

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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PUZZLE OF UNDER-USED FACILITIES IN TOTLEY

One of the concerns of the Totley Residents Association is that there are, on the face of it, few facilities available. Despite an increasing population, there is no community building nearer than Abbeydale or Dore. Meetings for youth, senior citizens and social functions are limited because there are few halls or rooms available.

This last year, we have seen the Education Department put a stop to Youth activities at Totley County School, and Old People using All Saints school. This year already, an application to play Badminton at the County School has been refused because of 'Letting restrictions'. This phrase is the one applied to educational premises where there is only one activity taking place at any one time. However, as a number of applications have been turned down, it stands to reason that a number of activities could be arranged to coincide; thus defeating the main objection.

We feel that it is scandalous that there are abundant under-used buildings and equipment which are not made available to the very people who pay for them in the first place. Scores of residents have complained bitterly about the tennis courts and sports fields at the college lying idle, month after month. More ask why Totley schools are not opened up for evening use as directed by Education Minister, Shirley Williams.

The public is increasingly concerned about violence and vandalism - very often a symptom of non-participation. That is why so many youths cause so much trouble at football matches. Yet attempts to involve young people in communal projects are often not met with official enthusiasm, this despite the departments set up specially to deal with these problems. Very often it is not the fault of the officers but more the attitude of politicians who regard Totley as

needing no proper communal life. "You're well off for country up there, everybody's got two cars, we have lots more worse cases", and so on. Then why do we pay our rates? And why are they so high?

Sure, we realise that there are many areas worse than ours, and that is why we are not asking the education authorities to provide Concord Sports Centres here.

What we are asking for is that facilities already existing in Totley are USED and used for the benefit of the local community.

POLY FOLLY?

Let's take the college, for example. The development is a blight on the environment, planning-wise. It takes so much from the community in terms of space, parking and traffic problems, noise and an unstable population. Of course, there was a limited amount of benefit derived from student help in local schools, but that was two way and has probably finished. Some students have helped with local societies and this year a number carried out a survey of Totley and came up with the conclusion that the local community was poorly provided for.

LAND OF PLENTY

What accommodation is there at Totley College? 1) A beautifully equipped library, far bigger and better than our branch library 2) Large halls and excellent cooking equipment 3) Very many rooms for meetings 4) Well appointed Students Union building with bar 5) Wonderfully equipped gymnasium etc, 6) A number of tennis courts, football and hockey pitches. 7) Audio visual, home economics, research and various other facilities. Etc., etc.

If the college was full and well used it may be different, but seen in the light of dwindling students, shifted courses, redundancies, we can only ask if these assets are being fully utilised.

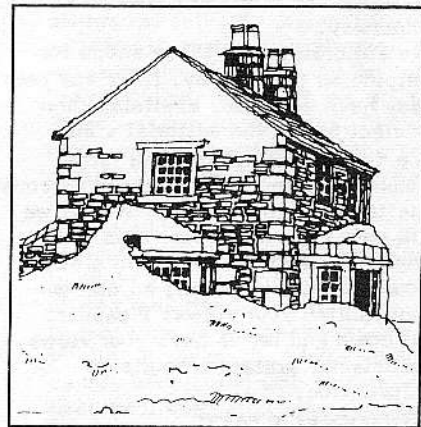
It is estimated that some of the college facilities are used less than 10% of their possible time. Do you agree with Shirley Williams that these should be made available for communal use?

The ready-made reasons put forward for keeping tight hold of educational buildings are now of course summed up under the banner of "Well you know, we've had to cut back".

Totley County and All Saints too have a more responsible role to play within the community, or rather the buildings do.

You would think it is easy to get hold of at least a small proportion of the Education Departments assets in Totley. But it has not so far been the case. Offers to pay for any extra cost to the Department are not received with too much enthusiasm.

Let us hear what you, as co-owners of all this property, have to say.



This small cottage which stands just below the 'Peacock' at Owler Bar was a Toll House until 1880 when tolls were abolished on this turnpike road. From about 1781, there had been a toll house 100 yards away. Read about Owler Bar, next issue.

Thunderer

THE Motorway Age has reached us: Totley has been cut in two by a road which has no safe crossing in its entire length.

Hardly a motorway, with a 30mph limit on it, but as there's rarely a police check to enforce this, the speed of cars is around 50 - 55 mph. For much of its length, Baslow Road is a dual carriageway, four lanes wide, with restricted access (Laverdene Road and Greenoak Avenue have been closed off) and not many warning signs.

This state of affairs encourages drivers to cast off all inhibitions and get in some practice for Silverstone. Some of the less cautious ones keep on in the same fashion after turning into Glover Road, Hillfoot Road or Totley Hall lane.

BACK ISSUES

THERE are hardly any back copies left and, if you want one, please contact us very quickly. For the third issue we are increasing our print order by 20% to cope with the growing demand.

WHERE TO BUY

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WOLLERTON ROAD NEWSAGENTS at Bradway.

We are grateful for these shops for helping us in this way. If for any reason they have no copies available then contact one of the editorial staff.

