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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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TOTLEY POST OFFICE

THIS BUILDING bears the date 1882 and is shown here how it looks in January 1980. The drawing by Mr. W. Carter Wigg of Baslow Road is the second of his to be featured on our cover.

The present occupiers Mr. & Mrs D. Rudkin are moving to a bigger Post Office at Thurnscoe, Doncaster in mid January. The new post office does not deal with newspapers, so a five day week will afford them more free time. They are sorry to leave

Totley, after nearly six years, their thanks are extended to their many friends and customers. No doubt this cover will help remind them of their previous home and the magazine that they helped to sell for us. Taking over the postal duties will be Mr. & Mrs. Wragg from Goole.

THUNDERER

DOOR TO DOOR (but not quite to DORE !)

DURING (wet) December members of the Independent staff and Residents Association committee, distributed 3,000 leaflets to households in the Totley area, in an effort to inform or remind everyone of the existence and purpose of our very own local magazine. We have since found out that this was not in vain, various people telling the shops that sell the Independent that they were buying it because they had read our leaflet. Peter Swift also sent out 2,000 leaflets, of his own, to his customers informing them that he could now deliver the magazine. Each of our leaflets, (not Peter Swifts), had its own number and the result of this free prize draw is given in this issue. We hope that some of you will be reading our columns (or those of our December issue) for the first time also as a result of our efforts. Our December issue seems to have been very well received, offering twelve pages as a sort of xmas treat! (We printed 1,300 copies in anticipation of increased demand). It is important that our circulation is increased if we are to be able to continue to sell at a low price. You may be aware that the price has not increased since the first issue, although production costs have risen and will continue to do so. Our friend the printer has helped, in this respect, by holding his price for quite a long time. (All other contributions are given to the magazine voluntarily). Have you any thoughts on the price or style of our magazine - does it represent value for money? Any new readers wishing to catch up on previous issues may obtain back copies from Perkinsons shop. We will give further information of the issues that are still available.

PETS CORNER

Fish make ideal pets. They are colourful quiet and clean. They can be divided into three main groups; Coldwater, Tropical and Marine. The goldfish is the best known cold water fish and can be kept in a smallish tank or bowl, which must be regularly cleaned. Gold and Silver Orfe are very attractive but more active than goldfish, so need a larger tank. So many tropical fish are available that you will have no difficulty in finding suitable varieties. All you require is a tank, preferably with a top light and a means of keeping the water at round about 75 F. Electric heaters and thermostats can be bought very reasonably. Marine fish are expens-

ive and demanding but the keen enthusiast will not begrudge the time and effort. Read up your subject well and perhaps join a club such as the British Marine Aquarist Association to meet experts and ask their advice. If you are a complete beginner, ask any friends who have fish, for their advice and get books out of the library. Always buy the best equipment you can afford and build up your collection gradually.

NOT CLICKING?

OF LATE, numbers of members attending meetings has fallen off dramatically and in an attempt to rectify this, the next two meetings will be held in the Heatherfield Conservative club on January 16th and 30th. The meeting for January 2nd was cancelled. We hope that the improved accessibility of the new venue will persuade a few new members and some of our lapsed ones to come to our meetings. The meeting on Jan 16th is a cine film evening with Trevor Willis and the following meeting Jan 30th, will be an open evening, when anyone is welcome to come along, bring some pictures, problems or comments, have an informal chat and find out what the club is about.

Remedy

THE DECEMBER LIST of half day closings for our local shops stated that RAIKESCROFTS the chemists are closed half day on Thursdays. We would like to point out that they do open on this day between 5pm - 7pm. This is of particular importance to people wishing to have their prescriptions dispensed following the doctors evening surgeries.

buses

BEFORE WE CONTACT the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive following complaints and comments recently received with regard to our local bus services, has anyone any specific points they would like us to raise?

