TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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TOTLEY- EVER ON THE MAP?

HAS Totley any claim to fame? Was it, through the ages, just a dozyhamlet, easily missed, off the trade routes, over the Pennines, or did something actually happen here to project its name both locally, nationally and internationally? We are pleased to reveal that, yes, something has happened.

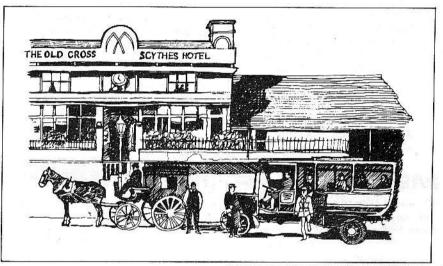
For instance, Bronze Age Man found the Totley Moors very attractive and there is clear evidence of settlements dating back to about 1500 BC. On display in Weston Park Museum are relics and urns found at the stone circles at Barbrook and Swine Sty near Owler Bar, both of which are internationally recognised by archeologists.

And in 829 King Ecgbert of Mercia and Eanred of Northumbria met at Dore and from that meeting sprung the kingdom of England. It is more than likely that Ecgbert camped in the Totley area.

In 1086 the true worth of Totley came to light. According to the Domesday Book, the whole lot could be had for 12 pence. It belonged at that time to Tolf, one of the 19 Thanes, or Senior Knights, to William the Conqueror.

As Britain moved into the Industrial Age, Totley provided ganister which is used for linings and silica bricks for furnaces. The quality of Totley ganister is acknowledged worldwide and in the 1836 map of the area, 2 ganister quarries are shown near the Strawberry Lee.

By the 1880's, Sheffield was a fast-growing industrial city and Alderman Joseph Mountain opened the Victoria Gardens at Totley on the Whit Monday 1883, "to which the busy toilers in the town may resort". These were



said to be Sheffield's first public gardens and it was intended to rival Manchester's Belle Vue. As many as 10,000 people could cram into the pavilion and attractions included cycle racing, cricket, dancing and a menagerie. Older Totley residents remember the area bounded by Mickley Lane, Glover Road and Baslow Road as the "Monkey Gardens" - now you know why!

When the steam engines arrived in Sheffield, there was no direct link with Manchester but soon the foreboding Pennines were bridged and gave rise to Totley's biggest - and longest claim to fame - the Totley tunnel.

It's 3 miles 950 yards make it one of the longest railway tunnels in Britain and it was opened to passenger traffic on 13th May 1894.

A special surveying instrument called the Totley Level was invented to surmount the difficulties of gouging the tunnel out of high moorland over such long distance. One major problem in construction was flooding and $2\frac{1}{2}$ million

FIRST MOTOR BUS IN SHEFFIELD

gallons, (5 million on rainy days), were pumped out daily.

In 1911, Totley really entered the Space Age. Sheffield's <u>first</u> motor bus ran from Dore and Totley Station to the Cross Scythes. The new publican, Charles Reeves, brought the Commer bus from London, complete with cockney driver and conductor. The bus, officially called Hetty by the owner, was not quite so popular with some of the locals who nicknamed it "The Titanic" after the disaster of that era.

Our illustration shows Hetty in about 1911 with the well known Jimmy Larder's horse bus it replaced, (more news about the Cross Scythes history - in the next issue).

These are just some of the events that have made Totley a household name in Britain. We are sure there are many more people and places who have hit the headlines at some time or other. What do you think is Totley's main claim to fame? Drop a line with your suggestions to the editors.

Thunderer

WE live in a crazy world, surrounded by dole queues and men on half-time yet many things are left undone because of high labour costs'. Uncut grass, potholed roads, wasted materials and shoddy buildings are all blamed on this and we are in increasing danger of spoiling the ship for a ha'porth of tar.

The solution is easy, but the methods of matching work with spare manpower are difficult to put into practice. We can make people work for the dole; subsidise jobs as in the Job Creation scheme; use volunteers; or subtle methods of influencing the economy.

All have their snags but action must be taken to halt the slide towards decay.

MEMBERSHIP

WE would like to welcome all our new members, we appear to have about 600 members at the time of going to press. Committee members are still making the rounds and finding it slow progress but don't worry we will get around to your house soon. If in the meantime, you cannot wait please get in touch with us and we will send someone round.

