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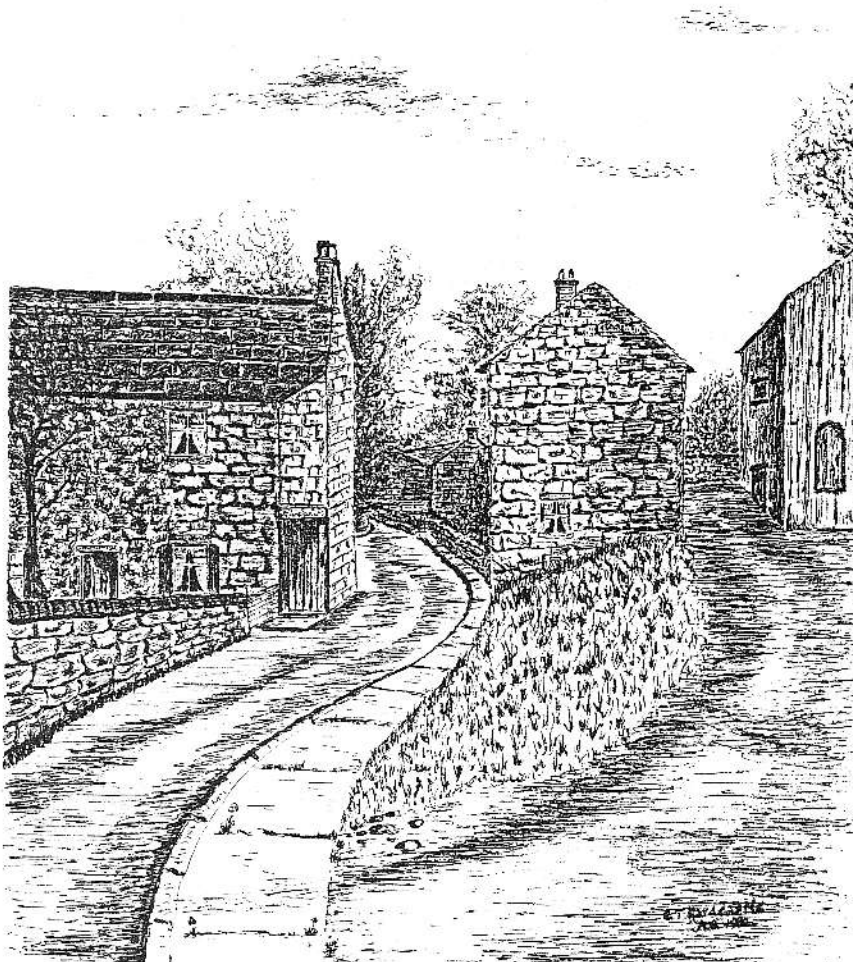
THE WIND OF CHANGE

IN TOTLEY HALL LANE

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WELL

WELL



AT ABOUT 9.30 am. on Monday 29th September 1980, there were several local panics as the bulldozer started clearing operations for the new approach road to the Tarmac Estate, for it seemed to on-lookers that the Totley Hall Lane well, was being demolished and would be lost under a pile of rubble, for ever.

A telephone call to Tarmacs Headquarters in Rotherham was answered by Mr. Hawkins of their Legal Department, who assured us that the situation was in hand and had been accounted for. The only worry seemed to be, whether or not the drivers had been informed. Mr. Hawkins went on to tell us that they had and that the well would be re-sited on phase two, after piece by piece dismantling. Further more, that the plans were in front of him showing the re-location. A word of thanks should also be given to the Site Drivers for their understanding and co-operation.

Stan Bingham Chairman of T.A.D.E.S. (Totley and District Environment Society) informs us that the components of the well are now located (and are to be protected) at the rear of the Fleur De Lys but will shortly be transported to the 'Pinfold', across the way in Hillfoot Road, where they can be stored safely until rebuilding takes place.

The Independent hopes to keep you informed of further developments and also to be able to report more fully on the housing progress when the relevant information is received.

