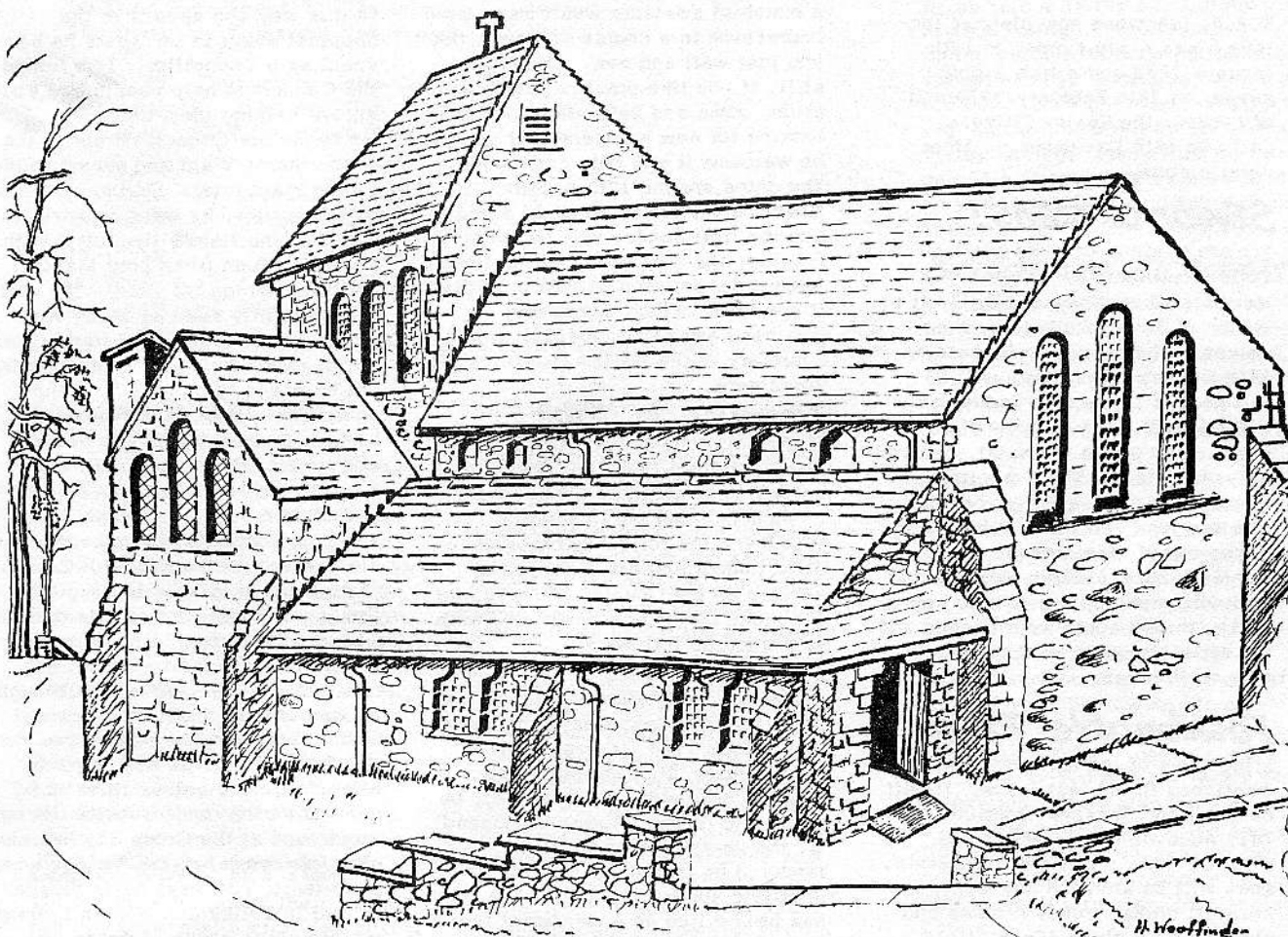


# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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HARRY WOOFFINDEN OF GREENOAK DRIVE TOOK UP DRAWING AND PAINTING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SHEFFIELD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. HE ATTENDS THE CLASSES AT ABBEYDALE HALL AND OFTEN GOES OUT SKETCHING ON LOCATION. HARRY CAN BE SEEN, CAP ON HEAD, CYCLING EFFORTLESSLY UP BASLOW ROAD OR RACING AROUND THE DISTRICT ON FOOT DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF THE INDEPENDENT. HIS DRAWING ABOVE IS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, TOTLEY. AN ENTRY IN THE BOOK 'OUR

