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TOTLEY HALL 1980 BRIAN EDWARDS

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON HALLAM UNIVERSITY LAND, TOTLEY HALL LANE.

Public Meeting Organised by Totley Residents' Association.
Held on 5.6.97 at Buchanan Hall, Totley Campus, Hallam University.
Chairman: Mike Williamson- Committee Member TRA
Present: Richard Allen MP
David Bradley - Planning Officer of Local Branch CPRE
Cllr Peter Fox - Local Councillor.
Cllr Michael Pye - Deputy Chair of City Planning Committee.
Cllr Colin Ross - Local Councillor.
Apologies: Cllr. David Heslop.
The proposed developer Yuill Homes Ltd. was not represented.
Present Approx. 250 people.

Mr. Williamson opened the proceedings stating that the purpose of the meeting was to enable the local community to learn of the current situation and express their concerns in front of their elected representatives. The proposed development is on two sites of Hallam University land; Highfield and Lowfield. Mr. Kevin Walker then outlined four areas of concern identified by the Totley Residents' Association Committee:

1. Density of housing on both sites.
2. Visual impact.
3. Conservation issues.
4. Access.

Members of the panel were then invited to speak.

Mr. Bradley stated the redevelopment of the University land was a great challenge and a unique opportunity in a sensitive area so close to the centre of the original village. However, the CPRE was disappointed at the proposals. They had commented to the Planning Authority that the plans would lead to over development, access was poor and took no account of the highway capacity. The character and appearance of the housing would have a bad impact on the Green Belt of Sheffield and North-East Derbyshire. Inadequate measures were included to preserve wildlife. CPRE hoped that successful negotiations with the developer would resolve the above problems.

Councillor Pye said that the application would be examined to see how it complied with the planning policies of the City Council, which were supported by all the political parties. (Continued page 2)

He stressed that the application was only a proposal at this stage. However, there would be housing on both sites in accordance with the Unitary Development Plan recently accepted by the Planning Inspector.

Discussions and negotiations would take place with the developer. He gave an assurance that local community feelings would be given serious consideration, although not necessarily accepted. His current concerns included the siting of the individual houses, the materials proposed, the impact upon the edge of the Green Belt, access/egress to the sites by construction traffic. The City Council intends to retain the Green Belt into the foreseeable future. He understood that a traffic impact study had been submitted this week by the proposed developer; this would go to the Highways Department for comment. There were lots of questions to be answered and probably changes to the plans as they currently stand. He suggested that some individuals be identified as points of contact between the Planning Department and the local community, in order to keep residents informed of the state of negotiations with the developer. He warned of the dangers of being too intransigent. If an application was refused the developer could go to appeal and the decision was then out of the control of the City Council. It was always better to try and negotiate a satisfactory solution.

Councillor Ross said he would listen to local residents' views and intended to get the best deal for Totley. He concurred with the comments of the previous speakers.

Richard Allen MP said it was important not to adopt a NIMBY attitude. Serious consideration should be given to achieve a sensible development in a sensitive area. However, the Council's requirements should not be compromised by threats of an appeal by the developer and the possibility of the Council losing its case.

Councillor Fox stated that he was a member of the Planning Sub Committee that will decide upon this application. (During subsequent discussions it was made clear that he could not express his personal views on this matter as this would prejudice his position on the Sub Committee). He will use his best endeavours to consider local community views. He mentioned that he was the local transport spokesman for the Liberal Democrats. He wished to preserve and strengthen the Conservation Area (Highfield site is within the Conservation Area). He hoped that some 'planning gain' could be acquired for Totley. (During later discussions it was explained that as part of the planning approval the developer could be required to provide/improve facilities within the local community e.g. improving local tennis courts).

The meeting was then thrown open.

The following is a precis of the points made and views expressed.

The first question was why no planning brief had been prepared for the developer and could one be prepared. In response it was stated that there were not sufficient resources to produce a planning brief for every major development. In this case a planning brief was superfluous as the UDP identified the land usage. The developer is expected to use his initiative and imagination to produce satisfactory proposals which comply with the planning policies which are well documented. The

developer cannot be told what he must do. Developers can, and sometimes do, talk to planning officers before submitting planning proposals. During preliminary examination of an application the developer is often asked to make variations. If no variations were made to the current application, the proposals will be rejected. However, consideration of this application is at an early stage. Hallam University currently own Highfield and Lowfield sites and also the adjacent playing field. The latter area is not included in the planning application. The playing field is within the Green Belt and is to be leased by the University to enable the local youth football teams to continue playing there. It is normal practice for the owner to exchange contracts with the developer when planning permission has been obtained.

It is anticipated that the application will go before the Planning Sub Committee at the beginning/middle of July 1997, at the earliest.

Councillor Fox said that the planning officers do not consider the number of proposed houses to be excessive. However, later when a question was raised on the impact of traffic on the Baslow Road junction, it was stated that the consequent traffic congestion could be a material factor in arguing for the reduction in number of houses. There are only a limited number of planning conditions that can be placed upon building operations e.g. times of operations and the requirement to clean wheels of vehicles to reduce dirt on public roads.

