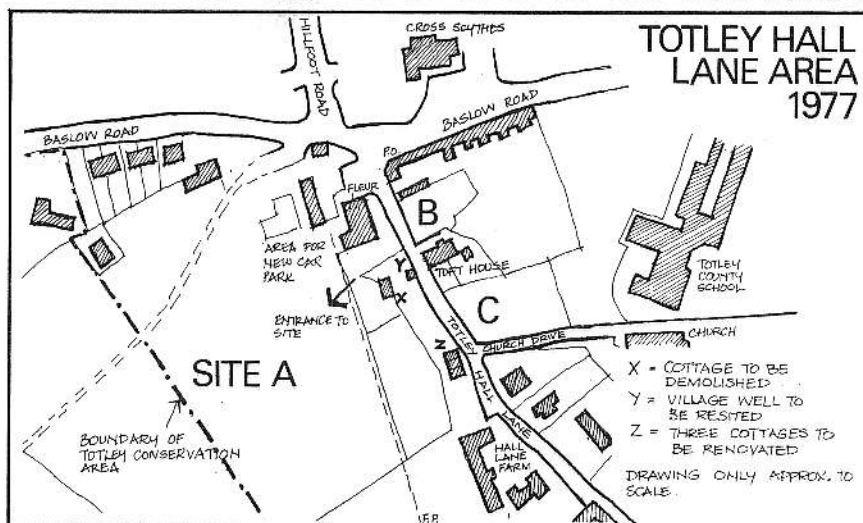


# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT TOTLEY AND DORE



H.R. SMITH LTD. plan to build about 16 houses on fields adjacent to Totley village. Original plans to build many more houses on the site off Totley Hall Lane were rejected by the Environment Department in 1974 after the local planning authority had refused permission. However, the much reduced development is likely although detailed planning permission has not yet been sought. The plan is seen by the Minister as permitted 'infill' between Totley College and the houses on the top part of Baslow Road. Now H.R. Smith will probably start work on the development next year if planning permission is granted.

The access road will be on the left of the Fleur de Lys and will go through the site of the Totley well, with the pub car park moved to the rear. H.R. Smith say they will remove the well whilst building takes place and restore it as near to its original site as possible.

"The houses will fall in line with the lay-out of the village"

said Mr. Graham Smith on behalf of the firm.

Unfortunately, one casualty will be the tiny stone cottage below the Fleur de Lys but the long barn is to remain.

One of the advantages of the scheme might be that a new approach to the college could be incorporated into the new plan, thus avoiding the intended road widening for Totley Hall Lane. This would mean the saving of the three terraced cottages above Hall Lane Farm.

### FOUR MORE HOUSES

ON land above and below Toft House, there are plans to build a pair of semis on site B and 2 detached houses on site C. Both cases can be described as infill and, providing the siting is sensible and the character in keeping with the Conservation Area, there would be few objections. However, plans submitted make not a token acknowledgement of their environment. It will be interesting to see how effective our Planning Department can be.

RESIDENTS of Furniss Avenue and Bushey Wood Road are preparing to battle against a big housing development planned by the City Council. At a meeting in the United Reform Church on 28th September, 150 local residents empowered an action committee 'STOP' to prepare an objection on their behalf. The ten acre site, banded by King Egbert School, Furniss Avenue, Bushey Wood Road and Chatsworth Road was originally earmarked for educational use. The Councils Corporate Estates Committee now own the site and plan to auction it to a private developer, together with planning permission for about 100 houses.

The action group seems to have chosen an unfortunate name 'STOP' which stands for "Save Totley's Open Spaces", because the site is not really within the Totley boundary. However, the repercussions of allowing such a project could rebound into our area. Chairwoman of 'STOP', Mrs. Pat Lyne of Bushey Wood, explained that the land had been used for recreation by local residents for many years. Before the war, a tennis court and club house stood there but after purchase by Sheffield City Council, it was allowed to fall into disrepair. The area was then used as a sort of adventure playground by local children whilst part was leased out for grazing.

The main objections to the proposed development would appear to be on the following points:

1. Amenity value of the open land.
2. Loss of wildlife habitat.
3. Increase in traffic, which is a major worry based on the supposition that a large number of executive class houses would

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## Thunderer

IT will take the planners up to five years to produce a District Plan for our area and in the meantime, there will be a procession of haphazard development schemes thrown into our laps.

