

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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Trains every 15 minutes to Totley and Dore?

TRANSPORT Officials have revealed to the Independent plans of a possible shake-up in Totley's commuter traffic. South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive Press Officer Alan Marshall, told the Independent of the various transport proposals under consideration. He said that S.Y.P.T.E. would like to 'feed' Dore Station more frequently. If the suggested Chesterfield - Sheffield pay train comes into service, trains could be stopping at the station every 15 minutes. The big snag with the present service is that it is so limited at present - 7.36 and 8.32 in the morning and 17.30 or 19.30 back in the evening and so it is not often convenient as commuters still have to travel to and from the station. We have published a pay train timetable in this issue to give you some idea of the services provided and you can see how limited they are. At present about 100 people use the train every day, with the bulk travelling at commuter times. As on bad winter days the passenger traffic increases by 50%, B.R. hope that a more frequent service would attract more custom.

Buses cheaper

The pay train fare to Sheffield is 16p which is more than the bus but the train can be 4 or 5 times quicker, although you have to add on travelling time to the station, which is quite remote from both Dore and Totley. A B.R. time-saver ticket, which costs £1.35 per week can be used for any number of journeys. For example, if you made 6 return trips to Sheffield each week, the fare would work out at 11 p. A B.R. spokesman said that they would like to reduce fares and introduce return tickets, but at present the pay train machinery is only geared to single fares.



Pensioners pay full

Pensioners, however, would not benefit from the improved service as they would not be allowed to use their free passes. This line is one of only three in South Yorkshire not to benefit from the free ticket scheme. The reason being that Hope Valley line goes through into another county. This particular line is also being looked at in the S.Y.P.T.E.'s plans and trains on this route would also pass through Dore Station.

Totley Brook station?

The possibility of a small pay train station at Totley Brook is also under review.

Ring a bus

The S.Y.P.T.E. are also considering a daily 'dial-a-ride' mini-bus service which passengers could ring up and arrange to be picked up and taken to the station. From there it is only 8 minutes or so to the city centre. This bus would be used to feed an improv-

ed and more regular train service. Far from ignoring Totley, the transport planners are having a good hard look at the area and exploring its possibilities.

S.Y.P.T.E. point out that local transport policy is to make public transport more attractive to motorists. More bus lanes are included in plans for roads leading into Sheffield from the south, which would mean more queues for car owners from this end of the city.

LATE NEWS

The Sheffield - New Mills - Manchester line may be subject to delays on Sundays due to rail engineering work. Notification has been received of a revised schedule on the route for Sunday 5th February until 16.00 hrs. Passengers are urged to check with British Rail before making their journey plans.

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THE SCOUTS of St. Johns have now started work themselves to finish their hut as the contractors won't do any more to it.

Thunderer

WE note that the Mickley Lane has reared its ugly head again. We've heard it all before - you know the traffic problems at the junction of Queen Victoria, Glover, Laverdene and Mickley - but do those people sat in the Town Hall Expensions? Imagine a pub plonked down Mickley with a huge carpark. Of course South Yorkshire Highwaymen will probably solve all our problems by putting in a Totley by-pass with traffic lights at 50 yard intervals through Gillifield Wood. If this scheme is approved by Mr. Jeffrey Winter, newish Director of Planning Design and his various Planning Committees, then I will be finally convinced that Totley will become Sheffield's Disneyland! Perhaps this will really be our "winter of discontent"!

The way we're pushing the city outwards, in another few years Totley will be applying for Inner Urban Renewal Programmes!

The reference number for the pub application is 77/7236P - ask to see it at the new Town Hall Expensions Dept. of Planning and Design.

WHERE TO BUY

THE FOLLOWING SHOPS ARE NOW SELLING THE TOTLEY INDEPENDENT.

AVENUE STORES (Corner Main Avenue)
BROADHEADS (Opp. top of Mickley Lane)
FRUITERAMA (Totley Rise shops)
MARTINS NEWSAGENTS (Bottom of Busheywood Road)
MOULDS (Opposite Totley Rise shops)
PERKINTONS (Corner Main Avenue)
STRAKERS (Opposite top of Mickley Lane)
SWIFTS NEWSAGENTS (Totley Rise Shops)
WOLLERTON RD. NEWSAGENTS (Bradway)
DORE POST OFFICE
THE pubs if you hurry.

Down the lime?