GLORIOUS CHURCHES OF DERBYSHIRE" READS:

"THIS LOVELY LITTLE CHURCH HIDING SHYLY A TWO OR THREE MINUTES WALK DOWN A TOTLEY LANE, OFF THE MAIN SHEFFIELD - BASLOW ROAD, ILLUSTRATES MODERN ARCHITECTURE AT ITS BEST. SUGGESTIVE OF SEVERAL STYLES, IT BLENDS THEM SUCCESSFULLY. SOON AFTER IT WAS BUILT IN 1924, THE THEN DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED MISSION, KELHAM, ENCOUNTERED IT, AND AS HE WAS SO STRUCK BY THE DESIGN

THEN THAT HE COMMISSIONED THE ARCHITECT MR. G.C. THOMPSON OF DERBY, TO DESIGN THE GREAT MOSQUE-LIKE CHAPEL AT THEIR MOTHER HOUSE."

THE COMPLETION OF ALL SAINTS WAS DELAYED BY A BUILDERS STRIKE, YET OLDER RESIDENTS REMEMBER A CONSTANT QUEUE OF WORKMEN, DOWN TOTLEY HALL LANE, ASKING FOR EMPLOYMENT ON THE BUILDING WORK. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE WILL BE HAVING LOTS OF BUILDERS ON TOTLEY HALL LANE AGAIN SOON!

## TRA SOCIAL EVENING

There is a Social Evening planned by the Totley Residents' Association for Wednesday 29th November. Main item of the evening will be bingo, with music, tea & biscuits provided. Tickets from Perkinson's and Fruiterama shortly.

T.R.A. functions now planned include a pea & pie supper on 12th January, 1979 and a fish & chip supper on 28th February, 1979 and, of course, the Senior Citizens' Party on 16th December. More details soon.

## Senior Citizens!

We are anxious to make a list of Totley Residents Association members who will find it difficult to get up to Totley College by themselves. The party will be held on 16th December and there will be full details in the next issue of the Independent. If you know of any person who needs transport, can you please contact a TRA Committee member or, alternatively, call in and see John Perkinson in his shop at the top of Main Avenue or ring him at 362579. Sadly, despite the splendid organisation of last year's party, three people were missed and we certainly don't want that to happen this year.

## Fashionable Totley

More news of the fashion evening we mentioned in the last issue. It will be given by 'Seasons' Boutique of 741, Abbeydale Rd., which has recently come under new ownership. They will be showing day wear, cocktail dress, trendy clothes and separates for sizes 10-18. Amongst the styles on display will be Richard Roberts, Raysir and Laygil, so if you would like to be a respectable resident, you can gain some idea of the latest fashions by coming along. For those of you who didn't take a note of the date, it is on Thursday, 2nd November, in the Church Hall.

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## Tip Topping Totley

Work is starting on the old tips in the Bents, and the recently formed Hallam Conservation Volunteers will be spending a couple of Sundays there this month. Cynics may think that if Mother Nature has failed to cover up the tips in 80 years or so, a bunch of amateurs won't make much impression in a couple of weeks, but you just wait and see. Or better still, if you like practical conservation, come and help; the group is looking for new members, but you'll be welcome if you only come once. The dates are the 12th & 26th November, starting about 10 a.m., and the first Sunday will be spent fencing, the next one planting trees (expert supervision will be provided). If you want to hear more, ring Heather Hammerton (304619) who is Secretary of the Hallam Conservation Volunteers.

## Thanks to Tom

Many points have been argued in Sheffield Town Hall, but Councillors belonging to all three parties were unanimously agreed in sending Tom Woodhead the following recommendation concerning his eight years service on the Council. Tom is now the proud owner of a certificate which is worded as follows:-

At a monthly meeting of the Council of the City of Sheffield, held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, the seventh day of June 1978, it was resolved unanimously 'That the best thanks of this Council under common seal, be extending to Mr. Thomas Woodhead for the very valuable services rendered by him to the City of Sheffield during the eight years he has held office as a member of the Council and the former Sheffield City Council'.

