

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## 12 PAGES IN THIS ISSUE

FOR THE first time we have increased the size of the Totley Independent to 12 pages. Despite the 50% increase in reading matter, we are not charging any more than the usual 10p.

Although we may not be able to have a dozen pages in each subsequent issue, there are a number of new features planned. One future issue will be mainly a photographic impression of Totley; this will be planned in conjunction with the newly formed TRA photographic section. If you have any clear photos of Totley's past why not contact us?

### The future

Don't forget that we are always pleased to hear from you; if you have any ideas for features, please get in touch. Our plans include a childrens page, swap shop, gardening and suggested local walks. Unfortunately, a colour supplement is not on the cards.

### TOTLEY'S SECOND SPORTS EVENING PLANNED

PLANS are afoot for repeating last years Sports Evening, a highly successful first-time event. Childrens sports, donkey rides, silver band, senior citizens bowls competition, marching band, stalls, punch and judy, refreshments and fly-past were the main features we hope to see again this year.

Talks are due to be held shortly with the Recreation Department, and we hope to be able to have the use of Greenoak Park on Monday 4th July. Details will be published well in advance and entry slips will be in the Totley Independent soon. Whilst events will be open to all locals, preference will be given to Totley Residents Association members. A new feature will be the revival of a Totley Steeplechase.

## £500,000 FOR FURNISS AVE.

THE RECORD price of over £½ m was paid for the building land between Furniss Avenue and Busheywood Road when it was auctioned by Eadon Lockwood and Riddle in March.

Action group STOP - Save Totley's Open Spaces - put forward alternative uses for the land but outline planning permission was granted for executive housing and the 9½ acre plot was sold.

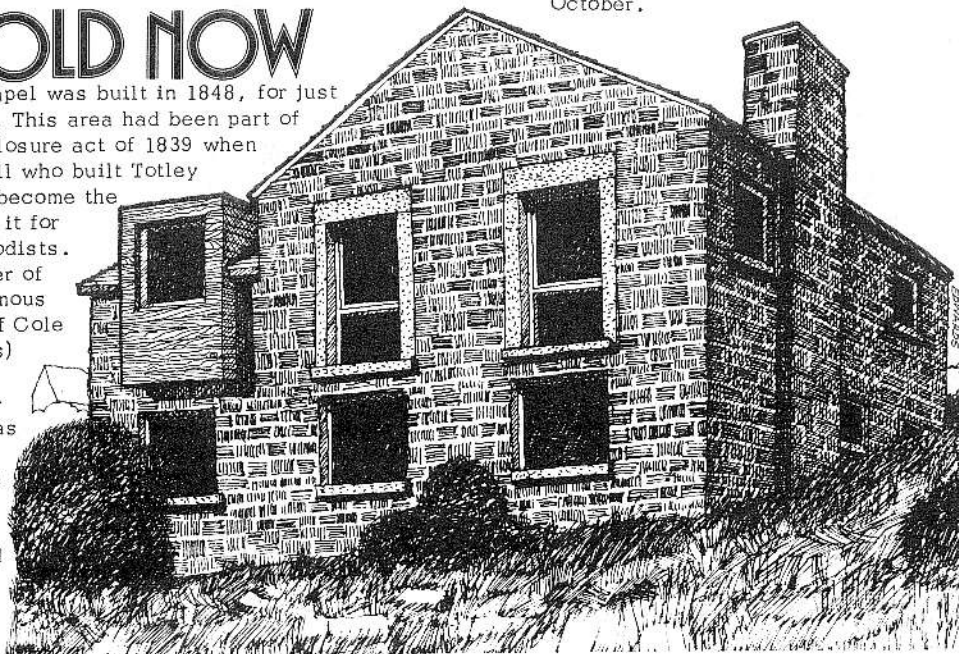
The land was sold in two lots which realised £250,000 and £255,000 respectively. This works out at about £60,000 per acre and is the highest price ever reached for a sale of this kind in Sheffield.

The two purchasers of the land prefer to keep it quiet but we gather one is McLeans Homes who intend to build £30,000 executive-style houses.

McCleans are part of the Tarmac Group who have been involved in the Gosforth Valley Development in Dronfield. The other buyer is rumoured to be Ackroyd & Abbott the Sheffield based builders. Building is expected to start by this October.

## 130 YEARS OLD NOW

TOTLEY Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was built in 1848, for just £180, on land called Hare Croft. This area had been part of the Totley Common until the enclosure act of 1839 when it was allotted to a Mr. Waterfall who built Totley Grove. A local sawyer, later to become the Cross Scythes publican, bought it for £5 and made it over to the Methodists. Among the trustees were a number of local men together with some famous names including Thomas Cole (of Cole Bros.), George (Liquorice Allsorts) Bassett and Francis Cockayne. The Chapel flourished for a number of years and an extension was built in 1898. However falling congregations forced the closure in 1967. Nine years later it was converted into the house shown here. More details may be found in John Dunstan's "History of Methodism in Totley" a copy of which is in the Sheffield Reference Library.



# THUNDERER

## Who's the real villain in society?

YOU may remember that in the last issue we told the tale of Grove Road and mentioned the demolition of the victorian houses by the Estates Department. Totley Residents Association objected and also asked what was happening to the timber demountable buildings at the rear of the site. The official answer was that they were being saved for the education and library departments who couldn't afford for them to be moved. The City Council, having set a fine example in demolition, (and some may say legalised vandalism), cannot but feel proud of the way local youth have followed their lead by smashing the many windows of the timber buildings. This is the kind of leadership society can do without but a situation that is becoming far too common.

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## LOCAL RED CROSS

The Red Cross Society is in good health and is locally centred on Dore. There is an afternoon members group (leader Mrs Haywood at 361531) meeting each first Thursday at 2.30 in Dore Old School. The evening group on alternate Thursdays is at Dore Church Hall 7.30. (Leader Mrs Priestley 360260). The friendship club for over 60s is at 2.15 every Monday in Dore Church Hall.

## "Don't trust 'em"

LAST month's article on the Strange Happenings in Grove Road prompted a response from a Totley Rise resident who believes that the City Council cannot be trusted when it comes to the felling of mature trees. Mrs. M.J. Harrison told the Independent about a copper beech tree opposite her home in Brinkburn Vale Road. When the flats on the road were planned, the Harrisons and their neighbours lost their protest about the development but were assured that the trees

on the site were protected and would not be felled.