Don't forget - it is up to you if you have any suggestions or comments to make then please do contact us. We are in the process of preparing a programme of events starting in September, keep an eye on our back page diary. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OF TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOC. Family: 75p Single: 30p O.A.P.'s, Students: 20p For further details contact our treasurer, Brian Bentley 2 Laverdene Rd. Tel 351110 or Harry Woofinden, 11 Greenoak Drive Tel. 350970

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If there are any other subjects you would like to be taken up with the authorities on your behalf, please contact us.

It should be made clear that the views expressed by readers are not necessarily the views of the Totley Residents Association We need your views so that we can judge the weight of public opinion and take the necessary action.

Fiery talks on moors!

AS Totley Moors seem to make a habit of catching fire at least once a year, Totley and District Environment Society Committee has met with fire officers to see if anything can be done and to make suggestions for local participation in firefighting.

GARDENING

AT weekends the landscape is littered with gardeners snipping, heaving and mowing, yet there's no garden club in the area. It could be useful for bulk-buying, swopping hints and cuttings, distributing surplus crops and even putting on shows. Anyone who likes the idea, please get in touch with us, or any Totley Residents Association committee member.

BRIGHT MAN'S WIFE HAD DIM FUTURE

STEPHEN BRIGHT, a well-known Totley landowner, made his will in 1642 in which he left his property in the area to his son, John. To his brother he left £10 to buy a horse and to his wife he left "one of the best beds and £1000, she being allowed to live in John's house at John's expense". The funniest thing was that he particularly asked to be buried in Sheffield Church with his wife and children. SOME weeks ago now, a friend phoned and asked me if I wanted to photograph a dragonfly which was in his garden. Since dragonflies are distinctly uncommon in our area, I rushed down to his house on Busheywood Road. When I arrived, I found a small garden pond 6' x 4' with a freshly emerged dragonfly about to fly off. Careful scrutiny of the pond edges showed about 15 empty nymph cases. The nymphs are slow, ugly creatures, which spend up to 3 years in the water before they emerge, split their skins and fly off as perfect dragonflies. I took 3 nymphs home, put them in an outdoor aquarium and watched them emerge - quite an experience!

Warburton's

world

The reason I tell of this event is that I am very sure that there are many animals and plants which locals find or recognise which we would like to record. If I could have any such reports, I would have a more complete picture of our local wildlife especially the rarities. Even creatures such as the Common Frog are worthy of note because they are becoming increasingly uncommon. Each time we fill in a pond, we destroy an important habitat for many animals and plants.

If you find any creature or plant which you believe is somewhat out of the ordinary, please get in touch. If it's a plant then please don't pick it. If it's an animal, then please - no fly spray - insects are best kept alive in a jar in the dark - they don't thrash about in those conditions.

I can be contacted at 22 Rowan Tree Dell, tel. 369125. These confirmed sightings provide a very important contribution to our understanding of the organisms with which we share our neighbourhood and indeed our whole planet.

Bob Warburton.

LETTERS

ON July 12th I went with a school party to see the queen in Hillsborough Park. A special train took us from Dore Station to Wadsley Bridge Station from where we walked to the park. It was cold and raining slightly. We had about 2 hours before the queen was due to arrive.

Various schools displayed maypole dancing with red, white and blue ribbons, ballet, gymnastics and there was also a ladies keep fit class, canoeing, a stock car, and a long queue outside the sweet kiosk.

We were told that the queen would be 50 minutes late so we passed the time by talking and going to the toilets. Then we heard cheering and the queen's car came along the road. She changed to a Range Rover and drove past us standing in the back with the Duke of Edinburgh, then went on to present certificates to race winners. We all saw her clearly and cheered and waved flags.

Soon afterwards we were allowed to leave the park for our return journey, disappointed that we hadn't received an invitation to tea at Buckingham Palace.

Simon Green, aged 11. Totley County School.

CHAUFFEURS

IF you are a Totley resident and looking for a useful way of help: ing the community which takes little time, why not consider driving for the Day Unit at St. Luke's Nursing Home. The help patients receive raises considerably their quality of life.