The commendation is signed by the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive. When talking to Tom it is easy to see why the Councillors were unanimous for Tom says his whole aim is to help people who can't help themselves. This idea was further exemplified when The Totley Independent asked him which event had given him most pleasure in his eight years as Councillor. Mr. Woodhead replied to this by telling the story of his concern for a blind lady called Mrs. Denton who lived in Hillsborough. She sat at home all day and was not interested in anything. Tom saw she was not enjoying life and put her in touch with the Family Community

Services, who found a place for her in the Nottingham Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind. Within a few weeks she was a completely different person with revitalised enthusiasm, helping in the home's kitchen and thoroughly enjoying life. Tom says it is a wonderful feeling to be able to help someone in this way and says it is the happiest event in the years he has spent as a Councillor. Tom joined the Council to help people and still enjoys helping them today. He began his Council career in the Netherthorpe Ward and moved to the Intake Ward later. During his years as Councillor, he went on a trip to Bochum (Sheffield's twin city) with Reginald Munn (then Lord Mayor) and Dick Wragg (of Dore). The visit was generally seen as being very successful. Tom moved to the Dore Ward, where he lost the last election but he hopes to be able to stand again next year. In the meantime, he is busy carrying on his union activities. He has served on the Committees of Woodthorpe Nursery and Middle Schools, Intake School and King Ecgbert's School. He has also served on the Northern General Committee for people in hospital. Tom's work has covered a large area including Sheffield, Chapeltown (where he managed to obtain rent rebates) and Chesterfield. Although he was not, at the time, our local Councillor, Tom has campaigned for the Totley Rise road camber to be altered, double yellow lines to be painted on the road opposite the bus turnaround at the Cross Scythes and also for renewal of the Main Avenue pavement. Tom says he is pleased to live in Totley and wouldn't change it. He plays bowls in Green Oak Park and watches both the Totley and Green Oak football teams.

## Painless Close-ups

The Photographic Society are holding their next meeting in room K.16 of the Totley College on 15th November at 7.30 p.m. Chairman Bob Warburton will discuss and illustrate "Painless close-ups".

## Rifled range?

We are still making enquiries about the extent of the work being carried out the Rifle Range on Moss Road. Councillor David Heslop is looking into the matter but if anyone has any information can they please contact us.





*An interesting series of textures make the new Totley Brook Estate an ideal subject for a black and white sketch. The new estate, despite the misleading name is actually in Dore, not Totley.*

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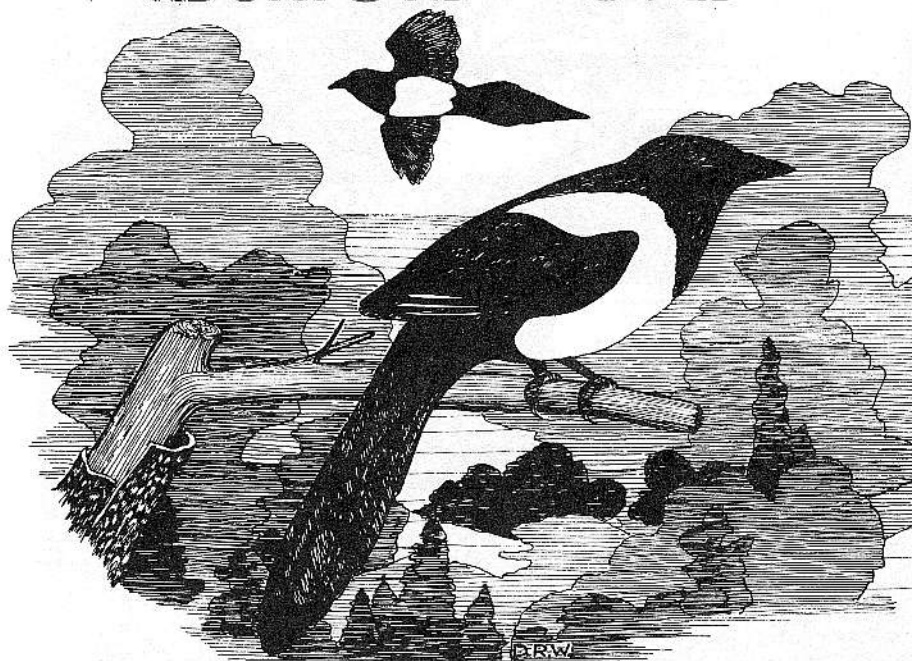
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# WARBURTONS WORLD



On a walk the other week, we saw a group of twenty-one magpies. I'm sure that this is not a record but it is certainly beyond the scope of the old rhyme.

