and we do not charge for advertising. It is good for the community to all work together.

As most of you know, apart from our Manager, Michael Finn and John, our Treasurer, we are all unpaid volunteers. Sometimes, people who are unemployed or have been made redundant, etc., come to help us out. We are very glad for their help. It also helps their C.Vs. A number of these volunteers have gone on to full employment.

At the moment, we have John Mulligan and Mark Young helping us through the "New Deal" scheme. This is great for us, but we hope that they will go on to paid full employment, for their sakes. They have many years before them, we hope.

Our passengers are very glad for their help and Michael gets a respite from driving and can do his "office work". At the moment, he is suffering from a back injury, which, we hope, will be better by the time this article appears.

On Saturday, 17th July, we will be having an "Odds and Ends" Coffee Morning at our office from 10am to 12 noon – new goods, bric-a-brac, books and anything else we can think of. There will be a 50p donation charge for coffee and biscuits. If it is a nice day we will set up tables outside the office.

Once again, many thanks for all your support and here's to a lovely summer.

Best wishes,

Margaret Barlow

Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art

- The 13th Soiree will take place at the Whiston Manorial Barn on 5th June. Viewing with lecture on Parish Church; Dinner; talk on Mediaeval Instruments and recital by the Doncaster Waites.
- A visit by the society to Tattershall & Belvoir Castles will take place on 16th June.
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Further details on either of the above from Hedley Oldfield :- 236 0941

Gardening Tips for June

I have been dragged out of my garden to see my lad and his wife up in Livingston near Edinburgh. I have left a lot of work behind, all the bedding plants are coming on nicely, most of the veg plants are in place, so a little break was in order, the weather here is a bit brighter than in Sheffield but the flowers are a bit behind. The tulips have not finished yet (mid May) and cherry blossom is still on the trees. June hopefully will mean that we can relax a bit. Most of the bedding should be very nearly finished, grass cutting and watering will be our main occupation other than lazing about with a cool glass of something and a nice book (fat chance). We will be getting all shipshape ready for the opening gardening days (26 and 27 June). Christine and I will be pleased to see you. I do hope you can come, you may get some ideas for your own garden, some of the other gardens have quite a few innovative ideas and they will not mind you copying them or modifying them to suit your garden. My onions are looking good, they should be OK for the show. I have tried some more veg this year, 3 types of carrot, 5 types of potatoes, several different lettuces and a Japanese radish so I will be interested to see the results later. I am hoping for a bit of sunshine to bring them on and also enable me to do a bit of that relaxing I mentioned earlier. I won't be able to spend time watching my shoal of fish, the perishing heron has found my pond and has eaten a few, I suppose he will be back for the rest unless I fix some sort of cover for the pond (any ideas to keep them off without it looking unsightly?). The tadpoles are OK, I suppose the heron will leave them until they grow up a bit then the frogs will have to watch out! Anyway, we can't have you lazing about too much so get cracking and keep your garden up to scratch.

Flowers The weather hopefully will be a bit drier so careful watering will be necessary especially for newly planted bedding plants etc. Tie up the taller plants or they could be damaged by wind.

Hardy primula can be lifted and divided, the crowns can be divided into several clumps and transplanted into a moist, shady position.

Aphids and greenfly can be troublesome, regular spraying will be necessary to keep them under control.

Don't forget to give your plants a good feed now and again, it will pay dividends in helping plants and lovely plants. As alpine and rockery plants finish flowering, trim back the growth to keep plants neat and compact. Sew seeds of winter flowering pansies in seed boxes and put them in a frame, when they are large enough they can be planted out in the garden.

Dead head peonies after flowering and cut back oriental poppies.

Lift and clean spring bulbs, store in light, airy shed.

Pinks can be propagated now by means of cuttings, select healthy looking none-flowering shoots, 10-13 cms long (4 inch to 5 inch). Pull them out at a joint, this is termed "piping". Insert these pipings firmly 5cms (2 inches) deep and about 10 cms apart in sandy soil, preferably in a frame but a shady border will do. Keep them well-watered, shaded from direct sunlight.

Sew biennials such as Canterbury Bells, Foxgloves, Pansies, Violas and Sweet Williams in frames or cloches.

Vegetables Make successional sowings of all vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, turnips, radishes, mustard and cress, all the salad vegetables and turnips will be better in a shady spot.

