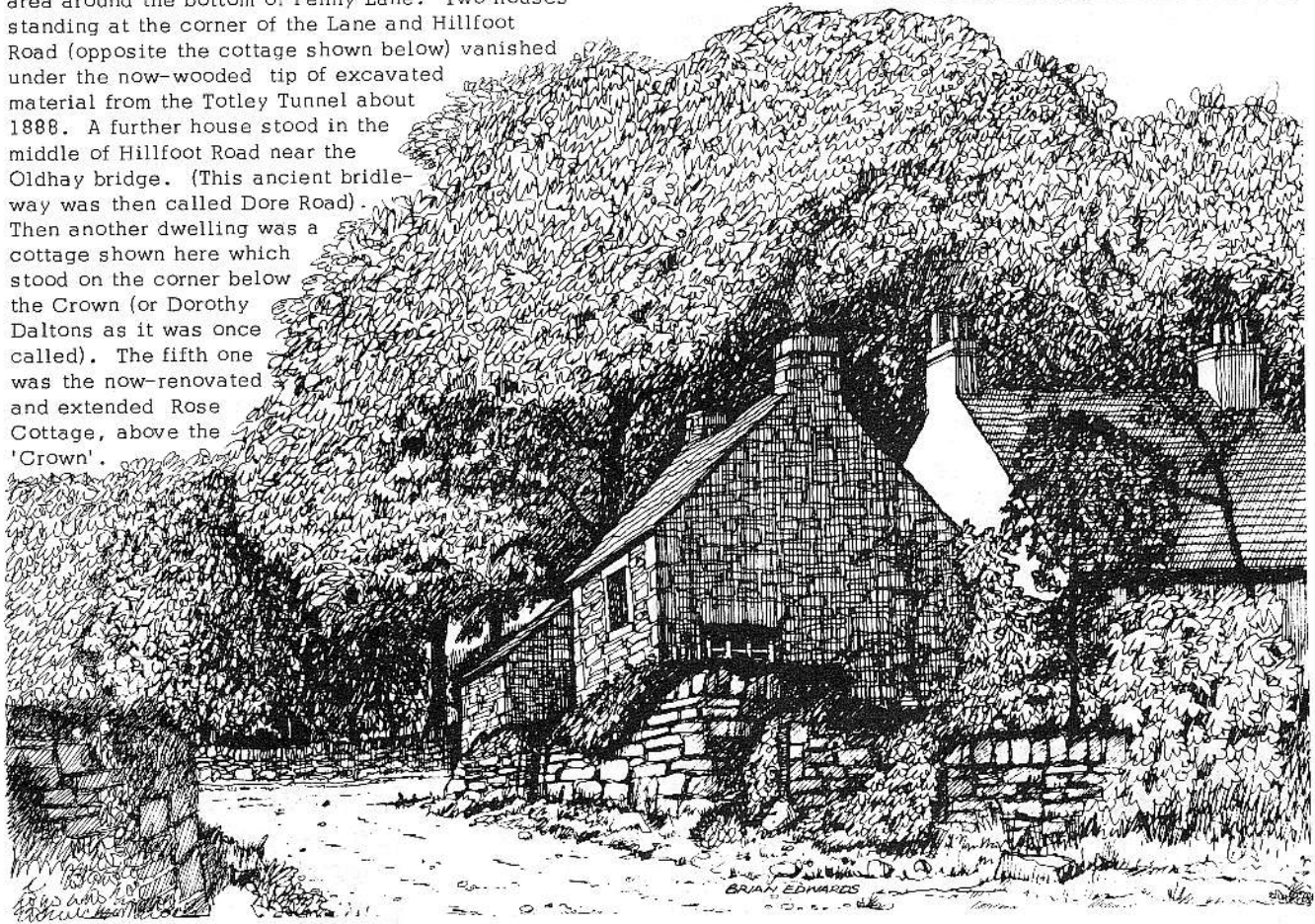


TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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HILLFOOT ~ DISAPPEARING HAMLET

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO THERE WERE FIVE HOUSES, a farm, a corn mill and a pub at Hillfoot, which is the area around the bottom of Penny Lane. Two houses standing at the corner of the Lane and Hillfoot Road (opposite the cottage shown below) vanished under the now-wooded tip of excavated material from the Totley Tunnel about 1888. A further house stood in the middle of Hillfoot Road near the Oldhay bridge. (This ancient bridleway was then called Dore Road). Then another dwelling was a cottage shown here which stood on the corner below the Crown (or Dorothy Daltons as it was once called). The fifth one was the now-renovated and extended Rose Cottage, above the 'Crown'.



