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THUNDERER Thunderclap on the back!

Well this is our first anniversary and it seems to have come round very quickly.

When the idea of a newsletter was first raised by Geoff Nixon, we never really imagined what we were letting ourselves in for.

We have tried to link the community together, to keep you informed about what is happening and to give you an opportunity to air views. We have, in the process, been able to gather information about local history and tell you about the nature of the district.

We have campaigned for improved facilities and transport, for repaired fences and pavements and so on. In some areas we have been moderately successful but have we done all we might? Many of our readers have told us how much they look forward to their copy each month but we rarely have any constructive suggestions or criticism of the magazine. We would welcome your views! Meanwhile, Happy Anniversary reading.

Thanks, Beryl.

One person we have never mentioned in our acknowledgements is Mrs. Beryl Hearnshaw. Beryl, who is Brian Edward's secretary, has typed out all the copy for each of the first twelve issues. An arduous task when one considers the illegibility of the Independent staff's writing. Sadly, she is off to live in America this week and we would like to say thanks for her hard work and wish her success in one of the last of Totley's colonies.

We are now looking for someone with access to an electric typewriter to spend several hours each month end tapping out local scandals etc. Any offers?

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Playweek 7,8,9 August

THE DATES of the Totley Residents Association first playweek have been set for 7th, 8th and 9th of August at Totley County School from 10.00 to 3.30 each day. Because of restrictions on numbers attending, although children from Totley County and All Saints Schools will be eligible, only certain age groups will be able to join in. Shortly, details will be given out to children attending these schools, but in the event of too great a demand, priority will be given to members of Totley Residents Association. Activities will include paper play, arts and crafts, needlework, stage makeup, nature work and outdoor sports etc. The cost will be 25p per day and packed lunches are to be brought. Responsibility for children travelling to and from the school will be with the parents.

Do look out for the notice when it is given out at school and send in your slips as soon as possible.

Youth Action

THE STUDY Action Group for Youth Facilities in this area includes representatives of the Totley Residents Association. The Group, which was convened by Duncan Wilson the Minister at the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, has, on a number of occasions, met and discussed the lack of facilities. Last week they met with Councillor Sandra Davies Chairman of the Community Education Sub-Committee and officers responsible for this work.

A strong case was made for improved facilities, particularly in opening up existing buildings for youth activities and a plea was made for the appointment of an official youth worker for the area.

The general feeling was that the Sub-Committee were now fully aware of increased vandalism and problems with local youth, together with poor facilities. A number of measures are to be taken to improve youth activities in the district and we hope to keep our readers aware of progress and reemphasised the need for youth facilities in Totley, highlighting the need to look at the use of existing educational buildings in the area and how much they are used outside school hours. However, it is apparent that the needs of older children can only be really met by a purpose-built Club. Dore Village Youth Club are to be

applauded for a fine attempt to establish the real needs.

Youth has its say

Dore Village Youth Club have organised an excellent survey of views of Youth Facilities in the Dore and Totley areas by pupils of King Ecgbert School aged between 13 and 16 years. An analysis of the survey showed that most children felt that facilities were inadequate, that further Youth Club activities should not be associated with the school as it now stands. An equal number preferred locations in either Dore or Totley. Disco equipment was top of the list of required facilities, closely followed by sports equipment generally. There was strong criticism of the lack of facilities for both outdoor team games (5 a side football, netball, skateboarding) and indoor games requiring large spaces (i.e. badminton), emphasising the lack of sports provision for the winter months. A general feeling too was that Youth Club provision in the area is inadequate (in fact, it is non-existent in Totley).

It says much for the organisation of this survey (which was supported by the school) that out of 475 questionnaires issued, some 418 were returned. Of these, 48.5% of children showed that they regularly attended a Youth Club (either Dore Village, St. John's or Dobcroft etc.). Approximately 75% indicated that they would go to a Youth Club if better facilities existed, whilst only 10% said they would never go to one. The survey was submitted to the Sheffield Community Education Sub-Committee.

Jazz at college

THE TOTLEY Residents Association's initiative in arranging for facilities at Totley College for the local community is now working well. The latest group to use Buchanan Hall at the College are the Totley County Parent Friends Association. On Friday night, 30th June, they are holding a concert by the Sheffield Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Dore women in local crash

TWO Dore women were injured when a lorry and two cars collided at the bottom of Dore Road on the 20th June.



