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WARTIME DAM

THIS MONTHS VISIT to Mickley Lane goes back about forty years to the latter period of the Second World War, when the Totley Brook was dammed below the road bridge. The small dam formed was for the purpose of supplying water to the fire engines in cases of emergency. The fire engines operated from the site which has now been redeveloped as Sheaf Motors. (See issue No. 2 - TOTLEY AT WAR). The original building was taken over following the war years by Mr. Jim Thompson and called Marstone Garage. This drawing (from memory by Mike Roberts) is taken from the area now used as the car park for the Shepley Spitfire and shows the Mickley Lane/Glover Road/Laverdene Avenue area. The dam was a meeting place for all the local youngsters, they gathered there to participate in various sports easily provided where there is water: Rat shooting, Frog racing, and Trout catching. Did you know that here the aqualung was almost invented? A certain John Ashton of Main Avenue - an inventor of considerable repute, designed and constructed a device for underwater swimming. Unfortunately for this intrepid submariner the material used for conveying air from the surface to the swimmer, was a cycle inner tube. This collapsed under water pressure, causing acute embarrassment to the inventor and much amusement to the onlookers!

tram lines

THE CHANCES OF a return to the days of the tram in Totley may not be so remote after all, following the recent announcement that local officials are pressing for a feasibility study on alternative forms of public transport. Totley is one of a handful of local areas which has been sounded out with a view to installing an exclusive line - segregated from all other traffic - into the city centre. Council officials are particularly concerned to offset peak period traffic congestion, which they estimate will worsen considerably over the next five years. Proposals have been made to spend up to £200,000 on a two year study, which could eventually lead to the installation of a new system costing about £40 million. With the continuing search for transport which can run on alternative forms of energy, the possibility of trams or trolley buses re-appearing on our roads is more likely than it may seem. Certainly if they do ever return, Totley people can expect to be amongst the first to use them.

THUNDERER

3 YEARS OLD

WITH THIS ISSUE, No. 36, we celebrate our 3rd Birthday. (This means we are now only 122 years behind the Morning Telegraph). It was 3 years ago, 4th July 1977 that the 1st issue of Totley Independent appeared. The magazine was then and still is produced completely from within the area which it serves and is financially self supporting with no outside subsidies. We are always dependant on you, the readers, to keep us fed with your news and information and this has proved interesting and beneficial when you look back through all our previous issues. The Independent staff, (all voluntary), past and present, have been in the main 'young and enthusiastic, setting a good example in community service, which we hope will be followed in future years. By collecting and reporting information from ALL local age groups, a very useful joint effort has been maintained in producing our own local monthly magazine. A very important part of this magazine is the printing and for this we have to thank MULTICOPY of Highfields for giving us a speedy service and the benefit of their professional experience. We hope we give value for money but at the same time would like to feel that your monthly 12p not only buys your copy but also provides an investment in securing its future and meets items of expenditure that could not be met otherwise by the Totley Residents Association, as the T.R.A. in itself is not primarily a fundraising organisation. Special mention goes to our regular contributors for the high standards they have achieved and in particular to Bob Warburton who has given a column to almost every issue. Also thanks to someone who hasn't had a mention before, Anthea Williamson, who types the magazine, sets the headings and generally acts as magazine secretary. As always, we welcome ideas, comments or contributions and if you would like to help in a more positive capacity as a member of staff, artist, reporter etc., we will be more than pleased to hear from you. Experience is not essential, only interest and enthusiasm is required.

Here's to celebrating our next birthday!

WASTE

THE NEXT COLLECTION of newspaper etc by Totley Scouts will be made on Saturday 12th July during the morning. If you would like the scouts to call on you please let them know or ring John Turner on 367594. It would be a considerable help if you can either bundle your paper or put it in a box.

NEW ROUTES

YOU MAY HAVE noticed new bus route numbers displayed at our bus stops. This is a new Saturday and Sunday service, Nos 209 and 210 to Chatsworth Park and Matlock. Leaflets giving details and times of these services are available from Transport Department Offices. We are also informed by the S.Y.P.T.E. that our buses that stop for a short while at Beauchief or Millhouses do so because they are slightly ahead of schedule and timings are important where connections with other services have to be made.

blooming

STAND BY for details of the Annual Gardening Competition to be held in August, organised as usual by T.R.A. Anyone who can help to arrange this event should contact John Perkinson as soon as possible.

korexion

IN THE RESULTS of the Royal Schools of Music pianoforte examinations which appeared in the June issue, we incorrectly gave Adrian Tolson as Grade 3 - Merit. This should have been Grade 4 - Merit.