There's a natural tendency for any open land to be built on, so filling in all the gaps and leaving a characterless sprawl. Beautiful surroundings; wildlife; a place for the kids; somewhere to let the dog off the lead; all the things that make an area pleasant to live in, have no commercial value. Where shall we hold bonfires in years to come?

The Residents Association will fight any hasty and careless development. Villages always grow slowly, with much thought and pride going into every building, while towns are rich enough to throw up a hundred identical boxes with very little thought being needed. If Totley is to retain any village character, the community must have the power to say "no" to rash schemes which alter our environment.

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## WHERE TO BUY

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STRAKERS (opposite the top of Mickley  
Lane)  
TOTLEY POST OFFICE, corner  
Baslow Road and Totley Hall Lane  
WOLLERTON ROAD NEWSAGENTS at  
Bradway.

## Owd Totley

THE "OWD TOTLEY" evening organised by Totley Residents was held in the Conservative Club on 28th September. In the first part, Brian Edwards gave a talk on the history of the area from 1500 BC until the coming of the railway in the 1880's.

After refreshments, slides of Totley between 1880 and about 1950 were shown, which sparked off much discussion and lots of memories.

The highlight of the evening was when 81 year old Frank Taylor leaped to his feet to name all the occupants of the 1920 Totley to Millhouses bus.

We were particularly pleased to see Totley's best ever cross country runner, Archie Thomas, who has recently come out of hospital.

The full house has been promised a second Senior Citizens Evening soon and a much larger 'Old Totley' talk is scheduled for November so keep an eye open for the details in the next 'Independent'.

## DANCED

The first Totley Residents Association dance was held on 6th September at the Kaygeebie Dance Centre. Organised by Vice Chairman Arthur Milnes, Treasurer Brian Bentley and Committee Member Len Stewart, the event was successful despite the limited attendance. Dancing was to the excellent Midlands Big Band, in what used to be the old Court School of Dancing, under the Abbeydale Cinema. Because of booking difficulties, the event was given little publicity beforehand although 120 tickets were sold. The general consensus was that the dance had been fun and the experience gained will enable the next one to be an event not to be missed. Another Dance should follow in December so watch out for details in the November 'Independent'.

## CHAPEL LANE COTTAGES TO BE RESTORED

THE FIRST two cottages on Chapel Lane are to be restored to make one dwelling, after long negotiations lasting some two years. Architects Richard Hemingway and Partners are to submit a scheme for planning per-

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increase the number of cars at the very dangerous Baslow Road junction with Bushey Wood Road.

4. Education. There is a suggestion that the Dore Infant/Junior Schools and King Egberts are overcrowded.

5. Water Pollution. Apparently the sewerage system is already overloaded in this area and at critical times, Old Hay Brook and the River Sheaf are polluted with raw sewage.

A petition is now planned and signatures were collected at the open meeting.

It would seem to "Totley Independent" that, although this site is outside the area governed by the aims of the Totley Residents Association, certain aspects of the protest must be supported. In particular, the traffic build-up at Baslow Road (which will be aggravated by the large flat development to the rear of West View Close) and the ill-conceived narrow and dangerous exit onto Furniss Avenue. The major concern is that no district plan has yet been drawn up to give even a muddy picture of planning policy in the Totley and Dore areas. A district plan is unlikely to be prepared for a few years and it would be more logical to avoid development of any further larger areas until all the implications can be weighed, (see the Thunderer).

## ONE OUT, TWO IN

THE 'INDEPENDENT' has unfortunately lost the services of Jeremy Watson to the Barnsley office of the 'Star'. We thank Jeremy for his help in getting the magazine off the ground and wish him well in his new career.

Jeremy's place is to be taken by Caroline Parsons of Mill Lane. 18 year old ex-pupil of Totley County and King Egberts, Caroline is now on a pre-entry Journalism course at Richmond College. Another recruit is 19 year old Roger Clarke of Meadow Grove Road; he is yet another product of local schools and is currently studying dentistry at Sheffield University.

mission shortly and full details will be published in the 'Independent' in November. Work is expected to start as soon as permission has been granted and be finished by early spring.

# THE VICTORIA GARDENS

IT was on Whit Monday, 1883, that Alderman Joseph Mountain, one of the building pioneers of Sheffield, decided to open a pleasure garden to rival Manchester's Belle Vue. The site he chose was in the up and coming suburb of Totley which, although being in Derbyshire, was attracting the builders of those fine stone villas which now form part of Queen Victoria Road (then called simply Victoria Road) and the Totley Brook, Devonshire Road area.