Last Easter, a copper beech opposite the Harrison's house and in the grounds of the flats, was chopped down by the Council. Mrs. Harrison said "I have been told that it came down because it was diseased but how do you find out that that's the truth? It didn't look diseased - and the stump is still there. Once a tree has gone there's nothing you can do about it - you can have legal actions and protests, but it won't bring the tree back".

## Mudbath now open

PEOPLE walking through the woods past the building site at West View Close, Totley Rise, could be excused for thinking the area was the site of a giant game of mud pies. The path up to Bradway, which crosses the bridge used by the builders' lorries and climbs the bank up to Prospect Place, disappeared under a sea of mud, navigable in wellies only, with care. The path up to Prospect Place from Totley Rise shops was not affected by the mud-bath - except that a river of mud oozed from the building site into the wood and became a fascinating object to the children who saw it from the path. Fortunately the builders had the sense to fence off the mud pool, now about 30 ft. square and a foot deep, before one of the children could fall in, possibly with fatal results. With the fence came two signs - Danger: Deep Mud, Keep Out. But we are led to wonder how the builders propose to clean up the whole area when the development is complete - and they would no doubt welcome suggestions.....

## Kids room at pub

THE CROSS SCYTHES is soon to have a children's room so you will be able to take your whole family for a drink without having to sit in the confines of a car. But don't worry, regulars, they will not be allowed in the pub

itself. The old bowls hut will be used - it is next to a lawn - a safe place for the children to play. The bowls hut used to be home to the Cross Scythes Bowls Club until a few years ago, when due to an extension to the carpark, most of the bowling green had (?) to go. Since then, the hut has been used only for storage but manager, Tony Oldham, is clearing it out and installing tables and chairs. He hopes to have it ready for mid-April.

## The Lane Again

DESPITE having the backing of the fun-sounding Sheffield City Councils Development Plans Sub Committee, the Totley Hall revised scheme for 81 houses is to be referred back to the Environment Secretary, Peter Shore. Not that that will have much effect unless he receives plenty of letters persuading him to look more carefully into the plan. It was determined opposition from local people which made that Committee decide to go back to the Secretary.

Why not write to us very quickly with your views so that we can pass them on to Mr. Shore - we must have them for the 14th April if they are to have any effect. And then it's going to be a case of wait-and-see Shore - will he beach the scheme and turn the tide? Read about it in your next "Indy".

## PHOTO SOC.CLICKS

BOB WARBURTON reports on a successful first meeting of the photographic section of TRA, to be called Totley & District Photo Society. The first event saw 25 people turn up and a steering committee was formed with Bob as chairman. Another dozen or so wish to join and if you are interested either contact 366824 or 369125. The next meetings are scheduled for 29th March, 12th April and 26th April, 7.30pm in room K16 which is on the top side of Totley Hall Lane in the College.

## TOTLEY SWOPSHOP CHILDREN ONLY

BORED with your toys? How about starting a Totley "Multi-coloured Swop Shop"? If you are interested please write full details of what you have to swop, together with your name and address, and deliver it to TOTLEY SWOP SHOP, Toft House, Totley Hall Lane. Details will then be published in the next Independent.

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SINCE my last monthly bulletin on our local wild life, two prominent members of the local scene have disappeared. A few days ago I received a telephone call informing me that the Totley heron was dead. The place was fairly easy to find and there, lying by the bank of the stream, on the southern edge of Gillfield Wood, was our large bird. A quick examination showed no obvious wounds, so my worst fears - that it had been shot - were not realised. The corpse had been nibbled as it lay there, so was useless to the taxidermist, which means that we shall have no visible record of our outsize visitor. We shall just have to hope that another comes to take up the heron's Totley beat.

A few days after that phone call, I had news of a badger killed on the main road by the brickworks. The body in this case was removed for examination to determine whether the badger had contracted T.B. As yet I have no information regarding the results of the tests, but I am hopeful that no signs of the disease will be found.

My last appeal for information about our mammals has yielded two pieces of information: the presence of a weasel on Queen Victoria Road, and a pygmy shrew on Aldam Road. Other news included details of a local Pied woodpeckers and their possible nesting site. For those who have given me details, many thanks, and let me have more reports from anyone else with information please, phone 369125. Our winter bird-table visitors are becoming more infrequent now, as more of their natural food becomes available. A pair of Willow tits in particular visit us now much less often. To my mind, they are the most attractive of the tit family I have seen. The illustration above shows the general configuration, but until we manage a colour supplement (!) the beautiful oatmeal - coloured underparts will have to exist in your imagination.

Bob Warburton

## LETTERS DIRTY DOGS

I should like to express my agreement with the view of your correspondent with regard to the fouling by dogs of public areas. Quite apart from the health hazards, I find myself increasingly nauseated at having to 'clean up' my two young children after only a short walk to the local shops. We cannot expect, nor would we wish, our toddlers to spend their time out of doors concentrating on their feet. So please let's keep our area clean! Yours faithfully, A. Kyle.

23a The Quadrant, Totley.

### Greater risk for women

WHILST I must agree with Mr. Roberts that *Toxocara canis* is a significant problem, I cannot agree that infection with *Toxoplasma gondii* is not a hazard of note. *Toxoplasmosis* may only be rarely diagnosed in man, but recent work has shown that approx. 20% of women of childbearing age have had a previous *Toxoplasma* infection and, more significantly, approx. 1% of people in this age group acquire an infection per annum. If we therefore assume that this figure holds true for pregnant women then approx. 1 in 100 pregnant women is at risk, and from published work it would seem that at least 10% of their foetuses are likely to sustain some congenital damage. Therefore in the Sheffield Area, it is possible that 1 per 1000 conceptions results in damage to the foetus by *Toxoplasma gondii*.