OPPOSITE the bottom of Penny Lane was a farm with a track continuing on from the lane, through the farmyard and on towards Totley Rise. When the tunnel was started, a small railway track ran through the site of the old farmyard carrying the excavated shale and rock to the Penny Lane tip.

Under this tip vanished a small area called Bentley which consisted of three fields between the lane and Oldhay.

A 1728 map shows these fields as Round (later Square) Bentley,

Whin (later Gansey) Bentley and Nether (later Far) Bentley.

A lease of 1350 granted from "Richard de Meygnill to Ralph le Barker of Dore and Joan his wife, lands in Tottenley called Benteley; for their lives at eight shillings and six pence per annum; with haybot and common pasture".

Haybot was the right to take wood from the area in order to fence the fields.

During 1578 in the reign of Elizabeth, 'Benteley' was still leased by the Barkers from the same family

of landlords.

The Corn Mill known as Upper Mill was situated near the footbridge on the path leading across the fields between Hillfoot Road and Totley Brook. There was a large dam close by and sometime after 1830 the mill appears to have been used as a scythe mill. About 10 years later, the landlord John Gray Waterfall pulled down the buildings and erected a house called Totley Vale, close by. This is now known as Totley Grove. Only two of the earlier buildings now remain—the 'Crown' Inn & Rose Cottage.

Thunderer

RECENT calls for new links between Totley College students and Totley residents are timely. For next year the college will be celebrating its silver anniversary.

In 1953 planning chiefs told worried residents that the college they envisaged would not affect the nature of Totley. Now nearly 25 years on, the nine-storey residential block dominates the skyline and ill-planned buildings sprawl onwards up the hill.

Over the years, students and staff built a harmonious relationship with local schools and churches. Young student teachers who gained experience in local schools became known as "the young ladies from the college" (before it went co-ed) to many residents.

A thriving drama group put on productions for the community.

These links have died since the college became part of the larger revamped Polytechnic. Students have become disinterested in the area which may be their home for 3 years. This is mostly due to re-organisation and many students who live in Totley now travel to Pond Street for their studies.

NEWS that the Residents Association have established relations with the college, and Councillor Pat Sant-house's call for improved links (page 5) are a sign for the better. Let us hope we see something concrete emerge from these discussions.

WHERE TO BUY

THE following shops have kindly agreed to sell copies for us:

AVENUE STORES (corner Main Avenue)

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TOTLEY POST OFFICE, corner Baslow Road and Totley Hall Lane.
WOLLATON ROAD NEWSAGENTS at Bradway

Interior Design

AN ILLUSTRATED talk on Interior Design will be held at the Conservative Club on 17th Nov. Open to T.R.A. members only. (See diary). Tickets 20p from Harry Woodfinden, 11 Green Oak Drive, tel. 350970.

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WHAT is the Residents Association up to?

The Totley Residents Association was formed earlier this year as the result of two public meetings. A committee was formed to spend this first year looking into such matters as existing and future demands for facilities; establishing activities for the community, in particular youth and senior citizens; presenting the community's case for improved amenities and so on.

MEMBERSHIP

Nearly all houses and flats in the district have been visited but as you can imagine, this requires a very great deal of time and effort. In some cases we have called several times but have been unable to find anyone in. If you want to join the association and haven't yet been approached please contact one of the T.R.A. committee members. Names and addresses are to be found on the back page of this issue.

Since its inception TRA has organised a send-off Sports Evening in Greenoak Park on the 4th July, a dance and a senior citizens talk on old Totley.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

However, the Association has now started on a full winter programme of events with an open meeting on the future planning of Totley with Roland Adamson, the Chief Planning Officer for Sheffield; a talk on the wildlife of Totley by local expert Bob Warburton; a trip round the home of Sheffield United for youngsters; a Christmas Fair; coffee morning; an open talk on Totley history; a Christmas party for Resident Association senior citizens and so on - all of which will appear in the back page diary over the next few months. From the beginning of November, residents will also be circularised with details of events, well ahead of time.

INDEPENDENT

In addition, the Association has been responsible for publishing the Totley Independent which now has an estimated readership of about 2000. A badminton section has been started up at King Egberts too. There have also been a number of

behind-the-scenes activities which take time and effort - meetings with local councillors, Education Committee officials and Polytechnic representatives. We have also taken up complaints with planning, transport and GPO authorities on behalf of residents.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ASSOCIATION

Up to date our achievements are few but this is our first year and we are spending a good deal of time laying down the framework for the future of the Totley Residents Association. As we move into winter, we will be organising more activities and we ask you to support us by coming along and taking part.

Members will benefit in that some events will have reduced prices for members whilst other events will be restricted to members only.

Your membership has, of course, been instrumental in starting up the 'Totley Independent' and we hope that you will write to us and air your views and opinions of the magazine and also give us any news.