WARBURTONS WORLD

The Adder will bite but occasionally will offer no resistance at all. It almost invariably will not eat in captivity and should not be kept under any circumstances. The Smooth Snake bites readily if picked up but is not poisonous. Under no account should these very rare reptiles be disturbed.

Many people have a great fear of snakes but after handling many Grass Snakes, I can personally dispel most of the 'reasons' for this loathing. Snakes are dry, warm to the touch and enjoy the warmth of your hand so they usually wind themselves around your fingers. They all shun humans and want only to be left alone.

If you see a snake, watch it, identify it if possible, but please leave it alone.

I have yet to see a snake in the wild in Sheffield although I am sure that there are quite a few about. In the space of one fortnight on holiday in Dorset recently, I saw all three species of our native snakes and about 10 specimens altogether. The drawing is of the Grass or Ringed Snake, which is our largest species, growing up to 5 ft. in length. It is found in areas where there is water and it often seeks refuge by swimming. It is non-poisonous and eats small animals such as tadpoles and frogs. Really large Grass Snakes will eat small mammals, such as mice and voles.

The poisonous Adder or Viper is our commonest snake and is found in almost every part of the British Isles except Ireland. There have been reports of them in Blackamoor. It is very shy and only bites in self-defence or when it is cornered and threatened. It rarely reaches 2 ft. in length and again eats small animals which are bitten and killed by the two poison fangs. The Adder is not so slim as the Grass Snake and usually has a black zig-zag line along the length of its back. This is not always clear, or even present, so familiarity with the snake's outline

A monthly feature by Bob Warburton

is essential for quick identification. The rarest of the snakes is the Smooth Snake-this is now restricted to a few moors in the south of England. Its markings are rather unclear and it may be confused with both the Adder and Grass Snake by people unfamiliar with it. It grows to about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long and occurs only in areas where the Sand Lizard (itself rare) lives. The reaction of these snakes is quite different if they are picked up. The Grass Snake does not bite but emits a really foul smell and will very realistically 'play dead' with its mouth open and guite limp.

HEWCOMERS To Totley

Welcome to Janet Ryalls who has taken over Broadheads off- licence. The Ryalls have moved up from Millhouses and have three children - Nigel 14 who is at Abbeydale Grange, Sharon 10 and Claire 4 who start at Totley County in September. Janet will run her first shop while husband Trevor is busy at work in the Civil Service.

CROP SHARING

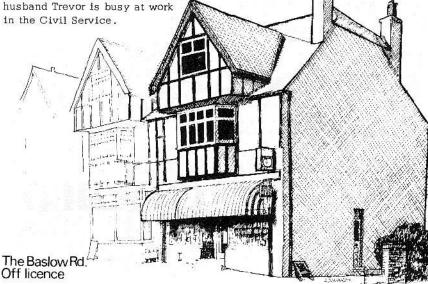
IN 1954 pupils at Totley's Church of England School formed the 'Totley School Garden Company' with a working capital of £7.10s. One hundred and fifty ls. (5p) shares were issued to children and the School Fund. Each share then entitled the holder to receive 1/150th part of the profits made during the 1954 season. In spite of a bad season, the company showed a balance of £6.14s.4d. (approx. £6.72). Expenses were reported to be heavy £3.8s.8d. (£3.64) for seeds, £2.19s.2d. (£2.96) for garden frames and an allotment rent of £1.00. Produce from the garden was sold to the school.

Teacher, Mr. Shirt, commented that the exercise "taught the children book-keeping, a bit about companies and encourages their efforts at gardening".

At that time the area now occupied by the school fields off Hillfoot Road were taken up with allotments.

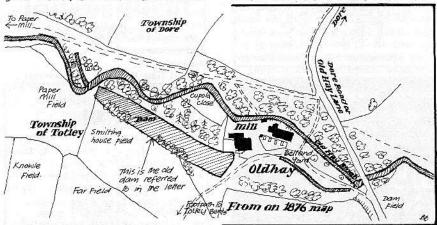
CHILDREN!

Want something to do in the summer holidays? For 7-12 year olds, there's a quiz being held at Totley Library with book tokens for the best entries. And on Wednesdays from 2nd to 23rd August, there'll be some special activities from 1.30 to 2.30pm. PS. Tell your parents - the adult library will have special displays during the school holidays, packed with ideas for outings and visits in and around Sheffield.