REMEMBER our report in the first issue about the lime tree being protected? Well..... Last month residents in the Quadrant received notices of an appeal against the Tree Preservation Order, imposed as a result of a petition which was featured in the first issue of the 'Independent'. The lime has so far escaped the fate of the neighbouring horse chestnuts and letters supporting its right to exist have been sent off.

PROGRESSING

IN December we were able to arrange a meeting between Senior Staff at the Polytechnic, including principal Dr. George Tolley, and a small working group representing Totley Residents Association. Our proposals for use of facilities at Totley College were met with interest and enthusiasm. From this and other subsequent meetings, we could see that the College could have an important role to play in this community.

One direct result was that we were able to use the Dining Hall for our Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Apart from the use of rooms and facilities, we envisage a number of ways in which College and community can work together on local history, sociological, educational and other projects. In more immediate terms, we will shortly be using the Gymnasium on Friday evenings for football training with the under-14 team and also the Totley Cub Scout Team. We are also to have the use of the gym for teenage or adult table tennis and badminton.

Already we have 20 potential members for a T.R.A. photographic section which has applied for accommodation at the College.

We hope that this will herald the beginning of a strong relationship between local residents and the College. (See also p.7)

HOME HEAT HOME

JOE and Nellie Husband dreamed of spending a quiet retirement in Totley. When their cottage in Summer Lane was demolished, they had no desire to leave the village where they had lived in happiness for many years. So they applied for a new home on the newly-built Aldam Estate after a short move into Dore. They came to Green Oak Crescent three years ago and since then, their dreams of the quiet life have been shattered. The kind council have built a boiler room on to their home as part of the estate's heating system. And the noise and vibrations have meant endless sleepless nights for the couple and illness for Nellie, who is 68. The council promised last year to try to solve the problem. They mentioned moving the Husbands to another district. But still they wait and the ceaseless noise invades their every day and night.

"It is one continuous drone" said

72 year old former railwayman Joe. "The noise and the vibration comes right through the wall. We will never get used to it". The snag is that Joe and Nellie are really otherwise happy where they are apart from the noise!

Totley Brook's rubbish

TOTLEY Brook Tenants and Residents Association recently hired a van and collected over 130 bags of rubbish left over from Christmas, dumping them at the council tip in Gleadless. The Association has almost 180 members paying an annual membership fee of 20p.

Bachelor has 3 kids!

TWO Totley teachers set themselves a pile of homework - and now they have gone up a degree in everyone's estimation.

For 37-year-old Bevan McCracken of Rowan Tree Dell and 50-year-old John Treece of Green Oak Road have graduated from the Open University. Mr. McCracken, who is married with 2 children, works at the Maud Maxfield School for the Deaf. He got a degree in Social Sciences.

Mr. Treece, who has now fulfilled his ambition to get a Bachelor of Arts degree, has 3 children.

OK FOR OTHERS

THE SCOUT Hut at St. John's has been standing for some time, half-finished and forlorn. This seems to be because the contractors think they've completed it, while everybody else thinks not. The suspense grows - what will happen next? Meanwhile, up at the Harold Jackson School, Bradway Scouts have a magnificent new centre steadily nearing completion. Facilities there will cope with sports, socials, play-groups etc. Anyone who would like to make use of it when finished is invited to contact Roger Davis, 80 Wollaton Road (361327).

Up at Holmesfield, they've been using their new Village Hall for 2 months now. Shall we ever have one too?

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The Badger

IN several places in and around Totley, a careful search would reveal traces of our largest remaining carnivore - the badger. Badgers are shy and nocturnal and so we may be forgiven for thinking that because we don't see them, they don't exist locally. They live in setts, underground homes which are far more complex than a simple burrow. These setts may be in use literally for centuries, and may be extended and amended by successive generations of badgers. The site is usually within easy reach of water, and locally, all setts are on hillsides or banks. They are kept scrupulously clean, bedding is changed regularly and there is also a

toilet area some distance from the sett so that domestic conditions are always clean and sweet-smelling. 'Brock' is a very sturdy creature with powerful jaws and a thick-set body on short, stout legs. It is difficult to accept that he belongs to the same family as the lithe, sinuous weasels. He will eat any plant or animal he can; bluebells are often dug up whilst weak, sick or unwary rodents and rabbits will be taken - the fit ones usually escape, for Brock is not the fleetest of foot. Slower creatures such as frogs, insects and the seemingly inedible hedgehog are eaten regularly whilst wasp grubs are dug out of their nests. How the badger escapes the wrath of the adult wasps is difficult to explain. His extremely thick skin and dense fur may be of great help, but some stings must get home. It might just be that the delicacy of wasp grubs outweighs the discomfort.