OLD TOTLEY

FOLLOWING last month's talk on Old Totley to Senior Citizens, there has been tremendous demand for another one open to the public. This is to be held at the Church Hall on 11th November 7.45. Tickets 20p from any of the 'Independent' shops or from Committee Members of T.R.A. (10p refund for members on production of membership card at door).

T.R.A. CARNIVAL DANCE
6th January, details
next month

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SIXTEEN-year-old Felicity Crowther has joined the staff of the Independent. She is a sixth-former at Jordanthorpe and hopes to become a journalist. She lives at 34 Rowan Tree Dell.

AERIAL VIEWS

THE BBC hope to build a 50-foot high television aerial on Prospect Place to improve reception in the Totley area. But angry residents of Prospect Place are opposed to the mast which they say will be an eyesore.

They claim:

The aerial will become a target for vandals. The seat shown on a BBC drawing has already been wrecked and walls are damaged. The erection of the mast and equipment building will provide a new focal point for their attentions.

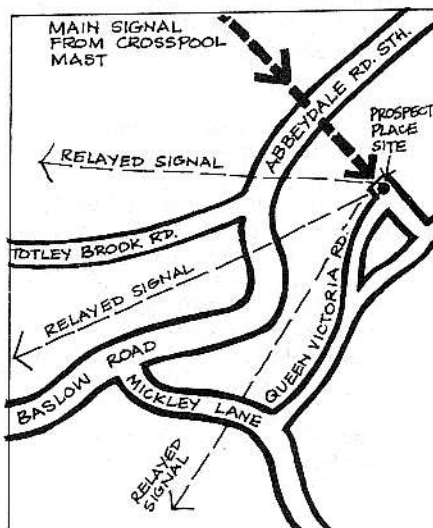
The aerial and buildings will be totally out of character with the area and nearby trees will be endangered by the mast.

The proposed site is not owned by the council but by Mr. Ian Dunkley of no. 1 and Mr. Cooper of no. 2.

Mr. Dunkley said in a letter to the planning department that their outlook is already impeded in two directions by two separate housing developments.

"We are very unhappy about the outlook on the third side of our property being ruined. The whole area has changed radically in the last two or three months and the proposed aerial is the last straw".

There is feeling too that the submitted drawing is misleading, having been marked 'not to scale' and that the aerial will be much higher than the impression given.



BBC VIEW

TAKEN FROM A BBC PLESS RELEASE
SHEFFIELD felt isolated in the early days of television broadcasting. The transmitter at Home Moss, opened by the BBC in 1951, was received only with difficulty in many of the low-lying parts. 1960 saw the opening of one of the earliest relay transmitters for television in Sheffield, at the top of Lydgate Lane between Crookes and Crosspool.

When the country decided to adopt a new television standard of 625-lines, intended to carry colour programmes, the decision was made to use the UHF (Ultra High Frequency) bands for transmission. The VHF bands were fully used for black-and-white and the UHF channels are less prone to interference. But UHF transmissions are more easily obstructed by hills. The Sheffield relay became much more important with the coming of UHF as only the homes placed high in the valleys could receive 625-line television from any other transmitter.

Sadly, the bottom of the Sheaf Valley at Totley not only fails to receive the transmissions from either the main transmitters or the Sheffield relay - Ecclesall is in the way. So the BBC decided to build a small transmitter to serve the 1600 people living down the valley from Totley Brook to Abbeydale. The position of the new station is critical. It must be able to serve the population but it must also be able to receive the transmissions from the Sheffield relay. Therefore it must be sited in an area which already has good reception. Since the station must also be supplied with mains electricity and be accessible by road, the art of finding a site becomes very demanding. In this case it has taken some years to find a suitable site. So that the new relay does not offend the eye, the plan is to use a 55 foot wooden pole, rather like a tall telegraph pole, to carry the aerials and, at the bottom, a small stone-faced building, to carry the transmitter.

It is hoped that almost everyone in the valley will then be able to receive the service and small and neat aerials could replace the old larger types. Viewers who already have a good service, including those living near the new relay station, will not be affected.

S.T.O.P

A DECISION over the planned development on open ground between Furniss Avenue and Busheywood Road has been deferred until November. Following opposition from local residents about the plans to build 100 executive-type houses on the site, planning chiefs and councillors are to visit the site. A final decision will be made by the City Council planning sub-committee on November 2 as the ten-acre site is to be auctioned on November 8. Then the plans will go to the full Planning Committee.

Opposition to the scheme resulted in the formation of an action group, Save Totley's Open Spaces (STOP). STOP organised a petition of 318 signatures within a week.

STOP chairman, Mrs. Pat Lyne, of Furniss Avenue, explained that many more signatures could have been obtained if the final date for objections, October 14, had not been so soon.