We seem to be attracting a large number of telephone calls and personal visits rather than letters. Whilst we are very pleased to hear from you, it would be useful if you could also put your thoughts in writing so that we can publish your views. Please do sit down and let us have your views, criticisms, praise or points of information.

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ACTION!

PUBLIC footpaths seem to be the responsibility of the South Yorkshire whatever it is department. We have been approached by residents about the signposts down by Totley Grove. These signposts have recently been knocked down by vandals and the authorities have hastily scrambled the post back into the ground hoping that a bit of asphalt will secure it. No doubt the poor workmanship will be blamed on vandals as well, because the one post is now uprooted again and the next post has the finger missing. The workman obligingly fixed the finger with easy-to-remove nuts and bolts and that's exactly what happened - it was easily removed and tested in Old Hay Brook for its buoyancy.

The damage to the Penny Lane kissing gate was reported weeks ago but as yet nothing has been done.

Other residents complain that footpaths in the area are being neglected and are becoming overgrown.

It is hoped that a concerted effort by the Totley Residents Association and the Totley and District Environment Society will result in rather more attention being paid to the footpaths in this area.

TAKE A TIP FROM BRITISH RAIL

WE have been asked by two residents whether there is any possibility of the tunnel waste tips being removed in the Totley Bents area. The larger waste tip was planted at the end of the last century and that area at Hillfoot has become a delightful woodland.

However the three other tips are an eyesore, occupying potentially useful farming land.

British Rail is to be approached about the possibility of removing the waste material and reclaiming the land.

George Washington here?

In reply to our question on page 5 of the last issue - Was George born in Totley? - we have to admit that our exhaustive researches have failed so far, to establish any connection between our district and the former U.S. president. However, due to the Heathrow strike, our investigative team have been unable to fly the Atlantic to search Central Intelligence Agency Files.

Next month: BUS & POSTING TIMES, TOTLEY'S MONKEY GARDENS, THE NOW DEMOLISHED FLEUR DE LICE, NEWS

DANCE

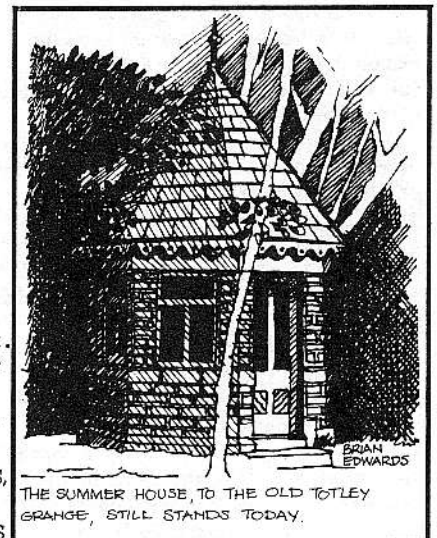
THE first Totley Residents Association Dance will be held on Tuesday 6th September at the Kaygeebee Dance Centre (under the old Abbeydale Cinema where the Court School of Dancing was previously held). Dancing will be from 8 til 12 to the Midlands Big Band and there will be a bar until 11 with refreshments available too. Posters went up in shops last week and the demand for tickets has been brisk so hurry and buy yours quickly from Harry Woofinden, 11 Greenoak Drive, phone 350970. Transport is being arranged for the return journey if required.

Tickets 75p (Senior citizens 60p)

Owd Totley

SENIOR citizen members of the Totley Residents Association are invited to an evening on Old Totley, Wednesday 28th September at the Conservative Club commencing at 8pm. There will be lots of photographs and slides, and the audience will be invited to join in with comments and questions. If you have any interesting photos or mementoes then please bring them along so we can project them onto the screen.

Because of the seating capacity, we have had to limit tickets to senior citizen members of the Association only. Shortly we will be repeating the event for other members when we can find a larger room. Tickets from Harry Woofinden, 11 Greenoak Drive telephone 350970 price 10p.



THE SUMMER HOUSE, TO THE OLD TOTLEY GRANGE, STILL STANDS TODAY.

CROWDED OUT! A LETTER

I'm sure that many residents would like the Association to take up the issue of the Annual Summer Lido Invasion.

It's a well known fact that if you go to town on a fine sunny day you may have trouble boarding the No. 24 to get you home again. This problem is not new and, if asked, Inspectors just tell us that they are running extra No. 17's to ease the situation.

Of course this does nothing of the kind, as many Lido passengers are on the 'bus before it reaches town. Listed below are various ways to overcome the problem and their disadvantages.

1) Catch any bus to Beauchief, alight and then catch an almost empty 24. This solution costs more money and takes longer.

2) Try to catch a Totley Brook bus and then walk home. This is not easy with children, shopping etc., because of some of the distances involved.

3) Do not go to town in the summer. But unfortunately you have to go sometimes.

4) Ask the Corporation for a limited stop bus or a minimum fare or for extra 24's. None of these solutions would have any known repercussions on Totley residents. The problem of course has increased with the enlarged population of our area. We are no longer a minority but a majority and I'm sure that we all feel strongly on this subject.

Mrs. P. M. Perkinton
2 Main Avenue.

Thank you for writing in.