Some years ago, one enjoyable May evening was spent badger-watching. A large sow and her three cubs kept me entertained for over half an hour at dusk as they played tig around the entrance to the sett. It was quite

uncanny how the seemingly conspicuous black and white facial stripes became very difficult to pick out in the deepening night. The cubs looked like rather hairy doormats on springs as they capered up and down the bankside whilst the sow looked on stolidly for a while before brushing noisily through the undergrowth to the stream.

The badger's only enemy is man. Many badgers are still caught and killed - usually by digging during the daytime. It is strange to relate that, before the passing of the latest Bill through Parliament, making the killing of badgers illegal, the only offence being committed by the badger hunters was cruelty to the dogs they sent down the sett to occupy the badger whilst it was dug out. Dachshunds were previously bred for this purpose - hence their long body and short undercarriage. In some southern counties, badgers were believed to have caused the spread of bovine tuberculosis to cattle and the wholesale gassing of setts took place. Thankfully, there is no evidence of this locally so our locals are at least safe on that count.

Youth steps in

NEW owner of Robinsons, the grocer's shop at Totley Rise, is Christian Hepplewhite. He took over the shop at the end of November but also runs another at Hunters Bar. When Christian left school in the summer of 1976, his father suggested that he ran the Hunters Bar business. Now, eighteen months later, Christian aged 19, has long-term ambitions to build up a chain of five or six shops. "If they're all as good as the Totley Rise one, I'll do fine!" he says. Running the Totley Rise shop has not been too hard but Christian has had a lot of help from Mrs. Edna Dyalls, who has worked there for several years. His girl-friend, 18 year old Mandy Flood, serves behind the counter of the Hunters Bar shop.

King Egberts Holidays

SPRING term finishes on Friday, 17th March and the school starts back on Monday, 3rd April. The summer term ends on Friday, 21st July. Mid-term holidays are Monday, 13th February to Friday, 17th February and Monday, 22nd May to Friday, 2nd June. Remember 1st May is a Public Holiday too.

Sorry Cricket

FOR some inexplicable reason we omitted the "cricket" from the list of Totley pubs in the last months quiz answers.

We also missed out the position of the public convenience which is, of course, just below the Cross Scythes on Baslow Road.

Anyone know anything about the history of this Hillfoot Road cottage? The date stone reads: AW 1704



Why no belfry?

Felicity Crowther has been trying to find out why there is no belfry at All Saints. The church was built in 1924 although it was made to look much older by architect Mr.G.C.Thompson of Derby. Does anyone know?

PAYTRAIN GUIDE FROM DORE (& TOTLEY)

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS

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SHEFFIELD d	05.40	05.45	06.43	09.33	12.20	14.50	16.32	17.30	19.30	21.38	09.05	11.25	16.15	18.36	SHEFFIELD	P 16p
DORE d	05.48	05.53	06.51	09.41	12.28	14.58	16.40	17.38	19.38	21.46	09.20	11.40	16.23	18.44	DORE	FP
GRINDLEFORD d	05.56	06.01	06.59	09.49	12.36	15.06	16.48	17.46	19.46	21.54	09.39	11.59	16.31	18.52	GRINDLEFORD	FP 28p
HATHERSAGE d	06.00	06.05	07.03	09.53	12.40	15.10	16.52	17.50	19.50	21.58	09.49	12.09	16.35	18.56	HATHERSAGE	FP 34p
BAMFORD d	06.04	06.09	07.07	09.57	12.44	15.14	16.56	17.54	19.54	22.02	09.54	12.14	16.39	19.00	BAMFORD	FP 41p
HOPE d	06.08	06.13	07.11	10.01	12.48	15.18	17.00	17.58	19.58	22.06	09.57	12.17	16.43	19.04	HOPE	FP 50p
EDALE d	06.17	06.22	07.20	10.10	12.57	15.27	17.09	18.07	20.07	22.15	10.20	12.40	16.52	19.13	EDALE	FP 72p
CHINLEY d	06.28	06.33	07.31	10.21	13.08	15.38	17.20	18.18	20.18	22.26	10.47	13.07	17.03	19.24	CHINLEY	FP 98p
NEW MILLS c	06.35	06.40	07.40	10.28	13.15	15.45	17.27	18.25	20.28	22.33	11.03	13.23	17.10	19.31	NEW MILLS C.	1.10p
*MANCHESTER a	07.13	07.24	08.26	11.15	14.15	16.15	18.11	19.12	21.15	23.16	12.04	14.04	17.59	20.09	MANCHESTER	P 1.96p

TRAIN SERVICE INFORMATION: PHONE 26411 (24 HR SERVICE).