Plant out winter greens, including brussel sprouts, broccoli, kale and savoy. Stake-up peas and beans.

Plant outdoor tomatoes when they have been hardened off. Choose a sunny spot, a border at the foot of a wall or fence with a southerly aspect will be best. Soil should be in good condition but not too richly manured. Let them set a few fruit, then feed with tomato fertiliser.

Plant out runner beans 20cms (8 inches) apart, provide a stout stake or cane for each plant.

Plant celery, set plants that are 8cm (3 inches) high or more, I find the self-blanching type less time-consuming.

Plant out marrow plants, they will be ready in good time for the Show.

I plant mine in well-rotted compost between 2 bales of straw. This keeps them off the ground and holds the moisture, which they love. Let's see if you can beat my whopper of last year.

Pinch out broad beans when they have set 3 clusters. This may prevent an attack black fly.

You may be able to lift a root or two of early potatoes for an early taster, keep earthing up.

Sew a further crop of parsley and stump rooted carrots.

Make a sowing of french beans in a sheltered place. These will crop in September (just right for the Show) and continue until the first sharp frost.

Don't forget to water and feed, don't just spray the tops, give them a full soaking. This should last and prevent surface rooting

which make the plants susceptible to drought conditions. Keep hoeing to prevent weeds taking hold.

Plant out leeks for winter/spring.

Sow chervil and dill in a sunny spot to be ready late summer.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit As with all plants keep well watered, and weed free. Remove dead tips of cotoneaster, and cherry.

Pick the poisonous seeds of laburnum, especially if there are children around. Give azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and hydrangeas a feed of sequestrine especially if they are yellowing. Keep an eye out for pest and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen.

Planting of new shrubs and trees is best left until late summer. Increase your stock by taking semi-ripe cuttings from a wide range of trees and shrubs. Root in a frame or on a window sill. Layer clematis and flowering quince.

Prune deciduous shrubs like cleutzia broom, mock orange after flowering.

Keep raspberries moist at ground level by mulching with straw or strawy manure between the rows.

Keep the young shoots of blackberries and loganberries tied up.

Peg strawberry runners which have been earmarked for propagation into posts.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants Keeping an eye on temperatures is the order of the day, damping down if the weather is hot and giving plenty of ventilation. Early June nights can be very treacherous, watch the weather forecast.

Keep plants well watered and fed, take out side shoots on tomatoes and feed with fertiliser when the first truss has set.

Pollinate flowers using a fine brush or cottonball on a stick will do nicely.

Watch out for white fly, I use yellow sticky cards placed strategically around. They are very effective. If they get really bad use a whitefly smoke cone. You will need to repeat this every 5-6 days to give effective control.

Sew greenhouse calceolarias now. Sow seed in well drained trays, give the lightest covering of sand. Cover and place in a frame to germinate. They do not like excessive heat. Continue to feed flowering and fruity pot plants, stand on damp pebbles to maintain humidity.

Pot up rooted cuttings taken in May, watch out for aphids etc and treat when seen. I find plant pins very effective.

Take stem cuttings from geraniums, busy lizzie, fuchsia, heliotrope, kalanchoe, plumbago and peperomia.

Take leaf cuttings from African violets, rex begonias, echeveria and gloxinia.

Lawns Cut, water, keep clean regularly. Trim edges, it really makes the garden look smart. New lawns should be gently rolled and lightly cut over. Apply lawn feed if you haven't done already. Apply selective weedkiller when weeds appear. Prepare ground for new lawn areas to be laid in autumn.

That should keep you busy for a while.

Cheerio for now,

Tom, Busy Bee.

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Yes folks, we're putting Totley on the map again this year and opening our gardens, like we did last year, under the auspices of Totley Residents' Association.

The event will be a little earlier this year - on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June.

The gardens will be open from 2-6pm.

Programmes go on sale for £3 per person in early June in the Library and in Busy Bee. During the event they will be on sale outside Busy Bee.

In 2003, 355 people visited the gardens in Totley Open Gardens event and we raised £2,250 for Transport 17, which was a good contribution to the purchase of the new minibus.

If you visited before, come again and see how gardens have changed or improved. If you missed it for the last two years, don't miss this enjoyable local event.

It will be a good opportunity for gardeners to show the fruits of their hard work, and it will be interesting for visitors to see a variety of garden sizes and styles.