As Mr. Roberts correctly states, animal infections by *Toxoplasma* are by no means infrequent (as indeed is also true of human *Toxoplasmosis*) but the route of transmission is by no means clear. Animal faeces could be a source of *Toxoplasma* infection; cats have been tentatively implicated, other animals have not been conclusively eliminated. Cat faeces are not normally seen as the normal cat will select a rosebed or other cultivated area and dispose of its own faeces. Many dog owners on the other hand seem to select areas for their dog to foul where the faeces will remain exposed to the rest of the public for the longest possible time and for this reason dog faeces must be a greater hazard for the non-dog owner than cat faeces are for the non-

cat owner.

Mr. Roberts is quite correct in stating that *Toxocara canis* is a significant problem. *Toxoplasma gondii* may be shown to present an even greater problem. Who knows what else may be contained within this problem?

B. Gelsthorpe.

### Exasperated

Mrs Gelsthorpe's concern over the lack of consideration of certain dog owners was mine to such a degree of exasperation, I wrote to the Town Hall in 1972. I am enclosing a copy of the reply I received and you may like to print the most relevant parts. Mrs. B. Drewery, 16 The Quadrant

### COMMENT BY THE EDITORS

Because the above mentioned reply is six years old, we have written to the Environmental Health Officer for an updated comment which will be published as soon as we hear from him.

We have had a number of further complaints and it is obvious that people feel very strongly about this matter. Concern has been voiced at the attitude of some dog owners who, when spoken to, have taken an abusive stand. We heard one tale about a lady who shovelled up the mess and popped it through the offenders letter box.

### Last word on foul-ups?

THE FOREGOING letters clearly indicate the potential health hazard derived from the faeces of our communist pets.

As Mrs. Gelsthorpe's original letter states, as responsible pet owners we should show consideration in preventing, where possible, the fouling of public places by our pets. M.G. Roberts

## HAPPY LOSER

I have been sent the December issue of the Totley Independent and would like to receive subsequent issues during 1978 commencing with January. Quite evidently you have transformed Totley in the last six months or so. I almost wish I was back there but we are very happy where we are. F.W. Standley, 3 St. Johns Close, Cowbridge, Glamorgan. CF7 7HL

## Constructive thought

A few issues ago, you reported that a Day Centre is to be added to Green Oak View. Surely, as this is central, this would be your ideal accommodation solution, making it a dual pur-



# more letters..

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pose building for use as a Community Centre at night. This would keep the residents in touch with the community and vice versa. There would be limitations of course but a little outside local life may well be enjoyed. The extra design costs would be minimal and what would otherwise be a 40 hr. week building, would benefit all. It was not until the appearance of your excellent publication that I realised the number of clubs, societies and organisations that exist in our area. We are already very community minded. However, there must be an awful waste of manpower where interests overlap. Perhaps the Residents Association might be used as an 'umbrella' with an annual 'talk-in' of all parties to keep 100% efficiency. With a community spirit in mind, I must disagree with your objections, recently printed, to a new pub in Mickley Lane. The circle of four pubs that exists, cannot be considered by many as locals because of their non-central position. Also they are treated by visitors as 'Derbyshire Pubs'. A live local, available easily by foot, could only be an asset and thereby, I would think, make any traffic problems almost non-existent. The objection must have been personal to the writer as, at one of your public meetings, this very site was suggested as a Community Centre by your Vice-Chairman. A 'Totleyite' COMMENT

This is only half of the letter from this reader. However a number of interesting points have been raised and we will publish the remainder in the next issue. Several items will be taken up but perhaps we should clarify one point. Although one of our committee members did raise the Mickley Lane site as a possible place for a new Community Centre, it has not been seriously considered. We have objected to the pub because of the already dangerous junction of Glover and Queen Victoria Roads with Mickley Lane. However we do realise the need for a pub somewhere between Abbey Lane and Totley terminus! We think that most residents would prefer to see a community centre serving all sections of the local population, but not on that site. By the way, the new pub would not be any more of a local than the rest.

## OPEN PLAN OR NOT

One of the conditions of tenancy of the houses on the Greenoak Estate is that the land should be kept neat and tidy. Thanks to the "open plan" design by the City Planning Department, this particular condition is a never-ending battle.

Such land is a short cut over the grass for the various delivery men and a natural attraction for numerous stray cats and dogs, until we are faced with the problem of preventing it become a mud patch, never mind the utter lack of privacy.

In view of these circumstances, plus the rent and rates the tenants pay for such a burden, would it not be reasonable for the Authorities to fence in the tenants land so that the more conscientious ones may change the scene from trampled mud to an attractive garden.

It would be interesting to know the views of your readers.

Greenoak tenant.

## Main Avenue in 1914

I find your 'Independent' publication very interesting, which is sent to me by my sister.

The article on Main Avenue is of particular interest as my parents went to live there while the estate was being built. The idea of creating a 'Garden Village' was conceived by the late Mr. Hudson senior, the well known Sheffield restaurateur, who was a great admirer of John Ruskin. He wanted his estate to be beautiful so each house had ornamental and fruit trees planted in the garden. The architecture of the houses was attractive and varied. Unfortunately, the the whole layout was never completed

and a number of years were to pass before building recommenced by Mr. Hudson's grandson.

I was eighteen months old when we went to Totley and at first we lived at 'Ruskin Villa' for a short time whilst our own house 'Greenwood' was finished for us - a bathroom was being added! This was about 1914 and at that time the area was a wonderful place to grow up in - hide and seek in the haystacks, fish to tickle in the stream in the woods and seasonal games - at Easter, whips and tops for the boys, hoops and 'battledore and shuttlecock' for the girls. The milk was brought round in a float and our sledging in the winter was where the college now stands, just below Totley Hall.