BIRTHS

Billy Butler, who was clerk of Dore at the end of the 18th century recorded the following in the Dore Church register:

- 1734 June ye 14 Elizabeth, daughter of Benemon Banefort, baptised.
- 1758 Melicent Crooks, Jo's lass, bap. August.
- 1759 Abraham Watson, Nans lad, bap. May
- 1760 Samuell Barton, John's lad, bap. May 11, Totley Mill.

curtain up

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING was had by all at the Dore Theatre School of Dance Christmas Show. A successful production reflecting weeks of preparation and hard work. 'Discotime' opened the show, the older members giving an excellent performance of disco dancing wearing bright one-piece skinsuits. 'Winnie the Pooh and friends' began with poetry, clearly and confidently spoken by four girls. Pooh bear, Piglet and Tigger were good and portrayed with personality, the latter danced energetically. But it was the baby class that stole the show, with bashful smiles at friends and family in the audience. The parents were amused by their youngsters antics. Elizabeth Sheldon shone in the gymnastics display. A 'non-handed cart-wheel' extracted gasps of admiration from the audience. Although the stage was small, the girls, wearing sequinned leotards and tights, managed well. Unfortunately, time could not permit any individual displays. Fiona Wenninger made a charming Hans Christian Andersen and in the same theme, 'Wonderful Copenhagen' was well sung. 'The Ugly Duckling', an obvious favourite was enthusiastically put over. 'No Two People' was pleasing too. Some Mexican flavour came in the form of Hernando's Hideaway colourfully and boisterously presented, sombreros and all. The ballet theme was 'Fairies from a Midsummer Night's Dream' and all ages took part. There was some superb footwork on points. 'Hello Dolly' provided a change of scene with effective period costume and polished performances from the Ladies and their Escorts. 'Ribbons down my back' performed by Judith Kaye was especially melodic. The first part of the modern section was performed by the juniors to the 'Newest Sound of Debussy'. The subdued orange lighting, red leotards and tights combined to produce an interesting dance sequence. Pink Floyd's 'Obscured by Clouds' provided the music for the precise, controlled and spectacular Senior modern performance. The finale ended a well rehearsed show, accompanied by arm waving and singing. A pleasant evening, enjoyed by performers and audience alike. The show raised £168, divided between three charities; £56 towards a scanner (1979 being the Year of the Child), £56 to Dore Friendship Club and £56 for Dore Church.

And just to prove that we still miss certain items that take place in the district, the College production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" passed us by unnoticed - our apologies.

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About three or four miles from Totley on the Baslow Road, just past the Froggatt road, you may well notice a small pond. This is the remnant of an ancient leather tanning mill. The dam was fed by the Barbrook, a small stream rising on Totley Moss, passing near Ladys Cross and travelling across Big Moor and eventually through Baslow. Close by to the mill site, on the nearer side of the Froggatt road is a small two-stone slab pack-horse bridge which existed as far back as the 18th century. Then, Big Moor was crossed by many bridleways, before the modern roads were built.

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LETTERS

A Leak of Information

I have just completed a two month visit to "home" from Australia, during which I have caught up with the past twelve months "doings" of Totley via the Totley Independent and the Nov & Dec issues were extra special to me as the mention of Mrs. Spring brought back memories of her passing me down the 1/2d tray and of course I've been in and had a chat to dear Mrs. Jackson. Now if I may I'd like to recall amongst "the distinguished services to the district" my father, James Hodgson - he and my mother came to Totley in 1927 and set up business as Plumber and Glazier at 55 The Grove with a rented out-house from Cannon Hall Farm as his workshop. In 1930 they moved to Bushey Wood Road where the 'under-house' served as a workshop for a now expanding business. He served the people as sole plumber until his retirement (part) 7 yrs ago and full retirement after his 72nd birthday. From personal memories, he's turned out 7 days of the week, 365 days of the year for emergencies and walked through snow too deep to drive in - then to have to dig up half of peoples snow deposits just to find the stop-tap and control the flow from burst pipes before he could even start the job he'd been called out to attend. He is now enjoying his retirement with 'fair to middling' health at the age of 80 in the home he made for us at Totley.

E. Smith
(nee Hodgson)
15 Bushey Wood Road
Totley Rise.

Totley Epidemic

There was a serious epidemic of small-pox in Totley in 1887. In an article in 'The Times', December 1887, Totley is described as one of the worst drained districts in the country. According to articles in the local Telegraph in 1893, there were 140 cases, only 8 being natives of Totley, 6 being unvaccinated. 12 deaths occurred, all navvies working on the railway! In the summer of 1893, it was considered advisable to close the railway services through the month of July because of this epidemic.

