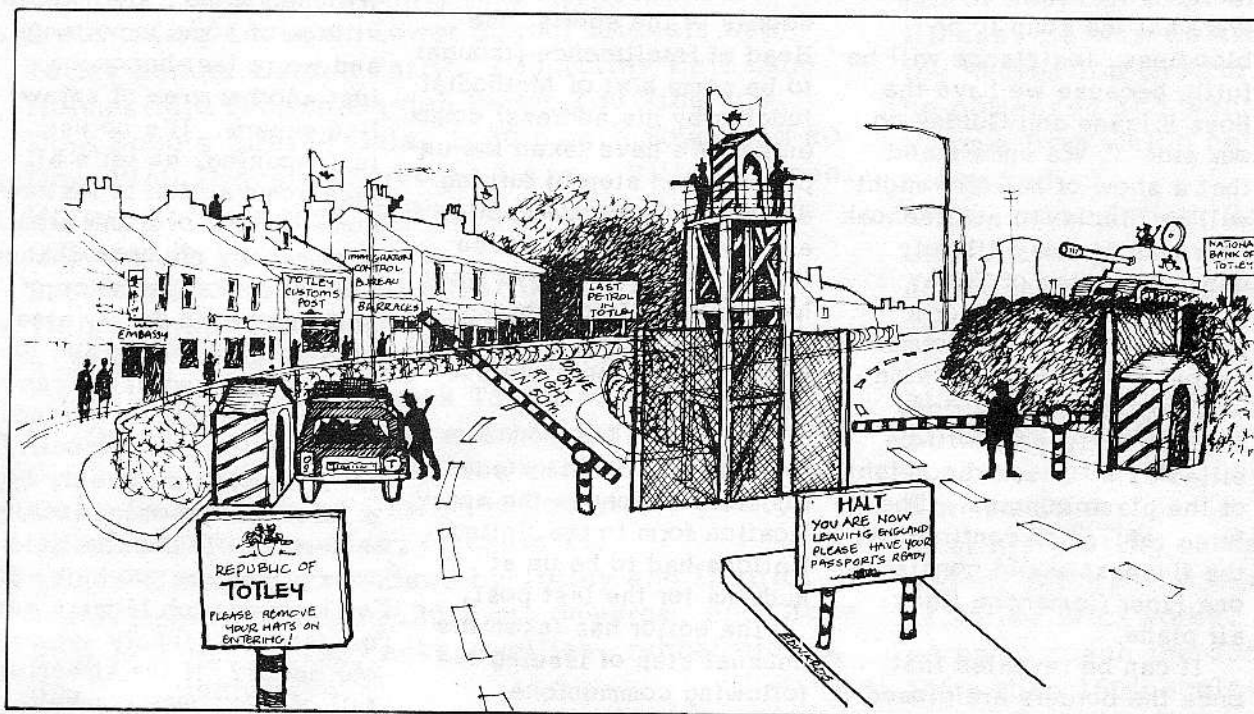


TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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MILITARY JUNTA TO SEIZE POWER!

THE 'TOTLEY INDEPENDENT' has infiltrated an underground movement which threatens to seize control of Totley by military force and declare independence as a republic within the next year.

Apparently plans to build a frontier wall around the area are well advanced and fortifications will be manned by platoons of brownies and cub scouts.

We can reveal exclusively that the self style Junta had 15 years ago submitted the scheme illustrated above to Sheffield Town Hall for planning permission. The local authority seems to

have responded speedily on this occasion and last week planning approval was granted. When the 'Independent' contacted the Chief Planning Officer for comment he was heard to reply "Oh no! We seem to have slipped up again, the same thing happened with the Town Hall extensions, we thought that was going to be an extension to the Peace Gardens"!