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NEW MILLS _d	06.50	07.46	10.33	13.31	16.15	17.55	19.08	21.13	22.52	10.18	13.28	17.18	18.15	20.15	NEW MILLS C.		1.10p
CHINLEY _d	06.58	07.54	10.41	13.39	16.23	18.03	19.16	21.21	23.00	10.35	13.45	17.26	18.23	20.23	CHINLEY	FP	98p
EDALE _d	07.10	08.06	10.53	13.51	16.35	18.15	19.28	21.33	23.12	11.01	14.11	17.38	18.35	20.35	EDALE	FP	72p
HOPE _d	07.17	08.13	11.00	13.58	16.42	18.22	19.35	21.40	23.19	11.25	14.35	17.45	18.42	20.42	HOPE	FP	50p
BAMFORD _d	07.20	08.16	11.03	14.01	16.45	18.25	19.38	21.43	23.22	11.28	14.38	17.48	18.45	20.45	BAMFORD	FP	41p
HATHERSAGE _d	07.24	08.20	11.07	14.05	16.49	18.29	19.42	21.47	23.26	11.33	14.43	17.52	18.49	20.49	HATHERSAGE	FP	34p
GRINDLEFORD _d	07.28	08.24	11.11	14.09	16.53	18.33	19.46	21.51	23.30	11.43	14.53	17.56	18.53	20.53	GRINDLEFORD	FP	28p
DORE _d	07.36	08.32	11.19	14.17	17.01	18.41	19.54	21.59	23.38	12.02	15.12	18.04	19.01	21.01	DORE	FP	
SHEFFIELD _a	07.45	08.41	11.28	14.26	17.10	18.50	20.03	22.08	23.47	12.14	15.26	18.13	19.10	21.10	SHEFFIELD	P	16p

NOTES: A - Does not run Bank Holidays 27th March and 1st May B - Until 26th March C - From 2nd APRIL
S - Saturdays only, X - Saturdays excepted, * - change at New Mills Central P - Car parking facilities
are available (fee payable), FP - Free car parking at or near station, b - second class only
c - change at Chinley, g - Grindleford pick-up/set down point is Maynard Arms Hotel
BDB - By bus service between Sheffield - New Mills Central / New Mills Central - Sheffield.

* NB. Engineering work often affects Sunday service and passengers are advised to check train times before travel.

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New manager

Mr. R. V. Mowforth, the Totley Rise branch manager of the National Westminster Bank has moved to the Dale Road, Matlock, branch. In December, Totley residents were amazed when they were served by Mr. Mowforth and his staff who were dressed up in a variety of national costumes. Apparently this was a scheme for promoting the various holiday services the bank offers.

The new manager is Mr. Frank Smith who has previously worked at the Darnall and Heeley branches.

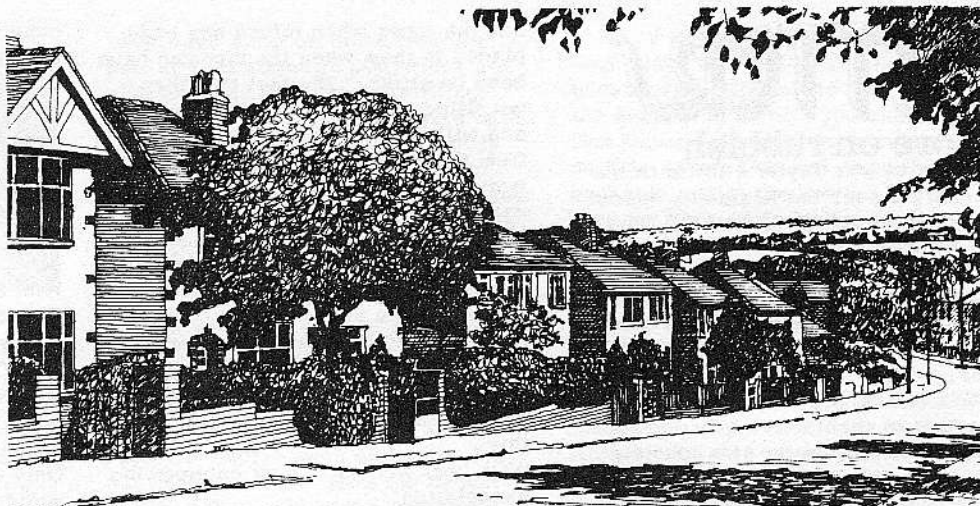
Olden days

"Old Sheffield - Part 1" is the title of a talk, illustrated by slides, to be given in Totley Branch Library on 14th February at 8.15 p.m. by Mr. E. L. Vernon. Admission is free and all are welcome.