Victoria Gardens, as this prospective candidate for Lord Mayor of Sheffield called it, was on the piece of land bordered by the Turnpike (now Baslow Road), Mickley Lane and the River Sheaf. In those days there was no Glover Road.

The Gardens, of 14 or 15 acres, were larger than Weston Park and comprised a ballroom, refreshment hall said to seat 10,000 people, a promenade with fine views of Derbyshire, a menagerie, accommodation for archery, cricket, tennis and, later, cycle racing. There was boating on a nearby lake too and many other attractions were planned. The new venture was well reported in the local press who informed the Sheffield public that Mr. J. A. Heastie, ex-master of the Pitsmoor Workhouse was to become Manager.

THE OPENING day saw nearly 10,000 people visiting the Gardens and the varied programme included "Mr. Joe Donaldson, the Metropolitan Star Comic; Messrs. Neal and Lawrence, negro comedians and dancers; Mons. Olvene, the slack wire walker; Miss Maud Marion and Miss Florence Hall, serio-comic vocalists and Messrs. Causton and Nuttall, two very clever gymnastic performers". The explosives exhibition planned for the opening had to be cancelled, then a balloon ascent was postponed because of bad weather. Apparently the balloon ascent was made from Hillsborough Park. The lady parachutist who jumped, fell to her death on the park. A stone plaque was set into the grass to mark the spot.

In spite of all this, the Victoria Gardens at first proved pop-



ular with the carriage and bicycle trade from Sheffield and 800 workmen from Walker and Hall were entertained there by the Master Cutler. But Alderman Mountain failed on two occasions to gain a drinks licence even when, in 1885, he asked for permission to move the licence from S.H. Ward's Cricket Inn. The magistrates, who included W.A. Milner of Totley Hall and Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Park, would not concur. At the hearing, Mr. Hall's impartiality was questioned but in the event, the case went on. There was obviously some sort of 'needle' between Hall and Mountain which becomes clear on reading the report. In 1886, Joseph was summoned for a breach of the Public Health Act for permitting raw sewage from one of his Totley Rise properties to drain into Mr. Hall's lake. The same bunch of magistrates again were involved.

However, the Victoria Gardens flourished for a short time and mid week dances were held, finishing in time for the last train from Dore and Totley Station. The Dore Brass Band played, comedians, vocalists and novelty acts were booked from London and, on occasion, a Grand Ball was held in the pavilion. One of the attrac-

## TOTLEY RISE 1893

tions for schoolchildren who arrived in coach parties, was the Monkey House. Even today, some older residents refer to the same area, long since disappeared under the Laverdene housing, as the "Monkey Gardens". ONE newspaper advertisement of the day read - Abbeydale Ball in the Grand Salon, Thursday, 3rd January 1884, which has been painted, decorated and heated with hot water for the occasion. Gents Tickets 7/6d. Ladies 5/- can be had of George Slater, Stationer and Printer, Snig Hill, Sheffield and at the Gardens. N.B. The room to let for balls and parties after the above date.

By 1887 the project had failed and an inquiry was held into the decision to convert the pavilion of the Gardens into a Smallpox Hospital and, despite determined and 'charitable' opposition led by Mr. Matthews of Brinkburn Grange and the Vicar of Dore, the hospital was opened, September 1887. It remained open as a convalescent unit for only 5 months, during which, none of its 488 patients died and, in no case, was infection spread to the surrounding district.



# LETTERS

## TOTLEY LIBRARY

In your article on under-used facilities in Totley in the September 'Independent', you mention that Totley College has 'a beautifully equipped library, far bigger and better than our branch library'.

The college library, as an academic library, exists to serve its students and consequently the books there are unlikely to be of much interest to many local residents and its location makes it not readily accessible, especially to older people. Though the college library is certainly bigger, I wonder if your writer, or readers, are fully aware of the wide range of services offered at your local City Library:-

- x A choice from some 28,000 books.
- x Access to the stock of the whole City Libraries and beyond.
- x Answers to many enquiries using the resources of the Central Reference Libraries.
- x Answers to all enquiries relating to life in Totley - clubs, recreation, doctors, councillors etc.
- x Children's storytimes, film shows, evening activities for 7-12 year olds.
- x Books lent to playgroups.
- x A lively Listening Group programme for adults this winter.
- x Local history booklets and postcards sold.
- x Ex-library books sold.

With over 5,000 registered readers, Totley Library is here now to serve the community in many ways.