The Independent is sending a copy of your letter, Mrs Perkinton, to the Transport Department, asking for their comments. We hope to publish the answer.

BOTSWANA

The fame of the "Independent" spreads on. We now have readers in Totley, Bradway and Africa.

A copy is being sent each month to Mrs. Greta Armytage, who lives near Gaborone, the capital of the Central African Republic of Botswana.

Mrs. Armytage, whose parents the Shaws live in Meadow Grove Road, took a teaching degree at Totley College and now teaches in an African primary school whilst her husband is the estate manager of an agricultural research institute. The Armytage family, which includes three children, feel that the

"Independent" helps to keep them in touch with what's happening at home. However, Mr. and Mrs. Armytage, although the Residents Association have promised to arrange transport home from the dance, we're afraid we just couldn't persuade them to include you in the transport arrangements.

TOTLEY SHOPS

TOTLEY is fairly well off for all the basic shopping facilities but prices are too high. This was the general opinion of a few shoppers interviewed by the Independent.

The feeling was crystallised by pensioner Mrs Ashmore of Greenoak Rd. "I don't blame anyone for going to town," she said. "Although we have plenty of local shops to go to, you can sometimes save a lot by taking the bus to town. I would also like to see another supermarket in Totley so we can have a bit more choice." Mr. Eric Mycroft, Grocery Manager and Buyer for Sheffield & Ecclesall Cooperative Society in Sheffield who have had a store in Totley for almost 70 years, agreed to explain his pricing policy to us.

The same pricing policy is adopted throughout all their stores around Sheffield, and the Coop policy is based on quality goods at competitive prices. If there was more competition in Totley, it is obvious that the public may have more choice but it would make little difference to the Coop prices. Mr Mycroft added "We don't think that competition would mean better prices or quality because we could not be more competitive or quality conscious than we already are." It is obvious that the Coop policy pays dividends because they have survived so long whilst other chains like Gowers & Burgons, Centa and International have failed in the Totley area. The larger grocers like Ormes and Grattons have gone too.

Basically, Totley does not have the population to support many more shops and even now some of the smaller shopkeepers do not make a fantastic living. The difficulty with prices would seem to be that many of the local shops are small and independent, not deriving the benefits gained by the bulk buying of the large groups. Sometimes the price paid for goods by a small shop might be as much as the selling price of some large groups. This is something the general public does not always realise. People who have set up their own food purchasing cooperatives, in order to cut

out the shopkeeper, have found that, after all the hard work, risk taking and upsets, there is not so much of a saving. Often the small shopkeeper has to fetch his own merchandise from the wholesalers and markets where he can often make his choice from differing qualities, whereas the larger stores have regular deliveries and careful control. Have you ever noticed that the apples at Marks & Spencers look exactly alike?

Shopkeepers do point out too the amount of work they need to do after the their shop closes. This work had been made very much more difficult with the introduction of VAT and the increased paperwork which has resulted.

With the higher prices of running cars, we may find that it is not quite so cost-saving to make that trip to the larger stores, and remember that the more shopping you do outside this area will reduce the turnover of your local shops which, in turn, will lead to fewer shops and possibly higher prices still in Totley. Let's face it, we do like to be able to pop up the road for the food rather than make the long trek into town. Having made out a case for local shopping we do, however, recognise the problem of Mrs. Ashmore and other Senior Citizens. It is difficult to manage on a pension and the free bus passes can make a trip to the supermarket worthwhile, though you can't get a copy of the 'Independent' there.

Taxi service

Conservationists have been telling us for years that cars aren't worth having, and now, that the average family saloon is costing a total of 15p or so a mile, a few people are beginning to take notice.

Most cars have a lazy life; going to work 5 days a week, taking an afternoon stroll at the weekends, and an occasional gallop up the motorway. There's usually a cheaper and easier alternative for each of these functions, and the usual difficult problem is the cross-country trip, such as seeing Auntie Madge at Apperknowle or collecting visitors from the station. This is where taxis prove their worth. Looked at from the economic point of view, it's cheaper to pay a few pounds perhaps a dozen times a year than to pay hundreds of pounds for the privilege of running your own vehicle. Totley has the advantage of its own taxi service. Operated by Sheila South during the day, aided, in his spare time, by husband Douglas, who is a professional chauffeur.

100 YEARS AT THE CROSS!

1813
1913

THE date of the first building on this site is not known, but the original parts were certainly in existence in the 1700's. The top building which fronts onto the garden of Cross Grove House contains a number of interesting old windows and doors. This would probably have been the entrance to the original farm on the site.

Before the turnpike (Baslow Road) was built, the main bridle road was along the Dore Road (now Hillfoot Road) and in the other direction, down Totley Hall Lane towards Holmsfield.