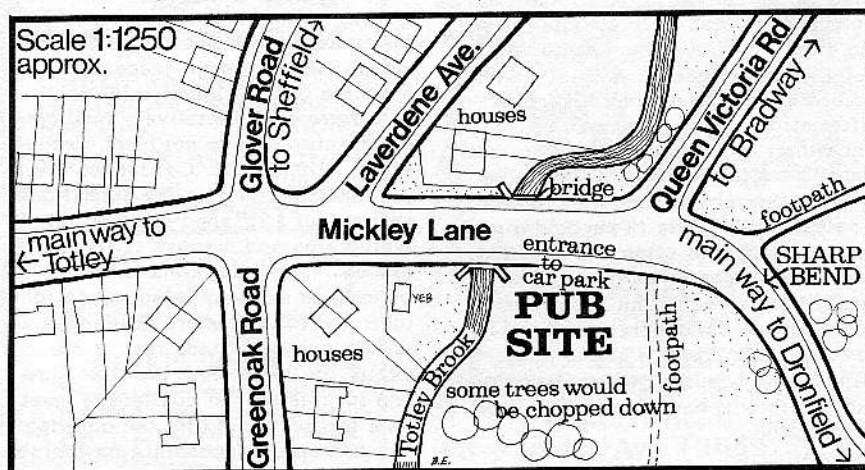
Your details about the old footpath were very interesting and news to me, but the name 'New Totley' was given to this early part of Main Avenue and Park Lane. The road was certainly rough in those days but I cannot agree that the Avenue was "still little more than a dirt track until a little before the Second World War", I am sure it was tarmac. One event in Main Avenue that I can clearly remember was being allowed to look through the windows at a wonderful fireworks display given by Mr. Hudson to commemorate the end of the First World War.

I hope this might be of interest to your readers.

Mollie Sindle (nee Gregg) Withybed Green, Alvechurch, Nr Birmingham.

## If you are writing in

PLEASE let us have your name address and telephone number, even if you do not want them published. Then, if we have a query or can't read your writing, we can contact you. 'Totleyite', see letter this page, please note.



# 663 SQUADRON ATC

The King Egbert Squadron was formed five years ago with 17 cadets. There are now over 80 cadets from schools in the south-west of Sheffield and membership is open to boys between 13½ and 17 years old.

Although sponsored by the Ministry of Defence, there is no pressure on cadets to join the services as a career but if they wish to do so, every assistance is given. The aim of the Corps is to promote an interest in aviation, encourage a spirit of adventure and develop leadership and good citizenship.

As well as flying and gliding, cadets have opportunities to go to summer camps at RAF bases in Britain, Germany, Gibraltar and Malta. Each year, selected cadets over 18 have the chance to compete for visits to other countries, including America and Canada, under the International Air Cadet Exchange Scheme.

In 366 Squadron, cadets can also shoot, play in the squadron band,

take part in sports and aeromodelling, do adventure and expedition training and participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Squadron parades on Tuesday and Friday evenings 7-9.30 p.m. at the Squadron Headquarters building at King Egbert Upper School, Dore. New recruits are admitted to the Squadron at four-monthly intervals. The next intake is on May 5th. There is also a girls' section - the Girls Venture Corps - meeting on Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. at the same headquarters.

Anyone interested in the ATC or GVC is welcome to go along and see how the organisations work, or contact Flt./Lt. I.R. Stevens, 7 Oldhay Close, Dore. Telephone: 360115.

If any fathers reading this feel that they could give up some of their spare time to help as a civilian instructor, particularly RAF ex-service-men, then we will be very pleased to see you.

## Local Elections

Polling takes place on 4th May for the City Council, when one of the three Dore Ward (including Totley) councillors will be elected. The present representative involved is Jack Thompson who wrote about his work in the last issue. He will stand again. Up against him will be, for Labour, Councillor Tom Woodhead who has lived in Totley for quite a long time, while representing Intake. He tells us that he sees the main needs of the area as a community centre, youth facilities, a working mans club and safer roads.

Local achievements so far, he says, include the alteration of the camber on Baslow Road and getting double yellow lines painted around the bus terminus.

The Liberals are expected to choose Dr. Bob King, who will follow the same path of community politics as in Burngreave.

## Chemical yard plot

An application to build housing on the Old Chemical Yard site off Queen Victoria Road, has been refused. It is still possible that the old buildings will find a suitable use.

## THE BIG WALK IN CHATSWORTH



It looks as though half of Totley (and lots of others) will be walking through Chatsworth on Saturday 15th April. Why not go along on this sponsored walk and keep fit while raising money for the deserving St Lukes Nursing Home? His Grace, the Duke Of Devonshire, has kindly given permission for the route to pass through the estate in one of the most picturesque parts of Derbyshire. The start is at 11am from an area approached via the main drive, near Edensor. There is a carpark available. Two alternative routes, one 6 miles, the other 10 miles are mapped out. But don't worry if you are not quite up to that distance, you are never far from base and there are plenty of short cuts back. Don't forget - Saturday 15th April at 11am. Sponsor forms from 350688 or 366418. See you there, folks, and bring the family.

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## TOTLEY BROOK FAIR FEATURES 9 MILE RACE

ON Sunday 30th April between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Totley and Dore residents will be brought together at the first Spring Fair to be held by the Totley Brook Tenants and Residents Association. The Fair will take place on a piece of common land off Totley Brook Road, through which the public footpath from Dore to Totley Brook runs. The main attraction will be the 9-mile race across the moors, open to both young and old residents in Totley and Dore. The winner of this event will receive an engraved shield. An event specifically for the young will be the swing ball championship in which it is hoped the members of about four youth organisations in the area will take part. People belonging to local voluntary organisations who have stalls at the Fair will be able to go on their own 4-mile sponsored walk. Mr. Smith of the Totley Brook Association says he sees the event as a Public Relations exercise between Dore and Totley at which local organisations will be able to raise money to boost their own funds.

## LOCAL YOUTHS HELP AT FIRE

NOWADAYS when the vandalism and violence of youths frequently features in the news, it is pleasant to hear of an incident in which a group of teenage boys act commendably as 6 local lads did on Thurs. 16 Feb. The boys were walking along Devonshire Road to get to Dore at about 7.30 p.m. when, on their way, they heard shouts from one of the houses. They ran across to the house and found a lady lying unconscious by the doorstep and another standing in the midst of a mass of black smoke. As soon as the boys realised the severity of the situation, 4 of them left to get the help of a neighbour, Mr. Blades. On their return, the fire was under control. Sadly, the old lady who was unconscious when they first arrived, later died but the survivor wrote to the headmistress of King Egbert's, Mrs. Rowlinson, saying that the boys concerned were a credit to the school.