Magpies are certainly not everyone's favourite bird but they are one of mine, despite their often blackened reputation. When I was a child, I had a magpie as a pet. His name was Jimmy and he stayed with us long enough to display all his charming cunning and elegance. Everything about him oozed with arrogance and intelligence. His bright eye, eager for mischief: the jaunty walk, which can only be described as a swagger; and, of course, the beautiful black and white plumage.

Jimmy was always free to come and go as he wished, but he seemed to prefer human company, and display ed what most people would call a true sense of humour. He delighted in terrifying next door's cat and in teasing our bantam cock. He did that once too often though, the little cockerel caught him after a bath when the magpie's feathers were wet and he couldn't fly. The feathers flew and most of them were black & white. Jimmy survived, but thereafter teased his old enemy from a respectful distance.

It is little wonder that I love our bucaneeering magpie. He does take nestlings and eggs, he is a thief,

but this is nature's way. He is not evil or cruel, it is simply the magpie's place in the order of things. The hawks prey on adult birds - the magpies before they reach that stage.

The magpie has learnt to be extremely shy of human beings. Raise a stick within sight of a magpie and he's gone - sticks and guns look alike to him. His weak fluttering flight is quite deceptive - he can move quite quickly when the need arises.

The nest is usually hidden away in a hawthorn bush, somehow, he's learnt that these bushes are most uncomfortable for small boys to climb. The nest itself is roofed and has two openings - one for entry, the other for exit, since the bird's long tail makes turning round in the nest impossible.

## LETTERS

I refer to your article on the "Original Fleur de Lys" in Edition No.15. The literal interpretation of Fleur de Lys is Flower of the Lys - Lys being the name of a river in Belgium.

If you look closely at the Fleur de Lys Coat of Arms, you will see that it is not a Lily but in fact an Iris.

The Fleur de Lys is the emblem of France, chosen by Clovis, the first King of France. Legend tells us that Clovis, while battling against his enemies, noticed the River Lys was full of yellow flags at one particular place - a clear indication of a ford - Clovis led his army across the water and, in gratitude, chose the yellow flag as his emblem. Another explanation for the Iris being chosen is that Clovis, threatened with defeat in a battle with the Alemanni, made a vow that he would be converted to Christianity if he won, thereupon, an Angel with an Iris appeared to him. Clovis won the battle and was baptized at Rheims on Christmas Day 496.

The Iris was also used as an emblem by Edward III, who added it to the Arms of England. In 1800, George III replaced the Fleur de Lys with the Shamrock.

Mrs. Elsie J. Burnside, 49 Rowan Tree Dell, Totley, S.17.4FL.

## Cub Scout Sunflower Competition results

Throughout the summer, the Cubs have been competing with each other to see who could grown the tallest sunflower. It all started earlier in the year when each cub planted two seeds and then eagerly waited for a giant plant to appear. Sadly, some didn't make it out of the ground, while others were eaten by slugs and several were flattened by strong winds. But quite a lot survived and I had an entertaining afternoon recently going round the district with a 12 foot pole to measure them. Thin ones, thick ones, tall spindly ones, short fat ones, some with enormous flowers and others with no flower; even a horizontal one lying on the lawn!

The winner by a 'short head' was Scott Wade who's sunflower grew to 9'9" with Graeme Herbert only just below with 9'8". Well done Scott and Graeme who received book prizes. Special mention to Simon Harpham and Mark Smith who both had enormous flowers.