I have a copy of a map dated 1890 which has a hospital marked in the middle of field 1852 - 277 which lies between the A621 and Monnybrook Farm. What bothers me is, was the

hospital ever used and if so, however did they get the patients there? Pat Sneath, The Quadrant

COMMENT

We are indebted to Pat Sneath for giving us the information, on the Cherrytree Orphanage, which appears below. The two paragraphs in her letter above are not unconnected. The hospital referred to, was the wooden building used as such by the railway navvies when they were building the Totley Tunnel (1888-93). Early this century, Mr. Creswick, who then farmed at Cannon Hall Farm, acquired and dismantled the hut. It was re-erected as an outbuilding to the farm and still stands today.

MICKLEY LANE

THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT that Mickley Lane is to be widened at considerable expense will no doubt be the subject of much local comment and concern. Do we wish, for instance, to lose the tightest of S bends (surely worthy of inclusion in the T. T. races) to be found on just about any country lane? There is an ever increasing amount of peak period traffic now using this lane en route to the city centre and this situation would in any case need to have been more closely looked at, as anyone travelling at these times will verify.

Before anything does alter the character of this local lane, we thought this would be a good opportunity to stroll along it, over the next few months, towards Holmesfield and visit some of the places of interest.

These include The Lodge, Brook Hall, Mickley Hall (Cheshire Home) Cherrytree, St. Georges Farm, Standall Tools Ltd., we start with Cherrytree. Cherrytree Orphanage was opened in Sheffield about 1862 at Sharrow Lane, Sheffield but in 1866 this was moved to Brook Hall, a large house on Mickley Lane. In 1867, the foundation stone was laid in the grounds for a new building, which cost £3,000. It was built to hold 50 children and was supported by voluntary subscriptions and government grants. In 1964, two further buildings were erected close by and the children moved into these, their address being now simply 'CHERRYTREE'. The old home was bought by the Leonard Cheshire Foundation in 1967 and renovated. More about this building next month.

TOTLEY HISTORY

If there is something you want to know about Totley's past, why not write in and see if we can supply the answer?

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!