It is believed that the leader of the coup is a well-known local vicar who only recently was invested as Supreme Commander Allied Powers Totley (S.H.A.P.T.) Unfortunately he refused to comment last week, when the story broke, because he was "preparing for my coronation" However it was possible to confront the head of intelligence who, fidgeting nerv-

ously behind dark glasses said "We regard our takeover as a move to free the citizens of Totley from the bureaucracy of Sheffield, Barnsley, Westminster and the proposed new regional government likely to be based in Dundee. We want the coup to be bloodless, resistance will be futile because we have the Boys Brigade and Guides on our side". We understand that a show of military might will be displayed at Greenoak Park this Monday 4th July under the guise of Totley Independence Day Sports (see Page 4). Our information is that the cavalry division will pose as donkey rides and that a fly-past will be billed as a 'Guess the height of the plane contest'. The Junta refused to confirm that the fly-past would consist of one Piper Comanche light air plane.

It can be revealed that once the borders are closed to aliens, all citizens will be required to carry passports and dog licences at all times outside curfew hours (which will approximate to pub closing).

One piece of bright news is that Totley will become a tax haven and will issue its own stamp, whilst all known mineral rights will be nationalised. Plans are under way to reopen the coal mines on Strawberry Lee, the public stone quarry above the Brickworks and deposits of gneiss under the Heatherfield Conservative Club will be developed. A brownie spokesman would not comment on the rumour that the mineral rights at Grattons would be their reward for organising

military tactics.

Law and order will be maintained at all costs and there are plans to mete out punishment by bringing back the stocks and the 'ordeal of the double blast bellows'.

On being pressed for more details of the sports, the Head of Intelligence (thought to be some sort of Methodist judging by his address) commented "We have taken the unprecedented step of turning down New Zealand's application to take part because they might upset Kenya who have various trade agreements on the supply of coffee to Totley Co-operative Society".

The Totley Independents reporter was at this stage dismissed because the application form to the United Nations had to be up at Rudkins for the last post.

The editor has taken the unusual step of issuing the following communique "Whilst the 'Totley Independent' supports the idea of self-government in principle we frown down upon some of the underhanded techniques employed. In particular, we point to the Junta's plan, in the event of emergency, to block all frontiers with neighbouring villages by diverting the main sewers into Totley Brook and the River Sheaf; we think that is just a bit thick".

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THUNDERER

TOTLEY independence is no joke; many decisions now taken by outsiders were once made in Totley itself. We used to be a Derbyshire village of some importance, and we're fast becoming just another area of sprawling suburb. It's no use just moaning, so let's all take some action to restore some control over our area. If somebody plans to change the use and appearance of any part of the Totley area, take all possible action to slow it down whilst it can be thoroughly investigated. If something must be built, let it be built preferably by a local builder using local materials. If the Sheffield food prices are too high, do we have enough farmers and gardeners to supply some of our needs? If the stream is full of junk, why not help the Totley Environment Society in clearing it out?

Given enough independent action, we should be able to start a Parish Council.

THE TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

THIS is a news-magazine for all people in Totley and surrounding areas. It will appear at the beginning of each month, and will list any events and meetings of general interest.

We welcome any help in the form of articles, news, photographs and letters. The next issue will contain adverts., including a free small ads section.

Saddled with each other

TRAINEE surveyor David Blakeley cycles off on a charity ride to Newquay next month and his girlfriend will be backing him all the way. For they plan to do the 330-mile trip.... on a tandem.

David, of The Grove, Totley, and his girlfriend Suzanne Leach, who are both 19, built the 8½ foot tandem themselves in five weekends.

Several Sheffield shops have already agreed to sponsor the pair and they hope that some large city firms and organisations will back them.