Yours sincerely,  
N. Atkinson

Branch Librarian, Totley

EDITORIAL NOTE: We welcome the letter from the Totley Branch Librarian and perhaps we should clarify the point we made in the last issue.

We were comparing the excellent facilities available at Totley College with the communal facilities available elsewhere in Totley. One of the points we made was that the Totley College Library was bigger and better than our Branch Library. In this point we did not intend to criticise the Branch

Library rather than query the under-use of that at the college. In fact, we find the Branch Library to be a very friendly place with pleasant and helpful staff, ever ready to provide useful information.

## BUSHEYWOOD PLANS

Behind the bungalows on one side of Busheywood Road and below King Ecgbert's School playing field, there are two or three fields of beautiful wild meadowland. The old farm trees and hedges are alive with birds and the wild flowers and grasses are a joy throughout the summer months. Here, all the local children can play, climb trees, have a giant bonfire in November and enjoy all the delights of the countryside on their own doorstep and without the restrictions of a cultivated park or playing field. It also provides the only place for dogs to be exercised and for adults to enjoy a country walk without having to take a bus or car to Millhouses etc. The importance of this last area of open land as a breathing space for the residents, especially the elderly, is not, alas, apparent to the Council, as we are told the land is to be auctioned for development, access having been procured by the purchase of a bungalow on a very dangerous bend in Busheywood Road and adjoining the entrance gate and pathway which leads to King Ecgbert's School. It cannot be emphasised enough that this is a very dangerous place to make an entry to the fields. It is also most unfair to the elderly people who bought their bungalows for peace and quiet, the open view, and a place to walk when they feel like a stroll. I cannot believe that the Highway Committee will pass such an entry! Cars use this road as a race track at times and in the year, nine dogs were killed. It is only a matter of time before a child is killed. The road, once a cul-de-sac, very narrow and not built for heavy traffic, will not take any more cars with safety. Already our windows shake and putty has to be renewed continuously.

I would be interested to know whether the Residents Association can assist in helping to preserve this lovely wild meadowland from the bulldozers so that future generations can enjoy the wild flowers and hedgerows, both fast becoming

extinct.

P.S. Your paper is really excellent and I look forward to future issues

Jean B. H. Rice (Mrs.)  
60, Busheywood Road,

EDITORIAL NOTE: You will see from the front page that we are already supporting your cause. However, owners who unleash their dogs near main roads must realise that they endanger the lives, not only of their pets, but also of road users good or bad. Not to mention fouling of footpaths and verges.

## PLANTING TIPS

I noted with interest the article in the last 'Independent' about removing the tips which resulted from the construction of Totley Tunnel.

I hope that the instigators of the report are aware of the huge amount of spoil (many thousands of tons) which they are anticipating British Rail will remove free of charge. Unless the Railways resort to dropping the spoil (carefully!) down the air shafts into waiting wagons (specially reinforced?), the whole operation will have to be conducted by road. This would, of course, cause an anguished outcry about the impossible state of our local roads and the danger to life and limb from huge lorries carrying spoil and returning empty.

I strongly advocate letting nature take its course. One tip is already admitted to be quite well-wooded. In time, the others should follow - and we could always help with a bit of careful tree planting - I suggest rowan and birch for starters - no sycamores please.

Yours faithfully

Bob Warburton

## CHOICE COLLECTION

I am thoroughly enjoying the Totley Independent and long may it flourish!

About the article in the August number on page 2 headed 'Action', I am quite sure there is a great need for a phone box in the Aldam, /Greenoak Road area. Having my own phone, I have no personal need but trekking up to post letters at the top of Main Avenue, I have often felt the top-enders have a choice of three letter boxes and that the Main Avenue one might, for our convenience, be brought lower down Main Avenue. This would still leave the letter box at the little Post Office, opposite the Cross

Scythes, and the other at the Roman Catholic Church for the top of the hill.

Does anybody agree with me.