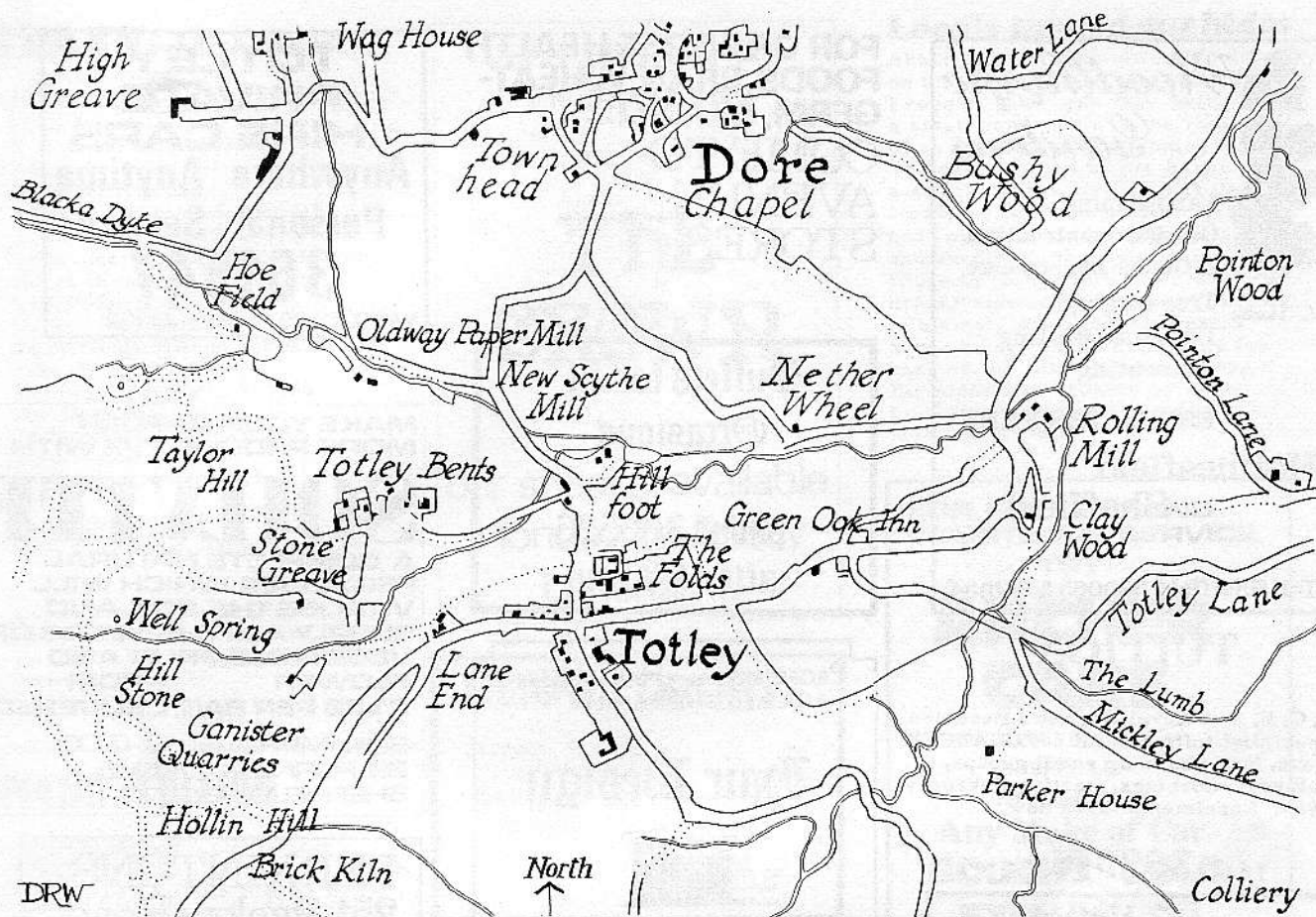
MR. ARTHUR BELL of Green Oak Road awoke at 1am Friday 16th November to find something unusual in his front garden, a Ford car and on its way there it had demolished his small wall and a metal lamp post, which had been pushed six feet into the ground by the cars front end bringing it to a sudden halt. Steam poured from the radiator. This was followed by the arrival of six police cars. Mr. Bell discovered later that the car had been stolen from across the city in Barnsley Road by two men, both of whom were apprehended on the spot, the driver having broken his ribs on the steering wheel during impact. Had the car have come any nearer to the house the Bells could have had breakfast off the cars bonnet, as it would have been in their room. Mr. Bell was surprised as to how quickly all the emergency services were completed following this incident. "Within the hour", he told the Independent. "During 26 yrs of living in Totley, this is only the second time I have witnessed anything unusual from my home. I tend to regard this cul-de-sac as 'sleepy valley' - a bit of a back-water really. The other incident happened about 10 years ago when another driver didn't realise there was no way through - only this time it was a coach, full of senior citizens on an outing, they all got out and had a chat to me in the garden, whilst the driver struggled to turn the coach round. We all had a good laugh on that occasion - it happened at a more convenient hour".

ANOTHER BUMPER

AT THE MEETING of the T.R.A. committee on Monday December 10th an item came up that wasn't on the agenda - the sound of crunching metal outside in Baslow Road at about 8.30pm. Upon investigation it was discovered that a white Volkswagen beetle had run into the back of a blue Ford Escort - owned by Rev. Alan Jockel, T.R.A. Chairman. Alan later remarked that usually he would have walked such a short distance from his home in Sunny-Vale Road but as he left it was pouring down with rain. So it turned out to be a very expensive umbrella.