They arrive in the morning between 9.45 and 10.15 and leave at 3.00 p.m. Motor expenses are reimbursed where required.

Any help is gratefully accommodated, whether for one or both journeys and whether for once a week or more or less frequently.

Contact the volunteer organiser at St. Luke's for any further information. Phone 369911.

LEADING CUBS

WE have two overcrowded Cub Scout Packs and a third will open soon.

In Cub Scouting, we cash in on the natural curiosity and lively enthusiasm of the young animal and play games which involve a learning process.

As Scouts, boys specialise in skills which encourage them to become sensible, thinking members of the community.

We are desperately short of leaders. Those we have are overworked to an alarming degree.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact

D. Maltby, 61 Main Ave., Totley

TOTLEY AT WAR

Your illustration on the front of the first edition of "Totley Independent" makes me wonder how many residents know that Totley had its own Fire Station 38 years ago. It was situated on the site of the present Marstone Garage. There was a complement of about 60 firement and firewomen, mostr ly from Totley, Dore and Bradway The main guarters and offices for the Fire Station were opposite at 96 Baslow Road. I was officerin-charge there for guite a few years, ably assisted by Leading Fireman Ted Nicklin, still resident in Totley, and "Lol" Hunter who, much to our sorrow, died about a year ago.

Besides the many ordinary calls we had a lot of calls to the moorland fires; one of which was so big that we had to call on 300 army personnel and Chesterfield Fire Brigade to assist on the job all night. We returned to the station as black as coal from head to foot and continued to "damp down" the following day.

The main receptionist and watchroom chargehand was Firewoman Made Fox who lived near the Cross Scythes. During the war, the moors when set alight by "Jerry" (Luftwaffe) was a good guide for Sheffield and it was important that these fires were put out as quickly as possible, especially on the occasion when we were hindered by machine gun fire from a German plane one dinner time. The name of the fire station was "Heatherfield" and it was a very happy and most pleasant place.

H. W. Mould, Ashton House, 96 Baslow Road.

(Note: Mr. Herman Mould moved into Totley from Ecclesall four years ago on his retirement as Company Director. By strange coincidence, he was able to buy the very officers quarters he refers to and now he and his wife Mabel run a ladies and gents out fitters there).

Mick Taylor Appeal

DRONFIELD Woodhouse beat Totley with 4 balls to spare after Totley reached 71 in their allotted overs and the match raised about £250 for the fund for Mick Taylor's widow.

This month it's the turn of football (see Diary) and the Grand Raffle, which has 100 prizes, including a £20 food hamper, all donated by friends. Tickets from Norman Cann (365296) or many others; the draw is 7th November.

Jubilee Medal

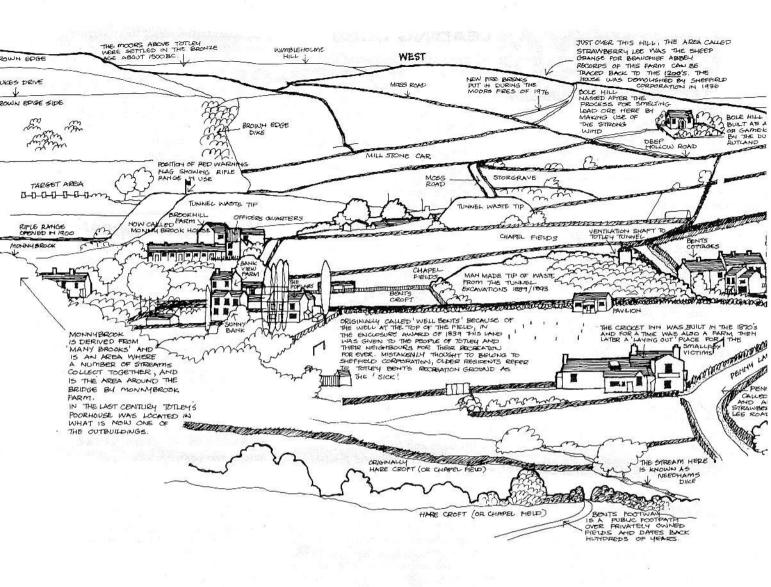
WHEN the postman asked medical technician Norman Chard to sign a registered package, he did so with the usual lack of early morning feeling. But when he opened it, Mr. Chard of Marstone Crescent found he was the surprise winner of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for services to medicine.