The old Totley Hall is a listed building. The scope and extent of the external fabric and internal content to be preserved and protected is specified in the appropriate entry in the Historic Buildings List. The site of the Old Hall is excluded from the current application. However, the setting of the Hall within the landscape could be prejudiced by the development.

Councillor Fox stated that in considering the problem of access the planning officers said that Sunnyvale was a non starter. Planning Officers are suggesting an alternative access from Stocks Green Drive. Thus, Highfield site would be approached from Stocks Green Drive and Lowfield site would be approached from Totley Hall Lane. It was pointed out that in bad weather cars were unable to get up Stocks Green Drive and were abandoned on Totley Hall Lane. A non committal reply was given to the question whether approval would be given if access was from Totley Hall Lane only. It was pointed out that Totley Hall Lane is not of standard road width. Concerns were expressed over heavy construction traffic using Totley Hall Lane and the consequential damage. It was suggested that a new (fourth) road might be possible but approval to this was thought most unlikely.

It was alleged that past building operations on Lowfield site had disturbed the water table and caused local flooding in Sunnyvale. There were concerns that this nuisance was likely to be repeated when the site was redeveloped.

The two planning applications:

1. Residential development.
 2. Demolition of buildings and demolition and rebuilding of stone wall to form access will be looked at together.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment is not necessary.

Local wildlife groups should be consulted in respect of protected species; this is a material consideration in planning procedures. Economic factors are not a material consideration in planning law; nor is the affect of planning consent for housing on the local educational facilities.

Access on to Baslow Road will require improvement; some of the traffic generated will be crossing Baslow Road to the Church School on Hillfoot Road.

It appears unfortunate that the local community will not be able to make use of any buildings on the University Campus.

At the end of the meeting it was stressed that individuals' comments on the proposed development carried more weight than petitions. An assurance had been given that there was still time for letters to be sent.

NEW HYMN BOOK

BY A TOTLEY RESIDENT.

Stan Chandler, whose hymn 'Christ our Saviour reigns in glory' appeared in the March issue of the Totley Independent, has just published a limited edition collection of his hymns. Stan, who graduated in Sheffield, spent all his working life in the Watford and St. Albans area, before returning to Sheffield on taking early retirement, has compiled this collection, which includes the 'Totley' Hymn, as a thanksgiving for the completion of his move to Sheffield.

This collection called 'Hymns of Creation and Re-creation' contains hymns which reflect many aspects of creation, but also the new creation one becomes when they belong to Christ. Many of the tunes he uses are his own, although a few familiar ones by other authors have crept in.

Stan was a runner for many years until being certified asthmatic, and a significant proportion of the profits from the sale of this collection will be going to his favourite charity, the British Lung Foundation. He is however still able to walk and in fact completed this years Star Walk finishing in a time of 1 hour 56 minutes 38 seconds for the nine mile course.

Copies can be obtained from him at 3 Aldam Croft and Totley Library at a price of £3. Notes of requests through the letter box are acceptable. It is hoped that there will be more sale points set up later.

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOAN STRATFORD TO RETIRE.

Joan came to Totley All Saints following a teaching career beginning with three years in London, and subsequently at the following Sheffield schools - Norfolk Infant, Hallam Primary, Nether Green First and as Deputy Headteacher at Windmill Hill Primary.

Her twelve years at Totley have witnessed many changes. The pupil numbers have risen from 70 in 3 classes to 185 in 7 classes. The extra classrooms needed being achieved by successfully adapting the Victorian building to take an upper floor.

Such progress was not without its setbacks. In 1991 the LEA sought to amalgamate the school with Totley County School, but opposition arising from the problems of combining a County School with a Church School led to a withdrawal of this plan. Then in 1993, the LEA planned to close down the school. After more than a year of uncertainty, the persistent work of the Action Group bore fruit with the decision to keep the School open. The future of the School was made more secure later in 1994 with Grant Maintained Status. This necessitated the building of new offices and increased workloads for Headteacher, Governors and Office Staff.

Alongside this Joan led the School through a period of great change in Education generally, with the implementation of the National Curriculum and other Government legislation, and at the same time raised the School profile within the local Church, local community and within the Diocese of Sheffield.