Altogether a good competition - I think we might try again next year

..... David Pryke

Asst. Cub Scout Leader



# NOVEMBER DIARY

- 15th Photo Society, Painless Close-ups at 7.30 p.m. in the College  
 18th Christmas Market, all day, at United Reform Church  
~~18th T.R.A. Disco/Dance~~  
 21st Science Evening at King Egbert Upper at 7.30 p.m.  
 22nd Talk on Old Totley by J. Edward Vickers at 8.00 p.m. Conservative Club, Baslow Road  
 22nd Joint U.N.A./Wednesday Fellowship, "Race Relations In Sheffield" by Dr. Swamy at 8.00 p.m. Totley Rise Methodists  
 23rd Cheshire Home Coffee Morning to be opened by Lady Mayoress at 10.30 a.m.  
 23rd T.R.A. Fashion Show at 7.45 p.m., All Saints Church Hall  
 23rd Nearly New Sale at 7.00 p.m. Conservative Club, Baslow Road  
 24th Scouts' Open Night at 7.30 p.m., United Reform Church  
 25th Jumble Sale at 2.00 p.m., Totley County School  
 25th Christmas Market at 10.00 a.m., All Saints Church  
 25th Totley Cycle Club, The Cross Scythes, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.  
 26th Tree-planting at Bank View Farm, by Hallam Conservation Volunteers All day  
 29th Photography at work at 7.30 p.m. in K16, College  
 29th (until 2nd Dec.) T.O.A.D.S. present "The Restless Evil", St. John's Hall at 7.30 p.m. (40p)  
 29th Social Evening organised by T.R.A. 8.00 to 11.00 p.m. Conservative Club

## December

- 1st Squash Championships at Abbeydale Park (until 6th Dec.)  
 2nd P.T.A. Christmas Fayre in All Saints School  
 2nd United Nations Supper Evening - tickets from U.N.A. members  
 9th Christmas Coffee morning, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, Totley County School  
 10th Cycling Club, meet 10.00 a.m. outside Cross Scythes - back by dusk  
 13th Photo Society, Competition on Totley, at 7.30 p.m. in College

## Jumble

A Jumble Sale is to be held at Totley County School on 25th November at 2 p.m. It will be organised by The Parent Friends' Association.

## Evil toads

T.O.A.D.S. next production is "The Restless Evil", a play by Charlotte Hastings, to be given in St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South, from Wednesday, 29th November until Saturday, 2nd December, 1978, at 7.30 p.m. Regular attenders may well remember two other T.O.A.D.S. productions of plays by Charlotte Hastings - "Bonaventure" and, more recently, "The Enquiry", set in a women's prison.

Kate Walker is in charge of properties for the current play and is in desperate need of a realistic toy flick-knife and two bar stools. If anyone can help her out, please 'phone her at 364749.

Tickets for "The Restless Evil" will be on sale at Chambers Fish Shop Totley Rise, or from any member, price 40p for adults, 25p for O.A.P.s and children.

## Workshop coffee

On Thursday, 23rd November, the Mickley Lane Cheshire Home is holding a "Workshop" coffee morning which will be opened at 10.30 a.m. by the Lady Mayoress. On sale will be gifts, toys and cakes; there will also be Nearly New and Bring & Buy stalls and a Raffle.

## Scouts Autumn Fayre

The Totley Scout Group are holding their Autumn Fayre at the Scout Hut in Totley Hall Lane on 18th November starting at 2 p.m.

On the 12th. November, they will be on Remembrance Day Parade.

## New Photo Soc. Sec.

The Totley & District Photographic Society, a section of the TRA, has re-elected Bob Warburton to the Chair. Secretary is Don Bellamy with Ted Woolhouse Treasurer. In addition, there is a small Committee which includes a junior member. Subs have been fixed at £2.50 per annum and £1.00 for Juniors. Details are available from Don Bellamy at 366824.

## Library talk changed

The talk on "Old Sheffield" scheduled for Totley Branch Library on 14th November, has been changed due to the indisposition of the speaker. Instead, there will be a colourful slide journey with music through the attractive region of Languedoc-Roussillon in France. The speaker is Mr. R. Stout and the evening starts at 8.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Christmas coffee

There is a Christmas Coffee Morning on 9th December, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, held at Totley County School. This is a fine chance for you to see the decoration of the school by the children. You can also take part in the Christmas raffle. Everyone is welcome to this coffee morning, organised by the Parent Friends' Association.