When your committee eventually get round their enormous task of visiting us all, I hope to join and in the meantime, look forward to the magazine.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

E. M. Partington (Mrs.)

#### ALTERED JUNCTION?

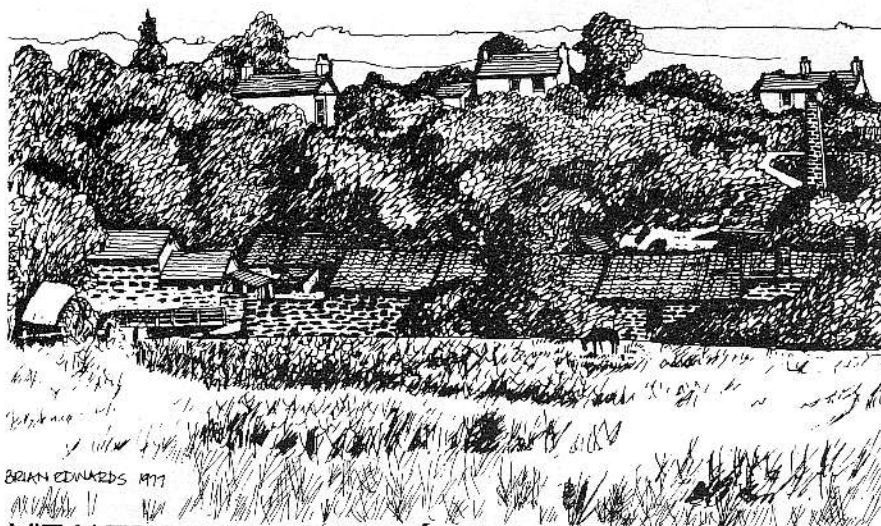
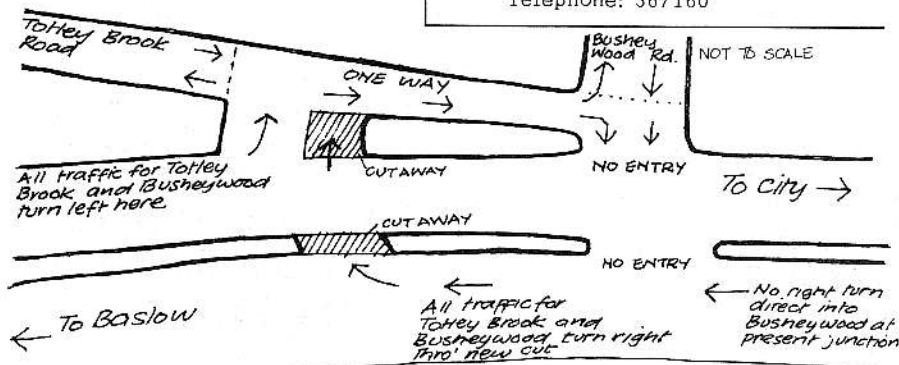
MANY local residents are extremely concerned about the dangers both to pedestrians and motorists at this busy junction. The turn in and out of Totley Brook Road is exceptionally difficult to negotiate safely. Here is an idea that might be worth looking at. Make the present more southern entrance to Totley Brook Road the only entrance both to Totley Brook Road and and Bushey Wood Road. Make the present entrance to Bushey Wood Road an exit road only.

This would entail the construction of a short cut in the present central reservation to allow traffic from the city to turn into Totley Brook Road and Bushey Wood Road at the correct point; it would, in effect, also make the island between the main road and the short final length of Totley Brook Road into a one-way system. All access to the two minor roads would then be through the more southerly gap and all traffic coming out of those roads would take the present exit without having to meet the hazard of traffic turning into the minor roads at the same point.

I hope the sketch-map helps to make the proposal clear.

Rev. Alan Jockel,  
The Vicarage,

#### SKETCH OF SUGGESTION



VIEW TOWARDS LOWER BRADWAY FROM THE SITE OF GLOVER ROAD EARLY 1900s

#### PLANNING TOTLEY

Chief Planning Officer Roland Adamson has agreed to attend a forum on the future of Totley to be organised by the 'Independent' so that members of the public may discuss their area in a constructive and fruitful manner. The Education Department have been approached to allow the use of Totley County School Hall for this purpose and details will be announced in the next issue.

#### WANT TEN LADIES?

DO you think you could handle ten ladies who get together to sing for pleasure?

We need a conductor and a pianist. Any offers?

We meet at the United Reform Church, Totley Brook Road, each Tuesday evening. New voices would be most welcome.

Contact Peggy Henthorn,  
12 Bushey Wood Road,  
Telephone: 367160

#### ACCIDENT AT TWENTYWELL

NOW sitting up and recovering in hospital is 13 year old Stuart Gilbert of Twentywell Lane. A former Totley County School boy, Stuart was knocked down on Abbeydale Road South about 5.30 last Thursday and sustained a double leg fracture which will keep him in hospital for about two months. Stuart, who belongs to one of Sheffield's best known cycling families, was returning home from a badminton practice and remembers nothing about the accident.