THE VIEW of (Totley) HALL LANE featured on the cover is probably from around the turn of the century. Toft House pictured on the left is easily recognised and still remains. The centre building was Marshalls Cottage with the Cobblers Shop next door down the lane. The building on the right was the Coffin Shop. In 1899 George Green was the Landlord of the nearby original Fleur De Lys and James Green (featured in issue number 28) is listed as a joiner/shopkeeper. Harry Green, who was Landlord of the present Fleur De Lys during the 1950s, had spent his younger days in Totley as a coffin maker and by all accounts had a rather splendid set of photos depicting this occupation. It would be interesting to hear of details of owners and uses of this building. Further down the lane can be seen the group of three cottages that are currently in need of both restoration and an owner. Given a little thought, it is surprising how much this small area has been the subject of many changes during living memory. It is more usually the case to read how little village lanes change over a long period of time. This particular locality is now due for perhaps its most significant change, since the building of the College Complex around Totley Hall, now that building work has started for the new estate being created by Tarmac Homes, at the rear of the Fleur De Lys. The drawing, by Eric Hardcastle of Stonecroft Road, was taken from a small oil painting, kindly loaned by Roy Green of Dore and is near to the site of the Old Well. Eric, who has been drawing for his own pleasure for a number of years, has usually concentrated on the more typical Derbyshire scenes and his holiday memories. This is his first drawing for the Independent and of Totley.

christmas party

AT THE FIRST Hall Council Meeting, to be held this term, the students of Lowfields expressed their willingness to help and support the Senior Citizens Christmas Party to be held at the college on Saturday December 6th starting at 4 pm. The tickets are 40p each and can be obtained from the Ticket Table, in the Library, on the following Saturday afternoons, between 2 - 4 pm. November 15th, 22nd and 29th, or from any T.R.A. Committee Member.

THUNDERER

MAKING THE EFFORT

THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR starting the ball rolling on the topic of local unemployment are to be congratulated for at least opening up the subject for examination. At the meeting held at Green Oak View Day Centre on Friday October 24th no-one from amongst the small group, knew quite what to expect of or from such a meeting and perhaps this explained the reluctance of others to attend. The subject of unemployment, redundancies and possible solutions is complicated and this first meeting, in accepting this point, only touched lightly on possibilities of forming a co-operative, starting a local company or opportunities arising from Manpower Services. In fact, what would have allowed the evening to progress further, would have been the participation of more local UNEMPLOYED people. It does seem that there are things that can be done by united action but the emphasis must be put on more people coming together to sound things out. The ideas and suggestions that were put forward will be researched and surveyed in time for the next meeting on Friday November 21st, at 7.30 pm. (see diary). In the meantime, please inform anyone (talk to your neighbours and friends!) who is currently or about to be out of work, to make the effort to attend - it could be in their interest and lead to employment. Watch for other details on local posters. Only 26 people made the effort to attend the Pea and Pie Supper held on Wednesday 22nd October. All enjoyed themselves, the food was excellent and the slide show provided by Brian Edwards was good entertainment. People like to associate themselves with a base and this the T.R.A. doesn't have, is this the reason for lack of support to events organised recently? Other local associations continue to enjoy good support where they have a home ground on which to play. Is there any need to look further for the answer?

OUTSIDE INFLUENCE

THE MUSIC, singing and dancing licence was refused renewal, when it expired at the end of October, at the Fleur De Lys Disco, by city licensing magistrates on Tuesday 21st October. Local residents appeared in person to object and also presented a 127 signature petition. This concluded several months

of complaints of a varied nature. The major disturbances would appear to have been caused by non-locals, one group in particular, a classic case of a minority spoiling things for the majority, for no doubt this amenity was enjoyed in a proper manner by others using it. Compromise, although sometimes an obvious solution, can be difficult to administer particularly where householders in a residential area should be able to enjoy a reasonable level of peace and quiet and their opinions taken into account when their lifestyle is affected. The other point to arise is that this is a loss of a facility in an area that does not boast many others.

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An attack with a crossbow, during an incident outside the Cross Scythes in Baslow Road, was surely the most serious and disturbing event to happen in Totley. Once again, it was a visitor to the area who introduced this element of the utmost concern. A local youth received a shoulder injury as a result of a bolt being fired.