## The Ambassador

Totley's own Ambassador ran for five nights at King Egbert's School and was an enjoyable time for both performers and audience. A.R.T.B. has sent us this review:

The world premiere of 'The Ambassador' opened with an Overture which was a shade too long - rather like tunes one hums all day.

The Maxwell Wade Opera Company had certainly recruited a distinguished group of principals and they gave delightful performances. Especially worthy of note were Christine Whitworth as Princess Eloia and James Purcell as the Lord Chamberlain.

The chorus were, on the whole, united, and performed with rousing clarity. A subject of speculation, however, was the 'pram-pushers' walk' which seemed to be rather prevalent - perhaps this was due to the showers in the dressing rooms being rather hot.

Although obviously in the style of Gilbert & Sullivan, the plot has a moral tone, I'm sorry to say. The scenery was very presentable and the orchestra gave a creditable performance, especially considering the number of young members. Audience participation varied somewhat, although some of them had to be quite agile, looking round the conductor as he gave quite a good performance of Batman minus Robin! On the whole, it was a very enjoyable evening.

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# SPORTS

## Totley Sports F.C. Keep on Winning

October has proved a very successful month for Totley Sports, whose 1st and 2nd teams played eight matches between them and won them all. The results were as follows:-

7/10/78	Dore Shield Round 1.			
1st Team	v	Buxworth (Away)	Won	3:1
2nd Team	v	Tideswell Utd.(Home)	Won	3:1
14/10/78	Derbyshire Junior Cup - Round 2			
1st Team	v	Tideswell Utd. (Home)	Won	4:3
2nd Team	v	Dove Holes (Away)	Won	3:1
21/10/78				
1st Team	v	Bradwell (Away)	Won	2:0
2nd Team	v	Chapel Town Res. (Home)	Won	5:1
28/10/78				
1st Team	v	Dronfield Woodhouse (Home)	Won	4:1
2nd Team	v	Hope (Away)	Won	7:3

In the next round of the Junior Cup, Totley have an away fixture against Peak Dale, on the 18th November.

### Under 15 Success

Totley Under-15 football team defeated St. Patricks 4:1 on Sunday 29th October. Totley, playing on their home ground in Greenoak Park missed a number of early chances and at half-time there was no score. Gary Burgin put us in front with a solo run but St. Patricks equalised almost immediately. Eventually, the Totley pressure began to tell and, despite more missed chances, 2 more goals were added through Gary and Nick Broomhead. Near the end, the visitors sealed their fate when a clearance rebounded off one of their players for the 4th goal.

### Cub Scouts on top!

Totley Cubs continued their recent run of success with victories against Mosborough and Old Norton, scoring twenty-five times with only two goals conceded.

The first of these wins was against Mosborough by the emphatic margin of 17:1. The first half was keenly contested but Totley accepted their chances, Mosborough didn't, and at half-time we led 6:1. The opposition wilted in the second half and Totley scored a further 11 goals. The scorers for Totley were David Midgley 6, Andrew Geering 6, Ashley Dickinson 4 and Stephen Geering 1. The Totley Boy of the Match was David Midgley. The first half of the game against Old Norton was very evenly contested with the scores even 1:1 at the break. Old Norton were not

able to match Totley's strong 2nd half play (perhaps it's the Co-op. Steroid orange juice at half-time) and finished as losers by 8:1. Totley's teamwork was possibly their best of the season to date, with excellent tackling and distribution by the defence, in which Hugh Coe was outstanding. Scorers were Ashley Dickinson 4, Robert Peat 3 and David Midgley 1. Ashley has now scored 15 goals in his last 4 matches. The Totley Boy of the Match was Robert Peat, for a very skilful performance. His second goal, when he won possession near the halfway line, dribbled to the opposing goal area, drew the goal-keeper out and then slid the ball past him into the net, was a marvellous effort and deserved a Jimmy Hill action replay.

### Steering The cyclists

The erratic progress of the group has now resulted in the formation of a sort of steering committee, which will be organising Winter activities. The public meeting last month attracted too few cyclists to elect a permanent committee or decide on our aims, so that will have to wait. Earlier in the month, I had provided a perfect demonstration of how to fall off a bicycle by skidding on a wet corner and getting several cuts on my face. Still, little things like that don't worry a cyclist!