The action committee of STOP has produced a document outlining their objections and suggesting alternative uses for the land. The main objections are that the development would mean a loss of open space, along with increased traffic, education and drainage problems.

STOP proposes several alternative uses for the land, including allotments or leisure gardens, playing fields or a play area for children. Another alternative favoured by STOP is a City Farm, which is a small scale working farm, growing enough food to feed its livestock.

STOP argues that some type of agricultural use for the land could be of educational value to children in Sheffield schools. The land is viable agricultural land as crops were grown on it up to a few years ago.

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Owler Bar

ONE winters night in February 1886, Charles Hodkin, a 76-year-old herbalist from Pyebank, Sheffield, set off on foot to visit his sister who lived in Froggatt village. He reached the Peacock Inn, Owler Bar, just as a snowstorm began to sweep the desolate moorland. In those days there was a pack-horse track direct across Big Moor to Froggatt Edge, which was several miles shorter than the turnpike road. Mr. Hodkin took refreshment at the Inn and then, as night was falling, he decided to continue with his journey despite protests from the landlord, William Brougham, who could see he was tired. So the old man set off into the storm and nothing was heard of him until John Slack, one of the Duke of Rutland's shepherds, found his body two years later. Mr. Hodkin had strayed several miles off his track and must have stumbled around through the snowdrifts and bogs of Big Moor for hours.

Such was life in the 1880's. How many young men would think of walking from Sheffield to Froggatt these days? The area around Owler Bar hasn't really changed much since the 1880's apart from new wider roads and a small motel. In the height of winter it is still one of the most inhospitable places on earth.

The transition from bridle paths to turnpikes served only to speed people a little more comfortably on their journey, but at the cost of paying tolls to use those routes.

The Owler Bar area is rich in history, for within a few hundred yards of the Inn there is much evidence of a bronze age settlement dating back some 3500 years. Excavated urns from Big Moor are to be seen in Weston Park Museum.

The name 'Owler' is said to be derived from Oulder, Alder and Alder (the tree); within a mile from here is an area called Oulder Lee. G.H.B. Ward who lived nearby and edited the Clarion Ramblers Handbook (a mine of information on the Totley area), reckoned that the name Owler Bar was derived from the use of an Alder tree trunk which served as the catchbar at the Toll Gate.

The original Toll Bar seems to have been built sometime after 1781 and was situated near the present site of the 'Fiveways' Motel. Around this time the Peacock was built too,



THE PEACOCK HOTEL IN THE 1880'S

BRIAN EDWARDS

although in a much older style, by the Duke of Rutland. The later toll bar cottage which was shown in the last issue of the Totley Independent was built around 1820 and still stands below the Peacock.

By then the turnpike road from Baslow to Sheffield was just about completed and in October 1821, the Owler Bar was one of the tolls advertised to be let.

Another Totley Toll Bar was opposite the top of Mickley Lane.

G.H.B. Ward gives over 30 pages of notes about Owler Bar in the 1929 Handbook having had discussions with James Wragg who was then (1929) 78 and had spent his youth in the Toll Bar Cottage, where his father was the Toll Keeper. Mr. Wragg walked $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles to work in Sheffield each day and then 12 hours later he walked back, 6 days a week.

One night, some toll-dodgers slipped through in a carriage and pair without paying. The young Wragg, a member of the Harriers, gave chase and eventually came up with the gig at Moore's Livery Yard in Elden Street (off the Moor) before they had taken the horse out of the shafts. Mr. Moore, the horse and cab proprietor, who had hired out the conveyance, then took their names and addresses and they were later fined heavily.

Prior to the Dore and Chinley Railway opening up in 1894, it was quite common to hire a pony and trap for a drive into Derbyshire on a Sunday afternoon.

In the 1860's Owler Bar was famous for its horse trotting races. The landlord of the Peacock at that time was William Coates who

owned a famous trotting horse called 'Blazing Bob'. One day it was driven from Owler Bar to Manchester and back and ten minutes after its return dropped dead. 'Blazing Bob' had some twice earlier trotted a measured mile in 3 minutes.

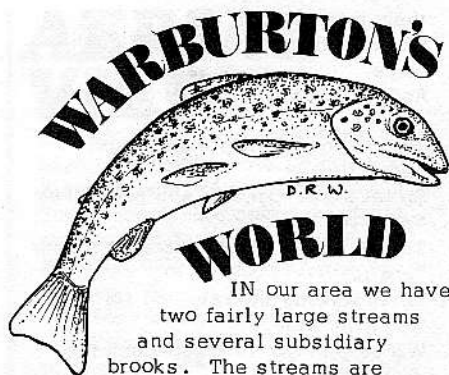
These races seemed to have died out in about 1898 when they were deemed to be a danger to the public.