YOUR STREET

Main Avenue

THIS view shows Main Avenue about 10 years ago. Many of the houses were built in the 1930's when the road and area was called 'New Totley' with Park Lane leading off in the direction of All Saints Church. Main Avenue was built on the line of an old footpath which ran downhill between two old fields called War Furlong and Little Near War Furlong. This old path came across the fields from near Cannon Hall and ran up to Mickley Lane near Cheshire Homes. Up until just before the Second World War, Main Avenue was still little more than a dirt track. We hope to write about the people and events in Main Avenue. If you have any interesting stories, please contact us.



TONY GETS T'BIRD

WHEN Cross Scythes landlord Tony Oldham shouts 'pull' on the moors high above Totley, no bar maids spring into action. But a clay pigeon is sent wheeling up into the air - and Tony aims, fires and sometimes hits. For Tony is a member of the Sheffield Muzzle Loader's Association - an exclusive band of enthusiasts dedicated to preserving the skill of shooting with antique guns. Tony has been muzzle loading since he took over the Cross some years ago and now has a collection of five usable guns between 100 and 150 years old.

All muzzle loaders are fiercely proud of their sport, which they claim is the most skilful form of shooting. They say they can load their guns with powder and shot in seconds rather than minutes, as everyone believes.

Tony, who is just starting competition shooting, practices on Sunday mornings behind the Peacock.

BRING AND BUY

THERE is a bring and buy coffee morning at Mrs. Watson's, 18 Lemont Road, on Wednesday, 22nd Feb. 10-12.30 in aid of the All Saints Ladies Working Party.

We are assured that everyone is welcome, particularly any potential members. The Ladies Working Party make cake, jams, needlework etc. to help raise money to finance stalls at the Summer Pete and Autumn Fayre.

Sam Sam pick up tha musket

and blow holes in the scheme to develop 65 houses off Totley Hall Lane! Coun. Sam Wall, chairman of the Sheffield Councils Development Plans Sub Committee is reported to have told press there was no objection in principle to the proposal. "There are one or two things to be tidied up, so we deferred the application" he said. May we ask what things? And in view of the violation of not only provisional green belt but also a conservation area, what public participation are you arranging?

By far the worst aspect of the application is the high volume of traffic pouring out of Totley Hall Lane. This morning we counted three double-deck buses parked close by, schoolchildren crossing, busy commuter traffic coming from four directions and heavy lorries coming in from Derbyshire. Perhaps the committee just doesn't get up at that hour to see the existing results of bad planning without adding to it!

As if to add insult to injury, the expected plan to extend the Fleur de Lys carpark has now also gone in to the Town Hall Expensions for inevitable approval. (Ref.No. LB78/159P).

Hoarse play

TOTLEY Ladies Choir meet every Tues. from 7.30-9.00 at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Rd. where they enjoy a happy and friendly atmosphere. If you have a love of singing a wide range, including folk and church music as well as the work of well-known composers, then contact Mrs. K.Ward. She is looking for new members and can be contacted at 22, Chatsworth Road, tel. 351472.

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LETTERS

More on rubbish

Further to Mr. Taylor's letter in the January issue, the Residents Association wrote to the Cleansing Dept. as follows:-

Dear Sirs,

The attention of the Totley Residents Association has been drawn to the dumping of rubbish in and around Totley, with particular reference to the piles of unsightly and insanitary cartons of rubbish regularly deposited to overflowing in the two concrete litter containers at Totley Rise. It would appear that this should more appropriately be taken to Blackstock Refuse Dump. We understand the householders of Totley Rise have already taken up this matter with various departments without success and we have been asked to look into the problem.

Whilst we appreciate this may be a difficult matter to control, it is causing offence, not only to the residents of Totley Rise, but to all who use the shopping precinct and there is, in addition, a health hazard in that vermin will be attracted by the remains of food etc. left with the rubbish. Perhaps better advertisement for the invaluable 'Blackstock', where so many of us take garden/do-it-yourself rubbish, would help or have you any ideas for non-car-owners and those unwilling to drive miles to the dump?