The next outings are all 10 a.m. at the Cross Scythes, back by 4 p.m., on Sunday 12th, Saturday 25th and

Sunday 10th December, 1978.

For any details contact me, Geoff Nixon @ 99, Prospect Road; Mr. R. Ryalls @ 87, Totley Brook Rd. (368936); Mr. E. Newman @ 42, Aldam Road (365949)

### Bike Strikes

Police are looking for a thief who broke into a Terrey Rd. Garage and stole a Raleigh Fargo Viscount racing cycle with drop-bar handles valued at £65, belonging to an 8 yrs. old boy. They are also investigating the theft of a red bicycle from Totley College Gymnasium on Friday 27th October. This bike belonged to Kenny Jones, a member of the Totley Under-15 football team.

### Badgered Bezants

The Bezant family looked out of their window on the Totley Grange Estate at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st November, and thought they were seeing things. Not so - as it was All Saints Day, any apparitions from the night before must have vanished and so they really were seeing as large as life, walking up the path of Totley Grange Close, a fully-grown badger. It investigated one or two drives, didn't seem to be in a particular hurry and then vanished into a garden. The Estate is surrounded by a high wall and it is possible that the badger actually walked down Baslow Rd. to get there.

**Naturalists Note** - badgers are a nocturnal animal and are rarely seen in daylight. They also keep well away from human habitation and so this sighting was unusual on two counts. The nearest known badger sett is some way away from the Estate.

### Totley mini-bus?

Reader Robin Carter has suggested that the Totley Community look into the possibility of raising funds to buy a minibus for use by the various organisations in the area. The idea is to be put to the next meeting of the Totley Residents Association Committee. If you have any views in the meantime, please let us have them.

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# HOW TOTLEY CAME TO BE ON A HILL

One cold and wintry day in a tall tree in Dore, a hungry black rook shivered. A delicious smell of newly baked bread came floating on a breeze to his nostrils so he flew off in the direction of the smell. He came upon a cheerful baker's shop. When the baker's back was