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8. 16 The Grove
9. 190 Baslow Road (^NEW^)
10. 65 Main Avenue (Sun only)
11. 363 Baslow Road
12. Allotment no 13 Francis Fields

Some gardens will be selling plants, some will be selling teas, and there are toilets available in two locations

Spread the word to friends, relatives and neighbours, and let's make this third year of Totley Open Gardens even more successful than previous years!!.

Enquiries: Jennie Street Tel. 236-2302

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1. Which famous author and playwright worked in a revolving hut in the garden of his Hertfordshire home?

2. What is capping?

3. By what name are wild daffodils (narcissus pseudonarcissus) commonly known?

4. Name one of the two old uses for bluebell juice?

5. Which flower was discovered at Hardwick Hall and bears its name?

6. Rudyard Kipling built a lily pond in the garden at Bateman's, so his children could use it for swimming and boating. Entries in the family visitors' book were often followed by the letters 'F.I.P.' What did these stand for?

7. Why is Ribena so called?

8. Why was the cruel plant (Araujia sericofera) so called?

9. What four ingredients does loam consist of?

10. What is a maiden?

11. Robin Hood could have trodden the ground where this garden now lies. Where is it?

12. How deep is a spit?

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Answers in the July/August issue of Totley Independent.

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You heard statements such as:

"Oh, WAY too difficult!!

They will NEVER make it to the top." or:

"Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!"

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one, except for those who in a fresh tempo were climbing higher and higher.

The crowd continued to yell

"It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!"

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up...

But ONE continued higher and higher and higher...

This one wouldn't give up!

At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who after a big effort was the only one who reached the top!

THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it?

A contestant asked the tiny frog how the one who succeeded had found the strength to reach the goal?

It turned out...

That the winner was DEAF!!!!

The wisdom of this story is:

Never listen to other people's tendencies to be negative or pessimistic because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you. The ones you have in your heart!

Always think of the power words have, because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!

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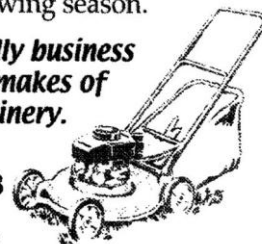
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WEDNESDAYS	COFFEE in the LIBRARY , 10am. to 11.30am. MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING , All Saints Church Hall 8pm. to 10pm.) TODDLER GROUP , 10-00 a.m. to 11-30 a.m., All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. 236 6789 or 236 3603 HEALTH WALKS , 10-30 a.m., Totley Library foyer. For a current programme and/or further details contact: Sue, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 2839195
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SATURDAYS	MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING , All Saints Church Hall 2 nd . And 4 th . Saturdays 7.30pm. to 10pm.

JUNE 2004

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

SAT. 5th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Justine Andrews (Female Vocalist), Heatherfield Club Baslow Road 8-30 pm. Non Members Welcome. Entry £1-50

SUN. 6th MINATURE TRAIN RIDES, Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

SUN. 6th ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET, "Water, water, everywhere" – themed living history Sunday. Programme 11.30 a.m. – 4.15 p.m.

TUES. 8th WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, "A Trip to Peru", Mrs. S. Cooper, 2.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

SAT. 12TH. CLASSIC CARS RALLY, Sir Harold Jackson School, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Further details inside

SAT. 12TH. ST LUKES SUMMER FAIR, 2.00 p.m. The Hospice, Little Common Lane. Stalls, plants, bric-a-brac, jams, cakes, books, games for children etc

TUES. 15th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, "General Practice in the early 20th Century", Dr. Ivy Oates, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.

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

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

SUN. 20th MINATURE TRAIN RIDES, Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

TUES. 22nd WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, "Anyone for Tennis", Rev. C. Kirk, 2.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

THU. 24th TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 4 Grove Road, 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

SAT. 26th and SUN. 27th OPEN GARDENS, 2.00 – 6.00 p.m. 12 gardens and allotments to view. Some will only be open on one of the days.

JULY 2004

SAT. 3rd and SUN. 4th MINATURE TRAIN RIDES, Open Days and Exhibition, Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.

SAT. 3rd SUMMER FETE, Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall 2 – 5 p.m.

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

SUN. 4th ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET, "Take a walk on the wild side" – themed living history Sunday. Programme 11.30 a.m. – 4.15 p.m.

TUES. 6th WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, A.G.M., 2.30 p.m. Totley Rise Methodist Church

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