## Local pool contest

TOTLEY is soon to have its first pub pool championships, held at the Cross

Scythes. This latest craze in pub entertainment has found its way into two of Totley's pubs - the Fleur de Lys and the 'Cross' and it looks as though it's here to stay if present enthusiasm is anything to go by. Sponsored by an equipment firm and a brewery, a collapsible cue will be first prize with some beer for the runner-up. The date has yet to be fixed but the manager hopes it will be in the first half of April. If you want to join in, hurry up and get your name down.

## WHERE TO BUY

THE FOLLOWING SHOPS ARE NOW SELLING THE TOTLEY INDEPENDENT.

Avenue Stores (Corner Main Avenue)  
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Fruiterama (Totley Rise shops)  
Martins Newsagents (Bottom of Busheywood Rd.)  
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# TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 27TH APRIL BUCHANAN HALL, TOTLEY COLLEGE, 8.00

## Chairmans remarks

Business meetings always run the risk of being deadly boring - but with as lively a beginning as the Residents Association has had, I think that is hardly likely on 27th April!

As with all Annual Meetings, there is a certain amount of formal business that must be done - for it is important that the officers should give an account of their stewardship or, in other words, stand up to be shot at! It is also important that this should be done in such a way as to help members to elect their new committee with a full knowledge of what the old one has done - or not done.

At the end of our first full year, I should like to thank all those who have helped to get the Association off the ground; we have had some very successful gatherings in which the Gala, the Christmas Party for our senior citizens and the Dances stand out. We have also given Totley a new 'voice' in the 'Totley Independent' which has gone from strength to strength and now sells about 1200 copies every time. A great deal of hard work and enthusiasm has gone into these things and others also and our grateful thanks go to all who have helped.

But we are still without any premises we can call our own and it seems we have a long way to go before this can be rectified. Perhaps we shall have a little progress to report at the Annual Meeting - come and hear it!

### Our Constitution

There is one procedural difficulty we foresee - though, with your help it won't happen. The rules read that "the Chairman, or Secretary, plus one quarter of the paid-up members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the Annual General Meeting". When we decided on that rule, we had no idea how popular our Association would become! Nor had we worked out the full implications of there being a number of individual members all in one family. The fact is that we now have over

800 members - which means that we can only ever hold an Annual Meeting when at least 200 people turn up.

Well, we can get over 200 in the Buchanan Hall, so that's no worry - but will 200 come? We think it's a lot to expect - but it's up to you to prove us wrong. But we think it advisable not to saddle ourselves with this particular rule longer than necessary and so the Committee is proposing its amendment to read:-

"The Chairman, or Secretary, plus fifty paid-up members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the Annual General Meeting".

If this amendment is passed, it will come into effect at the next A.G.M. If it isn't, then we stay as we are - and hopefully all our members are going to continue coming to Annual Meetings in great numbers. So it's up to you to come and make your views known - and so to share in the government of your Association. I hope we shall see you there. Bring your membership card with you. Alan Jockel, Chairman.

## Treasurers remarks

DESPITE the obvious difficulties associated with starting a new organisation, we have been able to keep our heads well above the water. Our year end is on 31st March so the final accounts will not be available until the A.G.M. The figures will be published in the next Totley Independent.

Brian Bentley Hon. Treasurer

## Secretary's report

On 17th May 1977, a second public meeting was held at Totley County School to hear the report of a working party. A draft constitution was presented and the first committee elected. In June 1977, Mr. Reg. Burnand was co-opted onto the committee and in October, Mrs. E. Wood took over as secretary until the next AGM on the resignation of Mr. Weston.

During the year, some 14 committee meetings were held and members paid various visits to such places as the Town Hall, Totley College and so on.

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In addition to the committee members voted on, there are also representatives from each of the TRA sections: Totley Independent, Badminton and Photographic. The present committee members are listed over

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Your name

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

Events organised during the first year were:

July 4th	Sports Evening
Sep.6th	Dance at Kay Gee Bee Ballroom
Sep.28th	"Old Totley" talk by B. Edwards at the Conservative Club for O.A.P.'s only.
Nov.11th	"Old Totley" talk by B. Edwards at All Saints Church Hall.
Nov.17th	Mrs. Milne ran a Coffee Morning at her house. Talk on "Interior Design", Conservative Club.
Dec.3rd	Christmas Fair run by Mrs. Milne at Abbeydale Hall.
Dec.17th	Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at the Totley Polytechnic, Lowfields Dining Room.
Jan.6th 1978	Dance at the Kay Gee Bee Ballroom.
Feb.27th	Committee met Mr. Roland Adamson, Planning Dept., Town Hall.
Mar.4th	Members of Committee met Mr. John Osborne MP for the Hallam Conservative Division.
Mar.9th	Members of Committee, along with Miss Pat Sant-house, met Mr. J. Winter,

Chief Planning Officer, Town Hall, Sheffield.

Apr.4th Public meeting on the future of Totley at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

Perhaps one of the most significant achievements of the committee has been in securing permission to use Totley College for meetings and other events.

Already the College gymnasium is used for Junior Football Training and a Photography Section started by Bob Warburton has begun to use the College on Wednesday evenings.

A Badminton Section of the TRA operates on Wednesday evenings at King Ecgberts gymnasium.

Unsuccessful attempts have been made to provide skateboarding and further badminton facilities.

A good deal of time has been taken up with trying to find a site or building as a future community centre and discussions still continue.

A careful watch has been kept on new developments and objections have been raised against encroachment on the green belt and other local open space.

Other items constantly under discussion are traffic hazards, bus and train services, road widening, phone boxes and so on.

The most obvious evidence of the Residents Association is the 'Totley

Independent' produced on a monthly basis since last July. Circulation figures have increased from 450 to the present level of 1200 and this probably means a readership of between 3500 and 4000 people.

Apart from offering a platform for views and ideas, the Independent publicises new development and local news. It also provides a record of history in the area and to many people provides an eagerly awaited method of keeping in touch with the community through the monthly diary.

Although socially the Residents Association has not done so very much, we feel that this first year has seen the establishing of a framework on which future members can build and develop.

Eileen Wood, Hon. Secretary.