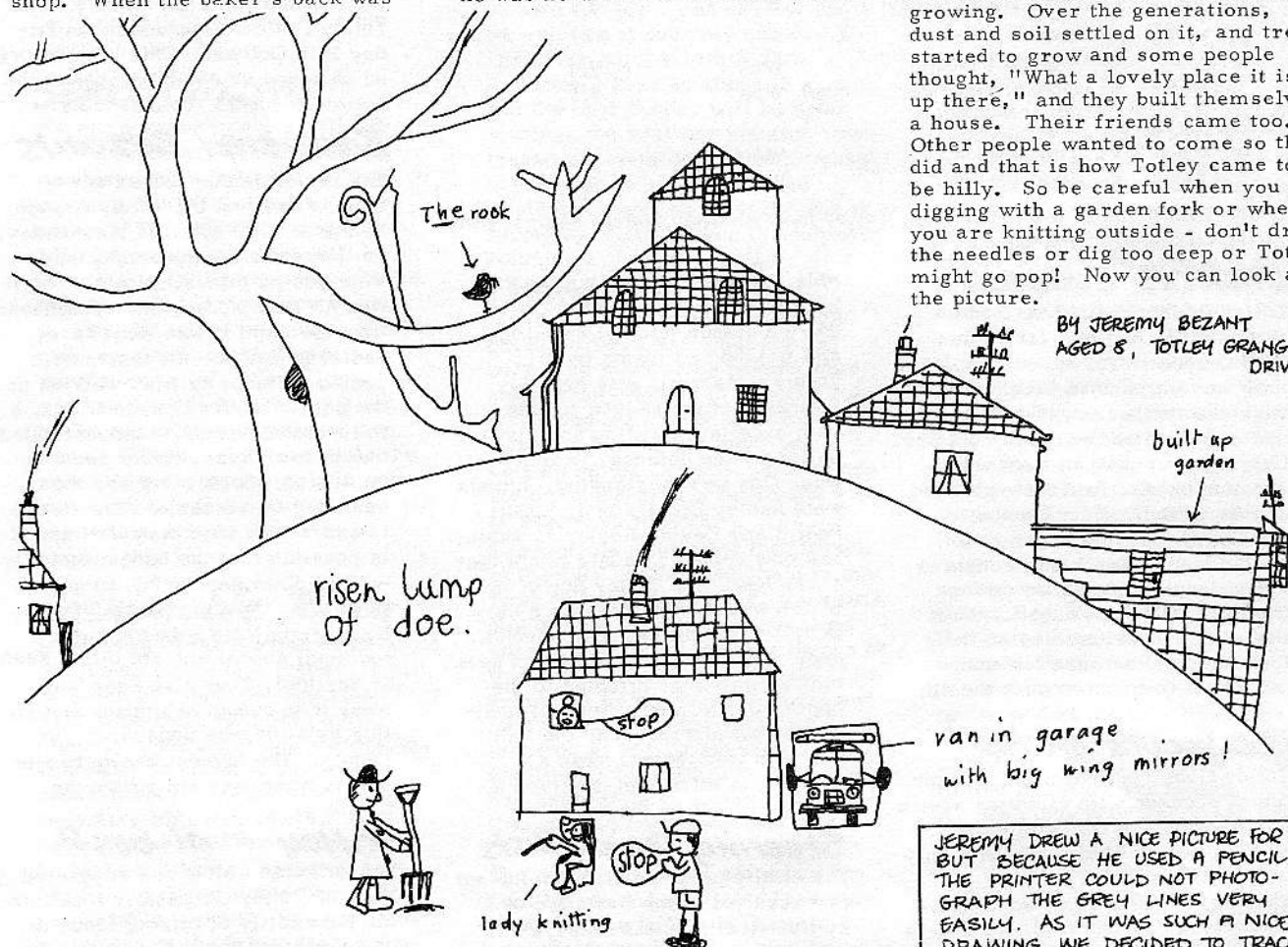
# CHILDREN'S PAGE

THIS IS THE SECOND TOTLEY FAIRY TALE WE HAVE BEEN SENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY. WHY NOT THINK OF ONE AND WRITE IT DOWN? LAST WEEK FIONA GEULSTHORPE AN 8 YEAR OLD GIRL TOLD US WHY TOTLEY HAD A BAD SUMMER, THIS MONTH.....

turned he quickly fluttered down and snapped up a lump of dough which he thought was bread. Quickly, out he flew and headed for his grandmothers to share the bread with her. A strong winters wind blew him off course and when he was near a little brook he met a

lady rook and said, "Caw! Caw!" Down, down, down went the doegh. The rook thought it was lost. After a little while, when the sun had warmed it and the rain had watered it, it began to rise up and get higher and higher until it was so high that it became cold on top. So it stopped growing. Over the generations, dust and soil settled on it, and trees started to grow and some people thought, "What a lovely place it is up there," and they built themselves a house. Their friends came too. Other people wanted to come so they did and that is how Totley came to be hilly. So be careful when you go digging with a garden fork or when you are knitting outside - don't drop the needles or dig too deep or Totley might go pop! Now you can look at the picture.

BY JEREMY BEZANT  
AGED 8, TOTLEY GRANGE  
DRIVE.



JEREMY DREW A NICE PICTURE FOR US BUT BECAUSE HE USED A PENCIL THE PRINTER COULD NOT PHOTOGRAPH THE GREY LINES VERY EASILY. AS IT WAS SUCH A NICE DRAWING WE DECIDED TO TRACE IT IN BLACK INK AND PUT IT IN THE INDEPENDENT. HOPE YOU LIKE IT!

## LOCAL GHOSTS

There were numerous reports of ghosts in the Totley area on 31st October. News came in of a horde of white shapes floating around near Totley Hall Lane. Startled locals will be relieved to learn that Totley Cub Scouts held their Halloween party on that night. Some of the boys thought it would be a good idea to go home in their costumes.

## PAINTING COMPETITION

So far we have had 8 entries for last month's painting competition. Because a printing error gave the wrong closing date on some copies, we have decided to extend the closing date until 28th November. So hurry up and let us have some more entries. There will be prizes for the winners and an exhibition of entries will be on display in the Conservative Club window.

## RECOVERY

Jan Brownhill, Michael Turner and David Midgley, all members of Totley Cub Scout football team seem to have now fully recovered from the car crash in which they were involved last month.