"To be quite honest I have no idea why I have got the award or who recommended me" he said. "I am absolutely astonished".

But Mr. Chard has worked for the Medical Research Council since the last war and his work contributed to a Nobe! Prize for Medicine and Physiology for two leading British scientists -Watson and Crick - in 1962.



FURTHER to our story on the Baslow Road stone marked St. J.C., several readers have come forward to point out that two further stones are to be found, one in the stream near Gill Field Wood and the other at Ryecroft. They are, of course, boundary stones for St. Johns, Abbeydale



OLD FOLKS AT HOME

WORK on a Totley Day Centre for old people will start early next year. Costing £35,000, it will be joined to the Green Oak View Old People's Home and accommodate 16 people.

The matron of the home, Mrs. Sylvia Eason, has appealed for volunteers to help run the centre, which will be opened at the end of 1978. "We already have 42 residents in the home and when the day centre opens, we will have to cope with another 90 people every week" she said. "Although we can cope now, the extra people from the centre will stretch us and this is the sort of place where volunteers can be used very well". They will be able to befriend and take out the old folk and help the staff of the home carry out their normal duties.

But the day centre is not a medical clinic stressed Mrs. Eason. The centre will serve the whole south-western area of Sheffield and old folk from as far as Heeley will be able to use its facilities.

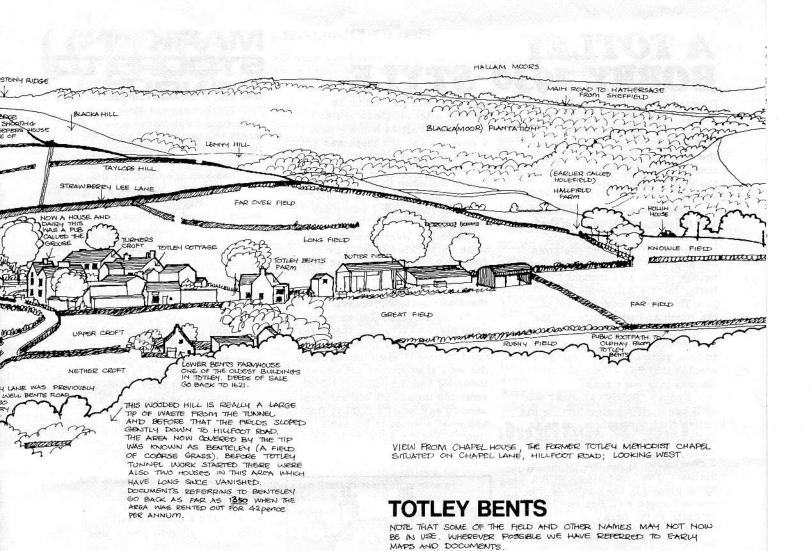
"This area of the city has an exceptional need for such a centre" said Mr. Neil Kay, deputy director of the Family and Community Services Department. "We will transport the old people to the centre, many of whom are frail and housebound, and they can have meals and a bath".

Mrs. Eason would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to help at the home, both now and when the day centre opens.



TOTLEY'S charity cycling duo David Blakeley and Suzanne Leach (see last issue) are still seeking commercial sponsors. They set off by tandem for Torquay this month to raise money for a swimming pool for handicapped children.

Anyone interested? Please contact Jeremy Watson, tel. 364681.



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Garden Sharing

THE FRIENDS of the Earth Garden Sharing Scheme was started a couple of years ago as part of a wider programme of research and education into land use and rational food production. The scheme itself is very simple; many people, especially the elderly, find that they have too big a garden to manage, whilst many other people find themselves with little or no garden. Friends of the Earth are hoping to bring the two together.

Societies do a grand job, both in encouragement and supplies of fertilisers and things but there's a waiting list in this area and little available land for all-

otments.

We in Friends of the Earth want to help those who wish to grow food but have not yet got any land; we have had plenty of gardens offered - though we can always do with more - but not so many prospective gardeners. Usually we leave the owner and the gardener to arrange between themselves what rent should be paid; most people agree to pay in produce and tidiness; however we do have a model contract drawn up if anyone wants it.