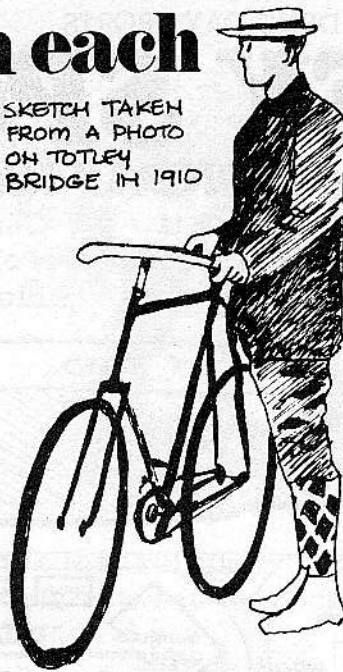
They hope to raise money for a swimming pool for handicapped children at the Woolley Wood Special School near Suzanne's home in Nesfield Way, Firth Park.

They have to reach Newquay in three days or the money they hope to raise will be halved. This means the duo will have to cover 110 miles per day.

"The only thing that will stop us is either bike failure or the weather", said David. He added that their one and only practice run to Southport, 80 miles away, ended tragically in rain-soaked Manchester, where they got lost for two hours.

"We were going to Newquay anyway for our summer holiday, and we joked about going on a tandem. Then we thought, if we are going to slog our guts out getting there we may as well do it for a good cause. But if we

SKETCH TAKEN FROM A PHOTO ON TOTLEY BRIDGE IN 1910



had as many pounds as the people who have said "Can Ya Ride Tandem", there would be no need to do it for charity".

After a couple of weeks in Cornwall, the two former King Egbert School pupils and their tandem will return the easy way - by train!

70 ft giant escapes the axe

A SPECIMEN tree has been saved from the axe after a determined fight by Totley residents.

The owner of the building plot on The Quadrant on which a 70-foot-tall lime tree stands wanted to chop down the tree to make way for a detached house.

But 46 residents of Quarry Road and Terry Road petitioned Sheffield City Council with the help of two local Councillors, and Planning Permission for the house was refused last week.

The residents claimed in

the petition that if the house had been built it would have affected the root system of the tree, which only recently was put under a preservation order.

It was also stated that the building of the house would have increased the density of dwellings in the immediate area to an undesirable level.

Mr. Barry Fairhead and his wife Christine of Terry Road who organised the petition said that if the house had been built it would have blocked off sunlight to their home and garden. He said "We realise that people have got to build houses somewhere, but we have to maintain the standards and surroundings that we have got. The place just would not be the same without that tree".

Mrs. Margaret Parr of Quarry Road said: "It would have been absolute sacrilege to chop the tree down. We were very anxious about it because it's such a beautiful tree. This is why we live here - because we like the trees and everything".

TOTLEY RISE

AFTER protests from the Governors of King Egbert School and from other bodies, the local authorities are investigating the possibility of traffic control at the busy junction of Totley Brook Road with Abbeydale Road South at Totley Rise. Brian Wood, one of the parents representatives at King Egberts explained that there was increased concern over the build-up of traffic and the difficulties encountered by schoolchildren in crossing to the bus stops.