WHISPERER

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Hibberd of 28 Glover Road, who celebrated her 90th birthday last month, most of her life being spent in Totley.... OH DEAR! ... Totley Brook Road being dug up again.... Time switch problems have been causing local street lights to be off at night and lit all morning... New houses planned in the Green on site of existing garages.... Traffic surveys have been carried out recently at Main Avenue/Baslow Road.... Curbs have been lowered at side of telephone box at Totley Rise... Chinese Takeaway at Totley Rise re-opened as 'FURAMA Chop Suey Bar'.... Baslow Road Hardware shop has been sold but no indication as to the nature of the new business..... Kathy Hill of Lemont Road is opening 'Totley Health and Beauty' in empty shop at Totley Rise..... Bradway looks set to get its Community Centre underway in the old school building... Totley Hall Motors has been taken over by Auto Finance Ltd..... Good crowds out to see Flying Scotsman as it steamed through the district celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Liverpool/Manchester line..... 4 sheep decided that Totley was more interesting than the fields and moors and had a good look at the College and several local gardens before attracting the attention of the police - perhaps they were looking for a ewe turn.....

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COPY DATE for August issue is Sat. 19th
July. Please let us have your letters,
articles and diary dates as soon as possible.

Treasure Hunt

THERE WILL BE a Family Treasure Hunt,
organised by T.R.A. on Sunday afternoon
August 31st, starting at 2.30 pm. from
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pen name

MR. CARTER WIGG of Baslow Road regularly contributes his drawings of Totley to the INDEPENDENT. He took up art as a hobby whilst recovering at home from a leg operation, drawing what he could see from his windows. At school he was not good at art, preferring photography. He taught himself the pen and ink technique used in many of his drawings and encouraged by a friend, took up italic handwriting. Each drawing takes about four to six hours to complete. As pen and ink is difficult to use outside, he prefers to work from pencil sketches or photographs. His work has now improved a North Wales holiday guide.

After seeing their 'terrible' maps, he decided he could do better and knowing the area in question well, redrew them, some of which have been published. A pen and ink drawing of his cat was made into 20,000 postcards. He has helped at various art exhibitions, including the Totley Art Exhibition held locally. He also takes part in the twice yearly exhibitions of the Stavely Arts Society, sharing

SPOKE N WORDS

IN HIS HANDBOOK 'Wheelmarks Round Worksop' written about 1900, Mr. G. Herbert Stancer gives a descriptive guide to cycling routes and goes on to note "To Sheffield, Derby and Nottingham. About 112 miles. Route : To Sheffield ; then by Totley and Owlbar to Edensor. The road is very hilly all the way, but except near Owlbar, has a capital surface".

first prize with their treasurer, in the winter of 1977. G.D. Andrews and Co. sponsored four prizes and he won the Graphics section, competing against some professional artists. In the winter of 1978 he came joint first in the scraper-board and lino wash section. He did a drawing from a 1937 photograph of High Street, Sheffield. After talking to Mr. Donlan, manager of Andrews, his work was put into print. Since then he has had work printed by Northend Ltd., one of the oldest printing firms in Sheffield. On retiring from his clerical job, his firm bought him a fortnights painting holiday in Spain.

Thursday 3rd July, 7-9 p.m.