LETTERS

OLDER DAM MEMORY This dam belonged to a gentleman named Mr. J. Tyzack who had Avenue Farm but always had a housekeeper as he lived at Wood Lodge, Beauchief and drove up to the farm every day in a horse and trap. I was sorry to see the dam filled in, as in winter it was nice to see the skaters. The first one to come was a lady who lived in Broadstorth at the top of Old Hay Lane, she always came to ask if it was safe. She was a good skater, and often came in the FUMING RESIDENT What is it that causes the residents of Totley to become compulsive fire lighters as soon as the weather changes for the better? Don't the rules apply any more? Can they just light their garden fires at any time of the day or night? I personally am fed up with my washing smelling of smoke and going to bed in a smoke-filled bedroom. Perhaps you would be kind enough to point out the "rules" of living in a smokeless zone to the culorits because their common sense and consideration obviously go out of the window as soon as the sun shines. Yours "fumingly", Totley Resident.



morning when it wasn't so busy. She died about six years ago at the age of 100. Another young man who wanted to learn - he lived in a big house, where the shops are now, opposite Mickley Lane - his father kept a gardener and he brought him up to try his luck. But he got into difficulty and fell in, they tried to get him out but the ice kept breaking. So the gardener called to my father, who was in the garden, "Bring the prop Levi", and that got him out.

Then there was another good skater Mr. Charlie Coates, he lives in Lemont Road, he used to bring the Vicar of All Saints Church. I don't know his name, but they had some happy times together on the ice. The dam is all grassed over which looks very nice. There's one thing I miss most - that's the 'dawn chorus' because I'm very deaf. I thought this would be something for your Independent, wishing you every success. Please excuse the writing as I shall be 88 this year. I am yours faithfully

Mrs G. Dean, Old Hay, Totley

Totley Rise camber

I do take issue with the association over an item in the Totley Independent. On page 5 in the local elections column, you quote Councillor Tom Woodhead as stating 'local achievements so far include the alteration of the camber on Baslow Road'. It may be unintentional but it does read as though Councillor Woodhead is claiming that it is due to his efforts that the camber was altered when in fact, it was due to my own efforts over a number of months a few years ago. In fact I made myself most unpopular with certain officers over this issue and eventually succeeded in getting some alterations carried out. Many thanks for sending me a copy of the Independent.

Best Wishes. Coun.Pat Santhouse.



Thanks to organisers Betty Gelsthorpe and Eileen Wood, 36 people had an enjoyable day's outing on the TRA coach trip to Hendon Air Museum on 11th June.

FRUITAH-YE8

ARTICLES BY YOUR LOCAL FRUIT & VEG. CASE, JOHN SCRIVEN The season is almost upon us. Strawberries will be in full swing early in July. Due to a poor Spring, the crop will be a couple of weeks late this year, although quality is reported to be very good. A large percentage of our raspberries come from Scotland (is this the origin of Ally's Red Army?) and are expected to arrive towards the end of July. Bad news once again for blackcurrant users - the crop suffered from the sharp frost in April and was cut by 50%. As usual, processors take the bulk of the crop (blackcurrant juice etc.) so we are unlikely to see many in the shops. The first of the home-grown peas are now arriving; the crop is fairly good, quality is excellent and prices should be reasonable. Look around for top-quality courgettes, a baby marrow and a really marvellous vegetable, best served with a cheese sauce, with a short season. Starting early July, courgettes are ideal for freezing and are certainly worth buying

Recipe for beans

Broad beans are plentiful-and reasonanly priced at the moment. Look for pods which are plump to the touch as they will contain more beans than those which are slender and limp. When buying broad beans you will probably need more than you think. One pound unshelled weight will only serve two people. The simplest method of cooking them is as follows: Put the shelled beans into a pan and add sufficient boiling water to just cover them, a generous knob of butter, a pinch of sugar and seasoning to taste. Cover and simmer until just tender (about 5-6 minutes). Alternatively, try them raw in a salad. Shell the beans and put into a bowl with one small onion finely chopped, three tablespoons of chopped parsley and sufficient well-flavoured salad dressing to moisten. Just before serving, add 4 rashers of crispy bacon finely chopped. Cucumbers are another current good buy. As a variation to this salad add half a cucumber, diced, to the beans, and use chopped fresh mint instead of parsley.