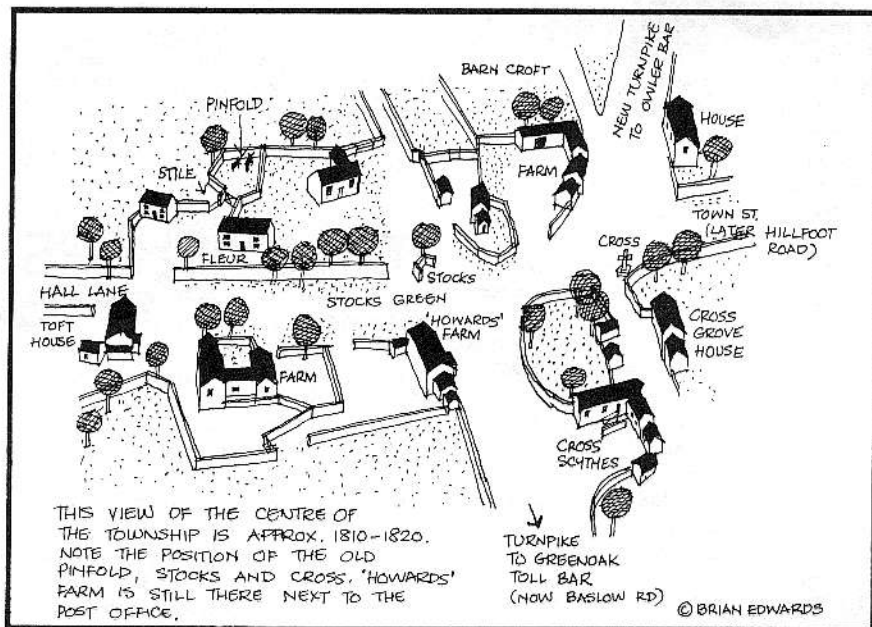
The original farm buildings on the Cross Scythes site were shown on a survey of Lord Middletons estate in 1813; he was then the Lord of the Manor of Totley.

About that time the tenant was Samuel Hopkinson, a farmer and scythe maker, who possibly worked in the Scythe Mill at Hillfoot. In those days, it was quite common for the scythe makers to have two trades. In the summer, local streams were reduced to a trickle and water power was not always available; thus it was useful to fall back on farm work.

An Act of Parliament in 1781 resulted in the Owlbar-Totley turnpike being built with modifications being made in 1818. It is likely that Hopkinson would have seized the opportunity to cater to the passing trade and to name the new inn after his own trade.

The Dore & Totley Churchwardens and Constables Accounts Book for 1824 says that the Constable went to Chesterfield "on account of the death of James Hopkinson, son of Samuel Hopkinson of the Cross Scythes, Totley". Apparently the boy was killed as a result of a fall from a horse.

By 1836, Thomas Fisher had moved into the 'Cross' from Hallfield Farm taking his wife Jane, son Robert (2) and daughter Jane (1). The 1841 Census shows that the 40 year old Thomas had acquired 3 more children and 2 servants, whilst continuing to run both farm and inn.



In 1846, John Thorpe changed the name to Ye Old Cross Scythes Hotel and stayed there until about 1856. He had been born in Ecclesall in 1814 but then married a Totley girl, Sarah, who bore him two daughters and four sons. Although John, judging from newspaper reports, was quite a character, he lived to the age of 75. Dying in Dublin, John Thorpe was buried in Dore Churchyard in the same grave as two of his sons.

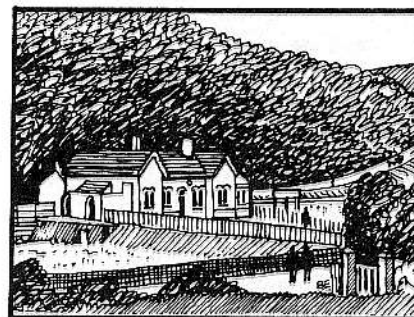
For a short time, John Wagstaff ran the pub before the well known Job Green took over (not to be confused with John Green who was then at the Fleur de Lis). Job, who had a wife, Anne, and six children, was born about 1801. In early January 1848, Job had bought some land off Hillfoot Road from Joseph Turner for £5. On this land was built Totley's first church - the now closed Methodist Chapel.

In 1849, Mr. Green made this land over to the trustees for the nominal sum of five shillings.

Leaving the Cross Scythes in 1868, he died 5 years later and his grave can be seen in Dore graveyard. It is possible that Job had been a descendent of the William del Grene living in Totley in 1327.

The freehold of the buildings had been long since purchased by George B. Greaves, one of Totley's largest land-owners, but on 26th July 1859, his estate was sold at Mr. Nicholson's auction in Sheffield. Details, along with other facts used here, can mostly be found in the Sheffield Collection at the Central Reference Library.

From a modest beginning in 1851 at the age of 15, when he was farm servant to Joseph Hancock at Dore, Thomas Bown had done well. Now, in 1872, he was listed as blacksmith, agricultural implement manufacturer and also victualler. At that time the coaches to Bakewell, Buxton and Sheffield were calling at the inn during the summer season and, as it was 6 miles from Sheffield and 6 from Baslow, it was often called 'Halfway House'. It was in 1885 that a horse bus service was started up from Dore & Totley station to the 'Cross', operated by a Grimesthorpe carting contractor called Michael Cottam.