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REMINISCENCES OF MY LIFE IN THE VILLAGE OF TOTLEY

by John S. Andrews (Part 4)

As Sheffield Corporation Transport had lost many buses and trams during the air raids, many 'foreign' buses used to arrive at Cross Scythes terminus. Buses bearing the names of other towns were a common sight. Also our own buses used to have their windows covered with some opaque plastic type of material. This was because buses had had windows blown out by the bombs and as glass was scarce, it was a very long time before they had their smashed windows replaced. It was of course difficult to know where you were, so a little slit opening was made in the centre of the sheet. It was a cold draughty job putting your eye to this opening! There was a police box situated just before the row of houses opposite Cross Scythes Hotel, and this used to indicate to us if there was the possibility of an air raid. Outside the police boxes used to be a blue light, which if lit signified to the policeman on duty that he was required to ring the Police Station. However, during the war years, this light was used to warn of a 'purple state'. That meant that enemy aircraft were somewhere in the vicinity. We used to get constant air raid alarms as bombers were flying overhead to bomb Manchester, Liverpool and other towns west of us. In the winter the air raid sirens could sound as early as 6.00p.m. but usually it was more like 9.00p.m. with the all clear at about 11.00p.m. to midnight. The sirens would go again in the early hours of the morning as the aircraft were on their way back from their bombing mission.

The winters could be quite severe, and one particular winter during the war we had such deep snow that Baslow Road was closed beyond the village for many weeks. Just up the road from us, a single-decker Bakewell bus was abandoned due to snow drifts, and was eventually all but covered over with snow. We used to walk across the top of the roof of the bus on the frozen snow.

During the winter months it was always a Sunday evening walk with mother and father. These used to alternate between the village field and the moorland area. Gillfield wood and the path up to Holmesfield were big favourites, but we also used to walk down to Totley Bents and up the lanes from there on to the moors. Strawberry Lea Farm, Blackamoor etc. were some of the places that come to mind. Often on a Sunday morning I used to meet up with a crowd of friends and we would walk over the moors to

Longshaw. The house there was a Youth Hostel, and we would stop and have a coffee, then walk back in time to be home for Sunday lunch.

Later in the war, and when I was older, I became involved with the Methodist Church on Totley Brook Road. (Perhaps the auther means the U.R.C Ed.) While most of us were not Methodists, and did not always agree with their teachings, they did provide the best activities for those of our age. The Church Hall was in constant use all week. I joined the Dramatic Society, which used to rehearse on a Monday. Badminton Club on a Tuesday and Thursday, Youth Club on a Friday and more often than not a dance on a Saturday. Most nights of the week would find me walking down to Greenoak and turning left along another road (cannot remember the name) then down a steep path to cross the river and the railway, by a footbridge, on to Totley Brook Road, and so along to the Church Hall. Often on our way home we would walk via Totley Rise and call at the chip shop, for three pennyworth of chips, (just a little more than one pence). The chip shop was towards the top end of the line of houses that were originally built to house the workers digging the Totley Tunnel, and putting the railway in.

After having appeared in a play at the Church Hall one winter, I received a letter inviting me to join the 'Arrow Theatre Company'. They were a company of amateurs who put on plays for the forces. There was an organisation in those days called the Voluntary Entertainments Service. The voluntary side of the professional ENSA. I joined them and we used to go round Army, Air Force and Naval bases within a 50 mile radius of Sheffield, performing plays. We used to do anything up to three shows a week in the evening, and a run of a play would perhaps reach 35 or so performances. Many places around were camps and gun sites and even training depots which today you would never even suspect had any connection with the war. The war having finished in 1945, did not improve the shortage of food very much, as we were still rationed and shopping at Evan's shop on Hillfoot Road and the Co-op at Greenoak required your Ration Book every week. Little extras were available from time to time, and of course there was the Black Market under the counter sales that went on thankfully keeping our diet a little more varied. When visiting the city we

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used to use the British Restaurant for lunch. These were cheap priced restaurants run by the Ministry of Food, to ensure there was a cheap priced wholesome meal for everyone. Sheffield's British Restaurant was in the basement of the City Hall in Barkers Pool. This used to be a ballroom before being taken over to feed the public. Lunch cost one shilling (5p). In order that your pudding didn't go cold before you had eaten your main course, and also if you didn't require a pudding, you could buy them one at a time. Main course was 9d (approx 3 3/4p) pudding 3d (approx. 1 1/4p).

During the war years no damage was done by the German Air Raids in the village, but a bungalow at Dore was hit and destroyed. This was at the top of Old Hay Lane where it bends round to go into Dore village. Going towards Dore the bungalow was on the left hand side and was the only one along that stretch of road. As I have mentioned before, the village was always full of soldiers, as they used to camp on the rifle range doing their firing training. There were no other camps or military installations near the village. Across at Lodge Moor, beyond what was then the Isolation Hospital for contagious diseases, was a prisoner of war camp, which we used to visit with entertainment for the British military guards and staff. During the war years the Government used to run a campaign called 'Holidays at Home' and provide all sorts of entertainment during the summer months. The council had stages erected in the public parks and our nearest was Millhouses Park, where we used to listen to the bands and watch people dancing to the dance bands. On certain occasions when a big name band or artist used to be appearing there, special buses were run from Cross Scythes to the park.

During the winter Beauchief Dam used to freeze over and we used to go there and skate. So with the church activities, shows in Millhouses Park and skating on the dam, plus sledging down the fields or roads (very little traffic in those days) we had plenty of activities to occupy us. Despite the fact that there were five public houses in the village in those days, we were not tempted to drink, and I cannot recall any teenagers going into these pubs. The pubs were Cross Scythes, Fleur de Lys, Crown, Cricketers and the Grouse.