Unlucky Stuart injured an ankle last year, whilst fighting the big Totley Moorland fire, when he fell under a farm vehicle which was ferrying water to the scene. After that accident, Fire Chiefs had praised him for his help in beating out flames and carrying drinks to parched firemen.

The Twentywell/Abbeydale Road South junction claimed yet another victim last week when a boy from the Lowedges area was critically injured in another accident.

There has been a suggestion that police had earlier warned Sheffield City Council of the traffic hazard caused at this dangerous junction, by untrimmed undergrowth. However, Woodseats police stated that this had no connection whatsoever with the accident.



HOLMESFIELD Park Wood, just past Woodthorpe Hall, on the way to Holmesfield, always attracts me at this time of year. The attraction is the large number of woodland fungi to be found there. Last Sunday (September 25th) was a warm, thundery day and I braved the showers to have a walk round. At the end of the walk, my bag held about 20 species and I could have filled a wheelbarrow easily with the toadstools I saw.

Of all the groups of plants, fungi seem to be the least understood by the majority of people, be they country or townsfolk. The misunderstanding occurs mainly over two areas - 'What is a toadstool?' and 'What is edible or poisonous?' The answer to the first is relatively easy - a toadstool is any fungus with an umbrella shape - that is, with a cap supported by a central stalk - a definition which includes mushrooms, which are simply a small family within a larger group.

The answer to the second question is far more complex and inconclusive. The majority of fungi are edible, that is to say, not poisonous. However, most of these range between 'downright revolting' to 'O.K. if you're starving'.

There are few really delicious edible species, just as there are few really deadly ones. The good edible fungi are spread through several families and may be quite dissimilar in appearance. The deadly toadstools are also widespread and often dissimilar, but one family here really contains the villains - a group of about five species which are really lethal and resemble the well-known mushrooms. There is no known antidote and a piece as big as a 1p piece is quite sufficient to kill.

The moral is - don't experiment with eating fungi unless you know exactly which species you are dealing with and that requires a great deal of time, study and expertise.

The same walk also provided another topic, which I feel is very important. I saw, from a distance three young people taking their four dogs for a walk. The dogs were not on a lead and seemed very reluctant to obey any orders whatsoever. The footpaths were adhered to, at least by the humans but the dogs' attempts to round up a herd of cattle would not have pleased the farmer.

Walkers must remember that we go through many fields which have footpaths for our pleasure, but the animals in those fields are the livelihood of the farmer. We must respect the Country Code or we will antagonise the very people whose tolerance in Totley gives us so many beautiful walks.

Please, the owner of 'Sandy', 'Beauty' and two other dogs, use a lead next time PLEASE. If your dogs get amongst the sheep, the farmer may rightfully ensure that there is no next time!

### WASHED OUT!

THE LAUNDERETTE on Baslow Road has been empty since March but work is in hand to remove the dividing wall to allow the Co-op to expand into it.

The main work will be done when men are freed from alterations in other Co-op stores in the area.

### Heavy lorry ban

JUGGERNAUTS have been banned from two Totley roads. Hillfoot Road and Penny Lane are now closed to heavy goods vehicles of more than three tons, following a petition by Dore residents. They fear an increase in heavy lorries using the village's narrow streets as a short-cut between Baslow Road and Ecclesall Road.

Lorries will now have to use the longer route via Abbey Lane, as Furniss Avenue is already covered by the ban and following a further petition by residents of Bushey Wood Road, the County Council is likely to close that.

### SCHOOL-BREAK

TOTLEY County and Totley All Saints schools have both been broken into during the last fortnight. It would appear that in

both cases nothing of value was stolen.

### PREFAB DAYS

DORE and Totley Tenants Association was formed some years ago by tenants of the prefabs which occupied part of the Greenoak and Aldam areas. The Association was formed to prevent the movement of these tenants to other areas of the city and to ensure that they were rehoused here in the community they have shared for many years. The Association was successful in its appeals and the need for such a group was not so apparent.

Recently there has been a suggestion that the small amount of money left in this Association be given to Cheshire Homes, a local charitable organisation.

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# SPORTS

## BADMINTON

THIS section of the Totley Residents Association got off to a fine start on Wednesday, 14th September. Unfortunately, the Education Committee appear to have double-booked the court, originally scheduled for Tuesdays. The result was that after protests, we had to accept an alternative evening, Wednesday, which disappointed some members who had to drop out because of prior commitments. In spite of this, the gymnasium at King Ecgbert's School, Dore, provides a very good court with changing rooms and showers.

