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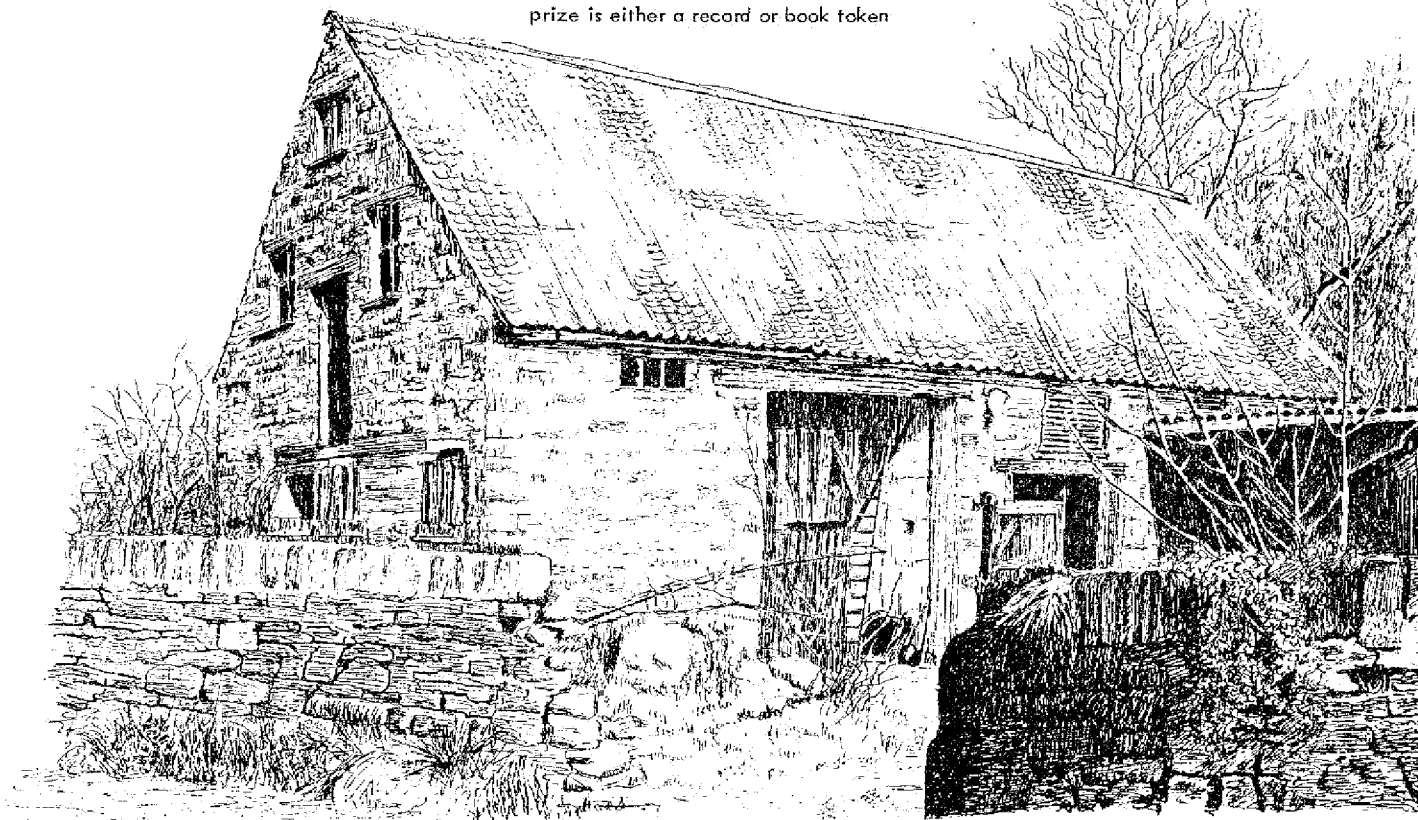
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TOTLEY TEASER No.2

CONTINUING our series of "DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS ?" Here is Totley Teaser number 2.

The answer to last months Totley Teaser number 1 was that the milestone is at the foot of the retaining wall, opposite 322 Baslow Road, on the main road about 20 yards short of Lane Head Road. All the entries received were correct and the first one drawn out was Mrs. E. Coates of Baslow Road. Her choice of prize is either a record or book token

or a gift voucher. Thanks to all those who took the trouble to send in a postcard (even from New Barnet in Herts). The closing date for this months competition is Saturday April 18th. Start your postcards rolling in again now.



Annual Meeting

T.R.A.



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED BY ATTENDING
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TOTLEY
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AT THE
HEATHERFIELD CLUB ON WEDNESDAY
8th APRIL AT 8 pm.

As the Association enters its 5th year, there is a specific need for new faces on the main committee. Any nomination or volunteers will be most welcome, or if you have any comments, new ideas or suggestions to make, please come along. This is a good opportunity of furthering YOUR Association in Totley.

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EASTER

MANY CUSTOMS at Easter, which takes its name from the Saxon Goddess of Spring, EOSTRE, are connected with the egg, the symbol of life force. Chocolate easter eggs are probably a continuation of these old customs. The custom of rolling brightly coloured (hard boiled) eggs down a hill-side is still carried on in Preston, Barton-on-Humber and Scarborough. In medieval times it was said to represent the rolling away of the stone from the Tomb of Christ.