I see you have published an article about a footpath around the Fleur de

Lys. We used to use the public footpath that went round the back of the public house and using steps over the wall into the field behind the path went through the fields along to Gillfield Woods. After I left school I went to work at Laycock Engineering Co. Ltd. who had a factory on Archer Road at Millhouses. I worked there until I was called up into the Royal Air Force at 18 years of age in 1946. I had previously belonged to the Air Training Corps Squadron at my old school - High Storrs Grammar School. While a member of this Squadron I used to do many ceremonial parades in the city on various occasions and also take part in Pageants at the City Hall, all in aid of boosting the morale of the people.

In my later teenage years, when the risk of air raids had receded, I used to go with my great friend who lived on Abbeydale Road South, who I have since lost touch with, to the cinemas and theatres in the city. There was the local one at Abbeydale called the Abbeydale Cinema, The Star and the Lansdowne Cinema at the bottom of Ecclesall Road, the Central Cinema on The Moor had been bombed and with some repairs had been taken over to use as a shop for one of the big stores. I seem to remember it was Roberts possibly. The top of The Moor in Cambridge Street was a wonderful old theatre, now a cinema - The Hippodrome, which was to play a part in my life later on. In Barkers Pool The Gaumont and the Cinema House with The Palace being in Union Street. The Tivoli that was also in Union Street was destroyed in the blitz. Down in Fitzallan Square was the News Theatre. Theatres were The Empire, The Lyceum and the Playhouse, but regretably the Prince of Wales Theatre had been burnt down in 1936?? This Theatre was opposite to the Lyceum and remained as a big car park during my time at Totley. There were many other cinemas dotted all over the city suburbs, but the ones mentioned were the only ones that we used to go to. It always had to be the first house at the Theatre and teatime at

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the cinemas because the last bus from Pond Street left at 9.00p.m. If we missed that we had to get the tram to Beauchief and walk from the bottom of Abbey Lane. When I was called up I had my medical in the Cricket Pavillion at Bramall Lane, one of the then grounds of the Yorkshire Cricket Team. My first RAF station being the famed Padgate! I used to get home on most weekends because I was fortunate in being at stations in the Manchester area, I used to use the LNER trains from Manchester London Road to Sheffield Victoria Station because these were express trains. The service via Chinley from Manchester Central to Sheffield Midland station on the LMS line was always a slow train.

When I was demobbed from the RAF in 1949 (April) I did not wish to return to my old job at Laycock Engineering and managed to apply for and obtain the position of Assistant Manager at the Hippodrome Theatre on Cambridge Street, Sheffield. However that is another story.

In late 1950 I changed employers and worked for the Rank Organisation as House Manager of the Odeon Theatre, Birmingham. My parents having left Sheffiueld due to my father's health, to live in Bournemouth meant that I then severed my connections with Totlely. I have not been back to visit but hope to one day, and I am willing to bet that I will be disappointed to find all my old places have changed beyond perhaps recognition. It was certainly a lovely village to be brought up in, and so handy for all that beautiful countryside to enjoy.

PEWIT CAFE

In answer to Mrs. Style's query, the Pewit Cafe was probably built after the first World War, for it was there for many years before 1929. In that year two sisters lived there named Plant, who also kept a cafe and a small shop. By 1936 the Lentens had moved in with their son Eric aged 9yrs. The Grimsditch family followed until the Hargreaves came (who bred St. Bernard dogs.) They left in 1963 when the Beets took over, still following the tradition of cafe and shop.

The name Pewit, which correctly is Peewit, comes from the cry of the bird of that name, a Lapwing, which the Anglo-Saxons called the 'Hleapewince' after its characteristic flight, 'Run and Wink'. Making its nest in the ground it climbs slowly to a considerable height, falling in a twisting, rolling dive, ending in an upward twist with rapidly beating wings. Its name over the last few centuries is derived from its cry 'Pee-weet'.

My family moved to Moorwood Lane in 1947, and I followed in 1949 until 1964, and during all that time we heard the Peewits, Curlews and Corncrakes all day long, but as all three birds make their nests on the ground, modern farming techniques and pesticides have driven them to other pastures. Incidentally, the farm and buildings above the cafe comprise Pewitt Hall, (this spelling was used in 1881 when my Great-Great Uncle, Samuel Salt lived there).

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Details of the Fashion Show and All Saints Summer Fair will be in the September issue of the Independent.

Dorothy Firth walked 90 miles of Offa's Dyke. We are very grateful to her because she gave the money she raised from sponsors towards our new minibus fund. Our office also got sponsors and the money is still being collected. Well done Dot!