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MONNYBROOK COTTAGES

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Plot Uncovered

SEVERAL WEEKS OF WORK on the Pinfold (the small piece of land in front of All Saints School, Hillfoot Road) have rewarded T.A.D.E.S. (Totley and District Environment Society) with success in locating the old stone drinking troughs. With help from a handful of Totley students (who did a great deal of the donkey work) and finally a J.C.B. digger, the troughs were uncovered 8 feet down from the surface, in a bottom corner. During the course of digging they also came across the front boundary wall and maybe other items are still waiting to be discovered. How did they know where to look? Once again our Senior Citizens came to the rescue. Several remembered that as children they used to play a game of 'dare' by jumping from the school wall onto the troughs below, which at that time were self-filling with water coming from the direction of Summer Lane. Apparently the top soil covering them and the rest of the Pinfold came, in the main, from footings dug out during the building of the Fleur-de-Lys; although the area had been generally used as a tip or dumping ground for many years before clearing operations began. During the early stages there were ("quite rightly" say T.A.D.E.S.) several objections to the reclamation of this area but these have now mainly been resolved. As a former authentic Pinfold laying on the old village road, the area, which had become an eyesore did lend itself for improvements. T.A.D.E.S. enthusiasm has resulted in a problem they did not really want to give themselves. It has been quite a costly concern and as a society with limited means, they have now committed the balance of their funds solely to this purpose and this amount is not enough to complete their plans. Curbs and flagstones are expensive and still more have to be purchased, as will plants and shrubs when the area will be completed by landscaping. When finished this will give a miniature garden and resting place that can be enjoyed and used by EVERYONE, with the troughs being raised to ground level and perhaps therefore it would be sensible if funds can be provided from within Totley to help T.A.D.E.S. complete their restoration. Any individual or local association who would like to make a donation should contact: Stan Bingham, Rose Cottage, Hillfoot Road tel. 366526 who will be pleased to hear from you and tell you more about the project.

Totley Independent hopes to print plans that will show how the area will look when the work is completed - along with other information as work progresses. Perhaps this could be the start of more interest in our village centre, which for various reasons seems to have been somewhat ignored as the surrounding community 'grows up' away from it.

URGENT APPEAL

Offer of a 2 ton lifting block has already been received, to raise the troughs up to ground level but either an 'A' Frame or 2-2½ ton Mobile Gantry is urgently required. Anyone able to help please contact Stan Bingham.

brownies

ON WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE, our 4 local Brownie Packs, All Saints, Methodist, United Reformed and St. John's attended the United Reformed Church Hall on Totley Brook Road, where they were addressed by Detective Sgt. Lamb of the C.I.D. and saw the film "DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS". During the question and answer session that followed it appeared that many of our brownies were already very well informed of the content and consequences covered by the evenings topic, as they asked some very 'interesting' questions! Later they were each given a '4D Special Agent Card' which tells them, DON'T take sweets from strangers, DON'T ride in strangers cars, DON'T play out after dark, DON'T loiter on the way home from school. DO report anything suspicious to the police, show them the card or dial 999. They were also shown where to find the serial number on their bikes and told to write it down, which could help in recovery if the bike is stolen. As a further reminder of the evening they were also given a bookmark and a leaflet "Beware of Strangers".

july diary

- 1 Tues. King Egbert Upper School 4.30 - 7.00 pm. Parents Meeting for First year pupils.
- 1 Tues. Also 8th and 15th, All at 7.30 pm. 'Looking at Christian Healing'. St. John's Abbeydale. Run by Dore, Totley and Bradway Christian Council.
- 3 Thurs. TOTLEY SPORTS NIGHT. Green Oak Park. 7.00 pm. Bring the family.
- 4 Fri. King Egbert Assoc. Music for a Summer Evening. 7.30 pm. Upper School.
- 5 Sat. All Saints P.T.A. Summer Gala. 2.00 pm. Chesterfield Toppers Carnival Band.
- 9 Wed. All Saints Young Mothers Club. Picnic. (Details Tel. 351146).
- 9 Wed. Totley T.W. Guild Coach Trip to Llangollen Eisteddfod. Details Tel. 367566.
- 11 Fri. Totley T.W. Guild. Programme Planning. Bring your ideas and suggestions.
- 12 Sat. WASTE PAPER COLLECTION by Totley Scouts. Tel. 367594.
- 12 Sat. GALA. 267th Dore Scout Group. Dore Recreation Ground. 2.30 pm. Followed by Evening Bar B Q at 7.30 pm. on the Village Green.
- 13 Sun. Dore Well Dressing Service at 3.00 pm. on the Village Green.
- 19 Sat. Mediaeval Fair 6.30 pm. All Saints Church Hall and grounds.
- 19 Sat. King Egbert School. Annual Exhibition/Summer Fair. Upper School 2.00 pm.
- 20 Sun. Totley Brook Summer Fete. 1.30 pm. Public open space. Off Totley Brook Road.
- 20 Sun. County School P.F.A. Family Walk to Totley. Train to Grindleford. Details Tel. 367387, Alan Vitty or any committee member.
- 25 Fri. Curry Evening. 80 Abbeydale Park Rise at 7.00 pm. } Both in aid of C of E
- 30 Wed. Coffee Moming. 57 Sunneyvale Road. 10.00 am - 12 noon } Children's Society.