## CUB SCOUTS MIKE GEERING

ALTHOUGH Pele has finally said farewell to football, Totley Cub Scouts said hello to a new season on the 25th September. The greeting was muted somewhat by finding themselves on the wrong end of a 6-2 scoreline against Mount View Cubs. At half-time the scores were level at 2-2 with goals for Totley from Stephen Nettleton and Darren Wheldon but a fine second-half performance by their opponents ensured a comfortable victory.

Mark Smith was voted Boy of the Match for his team and Mark is also the team captain.

The team was as follows:

Goalkeeper -	Ian Brownhill
Defenders -	Michael Turner
	Mark Smith
	Michael Sutton
Midfield -	David Midgley
	Ashley Dickinson
	Hugh Coe
Forwards -	Darren Wheldon
	Stephen Geering
	Graeme Herbert
	Stephen Nettleton

Nothing dims their enthusiasm for very long however and the 30 boys from the Totley Cub Scouts Packs who have enrolled for this season's squad have been training hard again this week in an effort to improve, not only last week's performance, but also last season's playing record which was:

Played 13; Won 5; Lost 7; Drawn 1.

Home matches have to be played at Graves Park because they cannot find an available local pitch.

Similarly, the unavailability of local facilities also restricts their training sessions to the weeks when daylight permits evening training outdoors - British Summer Time is no friend of the Totley Cubs Football Squad.

## UNDER 14's

THE FIXTURE list for Totley Under 14 football team is:

2 Oct. v	Kilnhurst (H)
9 Oct. v	Loughton Boys (A)
16 Oct. v	Jack in a Box (H)
23 Oct. v	Chantrey Juniors (A)
30 Oct. v	Grenoside Boys (H)
6 Nov. v	Mount View (A)
(H) - Home	(Graves Park)
(A) - Away	

The squad for 1977/78 season is:

Mark Baxter	Kenneth Jones
John Bolsover	James Kyte
John Corker	Martyn Lee
Simon Dickinson	Neil Robertson
Adrian Filleul	Martin Scriven
Paul Hoban	Peter Sutton
Mark Hudson	Russell Todd

More boys are required for the squad and should be under 14 on September 1st 1977 and 12 or over. If you know any boy who may be interested, contact John Scriven at Fruiterama, Baslow Road, 367116 or Brian Edwards 368213.

## FISHING

TOTLEY Residents may care to know that Totley Sports and Social Club have a fishing section. The forthcoming programme is currently being arranged and includes a Fur and Feather Match in November.

The Annual Weekend Trip for next year will possibly be to the River Severn at Bridgenorth with an overnight stay in Shrewsbury. Other suggested venues include the River Whitham and North Level-River Tydd.

If you are interested in joining the Club, contact John Hughes, 19 Aldam Road, telephone 365499.

## SWIMMINGLY SWUM

FOUR teenage girls from King Ecgberts set a new record of 2 mins. 20.5 secs. in winning the Senior 4 x 50m medley at the English Schools Swimming Association Team Championships in Bradford last week.

Patsy Bolsover, of Mickley Lane, together with Debbie Anderson and twins Jackie and Caroline Jones, all of lower Bradway, were pupils at Totley County School. The

quartet took the championship for the first ever time from Millfield, a London school and in the same day came second in the free-style, losing by a touch.

Last year the King Ecgbert girls took a second and a third place in the same events at Crystal Palace.

The success means just reward for the hardworking Bolsover family with brothers David and John both being accomplished swimmers with a string of successes behind them. Satisfaction too for Mr. and Mrs. Bolsover who have devoted so much of their time in encouraging their children's talents.

## TOTLEY SPORTS FOOTBALL RESULTS HOPE VALLEY LGE

### 3rd September

1st team v Chapel (A) 1-1

### 7th September

1st team v Dronfield Wood. (A) 2-1

2nd " v " " (H) 2-1

### 10th September

1st team v Tideswell Blue

Star (A) 8-2

2nd team v Green Acres (H) 3-1

### 12th September

2nd team v Dronfield Wood. (A) 2-1

### 14th September

1st team v Dronfield Wood. (H) 3-0

### 17th September

1st team v Chinley (H) 3-1

2nd team v Doveholes (A) 2-2

### 24th September

(1st team v Dron. Hill Top (H) 5-2

(Derbyshire Junior Cup 1st Round

2nd team v Chapel (A) 2-4

### 1st October

2nd team v Bamford (A) 2-0

## CRICKET AT ABBEYDALE

BY JOHN HESPE  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

### ABRIDGED VERSION

THE 1834 Dore & Totley Churchwardens and Constables Accounts records that the replacing of Totley Bridge cost 2/- (10p). Let's hope they weren't complaining.