In recent years, Germany and Japan have emerged as the world's 'top' industrial nations with productivity rates far exceeding those of their nearest rivals. They are also hit by less strikes and disputes. The fashionable phrase in these countries has become 'the firm that plays together, stays together' as the firms organise constant picnics and trips to swimming baths etc. Most Germans and Japanese attribute their success to the fact that the people who work at the firm stay together outside working hours.

The people who live in Totley display a wide variety of mixed abilities and it has been suggested to the Totley Independent that these abilities could be attractive to any potential employer. Are the people of Totley to be committed to subsidising a cheap fares policy which necessitates several hours boring travelling each week? Current Government thinking on business is that 'small is beautiful' and therefore is there not some sense in considering a reversal to the old need for people to be situated near their place of work. Local historical societies have recently highlighted many old crofts and industries which were indigenous to the area. Could there not be some return to this principle.

Following the German and Japanese examples, the people of Totley already play together and if foreign experience is anything to go by, such a scheme in Totley could be a success. Certain local people have suggested that the 'Made in Totley' scheme could only increase the community spirit and partly provide Totley with its own livelihood. We intend to write an article in the next issue setting out the case for this. Meanwhile, we'd like to know what you think. There are two sides to every story and in this case, some people like separation from their working colleagues when they get home. Before the next issue, we'd be pleased to receive letters expressing your views on the subject.

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ist Chapel down Chapel Lane. It describes a road which, I believe, disappeared many years ago and which ran around the back of the Hillfoot Road pinfold and round the top of the school field to Lane Head. The name was obviously derived from the number of hare or rabbit warrens which exist between this area and the Cricket Inn.

Lane Heac

UPPER

HARE CROFT

Baslow Road

Noise Abating

The Committee and members of Heatherfield Conservative Club regret any inconvenience caused by a recent 21st birthday party. They are anxious to preserve the amenit ies of the area, so every effort will be made to avoid a recurrence. Should anyone have cause to complain, however, please ring 369759 when a member of the Committee will immediately rectify the matter.

Iotley Sports Evening Tues.4th July Kids races Band Punch & Judy Refreshments STALLS SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLS DONKEYS FLYPAST AND LOTS OF FUN! Pemember 7PM Greenoak Park 4th JULY

Hare Croft superimposed on an updated map

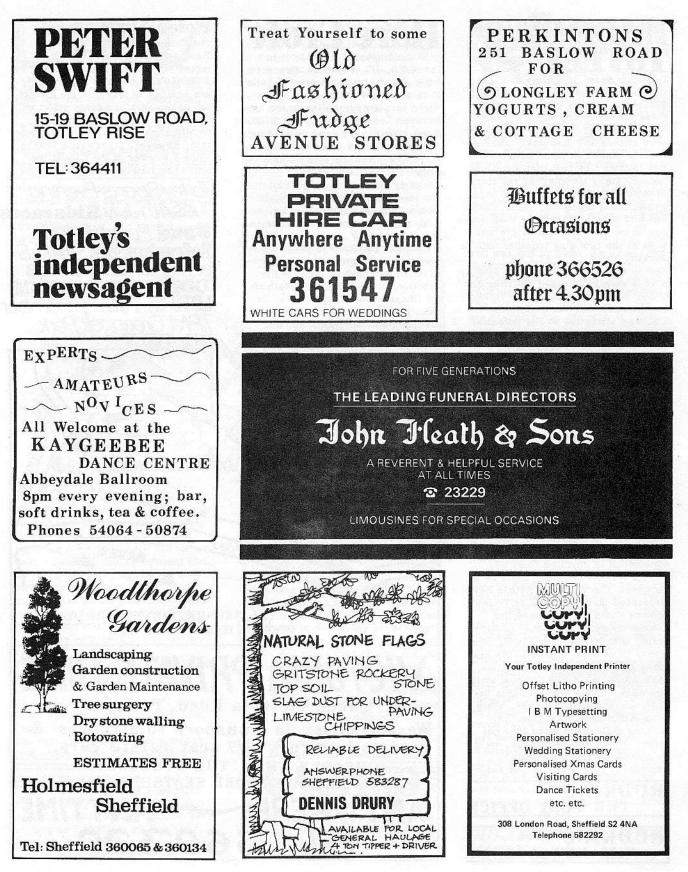
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SPORTS Totley Champ