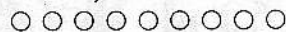
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ROVER

OLD HALLS AROUND TOTLEY

Let's take a walk around the delightful old halls of Totley and Holmesfield. We view history at 6 locations namely Fanshaw Gate Hall, Horsleygate Hall, Unthank Hall, Barlow Woodseats Old Hall, Cartledge Hall and Woodthorpe Hall. Distance 11 to 12 miles. Leaving Totley bus terminus we head past the Fleur-de-Lys and along Totley Hall Lane. Just beyond Totley College, the road terminates and we proceed along a bridle-track which bears to the right. After half a mile take a field path, cross the plantation above Gillfield Wood, over the white bridge and the fields soon take us to our first hall, Fanshaw Gate. What a lovely setting, amidst its fine gardens and out-buildings. A path swings away off the lane just above the hall which takes us across to Lidgate on the road between Holmesfield and Owl Bar. Note the old Robin Hood Inn (recently extended) at Lidgate Hilltop. A fine vantage point. The Chesterfield Crooked Spire can easily be seen and before us the enchanting Cordwell Valley. Cross the road and follow the sign post leading to Horsleygate Hall. Past a ruined farm house and wind a route through gorse sprinkled fields. The path skirts a wall to the left-hand side of the hall and we are soon on the road looking at the imposing frontage of Horsleygate Hall, which was for years the home of the Wilson family. A great centre for fox hunting. Head for Smeekley Woods and catch a glimpse of the Beagle Hound Kennels just above the hall. The hounds always seem to be baying and echoing the cry of the hunt around the woodland area. Proceed through Smeekley Woods to the bridle track by the waterworks filter beds in the valley. Up the hill to Fox Lane and Knowles Farm. Follow the path through Burrs Wood, across tiny streams (fairies could almost dance through this wood) and up the bank to the charming back-water of Unthank. Note the Hall on our right as we wind down the lane. Unthank Hall is only small but abounds with history. Leave Unthank Lane and take the path heading

for Johnnygate and Rumbling Street. Join another wood, Meekfields, it was here that a Phantom Jet aircraft crashed in 1970. The U.S.A.A.F. crew fortunately ejected. All traces of the aircraft have since been removed. Our next hall is Barlow Woodseats, for many years the home of the Mowers, their family left influential records back into time. This serene hall brings back pleasant memories of camping and cycling days around Morehall and Rumbling Street. A speciality was afternoon teas in the 1930's at the hall for 1/- (5p), what hospitality! Enjoy the view and drop down the fields, crossing the ford of the Barlow Brook to Millthorpe village (the hub of the Cordwell Valley). The road between Millthorpe and Cordwell village has been slightly encroached with modern buildings but still keeps its charm. Even Cordwell could boast of a hall (since converted into a farm). We leave this lovely valley and head for the road to Holmesfield. After a third of a mile, take a path on the right which points up to Cartledge Hall which lies only one mile from the valley. This fine hall dates back to Elizabethan days and was occupied by the Wolstenholme family in the 15th century. Cartledge Hall was once occupied by the Eyre family and had strong family connections tied in with the Barlows. One could delve into so much history around these old halls. Even Holmesfield Hall dates back to the Deincourts in the reign of Edward 11. Head for Holmesfield, past the fine church with its imposing tower and take the path back towards Totley which starts at the side of the modernised Angel Inn. Holmesfield is a lovely village which seems to boast more inns than houses! Now a dormitory of Sheffield, but still a village full of character. A long view of Sheffield spreads before us as we head towards Owl Bar and the lovely woods around Woodthorpe Hall. This hall is the home of the Shepley family. Gaze at the frontage of this impressive building and then take the path which skirts around the rear of the property towards Shepherds Hill and Gillfield Woods. Cross another white bridge over Totley Brook where fine views are obtained of Totley Moss and Blacka Moor. Walk along Totley Hall Lane and we are back to where we first stepped out in search of history.



NOTE. The walk can be shortened by over 1 mile by proceeding from Horsleygate Hall and down the road to Eweford Bridge, then turning right up to Unthank Lane and Hall. An Ordnance Survey Map of the area is essential. Scale at least 1" to the mile.