Near to Owler Bar prize fighting took place in those days and the early morning scraps would draw a crowd of several hundred.

The last toll was taken at Owler Bar in 1888. That midnight a wagon full of drunks went up from Holmesfield and burnt a straw effigy of the unpopular toll collector.

The Peacock Inn was a noted coaching house and in the late 1800's two stage coaches to Matlock and Buxton changed their horses at the hostelry. One coach painted yellow was known as 'Enterprise' and was driven through Bake-well by a Mr. Ashmore while the other was a red coach called 'Lucy Long' driven to Buxton by a Mr. Sims.

The Peacock Hotel was at first run by yet another Green, other landlords were William 'Humpy' Hattersley, William Wall Coates in the 1860's, his widow Mrs. Coates and Mr. Frederick Armitage who married her. In 1884 the Brougham family moved in, William staying there until his death in 1903 when his widow Anne took over until 1923. That year, John Hutchinson Brougham, the son, took over and other residents will still remember him. John bought the Peacock from the Duke of Rutland in 1927.



IN our area we have two fairly large streams and several subsidiary brooks. The streams are

Totley Brook, which rises just above Totley brick works, and Old Hay Brook which rises on the moors, flows down past Avenue Farm, across Old Hay Lane, parallel to Totley Brook road. The two streams meet and become the River Sheaf opposite the end of Busheywood Road.

Streams and rivers in Sheffield have been used as water power for centuries and Old Hay Brook was heavily industrialised in the last century. Along its length are the remains of long-dead industries. The silted dams can still be detected, but the associated buildings have long since vanished.

The cause of the downfall was the building of Totley Tunnel in the 1890's. This effectively drained the moor and reduced the volume of water running into Old Hay Brook and this became insufficient for power needs. Evidence of the draining effect of the tunnel can be seen in the streams which emerge from both ends of the tunnel alongside the railway line.

So far there seems little evidence of serious pollution in either stream.

Our local fish life is evidence of clean water. We have three species found in both streams: Brown Trout, Bullhead and Loach. The Trout have a maximum size of about 10-11 ins. but the majority are between 4 and 6 inches. The Trout eats almost anything edible and can be seen feeding greedily on Mayflies during the evenings. The larger fish are often cannibals and will eat both Loach and Bullheads. These latter fish are not as common as the Trout, are much smaller and are quite secretive, living under stones and roots on the stream bed.

The presence of these fish indicates that our local streams are quite clean and healthy. I hope that everyone will try to ensure that they stay that way so that our children may enjoy them and we may walk

beside them amidst the streamside plants and animals, not empty crisp packets and pop cans.

Talks at College

REPRESENTATIVES of the Totley Residents Association met with senior staff of the Polytechnic last week at Totley College. A number of proposals for working together closely, particularly in the provision of facilities, were discussed and received with sympathy and keen interest. A further more detailed discussion will follow and a number of benefits to the Totley community are envisaged.

In the meantime, Totley Residents Association are calling together representatives from all clubs, associations and societies to a meeting to discuss present communal facilities and possible future requirements.

Earlier in the week, the Association committee had called for closer links between residents and students. Coun. Pat Santhouse, an invited guest at the committee meeting, had backed this move. She said that help from students - in local churches, schools and on the college campus - ended when the college became part of the city polytechnic, three years ago. She appealed to both sides to foster new links for the benefit of the community as a whole. One of the major ways that students could help is to join the Association in its work with youth and elderly people. Councillor Santhouse added that she hoped that college plays, which were a regular local attraction, could be revived.

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Help the Housebound

DORE and Totley Day Centre and Luncheon Club has now been open for 3½ years providing a meeting place for 15 housebound elderly or handicapped people.

The centre is at the United Reformed Church Hall every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A small charge is made and visitors are given morning coffee, lunch, and afternoon tea. Sometimes entertainment or talks are given but there is also the opportunity to chat.

Several trips have been organised including an afternoon drive, a Crucible visit and a Christmas lights and shopping trip.

This is made possible by 40 to 50 volunteers on a rota. Four or five volunteers with cars are needed for transport each week, while a team of four look after the centre on a monthly rota. Two cooks provide dinner on a seven-week rota, in their own homes. The cost is reimbursed.

Visitors are selected by the Family and Community Services on the basis of greatest need but there is an inevitable waiting list.

If readers know of any housebound person, who with help can travel by car, please contact Mr. C. Tomkins, Area 3, Redvers House, Sheffield. Anyone wishing to volunteer, or just know more about the centre, contact secretary Mrs. Pat Lyne, 361386, or Mrs. V. Filleul, 360872.

Enough volunteers could mean a large cut in the waiting list - if not the end of it - as the centre could open another day more.