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The loss of another facility is also causing problems at the moment. For the past few weeks the Friday night training sessions at the College Gym have been unavailable to local youngsters due to college staff using it for badminton sessions. This two hour session forms such a small part of the weekly availability and yet plays such a large part to the sixty or so lads. This situation needs to be resolved as quickly as possible as there is no alternative accommodation available and why should something which has run smoothly under strict adult supervision suddenly come to a halt, when it has become a much needed necessity.

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whisperer...

..... Another accident recently in Glover Road resulting in a lady being taken to hospital Problems of noise and disturbances still being reported from Green Oak Park with some youths attempting to climb the communal T.V. mast The prospectus sheet for Adult Education 1980-1 covering this area, very sparse in comparison to the more comprehensive issues available in other areas - Dore and Totley Community Activity Group investigating and monitoring the situation Next Musical to be presented at King Egbert School will be Finians Rainbow At last the Baslow Road War Memorial has been tidied up - will this now receive the regular maintenance it warrants Sheffield City Council to be congratulated on the work they have done in repairing and re-surfacing the footpath down Ackley Bank, after several years of pressing by T.A.D.E.S Also thanks to the Head Gardener and her staff at Totley College for the positive way in which they have cleared the 'back path' down towards Sunnyvale - it would further be improved if the 'fouling' were to cease What has happened to our favourite Shetland Ponies and horses that recently disappeared in a mysterious manner from the fields behind The Crown ? Talking of four legged friends, on Thursday 9th October, two horses were found wandering in Totley Hall Lane by two of our local bobbies, in order to keep them clear of Baslow Road, they were left to graze in Green Oak Road whilst two Independent staff members tried to help locate the owners. Eventually, they were led to Gillfield Wood, by our uniformed friends to await collection Could this be the start of a branch of the mounted police ?

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THIS YEAR HAS once again seen a marvellous crop of fungi in our fields and local woods. Each year, I go out and search for a few of the more tasty species to eat - an operation which usually

horrifies some of my friends. I have been eating fungi other than the mushroom for many years and as I am still in good health, my identification must have been reasonable. The secret is to keep to the easily identified and totally ignore those which may be confused with poisonous fungi. The toadstool above is reportedly good to eat and I have eaten it on a few occasions with no ill-effects whatsoever, but it very closely resembles another quite poisonous species, the Panther Cap. This family of toadstools is, in my opinion, best left completely alone, since it contains some of the most poisonous fungi known, a few of which cause an almost certain lingering death. The family is easily recognised by the presence of a bag around the base of the stalk (some - times reduced to a couple of rings - as in the illustration), white gills (the flat plates beneath the cap) and usually a distinct ring around the stalk. It is safest to stick to the collecting of easily distinguished fungi, but even then, it is wisest to pick the brains of an expert until you are absolutely sure of the identification features. The simplest way to get at the experts is to join a natural history society where contacting these people is very easy. As a final comment, please don't believe old wives' tales about methods of determining a toadstool's edibility - none of them works satisfactorily with the deadliest of our fungi, the Death Cap, so be warned!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

CHESHIRE HOME, Mickley Lane, will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Thursday November 13th, between 10 am. to 12 noon. Amongst the items on sale, there will be Crafts, Nearly New, Cakes, Bring and Buy, Coffee etc. Do take this opportunity to give your support and maybe collect a bargain in the process.

SANTA IN TOTLEY. Don't miss Santa's visit to Totley on Saturday November 29th, 2 pm. at Totley All Saints School Christmas Fayre. Santa will be in his Grotto throughout the Fayre, at which you can complete your christmas shopping. The handicraft stall will have its usual good selection of Soft Toys, all sizes from large bears to small mice, as well as Cushions, Peg Bags, Dolls Clothes, Tray Cloths, Presentation boxes of Stationery, Pot Animals, Model Making kits for boys, Gift tags and Wrapping paper all at reasonable prices. Other stalls include - Home made cakes, Raffle, Tombola and White Elephant. Refreshments will also be on sale. Everyone will be welcome.

THE LADIES WORKING PARTY of All Saints Church are holding their Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall, on Saturday, 22nd November. Lunches will be served at a very reasonable price between 12. 30 and 1. 30 pm. The Fayre will then be formally opened by Mrs. Jockel at 1.45 pm. Please come along and try your luck with the tombola and stock up at the cake and preserve stalls and maybe find some christmas gifts on the needlework stall. Tea will be served from 2.15 pm. onwards.