WHETHER the WEATHER

AT THIS TIME of year, any fine weather we get tends to be very unpredictable. Many is the time that you leave home on a sunny morning and discover that oncoming rain clouds necessitate the need for a raincoat and umbrella. Inevitably, these two valuable items are left behind and you face a wet journey home again. Radio and newspaper weather forecasts are rarely accurate but many discoveries can be made if you dig out a book on weather omens or try amateur weather forecasting. Many of the omens include observation of the moon and small creatures, so part of the research involves gazing into the night sky and foraging around in the garden. Never the less, if the weather is going to be fine for a short duration, watch the activity of your pet leech. Put the leech in a glass jar filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full with water and place in a northern aspect. If he lies curled up in the bottom, the weather will be fine or frosty. Fluttering bats and flying beetles also indicate fine weather; as do gnats flying in compact bodies in the beams of the setting sun. It seems that most living creatures take to the air when the weather is good. Look out for storks and cranes flying high and steadily over Totley on a sunny day. If the weather outlook is not so rosy and you begin preparations to battle against the elements, get your wellies on and use these omens to confirm your worst fears. For foul and wet weather, woodlice run about, crickets sing louder and worms creep out of the ground in great numbers. That should give you plenty of scope as most of the above creatures live in Totley gardens. It is not recommended that you search for them when it is actually raining cats and dogs. Such an attempt may put you in bed with pneumonia for a week and by then the weather will have cleared up. Crows do not like wet weather and fly round making a great deal of noise. People react in much the same way. Frogs, toads and water fowl also make loud protests. So now you've made your decision about carrying that cumbersome umbrella on your journey. Remember you can only blame yourself for any adverse weather you may encounter if you use the omen guide. Finally, for all the sceptics, you can always look out of the window. Around here it is the most accurate weather picture you can get.

LETTERS

TOTLEY DALE COTTAGE

I am trying to trace a house called Totley Dale Cottage and I wonder if any of the readers of the Totley Independent can help. My friend Miss Kathleen Barker, who has already written a book about theatre in Bristol, is now researching Sheffield theatre of the Victorian period. Apparently a theatre manager called Thomas Youdan retired to Totley Dale Cottage about 1867 - indeed he appears in the 1868 Sheffield Directory as the only Totley resident without a trade. I looked at a map of Totley as it was in 1870 and of course it showed a very small number of houses, so I walked about and looked at house names hoping that Totley Dale Cottage would still be there. However, I didn't find it. I expect it was a fairly substantial house - it may have been demolished, divided converted or re-named. Can any of your readers help me to trace it?

Frances Dann 16.3.80.
Headlong House
24 Marriott Road
SHEFFIELD S7 2QH

COMMENT

Totley Dale Cottage was covered by issue No. 21 in an article on Thomas Youdan. The house is now known as Totley Grove and stands almost opposite The Crown in Hillfoot Road. It has also had the names of Totley Vale and Grove House. By coincidence we still have a Thomas Youdan living in Totley on The Grove and there is a good chance of him being a distant relative as according to his parents, both have Doncaster connections. Whether he will become a theatre manager is not known.... he is presently only 6 years old!

MISSING FILES ?

Congratulations to all concerned for the most interesting and informative Totley Independent which I receive here in Torquay by courtesy of a kind Totley Rise friend. I lived for many years in the top cottage of the row of Baslow Road cottages terminating at Lane Head Road drawn and described by Mr. W. Carter Wigg in the May edition. Mr. Carter Wigg mentions there is a tradition that file cutting was at one time carried on in these cottages. I have in my possession certain old title deeds to this property and a deed which is almost 113 years old confirms this tradition

of cottage industry. The deed is a conveyance dated 9th December 1867 made between the Rt. Hon. Henry Lord Middleton and the Hon. Digby Wentworth Bayard Willoughby to Samuel White of Lot 4 of a freehold estate at Totley in the Parish of Dronfield and County of Derby. The Conveyance is beautifully written out by hand in copper plate writing and describes the property as being "House, file forgers shop, outbuildings, yard and two gardens situated at Totley Lane Head adjoining the Tum Pike road from Sheffield to Baslow and Moss Road - occupier Samuel White - quantity 1 rood 9½ perches". Lane Head Road was therefore called Moss Road in those days and subsequently in the deeds (in 1922) it is referred to as Bents Road. A deed of 1909 refers to seven houses - 4 dwellinghouses in the several occupations of Messrs. Siddall : Wright : Booth and Ward and three houses in the several occupations of Green : Johnson and Moorhouse. The deeds refer to an Agreement dated 24th August 1897 made between the Rev. William Ralph Gibson of the one part and the Dore & Totley Sick and Funeral Society of the other part. The owner of the top two cottages was required by the deeds to pay the annual sum of one shilling and three pence to the Society ! Has anyone any information about this Society and any more information concerning the file cutting in these cottages.