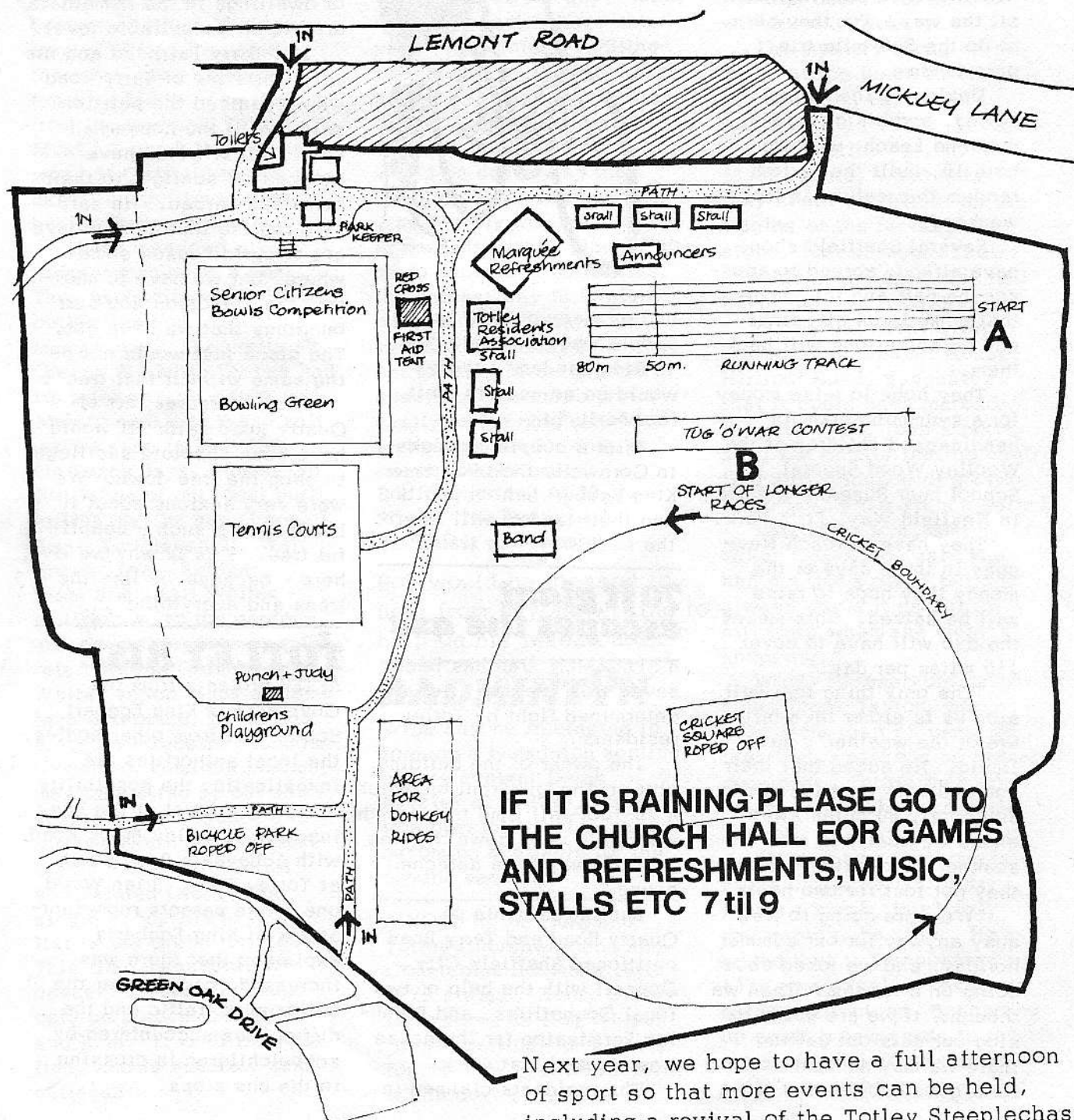
THE FIRST TOTLEY INDEPENDENT DAY SPORTS

TOTLEY SPORTS

GREENOAK PARK MONDAY 4th JULY 1977 7-9pm

Please do not ride bikes in the park, if you need to bring them please use the area provided for the parking of bicycles

Car parking may be restricted by the Police on some roads. Please do not block driveways.



Next year, we hope to have a full afternoon of sport so that more events can be held, including a revival of the Totley Steeplechase.

LONG STRING OF SUCCESSES

ONE OF TOTLEY'S strongest traditions is to be revived at the sports evening, with several teams roped in to take part. We refer to the Tug O' War, which died as a regular activity in about 1924 after teams had represented the village for many years.