## TRA Committee

Committee Members 1977/78

Chairman:	Rev. Alan Jockel
Vice-Chair.	Mr. Arthur Milnes
Secretary:	Mr. Peter Weston resigned during the year and was replaced by Mrs. Eileen Wood
Treasurer:	Mr. Brian Bentley
Members:	Mrs. Barbara Shale Mrs. D. Wildgoose Mr. Rex Beaumont Mr. Reg Burnand Mr. Brian Edwards Mr. Geoffrey Nixon Mr. Len Stewart Mr. Harry Woofinden

Rule 5 (b) states that "the General Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a maximum of twelve other members elected at the first A.G.M. and in subsequent years this should include one representative of each section of the Association to a maximum of 12 ordinary committee members".

Addresses of committee members can be found, in full, in previous issues of the Totley Independent. Addresses of the main officers are on the left.

# TRA NOMINATION FORM

As a TRA member you are entitled to nominate other members for the posts of officers and committee members. You must ensure that the person(s) you nominate is/are a member(s) and that he/she or they are willing to stand. Fill in as many spaces as you wish and give to any committee member. For privacy you can put the form into an envelope marked

'Nomination Form, Totley Residents Association'. You must enter your own name etc. at the bottom of the form if you are nominating anyone. All correct and valid nomination forms will be entered on a ballot sheet. Voting will take place at the TRA Annual General Meeting on 27th April. All forms must be in by 20th April.

Alan Jockel Chairman	37 Sunnyvale Road	362322
Arthur Milnes Vice Chairman	7 Green Oak Drive	350131
Eileen Wood Secretary	222 Baslow Road	361988
Brian Bentley Treasurer	2 Laverdene Road	351110

# RETURN BY 20TH APRIL

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# TOTLEY'S EARLY POSTMEN

AFTER mail coaches were established in 1784, a two-sheet letter would cost 2/- (or 10p) for 300 miles, certainly a very expensive form of communicating. When the Penny Post was established in 1840, some 76 million letters were being sent annually at the cost of 1 penny for letters up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce in weight with an additional penny for every further  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. At the same time, postage stamps were introduced.

Up to that date, according to Gibsons 'History of Dore', the nearest post office to Totley was Dronfield. Letters were only delivered on a Sunday when the man who brought them charged one penny per letter over and above the postage which was never less than fourpence (for the minimum of 15 miles).

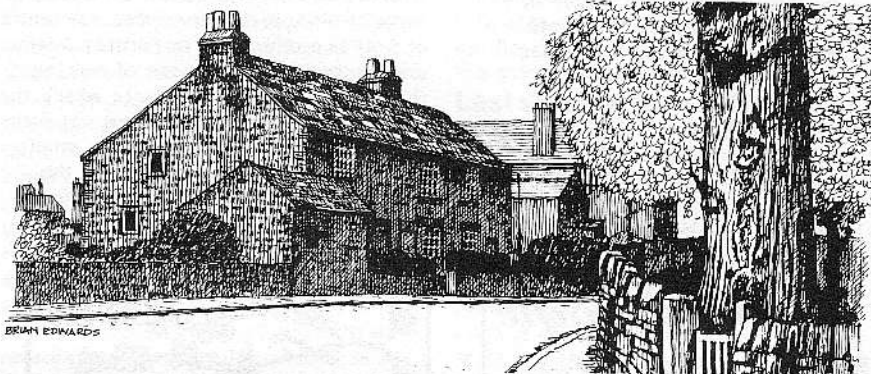
After the Penny Post, all letters for Totley and Dore were apparently sent to Sheffield Post Office and then taken to the Cutlers Arms on New Church Street and left there. "That particular inn was most frequented by Totley people when in town and they collected their letters there."

The first record of a postman in Totley appears to be in 1852 when the Directory gives William Millward. He doesn't appear to have been a native of the district. By 1860 post was arriving via Sheffield and Dore whilst about that time, a mailcoach was running daily between Totley and Bakewell (Sunday excepted) at 10.30 a.m. returning to the Cross Scythes at 6.30 p.m.

An Ordnance survey map of 1876 clearly shows a Post Office letter box in the approximate position of the present Fleur de Lys entrance.

The original now-demolished Fleur was in 1876 set much further back. By this time, Joseph Baxby was Totley's postman. He came from an old Totley family who had lived here since at least 1800. Joseph was born about 1824 and by the age of 15 was apprenticed to John Marshall a local file cutter. In his early 20's he married Martha, a local girl, and they had 2 children. In 1849, Joseph was a regular chapel-goer, being a trustee of the newly-erected Wesley Chapel off Hillfoot Road. At that time, he appears to have lived by Toft House on Totley Hall Lane. He seems to have given up his trade to become a shop-keeper by 1864.

Until 1893, Joseph Baxby remained as sub-postmaster (and school attendance officer) living by that time at Rose Cottage, above the Crown Inn. This colourful character died in 1894 and the family are buried in Dore Churchyard. William Green then became Totley sub-postmaster and his office was the top of the now derelict three cottages on Totley Hall Lane (opposite the church drive).



By this time, Totley Rise, too, had its own post office run from the grocery shop of John Gill (the new opticians occupies the site now).

William Green's house was used as a money order and telegraph office - the railway to Chinley had now been opened and Totley was expanding rapidly. By 1895 there was even a wall letter box on Totley Brook Road. Totley Post Office was later moved to a house on the corner of Summer Lane before it moved to its present site. Perhaps we should leave the 20th century Totley Post to another issue. In the meantime, we would be glad to hear about any postal memories!

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# GARDENING PAGE IT'S ALL IN THE SOIL

ALTHOUGH high winds and snow are still with us, it IS spring. We are starting off a gardening section in the hope that you will write in with your views, tips and comments. Perhaps the seasoned Totley growers have found successful ways of dealing with this fairly harsh climate?

## PINFOLD GARDEN

THE TOTLEY & District Environment Society have announced their intention to start work on converting the old pinfold, at the top of Chapel Lane in Hillfoot Road, into a small garden. It is hoped that digging will unearth the old stone trough which once refreshed stray horses. This, together with seats, will join the new shrubs and trees to be planted there. At the same time granite stumps are to be placed at the top of Chapel Lane.

