



## HOLIDAYS

Gray, above, actress, 79; Bo... tennis player, ... Cooke, ... 91; ... Leach, table ... layer, 77; ... Gordimer, ... 76; Joe ... rock musician ... 52; Dave ... footballer, 38; ... actress,

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**T**he good old days? I think not ... the lot of housewives has improved considerably during the past 50 years.

Take washday for instance, which was usually on a Monday after the family had put on clean clothes the previous day.

The first job was to fill the copper boiler in the corner of the kitchen and light the fire under it. Then all the tools had to be got out - the dolly tub, the posher, the rubbing board, the peg leg and the mangle.

It was a full day's job wash-

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ing, rubbing, mangling and drying the clothes. If it was a wet day, the clothes had to be dried round the fire, throwing up clouds of steam and making the house like a sauna.

Next came ironing, with the flat irons being heated in front of the fire or on the gas ring.

You'd spit on the iron to make sure it was hot enough, give it a rub of soap to make it slide, then away you went, until it cooled down and had to be changed for the other one that had been warming up.

Baking was another weekly task. Yorkshire stoves, which

were black leaved to shine like polished jet, were stoked up.

There was no sliced bread in those days. The housewife would get out the pansion and, with her arms up to her elbows in flour, make her own bread.

Then followed cakes, buns and pies, but just how did they

## We have to show kids how to act

HAVING listened to the debate raging over teenage sex and pregnancies, I am amazed at the short-sightedness of the proposed solutions of free contraceptives and more sex education in schools.

The old adage of "Do what I say, not what I do" has never been effective with young people where drink and drugs are concerned, so why should sex and relationships prove any different?

While teenagers (and pre-teens) watch pop singers, film stars and fictional TV characters change their partners regularly, while sex sells everything from cars to ice cream and is presented as little more than an enjoyable pastime, why should they believe that they should behave any differently to society in general?

We need to realise that it is what adults do, not what we say, that young people actually pay attention to and copy.

Real change in actions only comes from a change in attitudes. Until we show youngsters - in actions, not just words - that sex is best enjoyed in a committed relationship (preferably marriage) and can otherwise be physically and emotionally damaging, the current situation will not change, no matter how much time or money is put into providing condoms, pills and sex education.

Mel Green, Sheffield S6.

## Alarm at house fire tragedies

I APPLAUD the Manor and Wybourn community safety project, and the donation by the Wybourn Tenants' Association of 200 smoke alarms.

But could Sheffield Council not also do its part towards preventing any more deaths from fires by installing smoke alarms in every house which is refurbished between tenancies?

Mel Morris, Secretary, Westfield & District Alternative Tenants, Challoner Green, Westfield, Sheffield, S20.



**Jump? Tell me how high, doc!**

I CANNOT believe how disabled people are treated when they claim Disability Living Allowance.

I have multiple sclerosis and use a wheelchair. A doctor was recently sent to re-assess me.

Although I walked with a frame, he believed I could probably walk UNAIDED.

Most of Sheffield knows from my crazy fund-raising exploits, like my sky-dive for MS and the Snowdon Challenge, that I am incapable of walking unaided.

I may have the courage to overcome my difficulties and have a life, despite everything it has thrown at me, but that doesn't mean that my disability isn't real!

I am upset and, in particular, insulted to be branded a liar in this way. I wish I could explain to this doctor that you can have the best stereo in the world, but if the electricians are faulty it won't work.

This is just like MS. I can swim with a float and keep my muscles from wasting through hard work and sheer determination, but it doesn't follow that I can walk unaided.

The system seems to expect you to jump through hoops to claim disability benefit - but, of course, you'd have to be able-bodied to do that. How ironic is that?

Sylvia Brown, Burlington Court, Sheffield.

## Parking permits needed for all

I READ with interest the article about Helen Jackson and the residents of Minto Road, Hillsborough, wanting residential parking and a new car park for shoppers.

I live in Hillsborough Place, which is often used by shoppers and local workers. I and other residents in the surrounding areas - ie Taplin Road, Hillsborough Road etc - would be delighted to acquire parking permits, as I have campaigned for over several years.

The attitude of Ms Jackson and the residents of Minto Road is a piecemeal approach to the situation. The whole traffic situation needs reviewing.

As for another car park in Hillsborough, there are already three, plus the huge one at Morrisons.

May I suggest that the large shops - the Co-op and Morrisons - provide parking facilities for their staff, and that park and ride facilities are improved.

Then all residents within the immediate vicinity will be able to have parking permits, not just the chosen few.

Mrs J Mangles, Hillsborough Place, Sheffield S6.

## Church houses flood memorial

BILL Brotherton's article on November 11, concerning a memorial for the victims of the Sheffield flood, was a little misleading.

To my knowledge, there are at least two memorial plaques commemorating the flood victims. One is at Dale Dyke Dam in Bradfield and the other is located inside St Polycarp's Church at Malin Bridge.

The memorial in St Polycarp's is a marble plaque which lists the names of the victims from the Malin Bridge area. It was originally housed in the non-conformist chapel at the bottom of Wisewood Lane.

When the chapel closed, the plaque was taken to St Mark's Church in Dykes Lane. In 1980, it was again moved, this time to St Polycarp's.