Yours faithfully, E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

COMMENT

We are pleased to see that action was taken immediately and not only did the rubbish disappear but also the large waste bins (one of which anyway tended to obscure the view of motorists entering Baslow Rd. from Glover Rd. Unfortunately, the large bins do not appear to have been replaced by any other smaller ones.

AND THEN WE HAD....

Dear Sir,

May I ask your help in requesting the Sheffield Corporation to replace the litter bins on Totley Rise. I believe these were removed at the request of a local resident who has only lived at Totley Rise for a very short time. The bins have been there many years and are a great help in keeping the "Rise" tidy, in spite of the odd "scavenging, underfed dog"

and the times when refuse has been placed in them when the bin-men have been on strike. The fact that they get filled shows the need for them and will help to discourage people from throwing empty bottles and cans over the hedges where they are a great danger to domestic animals.

Whilst on the subject of the amenities of Totley Rise, could the Council be persuaded to provide a public convenience. At the shops we are constantly asked for "toilets" and when we lived on the Rise, our garden and woodland was often used as such. The new owners may well take exception to this.

With best wishes to your enterprising Association.

Yours sincerely, A.M. Thompson.

NO FOULING PLEASE

WHILE acknowledging the companionship that a dog or cat brings to its owner, one must be aware of the health hazards e.g. Toxoplasmosis, in keeping such a pet, not only to the owner but those persons who may come into contact with the pet's excrement, either directly or indirectly.

Toxoplasmosis infection is caused by a small egg found in the excrement of cats or dogs which, when deposited on the grass, will not be washed into the soil because of its lightness.

These small eggs may, when they come into contact with a child or adult, enter the blood stream, there changing into parasites which may become encysted in the brain. The unborn child of the pregnant women being most vulnerable. Scientists have found connections between such diseases as Toxoplasmosis and Muscular Sclerosis. So please, next time you allow your pet to foul a public area, give a few seconds thought for the health of others.

Mrs. B. Gelsthorpe.

COMMENT

AS the content of this letter can be worrying, we did check with an authority on the subject who said "It is not uncommon to find signs that pet owners at some time have had sub-clinical infection although they may not have shown any symptoms. The real danger is to the unborn child and to very young children who seem to pick up the infection more easily. It is also not uncommon to find that this infection leads to blindness in particular, or to mental retardation".

FROM OUR MAN IN LONDON

I was most interested to receive a

copy of the December issue of the Totley Independence(!) and read with interest the insertion about local councillors and the Member of Parliament.

Thank you for drawing my attention to this very excellent News Sheet published by the Totley Residents Association and may I reciprocate your best wishes for the New Year.

John H. Osborn, M.A. M.P.

House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

COMMENT

FOLLOWING our publication of the names and addresses of your local councillors and M.P. we sent copies of the 'Independent' to all seven. Only Mr. Osborn bothered to reply whilst Councillor Blake rang.

A quick survey around Totley residents showed that hardly anyone had seen or heard of most of our 'democratically' elected representatives.

SIGNS FOR THE 30's

THE POLICE sometimes have radar traps in Baslow Road and it seems to me that it would be better to prevent speeding rather than catch the culprits. The whole road has a 30 m.p.h. limit but there are no reminders in the entire length!

Surely money spent on radar traps would be better spent on a few "30" signs on the lamp posts?

Jackie Fletcher, 253 Baslow Road.

SPEEDING THROUGH TOTLEY

A Mr. H. Ashton in a letter to the Sheffield Telegraph in 1933 wrote "I think I can lay claim to having owned one of Sheffield's earliest motor cars. It was a two-seater, belt-driven contraption, fitted with a single-cylinder, French-built engine which I bought about 1895. The outstanding memories are the adventures when it was taken out on the roads. Once when I had managed to get it up to Totley Rise, on to Owlbar, then by Fox House, Ecclesall and home to Nether Edge, I felt something had been achieved. Petrol cost 7d. (3p) then".

NEW LOOK

THE NEW opticians on Totley Rise has now been open for about two months and a surprisingly large number of people have been in to see what it is like. Mr. Fordham, who already has one business on Spital Hill, Sheffield, has had plenty of eye tests to carry out (presumably on adults as well as pupils).

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SPORTS

BADMINTON

THE BADMINTON SECTION of Totley Residents Association is flourishing at King Ecgbert's and the Association is now negotiating for a further evening, this time at Totley College Gymnasium and possibly on Sunday evenings. Charges are not yet known and full details will be published in the March issue of the 'Independent'.