For a number of years now Dore and Totley lunch club, Totley Brook Club and Dorcas lunch club have had a coffee morning in September. All these clubs are held at the United Reformed Church and the monies raised given to Transport 17. The folk who run this event are like us very busy. This year we are going to work together and share the load. The date chosen is Saturday 13th September at the Church from 10am till noon. We would be very grateful for cakes, books and bric-a-brac. Perhaps you have some excess fruit or produce and plants that you could donate to make this a success. Minibuses will be available. Please ring our office on 2362962. We would like to thank all the clubs involved for their help and kindness.

Bradway Community Association are having their 'Fun Run' on Sunday 28th September. Mrs. Bird their Chairman has asked us to take part again. Last year we were given half the proceeds, which amounted to £1,200. We will certainly be entering a wheelchair 'eventer' and a pusher. Everyone made us very welcome last year. The start is at the Sir Harold Jackson School, Bradway. Come along and cheer on all the runners - serious and funny! Your sponsor money will go towards the new bus.

I hope that you all have a lovely summer.

Many thanks. Margaret Barlow.

St. LUKE'S

Visiting a friend recently in St. Luke's reminded me of an occasion nearly thirty years ago when my wife and I went there to see an elderly neighbour. She said 'it's lovely in here - you should get your names on their list as soon as possible'.

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A.F. Taylor

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GARDENING TIPS, JULY/AUGUST.

Your gardens should be a blaze of colour now with all the summer plants in flower and hanging baskets and tubs in full bloom. Don't forget to make arrangements for them to be tended while you are on holiday. I can think of nothing worse than coming back to a dried up garden. You should be enjoying the fruits of your earlier labours now, lettuce, radishes, new potatoes, beans, peas, not to mention strawberries, raspberries etc.;, unless you are going to see Jenny up at the farm at the 'pick your own' fields. It is a bit easier in the garden at this time, so relax and enjoy it. By the way, note that this is a two month issue, so don't get confused with plantings etc.

FLOWERS. If you lift your tulips and hyacinth bulbs now is the time to lay them in shallow trays and stand them in a cool dry airy place to dry (not in the sun). Perennials and biennials sown earlier will need pricking out into a nursery bed (in your garden not in that old cot!)

Border carnations can be increased by layering, bend over a young non-flowering shoot to ground level, make a small slit and peg it down, cover at this point with sandy soil and keep well watered, in 4-6 weeks they should have rooted and can be planted elsewhere, or potted up to use later.

The end of July is an ideal time to plant Madonna lilies, plant them 8 inches apart (20 cm) and only cover them with 2 inches (5 cm) of soil. If they push themselves up DO NOT cover them again, they like a sunny position and a good rich soil that has not been freshly manured.

Don't forget to keep taking off dead heads from flowers, thus encouraging better growth and possibly more flowers. By late August most hydrangeas will have finished flowering and will benefit from a little pruning, cut off each faded flower truss as far back as the first plump looking growth bud, remove any weak looking stems. Don't forget to give plants a feed during July and August, it really does pay dividends giving you strong healthy plants and better flowers. Erecatious (lime hating) varieties will love a tonic of sequestrine fertilizer, especially if leaves are showing yellow patches.

Watch out for mildew and moulds on plants, especially towards the end of August and deal with it as soon as it is seen, a good quality fungicide should cure most attacks if it is caught early enough.

VEGETABLES Earth up early celery and draw up about 4 inches of soil every ten days or so until only the leaves can be seen. To keep them clean you could tie brown paper round them before earthing. They should be just right for the show on Sept. 6th. Don't forget it is a bit of fun and you might win a prize (see

show schedule on Page 14 for entry catalogue.

Give runner beans a fairly thick mulch of well-rotted manure, keep them well watered and don't forget to leave a long specimen on for the show - longest bean gets a prize.

It is time to sow spring cabbage, sow one lot now and another in the second week in August, the later ones may be better, it depends on the weather. Scatter the seeds thinly on finely broken soil and cover lightly, water freely if the weather is dry. Make a final sowing of parsley for autumn and winter use, sow in a sheltered place, transplant some of the seedlings to a frame if you want parsley for Christmas. Continue blanching leeks until you have about a foot of blanched stem. To help onions ripen (ready for the show) bend over the leaves just above the neck of each bulb.

TREES, SHRUBS, and FRUIT Water and mulch around azaleas, rhododendrons, hydrangeas, magnolias (grass cuttings are O.K. if they don't have weedkiller on them). Dead head flowers as they fade, especially roses and buddleia.

Tie in new replacement growth on rambler roses and cut old flowered shoots down to ground level. Half ripe cuttings, rooted in a shaded cold frame can be made from most shrubs and trees, though rhododendrons, clematis, honeysuckle and wisteria do better if layered.

Prune shrubs which have finished flowering. Cut back established wisteria taking out tips of young shoots at 3 or 4 leaves. In August stop feeding roses but watch out for greenfly, blackspot and rust and deal with it as soon as it is seen. Thin out fruit on apples and pears where crops are too heavy, prop up heavily laden branches.