DORE & TOTLEY STATION BEFORE 1900

Thomas Bown continued farming and smithing, whilst landlord, until about 1891; the smithy has long been pulled down to make way for the car park. For a few years a Mr. J. North sold wines and spirits, having changed the name back to The Old Cross Scythes. Then Matthew Sheppard took over and, in many ways, the inn changed quite dramatically. Down came the sign once

more, the the replaced with a Ye, up went advertising hoardings announcing Amusements, Bowling Green, Good Stabling, Billiards, Catering and Accommodation for cycles and Motor cars. For this was the end of the real horse transport days and the start of the motor age. The Cross Scythes became a favourite venue for penny farthing cyclists who eventually ventured up over Owl Bar to Baslow. The first party to complete the journey felt obliged to telegraph their safe arrival. Up over the door went a large clock, which must have been a welcome sight for travellers (and in view of the never-working Corporation clock close by, would be welcomed back). Tennants Ales were announced too. After a brief stay by William Downes, James William Marples took over in 1896 and, as he explained to the 'Star' in 1932, he was the first person to actually contract with the Midland Railway Co., to provide a regular bus service between the station and hotel. Totley Tunnel had opened 2 years before and mine host must have seen Dore & Totley as an expanding Station. Indeed when the Totley Brook Estate opened there was a brisk trade. However the railway contract stated that, in addition to the open horse-drawn carriage, a small covered bus must be provided. Illustrations of all these conveyances parked outside the pub, appeared in the Star, June 10th 1932, accompanying a letter referring to the period just before the turn of the century. Quite naturally, when George Johnson moved in during 1901, he changed the Ye back. George Thomas Reeves moved in during 1911 and we are grateful to his daughter daughter, Mrs. Gratton of Aston, for her memories. The drawing on the front of our last issue was taken from one of her photographs taken about 1912.



The Cross Scythes just after Matt Sheppard took over

Up to 1911, the small and dapper Jimmy Larder had driven a horse bus from the station and shortly after departure Jimmy would fall asleep. Some say that at Mickley Lane even the horse nodded off. Despite the slow pace, Jimmy was very popular and we gather there were dark mutterings among locals when Mr. Reeves introduced a motorised version. It is said that Jimmy who lived opposite, had only once been further than Dore Road - and that was to Millhouses. Joe Marshall, who died recently, said Mr. Reeves "bought one of those new fangled charas and took the horse bus off, it was about the time of the Titanic disaster and that's what we called it". However, Mrs. Gratton affectionately recalls the official name was Hetty and points out that it was the first motor bus in Sheffield. The single decker Commer with solid wheels came direct from London complete with a cockney bus driver, Stanley Drewitt, who boarded at Totley Grange Lodge, and a conductor too. Mr. Reeves added a 'Brittania' and two more men arrived from London. The cabs would stand all day in the station yard, waiting for passengers travelling to Totley Brook (the new exclusive suburb), to Totley Rise,

New Totley at Main Avenue and finally to the Cross Scythes. This great innovator also had the first telephone in Totley installed at the pub and, looking back, it seems funny that telephone messages were taken for the Police Station opposite, for Totley Hall and for the rifle range. Before he left Totley, Mr Reeves added a landau and a small yellow waggonette whilst, on Sundays, the motor bus was used for outings to Bakewell. Around 1913, many people came to the Cross Scythes for afternoon teas (Ham & Eggs were a speciality at 2s6d (12½p)). One of the rooms was called the Empire, another the Ratpit; ladies were not allowed into the best rooms unless they were wearing hats - we leave it to our readers imagination to decide which was the best room. Just before the start of the first World War, Mr Reeves left and this really marked another turning point in the history of the Cross Scythes. Trains and cars were well established means of transport, war was upon us another estate was being built, Totley and the Cross Scythes were never to be the same again.

Bike thefts

POLICE have warned bicycle owners in Totley to take greater security precautions. They say that at least three bicycles a day have been reported stolen in the south of Sheffield during the last few weeks. A C.I.D. spokesman told the "Independent" last week, "We want cycle owners to take a note of the serial numbers of their machines. Please inform the police as soon as you realise your bicycle has been stolen".

LOST PEACOCK

FARMER'S wife Olive Campey sighed with relief when the caller said he had found her missing peacock. But her joy turned to dismay when he added "We have just eaten it for dinner". Then she realised she was the victim of a hoaxer and hung up. "I thought it was a joke from the start, but it is not a very nice thing to do," said Mrs Campey of Bank View Farm, Totley Bents. The Campeys had bought two peacocks to brighten up their farm, but earlier this month the birds escaped from their

pen. The alarm was raised when only the hen arrived back although Mrs. Campey fears that she knows the fate of the wandering bird. "A neighbour has found a few tail feathers up on the Moors; it looks as though a fox has had it."

Meanwhile the peahen has hardly ruffled a feather at the loss of her mate. "She's taken it all very calmly," said Mrs. Campey. "I don't think she's bothered at all".

DANNY LA BLUE

Councillor Danny George of Greenoak Road has been selected as Tory Candidate for Heeley.

CRESWICKS IN TOTLEY

A 44 year old George Creswick came from Newfield Green in about 1897, and took over Cannon Hall Farm from Mrs. Jane Pearson. He brought with him, his wife, and children Fred, Oscar, Louise and Avis. Amongst his belongings was a small brown stone-ware tobacco jar in the shape of a pantiled cottage; it was inscribed with his name. Today, his grandson, also called George is quick and proud to show you this simple reminder of the old days.