TENNIS

THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION hope also to have the use of courts at Totley College during the summer and we are making plans with the Head of Recreation at the Polytechnic.

FISHING

TOTLEY Sports and Social Club Fishing Section have confirmed the following dates:

Sweepstake, 2nd July 1978 at North Level, River Tydd.

Annual Weekend Trip 9/10 September at Long Mynd, Church Stretton, close to the River Severn with an evening stay at Shrewsbury.

If you are interested in fishing and want to join the club, it only costs 25p. For more details contact John Hughes, 19 Aldam Rd. Tel: 365499. John can usually be found at that well known fisherman's haunt 'The Cross Scythes' most Fridays and Sundays.

TOTLEY SPORTS FOOTBALL

7th January

1st team v Clowne M.W. (A) 3-1

2nd team v Buxton Eagle (H) 2-3

14th January

1st team v Harpur Hill (A) 4-0

2nd team v Duron (H) 0-5

The first team's win against Clowne now takes them through to the semi-finals of the Derbyshire Junior Cup.

CROSS COUNTRY

IN the first spring meeting of the 1978 Sheffield Schools Cross Country League, last Saturday, Gary Walters of King Ecgbert's came 3rd in the first year section. Gary, of Greenoak Avenue is also a keen footballer and a former pupil at All Saints.

Scrambling

14 year old Colin, son of the 'Independent' printer, Jack Marsh, was busy demonstrating his skills as a motor bike scrambler on television's 'Multi-coloured Swap Shop' last week. Colin has already collected six trophies during his eighteen months of scrambling.

Skateboarding away

The problems for skateboarders in Totley is the same as most other areas of the country. Roads and pavements are too dangerous to use and so local youngsters have been unofficially using Totley College carpark. Good news for the future though, boys! Totley Residents Association have been holding talks with the Polytechnic and we hope to be able to have the use of a specific area at the College within the next month.

SLALOM CHAMP

14 year old Andrew Fisher of Meadow Grove is one of the local experts at the new craze which is currently sweeping the country. Andy recently came 1st in a team slalom race and 3rd in an event for individuals during a competition at Dronfield Sports Centre. An enterprising Scout Troup at St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road South, recently held a skateboarding competition to raise funds. Andrew Fisher won a 2nd place in that event. Andrew Fisher, Jeremy Parrish and Dale Orton are thinking of starting up a club for serious skateboarders. If you are interested, we hope to publish details in the next 'Independent'.

TOTLEY UNDER 14

THE TEAM showed signs of improvement in their last match against league leaders Thurlstone. After making the long journey to Penistone, Totley were one goal down with ten boys on the field when new signing Wayne Mills made a strong run down the right and lofted the ball into the far corner of the net. With icy Pennine winds blasting and snow threatening, the second half turned out to be a hard-fought battle with Thurlstone increasing their lead to 5-1 before Totley, now with a full team, put out the home team's defence with a well-struck goal from a difficult angle. Minutes later, Martin Scriven of Quarry Road, made it 5-3. Unfortunately, Thurlstone were let off the hook when goalkeeper, Steve Woolley of Queen Victoria Road, had his cap eaten by two sheepdogs. The home team clinched the match with a late goal but it was no disgrace for Totley, currently bottom of the 2nd Division. No other team had taken 3 goals off the league leaders this season. Man of the match was young Simon Dickinson of Greenoak Road for persistent running and tackling against much larger lads.



200 YRS OLD

INSIDE the Longshaw Estate is a tall wooden pole which gave its name to the road which runs between the Calver road and Fox House. The stone base to the pole is inscribed T 1778 TW. According to the Clarion Handbook 1928/29, these markings mean Totley 1778 Thomas Willoughby. Thomas was a former Lord of the Manor and an ancestor of the last Lord of the Manor, Lord Middleton.