JUMBLE SALE

January 19th, 1980 at 2pm
Scout Hut, Totley Hall Lane. If you have jumble ring Mr Turner, 367594



A GOOD MAP TO IGNORE

BOB WARBURTON has sent us this copy he has made from a map of this area, and has dated it as 1863, or thereabouts. As far as I can tell, it is an extremely inaccurate map (although Bob's copy is a faithful reproduction) based on an earlier survey carried out between 1837 and 1839 by Lt. Col. William Mudge and Capt. Thomas Colby. In those days, the Ordnance Map Office was based in the Tower of London where some of the earlier maps were printed. This particular one is from the North West quadrant of the Chesterfield Section, Sheet 28. One of the problems with this map was that it was drawn to a very small scale (Bob's copy is perhaps four times larger than the original) and this meant that, instead of naming the more important features and places, the team only printed down in areas where the relief shading and roads etc., allowed them. For example, they name Blacka Dike but omit the more important Old Hay Brook and Totley Brook. In addition there are countless inaccuracies - Stone Greave was actually Storgreave or Storgrove, being more to the West. Hill Stone should be Mill Stone Car,

Hoe Field was Hallfield (sometimes called Holefield) and Oldway was of course Olday or Oldhay. Lane End would appear, on this map, to refer to the track entering Baslow Road from the South (in fact this track was an early line of the turnpike). Lane End is the area to the North of Baslow Road. The ganister quarries and brick kilns are also incorrectly placed. All in all, they made a really shoddy job of professional map-making, especially compared with Sanderson's Enclosure Map of about the same time. the Folds referred to a group of buildings and closes standing approximately where Shrewsbury Terrace now is. One or two of these early buildings still exist. If you are studying local history, this is one map to ignore because of the huge number of inaccuracies. It is, however, of some historical interest because it does show how names came to be changed when maps and documents were capable of misleading future generations.

FEBRUARY COPY

COPY DATE for February issue is Saturday January 19th.

SO LONG PETE

ON THE SUBJECT OF LOCAL history, we were sorry to learn that Peter Hanson, sub-manager of the National Westminster Bank, has moved to the Hunter's Bar branch. Peter, who lives just over the Border in Dronfield Woodhouse, is married with two children. Earlier this year, he organised the display of old Totley photographs at the Bank when the staff turned up in Edwardian costume. Peter says that he has left with mixed feelings because, although he was moving to a larger branch, he was sad to leave Totley where he had enjoyed his spell and made many friends. On coming here from Lincolnshire, where everyone knew one another, he was surprised to see the same sort of community spirit here, so close to a large city.

Best wishes to Mr. Hanson in his new job and welcome to his successor, Mr. Ken Pass.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE COVER OF OUR DECEMBER issue featured a cottage in Totley Hall Lane, that was demolished in 1978 and stood below the Fleur de Lys.



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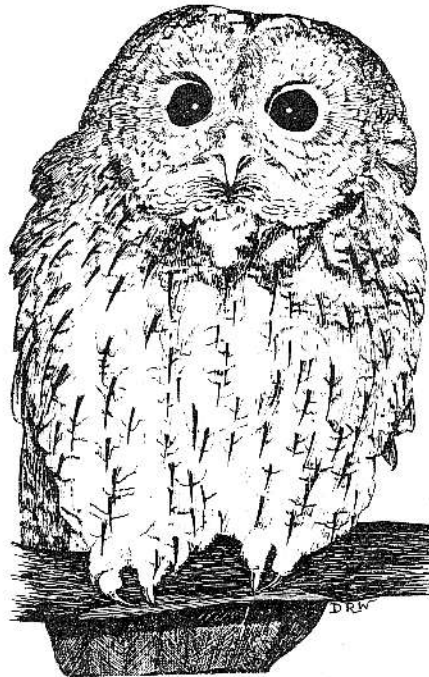
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LIMOUSINES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The party's over....