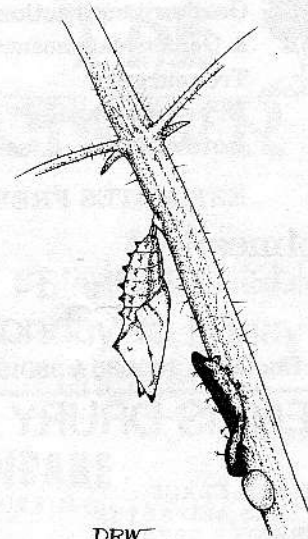
Brian Francis 12.6.80.
Dolphin House
Higher Erith Road
Wellswood Torquay.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW

The following letter has been received in reply to our request for information concerning the proposed activities and road works for Mickley Lane. Mickley - Sheffield Road (C314) Proposed Improvement Mickley Lane. I write to inform you that the question of Mickley Lane was considered by Highways and Works Control Committee on 13 May last. All suggestions made by interested parties were reported for the Committee's consideration and approval was given for the improvement only of the bends near Standall Tools Ltd. Clearly, in view of the varied and sometimes opposing views expressed, the decision will not satisfy all those who have written to me. However, I am taking this opportunity of informing you of the Committee's decision as you have been kind enough to write to me earlier.

Colin Underwood 20.5.80.
County Surveyor
County Offices Matlock.
Derbyshire DE4 3AG.

warburtons world



I HAVE OFTEN advocated in the past that if possible, groups of wild plants should be left alone in areas where they do not interfere with gardens. The benefit of doing this has been demonstrated in the field adjoining my garden. In this field is a large clump of stinging nettles which in years past have been cut down annually. This year they were left standing and have been colonised by hundreds of Small Tortoiseshell caterpillars which have all but stripped the plants bare. At the moment, the stems are festooned with the beautiful golden pupae of these insects. At the last count, there were over 20 pupae and many more caterpillars hanging up ready to pupate. Amongst the healthy are the unfortunate few which have been victims of the many parasites which afflict them. A group of flies and wasps exists on and in the caterpillars of our moths and butterflies. The eggs are often laid inside the body of the caterpillars and the young larva begins to feed from the fatty tissues of its host. Eventually the host caterpillar is killed and the parasite emerges, pupates and flies away in due course. The means of limiting the numbers of insects are many fold but nature's way is deadly in its efficiency and is now often used in widespread restriction of pests in agriculture. The illustration shows a healthy chrysalis and the empty skin of a caterpillar, with the cocoon of its parasite still attached.



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AWARD WINNING documentaries producer Ralph Bernard is leaving Totley with his family to take up a key post in Peterborough. Ralph, who moved to Sheffield from London to work with Radio Hallam, has been appointed Head of News and Information on a new radio station. Whilst working on Hallam, Ralph produced a series of programmes called "Dying for a Drink", which won the Best Documentary of the Year Award in 1979. Some of his time on Hallam was spent producing the news programme News-Scene before concentrating on documentaries full-time. His wife, Lisa, also a journalist, will leave her post as Hallam press officer. We thank her for her contributions to Totley Independent, whilst a staff member. The couple have a daughter Eleanor, aged 22 months and expect another baby next January. The Bernards of 42a Marstone Crescent, have enjoyed living in Sheffield and have many regrets at leaving Totley.

They told us "It is a lovely place to live and we especially like being so near to magnificent countryside and have found everybody very friendly and kind. We've just put our house on the market and felt very sad - but if anyone wants a very nice, spacious three bedroomed house, please don't hesitate to contact us."

COUNTY SCHOOL

OUR SPRING FAYRE on 17th May took place in glorious sunshine, which no doubt contributed to the large crowd attending. The main attraction of the afternoon was a magnificent display by 4 South Yorkshire Police Dogs and their handlers. Children enjoyed rides on model steam locomotives along the terrace and jumping on the "Moonwalker" fun bag. There were many other attractions to keep everyone entertained throughout the afternoon, including music provided by the South Yorkshire Wind Band. We would like to thank all helpers, advertisers and people who donated prizes for our raffle. The winning numbers were :- 20 Galls petrol 1202, Meal voucher 3241, Food hamper 2335, Other prizes :- 1556, 804, 2950, 1209, 291, 2393, 2354, 209, 2709, 879, 3806, 492, 1358.