A MORNING MARKET is being held at the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church on Saturday 29th November from 10 am. to 1 pm. The emphasis is on making this an enjoyable occasion, so come along and meet your friends over the delicious refreshments that will be served by the Dramatic Society. There will be a Cake Stall, Handicrafts, Soft Toys, Christmas Cards and Decorations, also making its debut will be a White Elephant Stall.

LETTERS

LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT

I noticed the 'stop press' insert in last month's 'Totley Independent' and felt prompted to write you immediately. The S.C.P.U.S. is involved with the South Yorkshire Right to Work Campaign and in particular with the problems of unemployed school leavers. Unfortunately other commitments prevent me asking if you would allow me to attend your meeting tonight, but if you feel there is any way in which the Student Union could be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. One possible area that springs to mind is that of Student Union Clubs and Societies: up to one third of the membership of all clubs and societies can be composed of non-student members. I enclose a copy of our handbook which gives details of some of the clubs and societies we have.

John Probert 24.10.80.
Totley Site Vice-President
Sheffield City Polytechnic
Union of Students
COMMENT

Arrangements are being made to have a copy of the above handbook made available in Totley Library.

WAR MEMORIAL

It was with interest that I read of the efforts of the T.R.A. to complete the names of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. I did not come to Sheffield from Peterborough until 1920 - so do not know much about Totley at the time of the first war. I notice one name is missing from the list of the Second War - William (Billy) Foulstone of Main Avenue who was serving in the Far East with the West Yorkshire Regiment and died of wounds. He was buried in Assam. His grave was visited and photographed by my son, Flying Officer Guy Sneath R.A.F.V.R. who was serving in Burma at the time and was able to fly to see Billy but unfortunately he had already died. Photographs were sent by Guy to Billy's grandfather, Mr. A. Foulstone and his aunt Mrs. Lake of Main Avenue - so another name can be added to the list.

(Mrs) K.D. Sneath
The Quadrant

ON THE LEVEL

The following letter was sent to

Sheffield City Council
Recreation Department Offices
Meersbrook Park
Sheffield 8. August 1980

Re. Totley Sports Night 3rd July 1980.

The above took place in Green Oak Park and was again generally a great success. One aspect of the evening was a revival of the Totley Tug-O-War, which involved SIX teams. There was great difficulty encountered in finding a level area and the contest had to be re-run because of objections raised by the teams. A meeting was held afterwards, during in which it was agreed by the teams that this contest should remain part of our sports night and become an annual event, also it was recommended that more community use should be made of the park, particularly as we have no community building or centre in Totley. The point of this letter is therefore an appeal on behalf of the following:

- Could a small area of the park be levelled, (other than the cricket pitch or bowling green!), adjacent to the existing pathway.
- Could an area adjacent to this be paved or given a flat, hardened surface, which might be used for Band Concerts, Morris Dancing etc. or maybe a Barbeque site.

We consider these points to be of the utmost importance to our future community participations.

The following reply has been received.

Thank you for your letter regarding the Totley Sports Night and I am pleased that in general this event was a success. With regard to the point referring to level-ling and possibly paving an area for concerts etc, this will be considered as and when sufficient finance is available. I am sure you will appreciate that in the present economic climate there is no way of saying when sufficient finance will be available to carry out this work.

A.L. Winning 4.9.80.
Director of Recreation and Amenities.

COMMENT

We are again writing to the Recreation Department, with a request to have Green Oak Park included in the rota of Sheffield Parks Entertainment, which would be part of an existing budget thereby not requiring extra finance.

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POLY NEWS

ON TUESDAY 14th October, Eileen Wood for T.R.A. and Mike Williamson for T.I. were invited to a meeting of the Hall Committee at Lowfields (College). They were made very welcome and the offer of inter co-operation between the students and local residents was well received by both sides, (not forgetting that the students are Totley residents themselves). Nick Spruce was appointed Press Officer to keep the Independent informed of Poly 'happenings', and to pass on any contributions that the students may make to the magazine.

A firm offer of help for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party was made, for which they are thanked.

It was also reported that the previous day, six youths, (recognised as locals), had been disturbed in their preparations to break a large window in the Residents Block and also that younger children are still being found playing in the lift areas. PLEASE for safety's sake alone, ensure that children are kept away from Poly premises, (unless there by invitation).