## A LOAD OF BULL!

A senior citizen reminds us of one of his school mates at Totley All Saints during the 1920's. 'Cobby' Green turned up late for school one day. The teacher asked him why he had arrived at that time and Cobby replied that he'd had to take their cow to Dore to be sired by a bull. "Couldn't your father have done it?" asked schoolmaster Wood. "No," replied Cobby, "it had to be the bull."

# OCTOBER DIARY

- 7 All Saints Young Mothers Wine and Cheese Party, 8 p.m. in the Hall.
- 7 Children's Cinema "Hugo the Hippo", 7 p.m. in the Library.
- 8 Scouts and Guides Jumble Sale, St. Johns.
- 9 Harvest Festival, All Saints Church.
- 9 Charity Walk - Start Dore 9.30 - Telegraph and Star Old Folks Fund.
- 10 King Ecgberts ATC Jumble Sale, 2 p.m., Dore Old School.
- 11 Totley Listening Group, 8.15 p.m., in the Library, Detective Sergeant Lamb on 'making the house secure', plus film. Free admss.
- 11 Townswomens Guild Coffee Morning, 10 a.m., 68 Sunnyvale Road.
- 12 Silver Jubilee of Mothers Union - Mrs. Varah, City Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- 14 Townswomens Guild "Weddings thro' the Ages" 7.30 - Abbeydale Hall.
- 15 Abbeydale Hamlet Working Day.
- 15 Coffee Morning, 10 a.m., All Saints Vicarage.
- 15 Newspaper Collection, United Reformed Church, 10 a.m. - 12; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 15 All Saints Ladies Club, Barn Dance, 8 p.m.
- 22 Scouts Jumble Sale, 2.30, Totley Hall Lane.
- 22 Three Choirs Festival, 6 p.m., All Saints Church.
- 22 End of British Summer Time, Start of Totley Winter Time. Put clocks back one hour.
- 26 till 29th. Dramatic Society "Friends and Neighbours", 7.45 p.m. United Reformed Church.
- 30 United Nations Day Service, 3 p.m., Totley Rise Methodist Church. Address by Prof. James, CB OBE.
- 31 Hillfoot Ladies Club - Candlemaking. Also a Halloween Hat-Making Competition, 7.30 p.m. United Reformed Church. All welcome.

## November

- 4 County School Bonfire for pupils, parents and staff only.
- 5 Bonfires at Methodist Church, All Saints School, Rosamund Estate, Bushey Wood Road.
- 5 Scouts Autumn Fair, 2 p.m., Totley Hall Lane.
- 5 Christian Council Jumble Sale in aid of Corrymeela Community, afternoon, United Reformed Church.

## SILVERED

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. John Gray of Sunnyvale Road, and his wife Joan, who have celebrated their Silver Wedding.

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## DRAMA UNFOLDS!

THIS year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Dramatic Society at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road.

The present society grew from the Dore Union Church Literature Society which dates back to 1913. By the mid-twenties "Dramatic Evenings" were the most popular items in the programme of events and so a Dramatic Section was formed.

In 1928, the Literary Society was dropped due to lack of support and the new Dramatic Society leapt into more and more ambitious productions as the years went by - encouraged by the fact that they had a new, large stage in the Church Hall on Totley Brook Road. Before, they performed in a corrugated iron building known as the "Old Tin Tab". Some readers may remember this as being the building in which services of worship were held when the Union Church was first sited down by Dore station. When the church had new premises built on the present site on Totley Brook Road, the Old Tin Tab was moved and used as a Church Hall.

Early productions by the Society were "A Safety Match", "Middle Watch" and "Dear Octopus" and it really is inspiring to see how the enthusiastic actors and actresses were undeterred by little incidents like two or three changes of set - they even had an orchestra, led by Laurence Rhodes.

Naturally, the arrival of television brought about policy changes during the 1950's. Gradually, "one set" plays became the norm - the Society attaching importance to set quality. Box office figures also showed audiences preferred light comedy - in contrast to the plays "with a meaning" or no ending, that were being seen on television.

"Friends and Neighbours" is the first production of this Golden Jubilee season. It is a north country comedy written by Austin Steele and originally starred Molly Sugden, Danny Ross and Valentine Dyall. It will be given in the Church Hall from October 26th to 29th at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Land, telephone 362334.