## ALLOTMENTS

THE RECREATION department have started work on revitalising some of their allotments off Baslow Road. A spokesman said that the allotments in some cases, had gone to seed and they were rotavating some of them. At one time the allotments covered the area of the All Saints School playing field where fruit and flower shows were held

### Soil: the facts

Dr. Rorison of the Sheffield University Unit of Plant Ecology, will give a talk on soil on April 13th at the Friends Meeting House, Hartshead, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

"You have to use chemical fertilisers in the garden these days because there are not enough natural manures to be had, especially in the towns."

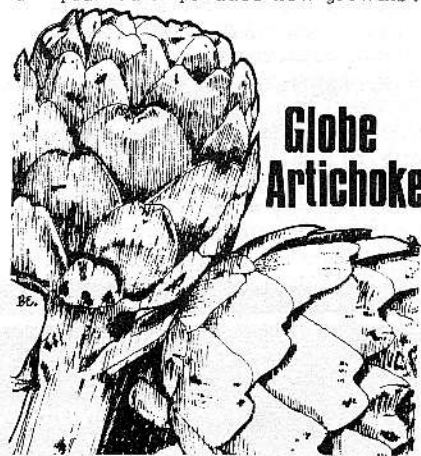
How often does one hear that sort of remark and how wrong it is. Anyone can supplement his kitchen and garden rubbish by bringing in weeds of all sorts which mostly contain more nutrients than cultivated plants and help the compost to heat up quickly. Properly mixed with sprinklings of lime and good top soil they will make a compost which will provide most of your garden needs. Examples of these weeds are nettles and bracken, sheep's parsley and dandelion which all provide essential plant needs. Nettles are particularly high in nutrients and minerals, the main ones being calcium, copper, iron, nitrogen and potassium. Always add some natural manure such as poultry or horse droppings.

There are people who either have not the time or the will to make compost, and it is for these that a local firm have set out to provide a concentrated and complete fertiliser and soil conditioner, which will enrich the soil and make it more productive. Mr. Cheshire of Soil Improvements in Furniss Avenue comments, "In the sense of making the soil fertile, the products which the big chemical firms supply are not fertilisers at all. On the contrary, where an excess is applied they make the soil less productive by locking up vital elements in a way that the roots cannot absorb them. We maintain that

a healthy balanced soil is also a fertile one. Our product is mainly a mixture of three organic elements, of which deep litter poultry manure is the base. In case you are not aware what this is, I should explain that it is almost a powder formed by the hens scratching over a period of about a year in the very fine wood chippings and their own dry manure on the floor of the shed. It contains just the right proportions of Nitrogen, Phosphate and Potash. The others are a type of sedge peat which holds the deep litter poultry manure until it is converted into humus and plant food, and which is a good moisture retainer, and a calcified algae, which comes from the sea and contains the whole range of minerals, amino acids and trace elements".

Just one thing to add. If you want horse manure, please do not go into fields to shovel it up. Don't forget that the fields need manure as well.

The Globe Artichoke shown here is a native of Brittany, France, but it can be grown even in Totley. This delicious vegetable is a member of the daisy family along with the dahlia, lettuce, dandelion and chrysanthemum. The artichoke is a perennial, coming up year after year and needs a warm sheltered position with lots of compost in the soil. In April, the side shoots can be cut away and planted to produce new growths.



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# SPORTS PAGE & FIVE FOR THE UNDER 14's! *wow!*

TOTLEY under-14 football team has been rapidly improving with recent hard-fought games, scoring a total of 8 goals against the first and second teams in the Sheffield Junior Sunday League. Sunday, 11th March, saw their home game against Chantrey Juniors, who had beaten them away by 15-1 at the beginning of the season. Thanks to an opening goal from Mark Hudson when they were two goals down, Totley picked themselves up and cracked home another 4 through captain Martin Scriven (2) and Paul Lister (2) while Chantrey scored a further 1. There was no doubt that the use of the Polytechnic gym for training had improved the team's performance considerably. These first two valuable points will probably not raise Totley off the bottom of the table but will provide a morale booster for the last few games. Score: Totley 5 Chantrey Juniors 3.

## TOTLEY SPORTS FOOTBALL

Until this month, very little seemed to go wrong for Totley 1st Eleven, then disaster struck when they lost to bottom of the league Tideswell Blue Star. After good wins against Chapel and Youlgreave, they lost the semi-final of the Derbyshire Cup. "They just weren't competitive enough" summed up Club Secretary, Ian Wade. 4th March

1st Team v Peak Dale (H) Won 8-1  
11th March

1st Team v Tideswell Blue Star (H) Lost 2-0

2nd Team v Green Acres Reserves (A) Won 6-3

18th March  
1st Team v Chapel (H) Won 2-1

21st March  
1st Team v Green Acres (H) Lost 4-1

25th March  
1st Team v Youlgreave (H) Won 7-0

27th March  
Derbyshire Junior Cup

1st Team v Duron Lost 2-0  
played at Youlgreave

On the 16th April, the Greenoak team will be in the semi-final of the Regional Sunday Cup. They are playing Deerstalker at Brown Bayley's ground.

# BOWL'EM 0 0 0 OVER

GREEN OAK B.C. would like to see any young person between 16 and 30 years of age who would like to take up the game of bowls. We would willingly give all the help we can to people just starting to play and we require players in our Sat. 'B' Team. Any veterans will also be welcome but we do really want some younger members.

We are, this season, running 2 Veterans Teams on Wednesdays and Fridays, 2 Teams on Saturdays, 1 Gents Team on Thursdays, also 1 Ladies Team on Thursdays. The green opens, all being well, on Sat. April 15th, charge 15p. per hour.

Our Sat. 'A' Team are one of the five best teams in the Sheffield and District Parks Bowling Association and play in the top division of the Association. Our 'B' Team are in the "Naylor" division and with a bit more strengthening, we could get higher up for this team. The "A" Vets. on Wednesdays are in the top division of the Veterans League and we have great hopes this season of them winning their division. The ladies won their league last season so will move up one this season and will find things a bit harder. Any lady bowlers would be welcomed. Bert Ashmore, Hon. Sec.  
76a Greenoak Road.

## Eddie goes dutch

OFF TO Holland next month is 13 year old Stephen 'Eddie' Edwards of Hill-foot Road. He's off to play for Cross-pool Juniors in a European Youth Soccer Competition. The four days of football can take in up to four matches a day - let's hope there is a good launderette handy if it rains. Stephen is an ex-Totley County pupil and also plays football for King Ecgberts. Don't give them too much clog, Steve.