We feel that this scheme has many advantages to offer. The price of food nowadays makes it almost essential that we should grow all we can ourselves; besides which, fresh food has a better taste and a higher vitamin content than stuff which has hung round the shops for days. The garden owner too will benefit; it may mean the sacrifice of a flowerbed or two and some of the lawn but a tidy vegetable patch is always pleasant to look at and the scheme will ensure regular visits which, especially for the old, can be a lifeline.

If anyone has any further interest in Garden Sharing, please contact Liz Lippeatt, 42 Wollaton Avenue, Bradway, S17 4LA.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE : WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON BORN IN TOTLEY? • HISTORY OF THE CROSS SCYTHES • NEW HOUSING ON TOTLEY HALL LANE DUE SOON

A TOTLEY BOBBY 1930-STYLE

IT was nearing midnight and 'Bobby' Andrew was dozing in front of the fire when a loud knock roused him. He opened the door and the man standing there cried "I've found a body in the stream near Owler Bar. It smells terrible".

Mr. Andrew put on his helmet and the two set off through the pouring rain. Soon both were soaked to the skin and the stranger shouted "It's not fit for human beings to see so I thought I'd better fetch a policeman".

This was a copper's lot in the rough and wild Totley of the 1930's. Luckily for "Bobby", the decomposing body turned out to be a barrow load of rotting vegetables that had somehow found its way into the stream.

Sydney "Bobby" Andrew, who still has a strong affection for his native Nottinghamshire, came to Totley in 1931 to atrengthen the existing force of 1 sergeant and 3 constables at the old Police Station. The large house with a blank plaque in the centre of this row of houses still has two lockup cells at the back.

When he arrived in Totley at the age of 27, the fresh young copper moved into his present house in Glover Road. At that time, all policemen had to be 6' tall and it was common for local youths to be clouted round the earhole just in case they might be thinking of mischief.

Apart from petty thefts and gambling in the pubs, the most serious of crimes in those days was poaching. "There was some poaching by the locals but only for the pot. We knew who they were, but as long as they didn't take too much, we let them be. If you were fair to them, they were fair to you".

The copper was still a figure in the community, well before the advent of the Panda police. Mr. Andrew must be pleased to see the return of the 'beat' officer and the return of respect for the law.

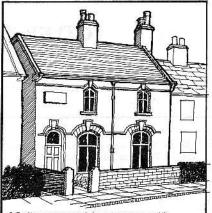
Some of the older residents like Frank Taylor and Charlie

Coates still refer to him as 'Bobby' after all these years. He was on call 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and there was a police sign over his house door. "If we wanted a drink, we either had to nip down to the Beauchief or have one at the back door of a pub in Totley but I won't say which one".

Offenders were taken once a week up Mickley Lane to Dronfield or Renishaw Court and were often accompanied by relatives and friends, so on occasions there was quite a procession.

"In those days, Totley was a good place to live in. There was hardly any serious crime and I used to love it when local people did well at anything, but sometimes we had the difficult job of arresting them. My old sergeant used to say 'what's right is right and what's wrong is no man's right' - and I'm sticking to that".

Copper Andrew retired as a Detective Sergeant in 1954



THE OLD ROLICE STATION OPPOSITE THE CROSS SCUTTLES, BASLOW ROAD, TOTLEY

JOURNEY INTO THE

TOTLEY Rise Boys Brigade is trying a new kind of weekend camp on the 12th-14th August. They're going to burn up the petrol in a long, long trek to -Holmesfield, where, armed with maps, they'll be looking for badgers and generally exploring unknown territory.

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MARK STOOPS TO CONQUER

THIRTEEN years old Mark Hudson aims for a treble victory this month in the Sheffield Open Junior Bowls Championship.

Mark, of Green Oak Road, who has won the Open for the past two years, hopes to add yet another crown after practising at least ten times every week.

He started bowling 4 years ago when he found he had nothing to do during the summer holidays.

An ambition is first of all to join the Green Oak Park Senior Team before moving on to play for Yorkshire and even England.

"The secret of success is practice and more practice" says Mark, who last season played for both King Ecgbert and Totley Under 13 football teams.

"It's not an old man's game" he warns. "You have to do an awful lot of bending down; you have to be very supple".