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ROUTE 24

There are numerous complaints about the main service, mostly in connection with the peak periods throughout the day, particularly as the college students are again in residence and have need to travel to both Pond Street and Collegiate Crescent, as a result of a change in use of courses being held at the Totley Site. The method that common sense suggests in tackling this problem is a joint effort by both the T.R.A. and the Site Council of the Poly (Totley College) and this is in fact being done; as the College can obviously best supply details of student movement during the peak periods (morning, afternoon and evening) to the S.Y.P.T.E.

ticket table

ALTHOUGH SALES from the Ticket Table in the Library have been slow in taking off, it is felt that when this service becomes more widely known it will be a sure - fire winner. Please remember anyone wishing to use the table, sales can only be made on Saturday afternoons between 2-4 pm. Don't forget to let the librarian know of your requirement well in advance. It is possible for more than one Association to have sales on the same afternoon, when the table can be shared. You can further help your sales by entering in the Community Diary the date on which you propose to sell your tickets and also what they are. The Independent will also print this information if it is received in time.

FOLLOWING last months item on Heinz labels. Both our local primary schools are now collecting their own labels through the children and their families. If you would still like to help but have no direct contact with these schools, Avenue Stores (Main Avenue) have offered to be a collecting point for these and have provided a box. ANY Heinz labels are acceptable and at the end of the year this collection will be shared between the schools.

army of voices

THE SALVATION ARMY CHOIR from the Sheffield Citadel will be giving a concert in the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, on Thursday November 13th at 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome. A collection will be taken for Salvation Army Funds.

cover up

ALL SAINTS NURSERY would like to hear from anyone who may be able to offer them a carpet for the nursery unit. The size required is 15' - 0" x 10' - 0". Please contact Mrs. Chrys Ashby through the school. Tel. 361934.

PRIVATE

MANY OF YOU may have been puzzled by the 'PRIVATE' sign which appeared recently on the West View Housing Development on Abbeydale Road South. On enquiring to the Northern Counties Housing Association, who are responsible for the project, we were told this notice is standard practice on all their developments - mainly to deter people from using their areas as thoroughfares. The Association was keen to stress that in no way was West View a special case.

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EXPLOSIVE

SITUATION

THE RECENT SERIES of articles in "The Star" on "The Bomb and You" probably shocked many people into fuller awareness of the horrendous nature of nuclear war and what it would mean for them. A 3-megaton bomb on Sheffield for example, would kill 130,000 outright, with another 80,000 or more trapped and injured. Thousands more would die within a few weeks from radiation. Any survivors (if poisoned atmosphere, crops and water supply allowed survival) would experience such long-term effects as cancer, stunted growth and either sterility or genetic deviations. The average family in Britain pays almost £15 a week for arms in taxes. The world spends about thirty million pounds an hour on military forces and weapons. The biggest obstacle to world development - the fight against poverty, hunger, disease and ignorance - is the ever increasing expenditure on armaments. Can ordinary people in Totley do anything about it? Perhaps not much as individuals but joined with others, they could. President Eisenhower predicted one day the demand by the ordinary people of the world for disarmament would become so universal and so insistent that no nation, no government, would be able to withstand it. That is also the hope of the supporters of the World Disarmament Campaign, which aims to put massive pressure on governments prior to the U.N. Special Disarmament Assembly in 1982. In Britain, the movement has the support of all the Churches and Members of all political parties. An increasing number of local action groups are being formed. A meeting is to be held in Totley on Tuesday November 18th at 8 pm. at Totley Rise Methodist, sponsored by the local Christian Council and U.N.A. for information, discussion and perhaps further action. A short film "ATTENTION" will be shown and the speaker, (coming specially from London), will be Mgr. Bruce Kent, who appeared in a recent nuclear arms debate on 'Panorama'. Totley may be a pleasant, peaceful place to live but it is part of a world that is closer than it has ever been to total self-destruction. Whether or not you believe that the alternatives are World Disarmament or World Death, come to the meeting, for the matter demands your ATTENTION !