Alan Vitty
P.F.A. Chairman

TOTLEY SPORTS NIGHT
GREEN OAK PARK
THURSDAY 3rd JULY 7.00 p.m.

ARC

THIS YEAR SEES the 15th anniversary of the foundation of a highly successful branch of a local charity - the Sheffield Branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, a registered medical charity devoted to the study of rheumatic diseases of which there are over 150 recognised conditions. It all started when Lord Knollys asked Sir Peter Roberts to start such a branch in Sheffield. Sir Peter asked Dr. Bill Pugh, then Managing Director of one of the city's biggest companies to "Chair" the Committee and he in turn asked Arthur Taylor, Chief Accountant of a large Sheffield based group of companies to act as Secretary. They were joined by Mrs. Constance James, who over the years has shown herself to have a remarkable ability for fundraising. The branch, one of the longest established of "ARC"s 700 branches, is the country's most successful. Every year they raise several thousands of pounds, their record being £10,000 in one year. ARC organises research in hospitals and laboratories all over Britain and there are two projects in Sheffield. The Council is dedicated to seeking a cure for rheumatoid arthritis which causes such terrible suffering to people of all ages, some of them tiny children. They have made dramatic improvements, notably in the field of surgery. Many sufferers who would have had little to expect from their arthritis but serious disablement, are now active because of surgical techniques unheard of just a few years ago. The artificial joints for shoulders, knees, hips and ankles which have revolutionised treatment are all the result of research, most of which has been financed by ARC. All ARC's funds come from the public; there is no Government grant. The N.H.S. does not pay for research. The first week in June was designated by ARC as National Arthritis Week when a special effort was made to let the public know what is being done. It is hoped that this knowledge will encourage sufferers and will move some who read these words to offer their help.

The Sheffield branch welcomes any help it can get and hopes that some volunteers will offer to organise their own events such as a Coffee Morning at home, a sponsored "knit-in" or a sponsored slim. Those interested in helping might care to contact the Honorary Secretary, Miss M. Cassy, 8 Dore Court, Ladies Spring Grove, Sheffield S17 3LR, who will supply literature upon request. Arthritis research has been likened to a great jigsaw puzzle; ARC Sheffield branch have enabled by their support through the years, many pieces to be put in the right place and no doubt will help to complete the picture.

ROAD SAFETY

AS REPORTED in last months issue all aspects of our local road safety are currently being investigated by the newly formed TOTLEY RESIDENTS ROAD SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE. They met twice during June and report good initial progress. They hope that during the very near future their efforts will produce a comprehensive document that can then be presented and discussed at another local open meeting, when there will be the opportunity of hearing their proposals. Watch out for further reports in Totley Independent.

UNIFORM OPINION

PUPILS FROM King Ecgbert School gave their comments about School Uniform on BBC T.V.s 'Look North' on Wed. June 18th.

tourists

A GROUP OF children from the Bishop Loveday Church of England Primary School, Bodicote, Banbury made a visit to Totley on Tuesday June 10th. They were accompanied by Mr. John Tinsdell, a former Headmaster of Totley All Saints School and spent the week at Birchfield Lodge at Hope which gave them the opportunity of getting out and about in the Hope Valley. After having lunch at Totley school, the children were given a very interesting talk by Mr. Frank Taylor about the railway and Totley Tunnel in particular. "The children were very interested and listened in great silence. A credit to their Headmaster and their parents".

FETE

STARTING AT 1.30 pm. is the annual Summer Fete of Totley Brook Tenants and Residents Association being held on Sunday 20th of July. The site will be the public open space just off Totley Brook Rd. The various stalls and events include knock down football, childrens fancy dress comp. at 2.00 pm, horse and donkey rides, raffles and refreshments. The success of last year resulted in funds being raised for various charities in the region of £1,000. Entries are still required from anyone in the area for the annual Blackamoor Run, in both the junior and senior sections of the race. Any local association wishing to set up a stall or for any other information please contact either Catherine or Geoff Owen on 351463 or Tony Berry on 351225.

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OPENING TO BE ANNOUNCED
BY MR. ROBIN CARTER
THE TOTLEY TOWN CRIER.