Tie in cane on trained blackberries etc. Clean up and clip over strawberry beds when fruit is finished. Summer prune apples, pear, cherry, peach, plum and blackcurrants.

Cut out raspberry canes when they have fruited. Watch out for mildew and other fungal diseases and spray with a good

fungicide, do not pick fruit until the required time is past, see the Manufacturers instructions.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Feed plants, keep them well ventilated and shaded from the hot sun (we hope). Pick over plants regularly (daily is ideal) removing dead or yellowing leaves. Pot up seedlings of cineraria, primula etc. Re-pot cyclamen and start into growth. In August pot up hyacinths to be ready for Christmas. Spray pot plants with water in the morning, keep them on pebbles to increase humidity, sponge the leaves of foliage plants, except hairy species.

July and August is a good time to take cuttings, most will root in a sandy compost, especially pelargoniums, and fuschias. Ventilation is the order of the day for greenhouse owners. I find my automatic vent openers invaluable, they can be set to suit the plants all year round, the doors have to be left open when it is hot. I use a piece of wire netting across the doorway to keep out cats etc. Watch out for greenhouse pests, spider mite, greenfly etc, they love the warmth of a greenhouse. Pot on seedlings which were planted earlier. Continue to remove side shoots on indoor tomatoes, don't forget melons and tomatoes need fertilizing to make fruit set (it is a real sex orgy this gardening game!)

Keep feeding and watering to get the best out of your plants.

LAWNS Set mower high if the weather is dry, take the grass box off so that fine clippings act as a mulch to keep in the moisture. At the end of August seed can be sown in a prepared bed, keep well watered.

Have a good holiday. Come back refreshed and ready for the Totley Show on Sept. 6th. See you there, Tom Busy Bee.

SCOUT NEWS

SCOUT LOTTERY

The First Totley Scout Group Lottery, May Draw, this being the last until the new lottery is started in a few months time.

1st. Prize Goblin Teamatic
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ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS TREASURE HUNT on SUNDAY, 15th. JUNE, starting & finishing at Abbeydale Sports Club, was won by Jim & Marie Coldwell, Carol Coldwell and Tony Marples who will for next year have the honour of organising next years treasure hunt.

The booby prize for a valiant effort went to the Jacobs family. Despite a dull and wet day a very enjoyable time was had by all and many thanks go to Marilyn and Michael Stokes for arranging an interesting and enjoyable day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Edward Lewtas Lewis who was 90 years old on 16th. June 1997. Born 16th. June 1907 at Toft House, Totley Hall Lane, Totley.

STRAWBERRY TEAS

Each Saturday in July, we plan to sell teas to visitors and the fruit pickers. We would welcome gifts of scones, cakes jam, cream etc. as well as lots of offers of help in order to support families of Cerebral Palsy sufferers.

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ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

Continuing on from previous articles, here are further Nicknames, again all are in current use within the Sheffield Area. Where possible I have shown an early date and in some cases an alternative.

LANG LUNG. Old English Lang, Long, Tall. The name Long became popular in England and Lang in Scotland. 972.

LAPPIN. LAPPING. Old French Lapin - a rabbit 1320

LAWLESS. Middle English Laweles, Lawless man, an outlaw 1360.

LAWTEY. LEUTY. Old French Leaute, loyalty 1212

LEACH. LEECH. LECHE. Old English Laece, Leech, nickname for a Physician 1250.

LEAFE. Old English Leofa. Leofe. Dear, beloved, term of affection 1198.

LEAN. Old English Hlaene, lean, thin 1276.

LEONARD. LENNARD. Old German Lion, bold, 1219 (Leonhard).

LEPPARD. Old French Lepard, a leopard. Late Latin Leo Pardus. Lion, Panther (Leopard) 1296.

LEVER. LEVERS. Old French Levre a hare, a nickname for speed or timidity 1246, also a place name in Lancashire.

LEVERETT. Old French Leveret, a young hare 1066.

LIGHT. Old English Leoht, light, active, bright 1275 also an abbreviation of other names commencing with light.

LIGHTBODY. Old English Leoht, Bodig, lightweight, nimble, agile person 1327.

LILLYWHITE. Originally used of a woman (White as a Lily) for a man one with a fair complexion resembling a womans 1376.

LITTLEBOY. Middle English little, small, nickname for a boy servant pageboy 1206.

LITTLEJOHN. Nickname for a giant 1350, also a reversal of the name John Little. Note the legendary Little John was alive around the year 1200.

LONGSTAFF. LANGSTAFF. Nickname for an Officer of the Law who carried such a badge of Office, also called Wagstaff, Tipstaff etc 1210.

MAKEPEACE. Middle English maken pais, to make peace, a peacemaker 1219. A name given by Edward 2nd to his daughter Joan following the long wars with Scotland and her marriage to David 2nd king of the Scots.

MANCLARK. Old French mau cleric bad cleric 1194 a reference to an unfrocked churchman.

MANTELL Old French mantle, a cloak 1086, may refer to the wearer or trader in cloaks.