People with interesting or entertaining experiences or hobbies, willing to give a short talk are welcome as is anyone willing to drop in for a chat.

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LETTERS

TOTLEY TRANSPORT

WHEN the Land Use Transportation Study was made in Sheffield two years ago, a close look was taken at the pattern of bus and train services in the area. One of the ideas explored seems to me well worth pursuing further in our area.

At the moment we have two bus services crossing the city from Totley and Totley Brook, and also a limited train service from Dore and Totley Station.

In a bus strike, the trains are used more, but the main load is taken by private cars brought out for the emergency. At other times, the people who travel by car at peak periods are those who live off main bus routes, those who use their cars in their work and those who prefer a more comfortable and convenient form of transport.

I believe that with a careful look at our bus and train services, more people would be attracted to travel by public transport and so relieve the rush hour congestion without having to build new urban motorways.

What is suggested is as follows: First—a frequent bus service from the Millhouses Terminus to the city; Second—a network of bus routes from Totley, Totley Brook, Beauchief and Bradway connecting with the Millhouses Terminus, or Dore and Totley Station; Third—car parks as near to the Millhouses Terminus as possible.

The present car park at Millhouses Park is almost empty during the working week and could provide a ready-made commuter car park in which people could leave their cars, catch a quick and frequent bus into town and pick up their cars for the last bit of the journey home at night. This could be done even without the extra "feeder" buses from the area round about. Equally the feeder service could be linked with the first suggestion without pressing for the commuter car park, but I believe that the three points taken together could provide, at minimum expense to the authorities, a viable and profitable alternative to our present pattern and one which would serve the whole area far more effectively.

Rev. Alan Jockel, The Vicarage.

Reply to Mrs Perkinson (3rd issue)
Service 24 - Totley.

Thank you for your letter regarding the large number of passengers who travel on Service 24 to the Lido at Millhouses.

Every effort is made to accommodate these passengers by the provision of additional journeys which are operated by staff working overtime or working on their Days Off. Unfortunately, because of a general shortage of staff, insufficient journeys were able to be operated on certain occasions this summer to cater adequately with the demand.

Regarding the suggested remedies, to travel on Service 17 and transfer to Service 24 along the line of route is more costly and is not advocated but in certain instances it is preferable to waiting long periods in the city centre.

Implementation of a limited stop or fare restriction would have repercussions on Totley residents in that the present level of service could not be justified if the Service was catering solely for the longer distance passengers. Further, when short distance passengers alight, accommodation becomes available for passengers wishing to board at intermediate stops.

Also the heavy demand for the Lido occurs mainly during the summer school holiday period and is further restricted to warm weather. To implement a worsening of facilities throughout the year to accommodate problems which arise mainly during August only would not be in the best interests of the community as a whole.

It is hoped that the present system of dealing with the problem can be better implemented in future, but further consideration will be given if circumstances prevent this being achieved.

District Manager,
South Yorkshire Passenger Transport

PURSERY RHYME

THEY think that this Totley's a wonderful place
Those people who sit by the Lord Mayor's mace

But as they all sit there, alack and alas

The residents no longer have any "brass"

If they saw the pensioners' empty plates

Because of insistence on much higher rates

Yes! if they saw it, t'would make

them think twice

Knowing they cannot afford such a price

And thinking one people a different race

They'd know it impossible just keeping pace

So let's get together and make them "spot it"

The people of Totley have no longer "got it"

When making the rate bill for what we "aint" got

We've just got to teach them they've taken the lot

No wonder that Totley is taking up arms

The way that the Council is 'stretching its palms"

With all the "ideas" they seem to be weaving

No wonder so many are thinking of leaving.

H.W. Mould, 96 Baslow Road

CROSSING NEEDED

WHERE do you cross Baslow Road/Abbeydale Road South? Do you find it difficult? Do you think the volume of traffic warrants official crossings? If so, where - Main Avenue, Mickley Lane, Totley Rise shopping area? The completion of new estates in Totley and Totley Brook Road has obviously increased the volume of traffic.

New building in progress at Poynton Wood and again at the end of Totley Brook Road will add to the number of vehicles and now there is another estate of 100 houses supposedly in the pipeline to be sited between Bushey Wood Road and Furniss Avenue, giving yet another influx of cars. New estates up Bradway have also increased the traffic along the bottom end of Totley and Glover Road. The volume of traffic at the junction of Baslow Road/Abbeydale Road South/Totley Brook Road/Bushey Wood Road makes crossing for both pedestrians and motorists a very difficult manoeuvre and, with the completion of the building in progress and the probable new estate building, this crossing will be even worse. This is a matter of concern for residents in all parts of Totley and especially for those with children. What do residents feel about a controlled crossing in this area? The parent-representatives at King Egberts have requested some constructive help from the local authority but so far have been unsuccessful.