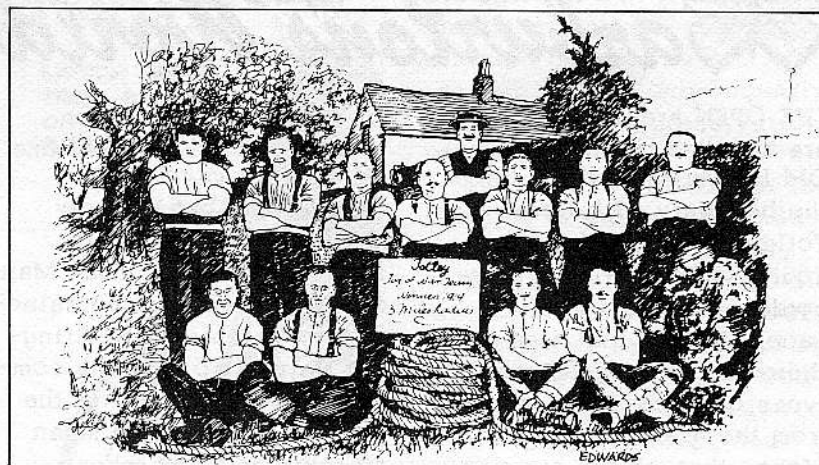
The 11-man team, shoe here in 1919, was trained by village policeman "Straightback" Bagshawe and was the best in many years according to Danny Reynolds, whose 16 stone father was anchorman in this team. The greatest rivals amongst the surrounding villages was Dore "Totley and Dore people were always on a knife-edge at one another; I

think that animosity still exists between the older folk." Danny, a retired joiner of Baslow Road, has lived all his 67 years in Totley and hopes to write a book on the area. He welcomes the idea of reviving the Tug O' War. "By God I do, although I'm too old to take part myself, lads in the village would really enjoy it".

It appears that at one time Mr. Milner of Totley Hall presented each member of

the team with a razor for this cut-throat event.

Front Row L to R
Wortley, Creswick, Rope
Coates, Pearson
Back Row L to R
Marshall, Salt, Duddy
Wright, Gascoigne,
Bagshawe, Hillman.
Reynolds



TOTLEY HISTORY

If you have items on Totley History for the newsletter please contact Brian Edwards at Chapel House, 368213

LIST OF EVENTS

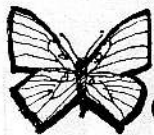
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THE SPORTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO PLACES MARKED A AND B ON THE PLAN. ALL CHILDREN WISHING TO TAKE PART IN RACES SHOULD GIVE IN THEIR NAMES AT 7 o'clock TO THE STARTERS.

For younger children we have provided donkey rides and Punch & Judy.

There is also a Senior Citizens Bowls Competition.

Several Societies and Organisations will have stalls at this years sports to explain their activities to Residents. There is also a cakes stall, nearly new stall and refreshment tent.



THE OPEN areas of Totley are bounded by two streams; Old Hay Brook, which forms the boundary with Dore, and Totley Brook which is the South Yorkshire-Derbyshire border, south of Mickley Lane. Within that area there are many different types of landscape, ranging from the moors of Totley Moss, through the growing wood of Gillfield to the damp, unspoilt meadows beside Totley Brook.

These meadows are at present coming to a peak. They abound in wild plants, butterflies and insects of many kinds. The pretty Orange Tip butterfly has had its brief season - from mid-May to mid-June - and will next be seen in May 1978. On sunny days, almost the full range of our local butterflies may be seen here. Small Tortoiseshell, Wall Brown, Large Skipper, large and small Whites - well-known to the gardeners - and their less harmful relative, the Green-Veined White, which leads a blameless existence, having no taste for domestic cabbages. Owners of Buddleia bushes may be visited by our showy species, the Peacock and the two North African immigrants - the Red Admiral and Painted Lady. The single exception to this list is the Green Hairstreak. This tiny, beautiful, iridescent creature is found only on Blackmoor in May and June. It is difficult to find, and is superbly camouflaged.

These, then, are our 'locals'. From time to time we may get more exotic immigrants, but I simply hope that we can retain what we have already. Many of these species have caterpillars which feed on Stinging Nettles so that any comprehensive 'tidy-up' of the district which would mean clearing nettle patches would be destroying the breeding sites of some of these lovely insects. Flower gardens can be planted so as to encourage butterflies; the easiest way is to plant bushes of Buddleia davidii which acts almost as a magnet to many of the prettier species. The shrub grows easily in the neighbourhood, and my garden for one, is never without one. Bob Warburton, of 22, Rowan Tree Dell, is a naturalist and teacher.