The first George stayed at Cannon Hall Farm until after 1903 when he married the widow of Henry Green. Mr. Green had been the publican at the Fleur-de-Lis and subsequently the newly weds moved into the pub, leaving eldest son Fred to run the Farm.

In 1907, George Creswick was voted onto the Parish Council.

In 1910, Oscar's wife gave birth to the young George at a house in Shrewsbury Terrace close by the Hall, and in 1914 they moved to the Cricket Inn. Here, for a short time, Oscar farmed while his wife, Margaret, ran the pub. This she continued to do while her husband served with the forces in Greece. After 4 years without leave, Oscar returned to start up a coal dealing business; soon he had 3 teams of horse and cart. Margaret, who was a Totley Revill, still ran the Cricket, helped by Alice, the sister of Charlie Coates.

Oscar joined the Totley tug-o-war team and, in 1919, was a member of their successful side (see the 1st issue). In 1932, Oscar rented Avenue Farm from Jessie Fisher, the widow of Joshua Tyzack. Joshua, one of Sheffield's best known industrialists, lived in Wood Lodge at Abbey Lane but used Avenue Farm as a weekend retreat. Mr Tyzack had only recently died, leaving his estate to Jessie, his secret bride. Oscar had known Jessie from the time she had worked on a milk round and occasionally bought spare milk from his few cows at the Cricket. Unfortunately, the move to the new place was delayed and so the young George, impatient with his cramped quarters at the inn, decided to move on his own. At first he slept on the bare floorboards until he came across the old mattress earlier used by Mr Tyzack. There the 22 year old George stayed for 3 months until his family

moved in.

Now firmly settled at the Farm, Oscar started up a series of farming diaries, carefully noting the weather, his many tasks and trips to market. Those diaries remain today as a useful insight of the daily farming routine from 1932 until he moved to Litton in 1950.

In 1932, young George had married a Dronfield lass, Elsie Holmes, and at first they moved to a cottage at Totley Bents. Soon, however, the young couple moved to Hollin House. This place was originally named after the Holly bushes in the area and was rented by Oscar from Jessie Fisher.

After Oscar unsuccessfully tried to call Jessie's bluff over the rent, George and Elsie moved into rooms back at Cannon Hall. At that time the house was split into two sections and they rented two rooms in the top part.

Two years later, Mr and Mrs Creswick moved to one of the new houses in Main Avenue. George remembers it was then little more than a muddy track called New Totley. Sunnyvale and Meadow Grove did not exist as such; there was one road called Park Lane. They still live contented lives in this house, with one daughter, Mrs Borland around the corner in Green-oak Road and another, Jean, in Dronfield.

But whatever happened to grand-father George? He lived to the ripe old age of 85, dying just before the Second World War. Oscar passed on at Holmsfield in 1974, having lived to almost the same age as his father. For anyone studying the history of Totley, the interesting fact is that, since 1897, the Creswicks have managed to live in so many of Totley's best known buildings.

DEAD DRUNK!

IN 1822 the Dore and Totley Constable had to journey to Chesterfield to register the death of a G. Bowler "who died by the visitation of God in a state of intoxication". The expenses for the Coroner's horse were 9d

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NOT SO ~~X~~ Fiery talks on moors!

At last months meeting with the Totley & District Environment Society Committee members, local Fire Officers said that they could accept no responsibility for volunteers who helped with moorland fires. There would be no insurance cover, no equipment could be made available beforehand and, worst of all, there were no plans to provide liaison officers to organize helpers in the event of a blaze.

Officially then, fighting fires is the prerogative of the fireman (presumably no matter how many fires are started), and it will be left to harassed officers to deal with any helpers on an ad hoc basis. Which is not much consolation for Totley farmers whose property and livestock have been threatened increasingly over the last year or two.

Did you hear the one about Nero?

DEVELOPMENT

THE TOWN Hall has received an application for planning permission to build two dwellings on the piece of land between the church drive and Toft House on Totley Hall Lane. Copies of the application can be seen at The Dept. of Planning & Architecture.

THE DEVELOPMENT to take place, on fields at the back of the Fleur de Lys, has not yet been finalised. The Independent has asked H.R. Smith for details but to date these have not been received, although a press release has now been promised.

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SPORTS

BADMINTON

A court has now been booked at King Egberts - on Tuesdays from 8 to 10. The cost will be 35p per player per session and players must provide their own racquets. We apologise that we cannot yet find courts in Totley; our application to use Totley County School was turned down. There is still room for a few more people, remember you need to be Totley Resident Association members but beginners are especially welcome.

For more details contact Derek Buckley at 363299, if you have transport difficulties we may be able to arrange lifts. The first session will be on Tuesday 13th September.

FOOTBALL.