BINGO, RAFFLES, MUSIC and a chat show were entertainments laid on for 142 senior citizens at the Totley Residents Association third annual Christmas Party held at Totley College. After a delightful tea, it was 'eyes down' with numbers read out by last minute recruit, Mrs. Mavis Douglas. Prizes included woolly scarves and bubble bath for 'houses' with 2lbs of sugar and tea for each line. Mr. Bill Nelson of Radio Sheffield had judged last summer's TRA Gardening Competition and the prizes were presented at the Party. 1st Prize of a silver cup and gardening fork went to Mr. C. Attersley of Aldam Rd. Mr. Tomlinson (2nd) of Stonecroft Rd and Mr. Broomhead (3rd) of Mickley Lane each won a £5 gift voucher to be spent at Peter Swifts. 15 prizes had been assembled again by Stanley Rawlings, having collected them from the local shops who had made this contribution to the Christmas treat. These prizes were offered in the raffle and Mrs. Nellie Pye of Green Oak Avenue won first place. Mrs. Auckland, of Aldam Croft, who won a 56lb sack of potatoes, was not asked to carry them home. The Trevor Peat Trio with Rowan Tree Dell's Howard Walker providing the vocals, accompanied by Val and Philippa, gave a selection of carols, jazz and Barry Manilow style songs. Green Oak Avenue's Len Stewart sat in on the session with his much-travelled electric guitar. A chat show followed, at which some of the Independent staff were introduced to the lively audience. Guests appearing were Totley Sports F.C. Manager, Norman Cann (who was presented with a framed print for his achievements in local sport - his team have scored 28 goals in the last four matches), Frank Taylor of Green Oak Road who amazed us all with a fine rendering of his favourite 'Dore' carol, Bowls veteran Sam Roebuck of Mickley Lane was complimented on the meticulous and hard work he puts into the bowls score records each week. 10-year old Simon Swift of Hillfoot Road played a few carols on his trumpet and the evening ended on the beautiful sounds of the violin performance provided by Robin Johnson accompanied by pianist Leslie Walker. Robin, who spent his early life in the Grove, was taught by Madam Scaife. He played a varied programme which entranced his audience. Finally, Mrs. Hammond was presented with a small gift in recognition of the fine work she puts into organising events for senior citizens at the Good Companions at Abbeydale Hall. All the helpers performers and donors are thanked for making the event such a success.

Warburtons World



DURING THE WINTER months, the small birds are quite evident as they cluster around our gardens and bird - tables. Several of our birds, however, manage to last through the winter but are very rarely seen. The predatory birds must find life very difficult and in severe winters many may perish. This is probably especially true of our nocturnal birds of prey, the owls. The daytime birds can pick up the weak and careless garden birds, but our larger owls prey mainly upon rodents, which may be hidden under a blanket of snow. The two best known are the Barn Owl and the Tawny Owl, illustrated here. They have many features in common: the slow silent flight; large forward looking eyes for binocular vision; soft feathers and amazingly agile neck which can turn 180° to be able to look directly backwards without moving its body at all. The senses of sight and hearing are remarkably acute. The Barn Owl is the smaller of the two, but is becoming rather scarce due to the destruction of its favourite habitat, old barns and buildings. Its colouring is very pale brown or almost lemon on back and wings, the underside is white. The owlets are rather strange and resemble balls of cotton wool. I have watched a Barn Owl's nest on a couple of occasions and photographed the youngsters in a disused engine shed - sadly now demolished. Neither adults nor young

were seen in the vicinity again. The hunting scream of the adult is a most disturbing experience and seeking out this ghost-like bird in the twilight can be quite frightening. The Tawny Owl is found locally and can be heard at almost any time of the year after dark. This bird is responsible for the familiar 'hoot' but has other less well known calls. The bird is almost entirely nocturnal and often has trouble if it flies in daylight. Small birds often 'mob' the owl and it seems very accident prone. One was brought to me a few years ago. It had flown into a branch near Queen Victoria Road, fell into Totley Brook and drowned within a very short time. The corpse was brought to me and I had the chance to examine it very closely. The feathers were beautifully soft and gave the bird the silent flight so important in avoiding being noticed by the rats, mice and voles which make up the major part of its diet. The diet of owls is quite well known, since they regurgitate the bones and fur of their prey in the form of a compact pellet. Examination of the pellets gives a complete run down of the species eaten. Since owls are creatures of habit, considerable numbers of pellets may be found at the birds favourite roost. Mice and voles seem to be top of the list, but it varies according to the food available.

TWIST IN THE TAIL

PERFORMANCE DATES at King Egbert School for their production of "OLIVER" have now been changed to May 7th, 8th, 9th. 1980.

TOTLEY FORUM

THE NEXT MEETING of the above will be held in Green Oak View DAY CENTRE (not the College) at 8pm on Tuesday 26th of February.