Bob would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to help on his researches.

BADMINTON

WILL anyone interested in forming a badminton section please contact Derek Buckley at 363299. There is a possibility of a court becoming available for the coming season.

A NOTE in the Dore and Totley Churchwardens and Constables Accounts for 1777 states "Henry Crookes is to serve as Dog Whipper (their spelling) for 2 years for the new coat he received which cost £1".

WIMBLEDON's centenary went with a great flourish of excitement last week, but the one hundredth birthday of one of Totley's oldest fixtures has so far passed without any racket.

The mystery stone on the grass at the junction of Mickley Lane and Baslow Road was put up in 1877. It bears the inscription "St. JC". Most people, when asked if they could shed light on the origins of the rectangular stone, just shrugged their shoulders and said they had never noticed it before.

Local historian, Brian Edwards, of Chapel House, Hillfoot Road, suggested that it could have marked the site of St. Joan's cottage, but admits that he can't find any evidence of a visit to Totley by the French Saint!

Pensioner Mrs. Smith, of Green Oak Road, said she had not got a clue, but she always found it useful for a sit-down when she went shopping.

While 80-year-old neighbour, Frank Taylor, who after more than 65 years in the village reckons he knows more about Totley than anyone else, would not commit himself.

"It might be the boundary stone of the Parish of St. John's Church, but I only say might", he said. He added that it disappeared in 1970 when Baslow Road was being modernised, but turned up again a few yards to the north several months later.

JULY DIARY

- 2nd Totley Church School Centenary Gala - 2 p.m.
- 4th TOTLEY INDEPENDENCE DAY SPORTS (SEE PAGE 4)
- 8th All Saints Ladies Working Party Jumble Sale
7.15 p.m. in Church Hall
- 8th Dore and Totley Community Arts Group Concert
8 p.m. King Ecgberts Lower School (Tickets 60p)
- 9th Totley Scouts Garden Party, 2 30 Totley Hall Lane
- 9th Holmesfield Church Garden Party, 2 30 Vicarage
- 9th Dore Scouts Jubilee Gala, 2.30 p.m., Townhead Ro
- 10th Dore Well Dressing Service, 3 p.m., Village Green.
- 11th Holmesfield Cricket Match, 6.30 p.m. Millthorpe
followed by
Escafeld Morris Team at Royal Oak, 8.45 p.m.
- 13th Totley versus Dronfield Woodhouse cricket match
6.30 p.m. Dronfield Woodhouse Recreation Ground
(Tickets 10p in aid of Mick Taylor's family).
- 15th Crafts and Farm Implements Exhibition, Holmesfield
3 - 9 p.m. (Also on 16th, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.) Church
- 15th Curry Party in aid of Childrens Society, 7 p.m.,
80 Abbeydale Park Rise, (Tickets £1)
- 16th Stream Clearing, organised by Totley and District
Environment Society, 9.30 a.m. onwards, end Grove
Road. (Please bring sacks, wellies, rubber gloves,
anything useful).
- 16th King Ecgbert School Fair, 2 p.m.
- 17th Rambling Association, 9am (city centre) no 237 bus
to Bakewell. Just turn up or see Mr Bullen, 18,
Furniss Avenue for R.A. information
- 18th Concert by Sheffield Radio Choir and Brass Group 7 30
Fanshawe Gate Hall courtyard. Tickets 35p (20p ch.
O.A.P's) include coffee.
- 19th Totley Under 14 football training starts 6.30
Greenoak Park. Newcomers welcome.
- 27th Coffee Morning for Childrens Society, 10 a.m.,
57 Sunnyvale Road.
- 27th Yorkshire v. Middlesex at Abbeydale for three days.