SPORTS

TOTLEY SPORTS FOOTBALL RESULTS HOPE VALLEY LGE

8th October

1st team v Bakewell (A) 2-2
(Dore Shield - first round)

2nd team v Buxton Eagle (A) 1-1
(Hall Trophy)

15th October

1st team v Shirebrook M.W. (H) 5-4

(Derbyshire Junior Cup round 2)

2nd team v Grindleford (A) 2-4

22nd October

1st team v Green Acres (A) 3-0

2nd team v Buxton Eagle (H) 2-3
(Replay Hall Trophy Match)

29th October

1st team v Bakewell (H) 6-4

(Dore Shield 1st round replay)

2nd team v Duron (A) 1-3

CUB SCOUTS

THE TEAM played its second game of the season away against Batemoor on 16th October. Although the result was a 2-2 draw, Totley goalkeeper Ian Brownhill was voted man of the match. Simon Turner scored both goals.

Bomber Brown blasts Bakewell!

IF TOTLEY Sports needed a spur on towards a second successive Hope Valley League Title, then it was last weeks cup replay against Bakewell. They ran out 6-4 winners in a lucid, entertaining match against the team that could be their greatest rivals for the League title. Before this match, Bakewell topped the table with Totley second, but this win should be an important morale booster. Trainer Bob Webster believes they already have the title sewn up, despite a crop of injuries to key players and Club secretary Ian Wade and team manager Norman Cann agree that the present side is the best Totley have had. Four-goal hero Billy Brown certainly justified his recall. Three of his four goals were superb individual efforts and the fourth, a simple tap-in on the stroke of time, was just reward for a great display. Billy is making his first team comeback this year and is currently top scorer. Totley didn't have things all their own way, even in this game, because for

RALLY ROUND BOYS

TWO Totley rally enthusiasts are appealing for sponsors for the coming 1978 season.

Both Mark Turner, aged 20, of Rowan Tree Dell and Anthony Mather, aged 18, feel they would have more success if they could get financial backing to compete in daytime stage rallies.

Success has eluded them so far in night rallies, but in the recent Derbyshire Dams Rally, Mark finished halfway down the field in his Mini Cooper despite many difficulties.

Anthony had a good start to his rally career when he finished a creditable 29th out of 80 in the Western Jean Rally and was ninth in the novice class.

If anyone is interested in speculating, marshalling or even driving, contact Rick Cooke of Milldale Road who can put you in contact with the 111 Motor Club.

Wheels of fortune

TOTLEY'S charity cyclists David Blakeley and Suzanne Leach raised more than £100 for handicapped children. They cycled 330 miles by tandem to Newquay in three days, arriving hours ahead of schedule.

long periods Bakewell looked the better side. Only skilful work by skipper Keith Lemons kept the busy forwards out. In fact it was Bakewell who scored first when full back Brent Marsh gave the ball away.

From then on the game fluctuated in favour of both sides but Billy kept popping up when he was needed most. And a goal from substitute Dave Hall broke the spirit of the flagging visitors. Winger Glyn Mettam scored the other goal.

TOTLEY RISE 1904



CRICKET AT ABBEYDALE

BY JOHN HESPE

The closure of Bramall Lane as the South Yorkshire Headquarters for county cricket has brought an unexpected notoriety to Totley. Abbeydale Park, home of Sheffield Collegiate Cricket Club, was chosen to host the county for an unspecified period and so far, no serious alternative venue has been put forward.

The problems of holding a county cricket match in an area not designed to cope with up to 7000 people are many. For example, those who live in the area will know only too well that parking facilities are inadequate, especially on the visit of star attractions such as the West Indies touring side.

There is also the story of the young lad who missed the entire Yorkshire second innings in the West Indies match whilst in search of a toilet. But do not get the wrong idea. From Yorkshire's point of view, as well as the spectators, cricket at Abbeydale has been a huge success.

Financially, the proceeds from Yorkshire's two games at Abbeydale compare very favourably with other top grounds in Yorkshire. Indeed, Bradford Park Avenue will seldom have had the numbers of spectators who, in fine summer weather, flock to the picturesque ground just down the road. From the players' side, the facilities are excellent and, for the spectator, the atmosphere is one of a festival game.

A great deal of hard work goes into making the ground fit and the event a success. Seats are put out by members of Collegiate Cricket Club who also collect the litter every evening. However, as far as we, the players, are concerned, it is very much worth the effort and we look forward to our ground being the home of Yorkshire cricket for some years to come.

One final point - did you know that Abbeydale Park holds what is probably a unique record in English cricket. It has served as the home county ground for two counties. Derbyshire played there before the war.