Green Oak Bowls Club Secretary, Herbert Ashmore, also of Green Oak Road, says Mark has the potential to reach the top in the sport. "He has a lot going for him and I think he will go a long way - providing he keeps off the lasses. We would now like to see other Totley youngsters joining in the bowls competitions".

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	6	Girls	Susan Buckley
	7	Boys	Andrew Geering
	7	Girls	Jane Andrew s
	8	Boys	Stephen Mills
	8	Girls	Alex Murphy
	9	Boys	David Humberston
	9	Girls	Sarah Lee
Sack Race	5-7	Mixed	Andrew Geering
	8-9	Mixed	Sally Ellis
80 metres	10	Boys	Stuart Matthewson
	10	Girls	Sarah Weston
	11	Boys	Andrew Stephenson
	11	Girls	Helen Walker
	12	Boys	Andrew Fearn
	12	Girls	Heather Matthewson
	13	Boys	Stephen Edwards
	13	Girls	Amanda Shaw
Obstacle Race	10	Boys	Matthew Blunt
	10	Girls	Fiona Jacks
	11	Boys	Christopher Hodson
	11	Girls	Helen Noble
	12	Boys	Mark Platton
	12	Girls	Gail Wildsmith
400 metres		Girls	Amanda Shaw
800 metres	0.2118	Boys	Martyn Lee
Senior Citizens Bowls Mixed Doubles		Winners	Mr. and Mrs. Hammond
only		Runners Up	Mrs. Roebuck and Mr. Charlie Marsden

WELL, our first event, the Sports Evening in Green Oak Park, went down well, judging from the huge number of favourable comments. We estimated that over 600 people came to what, older residents remarked, was the best thing they had ever been to in Totley.

And the kids seemed to enjoy it with so many attractions during the two hours. Apart from the races, top of the bill for children seemed to be the Punch and Judy man. So much so that we have asked him to come back one Saturday morning in September.

The Boys Brigade Band were booked with, we confess, some trepidation, but they turned out to steal the show with their smart appearance, precise drill and very high standard of playing.

Of course the donkey rides proved successful as well and if children really got bored, there was always the refreshment tent. Here we ought to thank Minsthorp High School for coming over 30 miles to bring and erect their marquee, free of charge.

For the older generation, there was the mellow tone of the Ireland Alloys Silver Band from Hoyland, near Barnsley, who came at the last minute, despite a very busy and tiring weekend of playing.

And then there was the Senior Citizens Bowls Competition, which unfortunately had to be limited in size because of the limits of playing time. We hope to be able to extend this next time so that more couples can

take part.

SEE

Thanks to Herbert Ashmore and his helpers Frank, Duncan and Mick, the events went off with precision, producing a closely fought battle right to the bitter end.

Not to be forgotten was the long awaited flyover by a local small plane pilot - something which gave a good deal of fun to lots of people, including the bewildered announcers. Next year we hope to have more planes taking part.

Thanks again to everyone who joined in and gave a helping hand, to all the refreshment and cake stalls, nearly new stall and sports helpers who are too numerous to name.

We were grateful that a number of local clubs and organisations could provide a display of their activities - a thing we want to enlarge next time.

We hope you all enjoyed the Sports Evening and hope to see you at the forthcoming Totley Residents Association events - see the Diary each month.

BA DVI I N'I

We have had a very good response from members wishing to play badminton this coming season. We are still awaiting confirmation of our application for courts at King Ecgberts. Derek Buckley at 363299 is handling enquiries.

FOOTBALL

TOTLEY Sports Football Club has now started training with an FA coach for senior players on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 p.m., at Totley Bents Recreation Ground next to the Cricket Inn on Penny Lane. Anyone interested is invited to come along.

KARATE: A SUNDAY CHOP

TOTLEY Karate Club hope to boost membership in the near future. This Club, which was formed last Christmas, now has 20 members. "Anyone of any age is welcome, said Keith Quinn of Green Oak Avenue.

Beginners and advanced courses are run every Friday and Sunday night at the United Reformed Methodist Church at Totley Brook Road (details ring 367921)

AUGUST

IF YOU HAVE NEWS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS PLEASE INFORM US

6th Cricket Transport v Totley 1st Team away B.S.C. v 2nd Team away

7th Afternoon Knockout Bowls Match, in aid of Cheshire Home. Green Oak Park.