## Downed the Aldam way

Twenty year old Alan Smith carried off second place in the light middleweight class at the European Under 21 Championships in Spain last month. Alan of Aldam Way has been a member of the Sheffield-based Yorkshire Karate Club for four years and is a member of the Shukokai style national squad. When he's not karating the shukokai-kokai Alan is a toolfitter.

# KEEP FAT EXTRA! CLASS STARTS



WHILST all round the country, keep fit classes are getting off the ground, Totley's Keep Fat Club is staying firmly on it. Freda O'Bese of Main Avenue, the 1977 Miss (how could anyone miss her) Totley, will be passing on her secrets for shedding that nasty slimness. Her 35 year course will consist of startling new ideas in the Keep Fat world. Some of the features:

- \*A padded ambulance calls to carefully conduct you to each class.
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- \*All members who succeed in tripling their weight in the first week will be given a specially built extra wide door on free 20 minutes trial.

Men of Totley will not be left out. Local Totley radio stations will be beaming the adventures of "Fatman and Ploddin". So don't be fashionable. Get fat today in your local shops, now.

## NO SKATEBOARDS

DESPITE a number of discussions with the Polytechnic, it has not been possible to arrange for skateboarding at Totley College as seemed possible. To be fair, skateboarding is a very difficult sport to supervise and control except on purpose-built skate parks. One of the main worries is the high risk of injury; another is the possible damage to existing surfaces not designed to take skateboards. However, the Totley Independent has taken the matter up with the local authority but hopes of a proper skateboarding area are very faint. Sorry if we sounded over-optimistic in the last issue but one.

## Half time score

Munchen gladtoeback 0  
Totley Cub Scouts 'B' 26



# APRIL DIARY

7th Nursery Coffee Evening 7.15 All Saints Hall  
 8th Paper Collection at the United Reformed Church  
 Jumble Sales at Totley Scout hut, United Reformed Church and Abbeydale Hall.  
 Dore Ramble, 2.15 at Eyam (details 361475)  
 11th until 15th 'Mikado' 7.30 King Egberts  
 12th La Leche League (childcare group) 10am 13 Main Ave. (details 361631)  
 Holmesfield over 60s Bring & Buy and Whist Drive 1.30 Village Hall  
 14th Townswomens Guild 'Demonstration of the potters skill' 7.30 Abbeydale Hall.  
 15th Sponsored Walk in Chatsworth in aid of St Lukes Nursing Home, meet 11am Chatsworth Park main drive area.  
 15th Childrens Bazaar (for NSPCC) 2pm Dore Old School  
 18th Ladies Club Fashion Show 7.30 All Saints Hall  
 19th until 22nd T.O.A.D.S. 'The Circle' 7.30 St. Johns Church Hall  
 23rd Festival of the Patron Saint of Totley - St. Georges Day  
 25th English Forum, King Egberts Association  
 26th Meeting to set up Public Transport Users Ass. 7.30 Victoria Hall  
 27th Totley Residents Association AGM, Totley College 8pm  
 30th Spring Fair organised by Totley Brook Tenants & Residents Ass. 2pm-7pm to be held in a field at the end of Totley Brook Road. All welcome  
 30th Chinese Service 11am Methodist Church, Totley Rise.

## MAY

1st Mayday  
 4th Polling Day for City Council Elections see press for details  
 6th Cake and Bake and Coffee morning 10am United Reformed Church.  
 Bring a cake, large, small or somewhere in between.  
 6th Official Opening of Bradway Scout Centre by the Duke of Devonshire.  
 7th Totley Rise Methodist Sunday School Anniversary. Shows put on by the children. Morning, afternoon and evening.  
 10th Childcare 10am 13 Main Avenue.

## TRANSPORT USERS

Problems with the buses have prompted a few local people to try to set up a Public Transport Users Association for Sheffield. One of the group was involved with such a unit elsewhere and this became so effective, it now

runs it's own bus service. The inaugural meeting should be on 26th April 7.30 Victoria Hall. If you are interested contact Geoff Nixon, 99 Prospect Rd.

## Wedding March

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Sharman Cryan of Aldam Croft, who last week married John Jenkins of Harboro Avenue Manor, at Sheffield Register Office

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## Head back at School

GOOD NEWS for Totley County School. Headmaster Harry Walch is due back in April after a spell in hospital and a period of convalescence.

# TOADS CIRCLE

T.O.A.D.S. next production is "The Circle" by Somerset Maugham. This marvellous 1920's comedy was revived in London last year with enormous success. Edward Mayor, one of T.O.A.D.S. members, saw it there twice and came back filled with enthusiasm to produce it in Totley. The play runs from Wednesday, 19th April, until Saturday, 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Tickets are 40p or 25p for Senior Citizens and children and may be obtained from Mr. Chambers Fish Shop or from any member.

## Neighbour's new hall

AS reported in the last issue, neighbouring Holmesfield has its own village hall now which holds 200 people seated and 120 for a dance. The facilities include a hall, stage, excellent kitchen and committee rooms. There is ample parking space and the hall situated off Vicarage Close is reached from the main road via Woodside Avenue. The hall is also suitable for parties and receptions and enquiries are welcomed for daytime or evening lettings at competitive rates. Contact Mr. A.C. Cotton at 890337 for details.

## No walkover

RESIDENTS of Main Avenue have yet again complained about the state of their pavements. Commented Mr. Perkinson "they should have been done years ago but we just cannot get the Council to do them". The Independent is taking up the matter with our local councillors and the department concerned.

## Mr William Taylor Snr

THE DEATH occurred on 6th March of William Charles Knight Taylor, the father of William Taylor of Lower Bents Farm, Penny Lane. Mr. Taylor senior, who was 94, had lived with his son for a number of years before moving to Edgelow Old Peoples Home at Lowedges where he died. Mr. Taylor, a keen sportsman, was a native of Aberdeen and had been stationed at Hillsborough Barracks during the first world war. He later fought at Mons and Ypres before being promoted to Second Lieutenant and was one of the last of Sheffield's 'Old Contemptibles'.

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