Last season the Totley Sports F.C. beat down all opposition to become Hope Valley League Champions, and, on September the third, they begin the long campaign to stay on top with an away match at Chapel-en-le-Frith. This year they will be without Pete Gregory whose work as a vet has taken him to Australia. Likeable Peter has often been suspected of being a greyhound himself. Despite this omission, the team remains strong with a 4-3-3 plan made up as follows:

Goal: Tony Spafford

Defence: Glynn Mettam

Keith Lemons (Capt)

Bob Graham

Bob Marsh

Midfield: David Hall

Steve Mayer

Mick Greenhoff

Forwards: Ken Rawlings

Terry Lemons (Keiths twin)

John Kay

Well known for their half-time refreshments, it is rumoured that Totley first team is the only team to play Oranges and Lemons style. The Second team this season has as its manager the new slimline Tommy Green, who has played for Totley for 18 years.

Both teams will be able to enjoy the sheer luxury of the new showers and changing units, on the Bents, organized by Philip Hollister.

RESULTS OF CHARITY MATCHES at Eyam on 24th August. Totley

Please let us have your sports news

veterans drew one-all with Dronfield Woodhouse veterans, whilst the combined team from the two areas lost 2-1 to a combined Hope Valley League side. The good news was that about £300 was raised for the Mick Taylor Fund.

BOWLS

It was sad news to learn of Mark Hudsons defeat in the final of the Sheffield and District Parks Bowling Association junior championship last month. Mark, the winner for the last two years, was well beaten by an improving Andrew Smith but the President of the Bowls Association was full of praise for Marks sportsmanship in defeat.

UNDER 14's

TOTLEY Under 14 football team, who play in The Sheffield & District Junior Sunday League, kick off their season with an away game against Hallamshire Celtic on Sunday 11th September. Training will take place at Greenock Park for the next two weeks (Sept. 6th and 13th). Any boy over 11 and under 14 on 1st Sept. is eligible and we are looking for a few more players. Contact Brian Edwards at 368213 or Ken Filleul at 360872.

Medal table

Since mentioning Norman Chards Jubilee Medal in last months issue, we have heard of two others, both on Mickley Lane.

Peter Roscoe is a music teacher, but he has a finger in every musical pie, and has been Chairman of Sheffield Gramophone Society for 10 of its 30 years of existence (is this a record?). Just for variety he is official

photographer for Sheffield F.C. and went with them to Wembley.

The redoubtable Norman Cann is the other recipient, but is unsure as to the reason. Perhaps for surviving for so many years in his work as an Inland Revenue Official (maybe he's just negotiated a large tax concession with the Royals - we tried to contact the Palace today but unfortunately the phone had been cut off). Alternatively it might be for services to sport; there is no doubt about Normans record with Totley Sports and Social Club, and he does play bowls and darts.

HORNS OF PLENTY

AN unusual sight for Totley is the herd of Highland cattle grazing in the Avenue Farm fields. They may be found foraging in the fields bordering Old Hay Brook on the right of Hillfoot Road. Usually these very long haired, large horned cows, looking rather like Dougal on stilts, are found in Scotland where they originated.

This tough specimen is helped to thrive in the very poorest of conditions by its thick coat and it is well known for its excellent beef.

The Totley herd is owned by a Barlow farmer who leased the Avenue Farm grazing at the customers auction held earlier this year at the entrance gates. Although Highland cattle may be red, yellowish, black or brindled, these are a tan colour. However if you want to see them, please keep to the paths (once you have seen them, you may think that is a wise decision

TOTLEY TUNNEL NOT TO CLOSE

BRITISH Rail have denied reports that Totley Tunnel could close because of increasing maintenance costs.

A BR spokesman told us that the tunnel is such a vital trans-pennine link that all repair work will go ahead to set standards when necessary. "There is no prospect of the Totley Tunnel being allowed to fall into disrepair", he added. "It may mean that repair work will have to be carried out on Sundays during the winter, but I, as official BR spokesman for the area, have not heard of any possibility of the Tunnel closing permanently, now, or in the near future."

He did add, however, that the future of the Sheffield- Penistone link was in doubt and that if that line was closed then the Totley Tunnel would in fact face an increased volume of traffic. However the "Independent" cannot understand why reports have been published about the possible closure of the Sheffield- Hope Valley Line.

Perhaps, if the Tunnel did close, we might after all find ourselves with a Community Centre albeit 3 miles 950 yards long by two tracks wide.