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LEFT OUTSIDE

LAST MONTHS round up of our local football teams and where they play, missed out TOTLEY BROOK RANGERS. The team is run by Michael Twigg of 258 Totley Brook Road Tel. 362046. They are at present, weather permitting, attempting to train every night. This is the third time that they have formed. Currently there are 16 players, most from the Totley area and the 13 to 16 year old age group is catered for. The team plays at King Ecgbert Lower School. Totley Sports are giving them a hand in trying to find a league to play in, two recent matches against Totley resulted in both being lost 4 - 2 and 10 - 4.

A problem of transport arises and the team would like to hear from anyone who may be able to help. (Expenses will be paid).

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NOW THAT THE season is over, I can report another successful year for the club, with the Ladies leading the way by winning the League and reaching the final of two competitions only to be beaten by two more experienced teams. In the Gents section both Saturday teams finished high in their respective leagues. The Thursday team won the Koye Cup for the second year running. Individually F. Woodhead Captained Yorkshire and M. Hirst, D. Ruthven and F. Woodhead were selected for the Sheffield Parks team. In the Club Competitions, the most outstanding achievement was by N. Cann in winning the Green Oak Trophy for the third successive season. M. Hudson won the Baslow Cup, beating F. Woodhead in the final, Joe and Nellie Husband won their usual crop of cups.

I would like to thank all members for a successful season and welcome any new members, interested in playing bowls, to the club next season.

T. Stacey Secretary

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- 3rd Mon. Totley Sports and Social Club A.G.M. 7.45 pm. Cross Scythes.
- 5th Wed. Mother and Young Club, All Saints Church Hall, 10.30 am. (20p)
- 7th Fri. Totley County School. Bonfire in school grounds.
- 8th Sat. All Saints School. Bonfire in school grounds.
- 8th Sat. Working Day at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.
- 8th Sat. Jumble Sale at Abbeydale Hall. 2.15 pm. Totley & Dist. Community Assoc.
- 12th Wed. to 15th Sat. T.O.A.D.S. "Brush with a Body". St. John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Tickets from Totley Library each Sat. or Chambers Fish Shop or Tel. Kate Walker on 364749. Play commences 7.30 pm.
- 12th Wed. Young Mothers Club, All Saints Church Hall. "Easy Entertainment with Gas"
- 13th Thur. Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane. Christmas Fayre. 10 am. to 12 noon.
- 13th Thur. Salvation Army Choir. 7.45 pm. United Reformed Church.
- 14th Fri. T.W. Guild A.G.M. 7.30 pm. Abbeydale Hall.
- 15th Sat. Newspaper Collection. Please take your newspapers etc. to the Junior Church Hall. (Un. Reformed Church) 10 am. to 12.30 pm. 14lb bundles.
- 17th Mon. T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 8 pm. 37 Sunnyvale Road. (Vicarage)
- 18th Tues. Totley Rise Meth. Church. 8 pm. "Prospects for World Disarmament".
- 18th Tues. Totley Library. Talk by Mr. M. Spick. "Another Year Gone" and "Midlands Voyage". 8 pm. Junior Library. Admission free.
- 19th Wed. Mother and Young Club, All Saints Church Hall. 10.30 am. (20p)
- 20th Thur. Sale of New Toys, All Saints Church Hall. 8 pm. Admission 20p, includes refreshments. Totley Young Mums Club (details 365508).
- 21st Fri. Meeting for Local Unemployed. 7.30 pm. Green Oak View Day Centre.
- 22nd Sat. Christmas Fayre. All Saints Church Hall. (Full details in this issue).
- 26th Wed. Young Mums Club. Fortune Telling & Gypsy Folk Lore - Mrs. Newsom.
- 26th Wed. St. John's Wed. Club. Talk on Hair Care by Michelle Lee. 8 pm.
- 28th Fri. to 4th Dec. British Squash Championships. Abbeydale Park (583751/351964)
- 29th Sat. All Saints School Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto. 2 pm.
- 29th Sat. Morning Market, United Reformed Church. 10 am. to 1 pm.
- DECEMBER**
- 2nd Tues. Totley Library. Talk by E.L. Vernon, 8 pm. "Old Sheffield, part 5".
- 6th Sat. Totley Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Lowfields Hall, Totley College.
- 12th Fri. T.W. Guild, Abbeydale Hall. 7.30 pm. Christmas Social.