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WHITE CARS FOR WEDDINGS

FEBRUARY DIARY

- 4 Sunday School Jumble Sale, 2 p.m., All Saints Church
- 4 Boys Brigade Jumble Sale, Methodist Church
- 6 Hillfoot Ladies Club A.G.M. 7.30, United Reformed Church
- 7 United Ref. Church Play Group Coffee Evening, 7.45.
- 9 U.N. Association "China" 8 p.m., 32 Stonecroft Road.
- 10 Totley Townswomens Guild "Canals" by Mrs. Hawkins, 7.30, Abbeydale Hall.
- 10 Community Arts Group, Hadow String Quartet, 8 p.m. King Egbert Lower School.
- 11 Corrymeela Coffee Morning 10 a.m.-12, United Ref. Church
- 11 St. Johns Jumble Sale
- 14 Childrens Films in the Branch Library, 5 p.m.
- 14 Mr. Vernon on 'Old Sheffield', 8.15 at the Branch Library.
- 14 Dore Village Society's Spring Meeting.
- Sound films shown by Mr. Turner of the British Waterways Board. 8 p.m., Dore Church Hall.
- 17 St. Johns Womens Fellowship. Jumble Sale. 7.30.
- 18 Scout Group Social Evening 8 p.m., All Saints Church Hall. Tickets 75p. (Ring 366106).
- 21 King Egbert Association - Youth Employment, Dr. Kingston. 7.30 Lower School.
- 22 Coffee Morning for P.D.S.A. 10 a.m., 6 Mercia Drive.
- 23 Official Opening of Cheshire Home Extension by the Duchess of Devonshire.
- 25 Paper Collection at United Ref. Church
- 25 Scouts Jumble Sale, 2 p.m. United Ref. Church
- 29 Totley Residents Association Guided Tour of the Moon, 8 p.m. Bring suitable clothing.

March

- 1 Joint U.N.A. - Wednesday Fellowship 8 p.m., Methodist Church. Dr. Ferdinand. Impressions of Rumania.
- 2 Young Mothers Group, Clothes Sale, 8 p.m. All Saints Church.
- 10 Totley Townswomens Guild "Travel" by Mr. Pearson, 7.30, Abbeydale Hall.
- 14 "Derbyshire and the Lake District" by Mrs. Wibberley, 8.15 p.m. at the Library.

THE CHESHIRE LAMBS

THE CHESHIRE Home on Mickley Lane held its first wedding reception on 26th January, following the marriage of George Lamb and Audrey Longley, both residents at the Home. The cake was made there and was cut beneath an archway of silver bells and orange blossom made by the residents. Audrey came here in November just for a break but after meeting George, didn't want to go back.

Playgroup places

THE PLAYGROUP at the United Reformed Church has vacancies for Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9.15-12 noon). Any enquiries to Mrs. White, 369268. The Group will be helping to organise the Nearly New Shop on Church Street in the week of March 6th and if you've got any nearly new articles, they'll be gratefully received! (Ring 367386 or 366673).

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Alan Jockel Chairman	37 Sunnyvale Road	362322
Arthur Milnes Vice Chairman	7 Green Oak Drive	350131
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Brian Bentley Treasurer	2 Laverdene Road	351110
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BOYS BRIGADE

FOR over 25 years the Boys Brigade has been active in Totley and district with the 22nd Sheffield Company at Totley Rise Methodist Church. The Brigade is a christian organisation catering for boys aged 8 years and over, providing the widest possible selection of activities; physical, social and educational. In addition, the boys of the Company Section (aged 11 years and over) enjoy an annual camp (this year in South Devon) and week-end camps in Derbyshire. The basis of the programme is Company Parade Night, which is held at the Methodist Church Schoolrooms.

Junior Section (8-11 years) meet Fridays, 7 p.m. Instructional activities, hobbies and games.

Company Section (11 yrs and over) meet Fridays, 7.30 p.m. for Parade Night, including drill, badgework - (there are over 25 badges to work for), and bugle, drum and brass band instruction.

Sunday mornings 10.30 a.m. - Company Section Bible Class.

Monday evenings commencing 7.30 p.m. - Company Section 'Club' Night - badminton, volleyball, hobbies - in fact anything the boys are interested in doing!

There is an active Parents Association who assist with a 'tuck shop' and transport to competitions. As with all Youth Organisations, the support of parents is vital and as both Junior and Company Sections have vacancies for more boys, we would like to ask parents reading this "Are you concerned about the youth of today and does your boy want more interest in life, self-discipline and a chance to be part of a great team"? If your answer is 'yes', please contact the below-named officers, or simply come to our next meeting and see what the Boys' Brigade has to offer you.

Captain: Mr. M. Savage,
2 Everard Drive, Bradway, tel.369002
Lieutenant: Mr. C. Francis,
65 Rowan Tree Dell Totley, tel.364797

TWO HEADS

Mr. Ernest Priestnall; the headmaster of Totley All Saints School, was discharged from hospital in Chesterfield last week. He is now recovering at home and expects to be back at work soon. Over at the County School, Mr. Harry Walch continues to make good progress. In the meantime, deputy head, Mr. Barry Jex, is acting headmaster.