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Newspaper collection 10am-12, 2pm-4. Please bring paper to the United Reformed Church, Junior Church Hall
- 6th Residents Association Dance see page 2 for details
- 6th All Saints Ladies Club 'Jumper Party' 7.30 Church Hall
- 9th Topley Townswomens Guild, 7.30 Abbeydale Hall (NOT in St. Johns as last year). Talk on University accomodation, new members welcome.
- 10th Cheshire Home Fete, to be opened by Cardew Robinson at 2.15
- 10th United Reformed Church Jumble Sale 2pm
- 10th Abbeydale Hamlet Working Day
- 12th Ramble & Picnic, Topley All Saints Parent Teachers Assoc. Meet school 2pm
- 12th Start of enrolment for Adult Education Classes (See this page)
- 13th Topley Residents Association Badminton starts see page 7
- 14th Coffee morning, Poynton Water, Mill Lane, 10-12 in aid of C. of E. Childrens Society.
- 17th Book Sale in United Reformed Church 10am-12.30
- 23rd Gilbert & Sullivan Soc., Variety Concert 7.30pm Dore Church Hall
- 24th Steam special passes through Dore & Topley station, about 10am, hauled by a Black Fire and the Jubilee class "Leander".
- 24th Jubilee coffee morning and cake sale, if you can bake bring along a cake with a Jubilee flavour, if not come and buy one. 10am U.R.C.
- 24th Tramps Barbecue organised by Topley All Saints Parent Teachers Assoc. 8.00. Tickets from school or PTA committee members from 12th Sept.
- 25th Harvest Festival, United Reformed Church
- 26th Bring any types of waste paper to 50 Furniss Ave. during this week. Proceeds to Oxfam/Conservation Soc.
- 27th Dore & Topley United Nations Assoc. 8pm Friends Meeting House, Harshead, Sheffield. Dr. Roy Barry on Nigeria.
- 28th Topley Residents Association Senior Citizens section "Old Topley" Evening. Slides, photos and talk. Conservative Club 8pm(see page2)
- 28th Coffee morning/Bring & Buy, 39 Busheywood Road 10.30-12 U.R.C. funds
- 30th Nearly New Sale by local branch of U.N.Assoc. All day Old School Dore

OCTOBER

- 1st U.N.Assoc. Jumble Sales, Old School Dore
- 2nd Harvest Festival, St. Johns Church.

WEDDINGS

- 3rd September Shelley Hilton & John Smyth 3.30 Topley All Saints Church
- 2nd October Valerie Larks & Paul Tissington 2.30 Topley All Saints Church

SMALL ADS FREE

Control line model plane with engine, battery, used only once £10
Chopper bike 4 years old £20
phone 368213

Dressing table, light oak, 3 drawers
£15.o.n.o. phone 363410

Viewmaster, complete with slides
£1 phone 363299

TOTLEY 1836

THE accounts for the Overseers of the Poor for Topley in 1836 records that a letter from London cost 3d (2p). A journey to Eyam by coach cost 5s (25p) and the local mole catcher was paid £3.7s.6d. (£3.37½p)

PULL THE UDDER ONE

Last months letter on the Fire Station prompted a number of stories. The one we most liked was as follows. AS late as the 1920's, the only fire-fighting equipment for this area was a horse-drawn fire engine which was based at Dronfield. You can imagine the usefulness of such an arrangement.

First of all, a rider had to be despatched to Dronfield and then, when the brigade turned out, they had to round up the horses. There is a Typical Topley Tale about one dark night when a stack caught fire in Dore. When the fire brigade arrived, they found that a cow had been hitched up by mistake.

Adult Education

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CLASSES HELD AT ABBEYDALE HALL
THIS COMING SESSION

Art	Tu	7.00-9.00
Art	Wed	1.00-3.00
Art	Th	9.30-11.30
Art	Fri	1.00-3.00
Art (Adv)	Fri	7.00-9.00
Dressmaking	Mon	2.00-4.00
Dressmaking	Wed	7.00-9.00
Embroidery	Mon	7.00-9.00
Embroidery	Th	10.00-12.00
Floral Art	Mon	9.30-11.30
Floral Art, Ikebana	Mon	11.30-1.30
Floral Art	Wed	2.00-4.00
Upholstery	Mon	10.30-12.30
Upholstery	Mon	1.00-3.00
Upholstery	Mon	6.00-8.00
French (Inter)	Th	7.00-9.00
French (Begin)	Fr	10.00-12.00
German 11	Tu	7.00-9.00
German (Begin)	Wed	7.00-9.00
Spanish (Inter)	Mon	10.00-12.00
Spanish (Begin)	Th	10.00-12.00
English Literature	Th	9.30-11.30
Bridge	Tu	2.00-4.00
Choral Music	Tu	1.30-3.30
Classical Guitar	Fr	7.00-9.30
Orchestral Music	Tu	7.30-9.30
Womens Keep Fit	Tu	10.00-12.00
Womens Keep Fit	th	10.00-12.00
Yoga	Mon	7.30-9.00
Yoga	Mon	1.30-3.00

CLASSES HELD AT KING EGBERTS

Arts & Ceramics	Mon	7.15-9.15
Car maintenance	Mon	7.15-9.15
Cookery	Wed	7.15-9.15
Dressmaking	Wed	7.15-9.15
Metalwork		7.15-9.15
Woodwork		7.15-9.15
Ballroom Dancing	Wed	7.15-9.15
French II	Mon	7.15-9.15
Bridge (Beg.1)	Mon	7.15-9.15
Photography	Mon	7.15-9.15
Language Folklore	Wed	7.30-9.30
Literature	Mon	7.15-9.15

Enrolment commences on 12th Sept. and takes place on various days according to the subject and venue. A broadsheet should be available from your local newsagent but in case of further information, consult the relevant Centre. Details of fees are given in the broadsheet. At the moment, Abbeydale Hall and King Egberts are your nearest Centres to Topley. However the Topley Residents Association is pressing for more local classes for 1978.