Jubilee

IT is hoped that the welcome community spirit engendered by the Silver Jubilee will lead to similar events in future years. Organisers of street parties at Green Oak Avenue,

Totley Grange Estate, Brinkburn and West View Close report on the success of these happy events. Perhaps this experience may persuade us to turn our backs on television, to move out and mix in the local community.

Local Sports- man dies

Mick Taylor, a footballer with Totley Sports for 17 years, died suddenly last month, aged 38. Recently out of hospital after an illness, he was walking on the Recreation Ground when he collapsed and went into a coma from which he never recovered.

"Mick, often called 'Scratch', was a most popular and active member of Totley Sports and Social Club, continuing this association after he married and moved to nearby Dronfield Woodhouse" said Club Chairman, Norman Cann.

After his playing career ended, Mick, who worked at Totley Brickworks, stayed on to coach the 2nd XI. More than 160 people attended the funeral of Mick who left a widow, Denise, and 4 children.

Sports events have been arranged to raise money for the family and details are available from Mr. Cann 38 Mickley Lane.

(See the Diary on this page)

SCHOOL BUS

THE LIKELIHOOD of buses being introduced from King Ecgberts to Totley seems doubtful. A bus is provided to take children in the morning but so far disappointed parents have been unable to persuade the South Yorkshire transport authorities that a return service is necessary.

"Totley has outpaced its facilities"



REVEREND ALAN JOCKEL is the elected chairman of the newly formed Totley Residents Association. We thought it would be helpful to record his views on the community.

"Totley is a very mixed community with a big distinction between the older residents comprising home owners and council tenants who have settled in their homes over the years, and the newer residents particularly those of the Aldam estate area.

I think that the main function of the Totley Residents Association is to help these different groups to meet, work and play together."

Alan Jockel arrived in Totley last year with his wife Barbara and his three children Catherine, who is at university in Oxford, 17 year old Deborah, and Daniel aged 15, who are both at school. He came to Sheffield in 1953, a year after he was married, and before coming to the district

he served at St. Marys, Bramall Lane, Crosspool and Wadsley Bridge.

Seeing Totley through the eyes of a relative newcomer, he feels that "though it is a very mixed area, it is very pleasant to live in. But some people have become isolated and lonely, and in terms of population growth it has outpaced its facilities. To combat this, the Residents Association seek a community meeting place somewhere in Totley, and I hope that when such a centre is available it will have the facilities to cater for all the residents, especially the elderly and the young".

"We don't want people to think that because we haven't yet got a permanent meeting place, that we can't start some activities now; everyone is welcome to make suggestions and we want help in working out our priorities .

We hope that we can work in co-operation with existing organisations in the area, and that they might share facilities with us".

Kent-born Mr. Jockel describes himself as a parish vicar, and says his community work compliments the spiritual side of his job. He has chaired the Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care for six years, has recently helped to set up a district liaison committee, and served on the Sheffield Amenities Council.

He feels that Totley is ready for and needs such an association despite the record of past societies, which have fizzled out because of public

apathy.

"Judging by the number of people who turned up at our two meetings so far, and the subsequent response, we have a tremendous amount of support. It is going to be hard work in the early days, especially without our own place, and it depends on how everybody in Totley works to make it a success".

ACTIVITIES

THE TOTLEY Residents Association intends to start up a number of activities for Youth, Senior Citizens, Sport, Social Functions and so on. We already have names of people interested in these areas and if you would like to join a group, organising facilities please contact the Secretary, Peter Weston, telephone 350546.

Pinfold

TOTLEY and District Environment Society have now received planning permission to clean up the old pinfold in Hillfoot Road and to transform it into a small garden. The pinfold, which was in use in the last century, was an enclosure for impounding stray animals. The owner of the beast would then pay a fine to the pinder who usually lived nearby and who was in charge; this was the origination of the family name Pinder.

In 1813 another earlier pinfold was marked, on survey drawings, in a position close to the present Fleur de Lys. At that time, there was a well in its present position and the village stocks close by.