SCOUT NEWS

ANOTHER REGULAR FEATURE in future issues will be news from the 215th Sheffield (1st Totley) Scout Group. The headquarters are on Totley Hall Lane and there are plans afoot for fund raising activities. John Turner, Group Chairman on 367594, writes that the group urgently needs your support in raising money for new equipment and improvements (long overdue) to the hut. On January 19th at 2pm there is a jumble sale in the scout hut and if you have anything (other than shoes) please contact him and he will arrange for collection if necessary. Another event planned, for March, is a sponsored clean-up of Totley Brook.

STAR NEWS

AS REPORTED LAST MONTH the Star News Shop on Baslow Road now has new managers. In November Wendy and Graham Nicholson took over the running of the shop after previously having had a business in Grenoside. Already they have been impressed both with the friendliness of local residents and with Totley itself. They are hoping to move into the premises permanently, early in the New Year and have plans to improve the appearance of the shop. As well as decorating, Wendy & Graham would like to make some changes to the shops layout. They are also hoping that, due to popular demand, you should soon be able to buy your copy of the Independent there! Our best wishes to them both for a long and happy stay with us.

Down to earth

ANDREW KAY'S fruit shop at Totley Rise is now under the ownership of John Scriven of FRUITERAMA. The shop now specialises in selling plants and flowers, having opened on December 11th.

Premises to let

Quite an uncommon site; a shop to let at Totley Rise. What kind of shop do you think would be suited to this position? Which type of shop is Totley short of? Come to that, what is Totley really short of? What should be our aims and ambitions for the 1980's. If we are to achieve anything for the area, during the next decade, it can best be done through united efforts.

STRINGS OF SUCCESS

TOTLEY MUSICIANS successful in the Christmas examinations held by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music - :

Violin Grade 1. Celia Haining
Helen Race

Piano Grade 111. Michael Hawkins
(merit)

Piano Grade V111. Helen Drewery.

Get well soon

TO MR. ROY WIGGETT of Mickley Lane, following a recent heart attack and a short stay in the Hallamshire Hospital. Roy is one of that legion of Totleyites who never need asking more than once, (if he ever needs asking at all), to volunteer his services to the area, a great deal of his spare time being given to Church, Sunday School and Youth Club work. Before the incident he was rehearsing with his usual enthusiasm the part of Widow Twankey with All Saints P. T. A. for the panto Aladdin. Roy's part will now be taken by John Turner, (who has recently escaped with his family across the border to Bradway and who also suffers severely from volunteering). Roy, an auto electrician by trade, will no doubt return to the circuit with his own batteries fully charged.

WE ARE SORRY to hear that Mr. Herbert Ashmore of Green Oak Road was admitted to hospital on Boxing Day. He is reported to be making a good recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL P. T. A. celebrate their tenth anniversary during 1980 and to mark the occasion they are holding a party, dinner and disco in March at Abbeydale Golf Club, Twentywell Lane, when it is hoped that all of the previous chairmen and many of the previous committees and members will attend. Further information is available from the secretary, Sue Youdan. There are still a few seats left for their pantomime 'ALADDIN', tickets can be obtained from Sue Youdan of 28 The Grove tel. 364036 or Val Wilson of 25a Green Oak Avenue tel. 350351.

The A.G.M. of this association will be held at 8pm in the Cross Scythes on Tuesday 29th January, when a free buffet will be provided for those attending.

SILENT NIGHT

A QUICK ROUND UP of how the local school children ended their christmas term. King Egberts lower school held a very lively and enjoyable disco, as did Totley County School, with lights and music provided by local lad, Steve Perkinson. A quieter evening was had by All Saints School, with a film show in the Church Hall, where the sound on the projector wasn't working - but then Laurel & Hardy were always just as funny in picture only.

VINTAGE NEWS

WE UNDERSTAND that WINE SELLERS on the Rise has also changed hands. We have no details as yet, one of our reporters will shortly be popping round to see what's brewing.

CHORUS LINES

JOANNE HAVENHAND AGED 14 of 23b The Quadrant, Totley, has just successfully auditioned to become the youngest singing member of South Yorkshire Opera.

PRIZE DRAW

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