MACILROY. Irish Mac Giolla Rua, son of the red-haired lad 1376.

MAYNARD. Old German Maganhard, strength, strong 1086.

MEAGER. Old French megre, Latin macer, thin lean 1179.

MEEK. MEEKE. MEEKS. Middle English meke, humble, meek 1229.

MEIKLE. Middle Scottish meikill, big, large 1382

MERRY. MERRIMAN. MERRYMAN. Middle English mirie, merie, murie,. To be merry, the merry man 1219.

MERRYWEATHER. Old English Myrige weder, merryweather (fairweather). A gay, blithe person 1214.

MINCHIN. Old English Mynecen, a nun, a nickname for a pious woman, also believed a corruption of Minnikin (little love) 1190.

MOIR. Gaelic Mor, big 1317 in Scotland pronounced More.

MONK. Old English Munuc, munec, a mink 1045 Originally occupational, later a nickname.

MOODIE. MOODY. Old English Modig, bold, brave, impetuous. 1100.

MORDAUNT. Old French Mordre, to bite, a biting sarcastic person 1148.

MORRELL, MORRILL. Old French More, brown, brown and swarthy like a Moor 1086.

MOYLE. Gaelic Maol, bald 1275.

MUDDIMAN. The Moody man, quick to anger, brave 1275.

MUTCH. Middle English Muche, big 1275.

NEIGHBOUR. NEIGHBOUR. Old English Neahgebur, a neighbour 1222.

NEATE. Old English Neat, an ox or cow, as a nickname oxhead 1301. One who looked after cows (cowherd).

NEW. Old English Niwe, Middle English Newe, the newcomer 1221. Also may be a corruption of Old English Eow, yew. One who lives at or near the yew, usually call Ewan.

NEWCOMB. NEWCOMBE. Old English Niew cumen, newly arrived stranger 1175. A newcomer.

NIGHTINGALE. Old English Nigtegale. Nightingale (night singer) Nickname for a sweet singer 1176.

NEVIN. NIVEN. Gaelic Naomhin, little saint 1230.

NOBLE. Norman French noble, high minded, well known 1185.

NOTT. Old English Knott. Bald-headed, close-cropped. 1100.

NUTBROWN. Old English Knutu brun, nut brown, colour of hair or complexion. 1185.

NUTT. Old English Knutu, nut, a person with a round head. 1181.

Terry Peckett FFA.

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Retrace our steps back along Sugworth Delf to Holes Clough and the path meanders along the opposite shores of Dale Dike Reservoir, passing through Andrew Wood. Recently Yorkshire Water Board have laid many new concessionary routes around the lake in conjunction with the Sheffield City Council to delight the general public. Display signs give a wealth of informational history plus flora and fauna. The whole area has an abundance of wildlife also the tumbling stream bed of Dale Dike carves a pretty route through the woodland scene. As we pass close to the 'Haychatter Inn' refreshments welcome on a hot afternoon. Here we join up with Bradfield Dale and can either take the road over Annet Bridge or further field paths direct to our starting point at Low Bradfield.

The 'Plough Inn' looks a welcome sight after a grand outing around Sheffield's Lake District, with maybe a Bar Meal before returning to our transport.

The walks in this area are so varied, you will want to return to explore further delights around High Bradfield, Dam Flask and the backwaters of Dungworth and Ughill. Great scenery right on your own doorstep

John C. Barrows.

BISHOP TO KING

Some years ago Mr. Ward of Hathersage wrote to me and amongst other things mentioned that in 1909 a pageant was held in one of the fields near Avenue Farm when all the children from Dore and Totley took part. No doubt this event was connected with the ceremony in 829 when King Egbert and Eanred met close by.

The twentieth century pageant saw Harold Bishop of Ashfurlong Road crowned King of England.

Brian Edwards

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THE WHITE PEAK

Firstly - a reminder of my introduction to the geology of the Peak District. The rocks of the White Peak started to be laid down at the beginning of the Carboniferous Period 345 million years ago. It took 25 million years to lay down the limestones before they started to be covered by the delta which formed the sedimentary rocks of the Dark Peak.

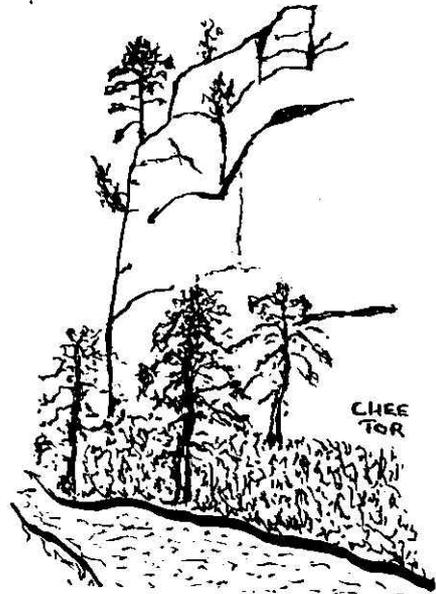
Some of the limestones which are visible as cliffs and outcrops in the vicinity of Castleton are composed almost entirely of fossils - corals and crinoids (animals sometimes referred to as sea lilies). Also there were shellbanks, eventually to be incorporated as layers of rock containing fossils of shelled creatures, mainly bivalves and brachiopods (the largest rejoicing in the name of *Gigantoproductus*).