SHEFFIELD 'Champion of Champions' Dave Ruthven, has so far scored 180 out of a possible 189 points in the 1st Division of the Saturday Telegraph Cup. In the process he has lost just 1 game out of 10, although in the Kaye Cup he has won all. Dave, of Meadow Grove, is the bearded giant often to be seen pushing a pram round Greenoak Park and is a member of Greenoak 1st Team. The local bowling club was founded in 1957 by George Willis of Quarry Road and joined a league the following year. The first captain was the late Harry Young. Sam Roebuck of Mickley Lane has been either Vice or Captain of some team or other at Greenoak for about 20 years and this vear took on the job as the Club's first official registrar. That means he has to keep up eight charts each week - those, and the club records are all recorded meticulously by Sam who is rightly proud of his neat handiwork. This year he has not got off to a good start with Greenoak Veterans 'A' Team but nevertheless, they are still going strong in the semifinals of the 'Keverwait' Doubles Cup. Other regular members are Club Secretary Herbert Ashmore, Joe Husband, Fred Jones, Eric Bullard, Ken Collins, Reg. Moore, Frank Boote and Frank Hobson. Frank Boote of Glover Road, a newcomer from the Millhouses Club, has scored 206 out of a possible 210 league points this season. The 'A' Vets last year won the Tomlin Cup Championship and so far are doing even better having won 9 out of 10 matches.

Also successful with 9 wins out of 10 is the 1st Team who play, under the captaincy of Frank Woodhead of Greenoak Road, in the 1st Division of the Saturday Telegraph Cup. The team also includes amongst its regulars, Mick Hirst, Trevor Stacey, Bill Taylor, Duncan Merrill, Norman Cann and Denis Taylor and, surprisingly, two local teenagers, Peter Jukes and Nick Owen who contrast in age but not fitness with 75 yr. old Joe, "don't bowl 'em short" Husband of Greenoak Drive. His wife, Nellie, tops the personal averages in Greenoak's Ladies Team, who are doing even better than last year when they

won the Murgatroyd League. However, Mrs. Proudlock of King Ecgbert Road, has won all her matches so far in the Justice Burdall League to which they were promoted this year.

Greenoak Bowling Club has about 65 playing members and is always on the lookout for younger people. On the evening of 4th July, a senior citizens bowling competition is being held at the park and would-becompetitors should call at the hut and enter their names on the list.

THE AMAZING GREAT Blackamoor chase

THE HIGHLIGHT of the first Totley Brook Tenants and Residents Association's first Spring Fete on the 18th of June, was undoubtedly the well organised cross country run. Although the race was supposed to be 7 miles, we reck on it was less than 6 - which would account for the fast times.

Your never-say-die Independent staff decided to have a go and entered a team of Geoff Nixon, Brian Edwards, Roger Clarke and Chris Woodhead. Officially named the T.I. Expeditionary Force to scale Blackamoor without Oxygen, we set off with the other entrants on a lap of the field. We then trotted merrily via Old Hay Lane, Avenue Farm and Shorts Lane riding stables. It was nice and cool, gamboling through the trees alongside the stream and, by now, the leaders were well out of sight. Suddenly we realised that they might be taking the whole thing seriously. Just then we ambled out into the full blast of a fierce sun and were faced with the endless climb up to the Hathersage Road. The air was full of rasping breath (Roger), creaking limbs (Brian)Geoff's clopping sandals. (he was ACTUALLY in shorts, defying the popular belief that he even sleeps in his bicycle clips). and the strains of the funeral march coming from somewhere near Chris.

Stung into action

There were pleasant words with the marshalls at the top and then we were nervously tip-toeing through a large bed of nettles. By now, Chris had become distracted by the admiring glances of some lady horse riders and Roger had vanished in luke-warm pursuit of the leaders. We now raced across the old Strawberry Lee pasture, slurped through a bog at the foot of Wimbleholme Hill, squelched across the moor and came across Roger. A blurred panoramic view of Sheffield unfolded as we tumbled down past Bole Hill Lodge. One comforting thought, as we half-fell down the stoney track to Strawberry Lee Lane, was that, by now, the two leaders would have finished. Brian chose the ideal spot for a soft landing - an Avenue Farm cow special - and then there was just a sneaky walk by the side of Old Hay Lane before we sprinted down to the finish. We learnt that 21 year-old Chris Norris had won in 35 minutes but at least we were the first team home. In fact the only team. Chris, a Polytechnic student and member of Sheffield Athletic Club lives on Abbeydale Park Rise and is the son of Mrs. Norris our history guiz winner. (That's the last time we give her a prize). In second place was 30 year-old Roger Hunton of Meadow Grove with our Brian Edwards (age not admitted) in 3rd place. The Independent staff surprised themselves more than anyone else by also taking 4th, 5th and 9th places through Roger, Geoff and Chris.