- 7th Cycle ride to Edale, organised by Cycle Touring Club to attract new members. Anyone who likes pottering about on 2 wheels, turn up at 9.30 a.m. in the city centre or Hathersage at 11 a.m. (or ring Dronfield 416828).
- 13th Clean-up of garden between Cross Scythes and Hillfoot 10 a.m. Bring some cutting or weeding tools if you value Totley's appearance!
 - Cricket: Atlas Sports v 1st Team away 2nd Team v Exchange, Totley Bents
- 16th Totley Brook Club coffee morning and bring-and-buy
- 10 a.m. 12 at 77 Bushey Wood Road.
- 20th Cricket: 1st Team v Hoyland, Totley Bents Waterworks v 2nd Team, away
- 24th Football at Eyam, 6.15, Totley Veterans v Dronfield Woodhouse Veterans, and later combined v Hope Valley.
- 27th Cricket: 2nd Team v Transport, Totley Bents
- 28th Ramblers Association, 9.05 a.m. train to Hope, then walk to Peak Forest, Monsaldale and Bakewell.
- 29th Cricket: 2nd Team v White Lane, Totley Bents.

In September, the Residents Association will start a programme of activities which will include a dance, badminton, table tennis, talk on Totley history, a coach trip etc. Details will appear in the next issue published at the beginning of the month.

TOTLEY Residents will have noticed that less and less work seems to have been carried out by the local authorities on verges paths and various grassed areas. In some places, grass verges have grown so high that they become a traffic hazard at road junctions.

Alarmed at this deterioration of services and worried that many of these areas will literally go to seed, the Residents Association is organising a gardening morning on 13th August. We recognise that the current economic cut-backs have meant a reduction in maintenance work and feel that in the meantime, we should be constructive and supplement the work normally carried out by the recreation department, at the same time, pressing for an early resumption of this type of work.

WEDDING BELLS

AN old-style 6 yr. courtship ended in marriage for a Totley couple last Saturday. Jeanette Brown of Meadow Grove Road, and Andrew Moores, formerly of Marston Crescent, were wed at All Saints Church, attended by 60 guests.

The couple, both aged 22, are honeymooning in Crete, and on their return will live in Worcester where Andrew now works as a technologist.

PRIZES

WANT some ideas to amuse the kids - and maybe yourself - for the summer? Then go along to your local Totley Library where we've got plenty of suggestions for getting the most out of summer in Sheffield. There's a special display of places to go and things to do in and around the city and in the Junior Library there are ideas for the children too.

PLUS! A special holiday quiz for children aged 7-12 with book token prizes.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

DURING the holiday season, there is a full programme of events arranged by the City's Recreation Dept. in the parks. Details are available at the Totley Library. Don't forget that, in addition to bowls and tennis at Green Oak, there are other parks within fairly easy distance, especially Millhouses Park.

Then there is always the countryside. Totley residents are very fortunately placed to get away from the city and out into the surrounding countryside. The moors are within walking distance for many folk and Baslow and Bakewell are within reach by bus. Also not far away, on the other side of Holmesfield, lies the very pleasant area of the Cordwell Valley, with several well-signposted routes to follow. The top part of the valley can be approach -ed from Owler Bar taking the Chesterfield road.

But wherever you walk in the countryside, do remember to observe the Countryside Code. In particular, be especially careful not to drop litter around or to leave any smouldering fire. Walls and gates are there for a purpose and every wall damaged and every gate left open when it was closed (or vice versa!) makes work and extra work for someone and often extra expense. On the whole, farmers and landowners don't mind the public walking over their property as long as simple and commonsense rules are observed, but if a lot of damage or nuisance is the result, you can hardly blame them for taking a pretty jaundiced view of the folk responsible. So, if you do go out into the countryside, do remember that every bit of land you walk on belongs to someone and try to help him keep it as unspoilt and beautiful as most of it is so that the people who come to enjoy it next week are able to do so as much as you have been doing. Alan Jockel, Chairman, T.R.A.

So for books and information call at your local library - serving Totley daily (except Thursday) from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.) Tel: 363067.