The texture of the limestone in some parts of the White Peak is smoother, consisting of a mixture of lime particles and mud; much of this is made up of tiny fragments of shells cemented together by the mineral calcite.

At the end of the Carboniferous Period, 280 million years ago, came an era of folding, faulting and uplifting - the Peak District became a dome. The whole region had been astride the Equator; then the land that was to become the British Isles drifted slowly northwards.

In the meantime surface rocks were being eroded by weathering; then one and a half million years ago came the Ice Ages, eroding the surface further. By the time the ice cover started to melt some 12,000 years ago the dark rocks covering the White Peak had been completely eroded. BUT THE LIMESTONE DALES HAD NOT BEEN FORMED. For 2000 million years enormous volumes of water released by melting ice (hundreds of feet thick) raged across the region exploiting holes and weaknesses in the rocks created during their uplifting - cutting deeper and deeper. The result - The Derbyshire Dales. So - how can we tell that it was scouring by water rather than ice that was responsible for these deep gorges? We just have to look at all the valleys in Scotland, The Lake District, North Yorkshire and Snowdonia; all these are straight and U-shaped, gouged out by glaciers. The Derbyshire Dales twist and turn.

There are a few dales in the south-



west side of the region; Long Dale, Gratton Dale and the un-named dale north of Parwich, all straight and without streams, that were probably carved out by ice. There is also a possibility that Middleton Dale was partly formed by ice. Parts of Lathkill Dale may have been carved out by ice; it is thought likely that at one time the river Derwent had flowed through Bakewell (Bakewell now has the Wye) and that the Lathkill glacier pushed the Derwent in an easterly direction to the position it is now in.

So - much of geology is based on probability rather than proof! At least the datings are reasonably accurate because they are based on the technique of Radioactive carbon dating.

Of course we all know about the caves within the limestone. Some are immense and with certain exceptions have been formed by the action of water; the process started before the Ice Ages. Rain water, which contains carbonic acid, dissolves limestone; therefore when it flowed through cracks it gradually made them wider - both vertically and along horizontal bedding planes - to form complex systems of passages and caves. Water flowing beneath the ice during the Ice Ages continued the process of erosion. Some caves may not have increased much in size since the end of the Ice Ages though changes in climate, and therefore changes in the level of water in the rocks, have created further levels of caves. Constant dripping of percolating water has coated some surfaces with calcium carbonate, flowstone, also caused the growth of stalactites and stalagmites.

Alan Faulkner Taylor.

TOTLEY GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB.

Forty years ago this November, the Totley Good Companions Club was started by Mrs. Hammond at Abbeydale Hall, and has been meeting there ever since, with still a few of the original members attending. Mrs. Hammond retired at the age of 90, when I took over, and although our membership is much smaller, we still have a warm friendly meeting.

With the forthcoming sale of Abbeydale Hall, we are now, on September 4th moving to a room in the Totley Brook United Reformed Church, when new members will be made very welcome. Our Annual Coffee morning is still at Abbeydale Hall this year on Thursday July 17th, at 10a.m. to 12 noon. We shall be glad of your support.

Ada Bellamy.

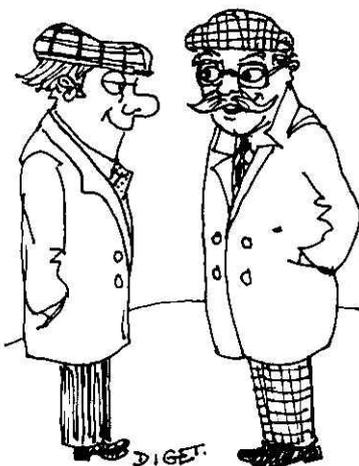
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John Hill-Wilson.

Chair Premises Committee.



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- FRI. 11th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, Why "The T'alli Stone"? by Mrs.M.Dunn, Abbeydale
Hall, New members always welcome.
SAT. 12th. TRANSPORT 17 COFFEE MORNING Baslow Road Office, 10-00am
THUR. 17th. ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING Totley Good Companions Club, Abbeydale Hall, 10am.
to 12 noon.
SUN. 13th. & 27th. STEAM TRAIN RIDES Ecclesall Woods, 1-00pm. to 5-00pm.
TUES. 15th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.

AUGUST

- SUN. 10th. STEAM TRAIN RIDES Ecclesall Woods, 1-00pm. to 5-00pm.
SUN. 24th. STEAM TRAIN RIDES Teddy Bears Picnic Event, Ecclesall Woods, 1pm. to 5pm.

TOTLEY SHOW SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6th. FULL DETAILS INSIDE

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