Chris Norris will be the first name on the winners shield and by the way he won it, it looks as though it will be very difficult for us to get our names down in the near future. Albert Smith, treasurer of the Totley Brook Association, plans to hold the race again next year. He also hopes the fete will be greatly enlarged, providing much more entertainment and admitted that this year's event had been more of a public relations exercise. At least we gave you a good plug Al.

KIPS RACES

THE RACES ON SPORTS DAY WILL BE: 50 metres. Ages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. 80 metres. Ages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Sack Race. Ages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Obstacle Race. Ages 10, 11, 12. 1 Lap Race. Ages 11 - 14. 2 Lap Race. Ages 11 - 14. Tug O' War to be organised on night. Entry forms are attached to this issue. Fill them in and bring them along on Tuesday evening. The organisers may combine some of the races if entries are lower in one section.





1st Church School PTA Gala, Hillfoot Road, 2pm.

1st Missionary Garden Party, United Reformed Church, 3pm

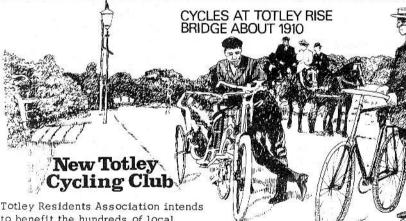
4th Totley Independence Day Sports evening, Greenoak Park, 7pm

7th Concert by Yorkshire Baroque Soloists, Dore Church, 7.30pm

- 8th Dore Scouts Annual Gala and evening barbeque
- 8th All Saints Church barbeque, 6.30pm to 10,30pm
- 9th Well dressing service, Dore Village Green, 3pm
- 12th U.R.C. Wednesday Guild Coffee Morning, 49 Chatsworth Rd, 10-12am
- 12th St.John's Women's Fellowship "Overland to India" 8pm
- 14th Townswomen's Guild demonstration by Women's League of Health and Beauty, Abbeydale Hall, 7.30pm.
- 15th King Ecgberts School Fair and Exhibition, 2pm
- 15th Holmesfield Church Garden Party, 2.30pm
- 17th Cyclist's meeting, 11 Glover Road, 7.30pm (see note this page)
- 18th Totley Brook Club outing to Kirkstall Museum, start 1.30pm
- 22nd Garden Part at United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd. 2pm
- 24th to 29th Paper collection at 50 Furniss Ave. for Oxfam & Conservation Soc.
- 26th Coffee morning for Children's Society, 57 Sunnyvale Road 10am

AUGUST

6th Ramblers Association moorland ramble, 9.30 am X48 bus to Flouch Inn finish at Totley



to benefit the hundreds of local people who use pedal power. A meeting will be held at 11 Glover Road, on 17th July at 7.30pm for all those who feel it's a good idea. Arnold Robinson of the Cyclists' Touring Club will be there to help us organise the group. The CTC has been going for 100 years now, but once we've formed our club we'll soon overtake them! Whether you once them. Whether you use a bicycle for shopping, racing, exercise or touring, and whether you're 7 or 70 years old, there should be something for you in our cycle club.

FLOWER POWER

FESTIVAL TIME AT TOTLEY CHURCH This coming September, All Saints Church is launching its first Festival of Flowers, Crafts and Music.

Barbecue at Church

A SUMMER BARBECUE is being held at All Saints Church on Saturday, 8th July from 6.30-10.30. There will be dancing, side-stalls, competitions, raffles etc. and the 50p tickets (25p children) includes a single portion of barbecue. You are asked to buy your tickets beforehand from any parisioner as the food has to be purchased in advance.

It is being arranged for Thursday, 21st to Monday, 25th September, and will take place in both the church and the hall. Details later - please watch out for them and join in where you can.

LIBRARY

Clubs and societies please note there is now a diary on a table in Totley Library for you to advertise all your regular meetings and future events in the area. We hope it will avoid clashes by showing details of any event as soon as it's organised, and give the public a more comprehensive and up-to-date service than is given by the Totley Independent, shop windows or even the grape vine.

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