COMING NEXT MONTH: CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER DIARY

- 4 Totley County School Bonfire for pupils, families, staff, only.
- 5 All Saints School and Sunday School Bonfire Party.
- 7 Totley Listening Group 'Concert Classics' by Bill McDonald, Totley Branch Library 8.15 p.m.
- 8 United Nations Ass. Talk on 'Human Rights in Chile' 8 p.m. Vicarage.
- 8 Lecture and Recital by Martin Hardy, bassoonist, King Egbert Lower Hall.
- 9 Children's Films - Totley Branch Library 5 p.m.
- 11 'Old' Totley Evening, All Saints Church Hall 7.45 (see page 2)
- 14 Hillfoot Ladies Club Toy Fair 7.30. United Reformed Church.
- 16 'It's a colourful world' Bob Warburton talk, Highfield Library 8.15 p.m.
- 16 Young Mothers Club "Herbs and their uses" 10.15 a.m. All Saints Church.
- 17 Floral Exhibition, United Reformed Church.
- 17 Totley Residents Association Bring and Buy coffee morning, Mrs. Milnes 7 Green Oak Drive. Proceeds to Christmas Fayre.
- 17 'Interior Design' talk, Conservative Club, 7.30 p.m. (See Page 2)
- 19 All Saints School Parent Teachers Association Jumble Sale 2 p.m.
- 19 Christmas Gift Market, United Reformed Church, Lunches £1.50, starts 10 a.m.
- 26 Totley County School Jumble Sale 1.45 p.m.
- 26 All Saints Christmas Fayre 2.30 p.m.
- 26 Disco, United Reformed Church, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 25p.
- 28 Hillfoot Ladies Club, talk on Cake Icing, 7.30 p.m. United Ref. Church
- 30 - December 3rd - T.O.A.D.S. "Celebration" St. Johns Church Hall, 7.30. Tickets from Chambers, Totley Rise, or Sec. Kate Walker, telephone 364749.

DECEMBER

- 1 Workshop coffee morning 10.30, opened by Mistress Cutler; crafts, gifts, bring and buy. Cheshire Homes, Mickley Lane.
- 2 Scott Hopkins M.P. talk on topical events. Conservative Club.
- 3 Totley Residents Association Christmas Fayre, Abbeydale Hall, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (see page 2).

ON THE RIGHT LINES

TOTLEY could be one of the first areas in Sheffield to benefit from plans to resurrect the tram.

The County Council are seriously considering a new tram system, running on its own tracks, segregated from other traffic, as they believe it could be cheaper and quicker than existing public transport.

Sheffield in 1960 was the last major British city to lose its trams.

The new trams would be of the modern European style designed to carry about 200 people.

Totley, as a major commuter suburb, would be one of the first districts to benefit from the new system.

Transport officials are also studying the possibility of electrifying and increasing the frequency of train services to Totley.

NEW SECRETARY

Peter Weston has resigned as Honorary Secretary of the Totley Residents Association and Eileen Wood has been elected in his place.

We would like to thank Peter for his great help in establishing the T.R.A.

T.O.A.D.S spawn another

THE OTHER flourishing local amateur dramatic society, T.O.A.D.S. present their next play this month.

Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society was founded 27 years ago but the title belies its present purely dramatic aims; but they are reluctant to remove the 'O' for Operatic as "T.O.A.D.S." is a well known name in Sheffield.

New members are always welcome and rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening in St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South.

The Autumn production is "Celebration", a two-act comedy by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Holt. It revolves around last minute preparations for a wedding reception, the aftermath of a funeral and the ensuing family wrangles.

See diary for 30th November

HIGHLY STRUNG

MUSICIAN Ted Tingle struck a happy note when he cleaned up an old violin which he bought in a Liverpool junk shop 40 years ago, for on it was the magic name Stradivarius, and if it was genuine it could have been worth more than £100,000.

Alas, the violin turned out to be a copy but there's many a good tune played on an old fiddle and Ted, of Green Oak Drive, Totley, took it to an expert in Leeds, just in case. He said the violin is a very valuable 250-year-old Clutz - which could be worth thousands of pounds.

"It is a valuable and very beautiful instrument, made by the best German maker 250 years ago" said Ted, who has been a solo violinist for many years. "I think that someone must have put the name Stradivari on it after it was made".

He plans to keep it at present but if the right offer comes along he will sell it.

And now Ted has another string to his bow. He plans to give violin lessons to local youngsters either at his home or theirs.

APOLOGIES-CHEMISTS

We apologise for 2 mistakes in the last issue. Mr. Burton, the Chemist, of 45 Baslow Road is also open until 1pm on Thursday. We also wrongly typed Mr. Rankescroft and it should be Raikescroft, the Chemist, of 185 Baslow Road.

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