Easter was the traditional time, up to the beginning of this century, when the Yorkshire game of Knurr and Soell (Lucking, as it was called) a kind of country golf, commenced. Perhaps more of this game in a future issue.

ROAD SAFETY

AS REPORTED last month, the Council now seems to be seriously investigating the subject of road safety in the Baslow Road/Abbeydale Road area, writes David Brown. Apparently the County Engineer submitted a report to the Council late last year "on receipt of a number of complaints", and arrangements were made for the local Highways Sub-Committee to visit the area. Since then, as some of you will have noticed, a traffic and pedestrian count has been carried out when equipment was set up on the Rise with the intention of monitoring the junction between Baslow Road and Glover Road. According to Council reports this was done specifically to determine whether a pelican crossing was justified. We also hear that checks have been made on the siting of the 30 MPH speed limit signs on the stretch of main road between Twentywell Lane and Mickley Lane. As yet, no news is available as to the outcome of these investigations which were conducted during February. Nevertheless, the signs are encouraging and after a long period of apathy, something constructive is clearly being done. We can only hope that this latest burst of activity does not need further serious accidents of the type we have suffered recently, in order to maintain it.

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war memorial

BELOW IS the latest list of names, additional to those previously printed, received in connection with local victims of World War Two, that will eventually be added, by plaque, to the War Memorial in Baslow Road. As you will see there are a few question marks where either the initial or rank is unknown. If you can help to fill in these blanks or have any further names or information, please contact George Creswick, 64 Main Avenue, tel. 362343. There is, apparently, a list of Sheffield victims, from the Services, in the Central Library, which is at the moment, temporarily unavailable, therefore we are extending the closing date for names from the end of March to April 30th, 1981.

S.R. Sharp, 12 Laverdene Road. Sgt. R.A. Vincent Webster, The Grove. Sgt. R.A.F. Kenneth Webster, The Grove. W.O. R.A.F. Kenneth Seals, Marstone Cres. ? R.A.F. Fred Johnson, Laverdene Ave. ? R.A.F. ? Davison, Main Avenue. ? R.A.F.

IYDP



The United Nations has designated 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons to draw attention to the special needs of the disabled and to assist in their integration into society. Many events have been arranged in Sheffield and a local meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 28th at 8 pm; when the Libraries Committee are permitting the use of Totley Branch Library for a public meeting, jointly sponsored by Totley Residents Association and United Nations Association. Mr. Radford from Social Services Department will speak on local provisions for the disabled and Dr. Jepson, the Deputy Area Health Officer will be speaking on broader needs, including the international aspect. The speakers will be willing to answer your questions and one of our local Councillors, Mr. Jack Thompson will be present. The Rev. Alan Jockel is to act as Chairman.

Next month we hope to feature The Home Farm Trust, Fairthorn, Dore, which is another local organisation which cares for mentally handicapped young people.

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Unwin, 33 Marstone Crescent, tel.
362361. The Park bowling green opens
on April 11th.

tug-o-war

IT IS SUGGESTED that this years Totley
Tug-O-War Competition should vary
slightly from last years format, in that
the heats should be completed before
Sports Night in Green Oak Park,
which this year takes place on Wednesday
July 1st. Leaflets will be sent out to all
last years teams to invite them to a
meeting, so that the draw can take place
and any other aspects can be discussed.
Any other 8 man teams from Totley will
be welcome to take part and the closing
date for all entries will be Saturday 16th
May. By this means, only the semi-final
and final will take place on Sports Night.

open house

OUR THANKS to Tarmac Homes for the
Independents invitation to the buffet and
pre-viewing of their show house, which
is now open, in Totley Hall Lane.
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THE HARDER DAYS of winter are, I hope, now over, and although this has not been a particularly hard winter, it has been very wet and this has caused problems for our suburban birds. The problems have not been as severe as when the ground is frozen solid for days on end though, and consequently the numbers and species of birds visiting my bird-table has been down on previous years. Each year I like to keep a check of the visitors (feathered) to my garden. This list remains generally quite static over the years, although the removal of my ash tree has taken two species from my list - the Pied Woodpecker and the Treecreeper. The Treecreeper was always very much an occasional visitor, but the Woodpecker was a regular, and its distinctive colours and flight have been missed. It still calls at both my next door neighbours, but I can't claim it on my list any longer. The Tit family has always been well - represented, and this year has been particularly good, with a family (group) of Long-Tailed Tits visiting us far more regularly than in any previous year I can remember. Were it not for their extravagantly long tails I am sure they would be competing for the title of Britain's smallest bird - they are certainly amongst the most attractive. Blue, Great, Coal and Willow Tits have been with us since we moved and their numbers seem to be fairly static. During the winter I put peanuts out regularly to supplement the diet of these attractive little birds, but during the next few weeks I shall be phasing these

out gradually so that these insectivorous birds can revert to their proper diet. The local Heron(s) has never actually been in any of the gardens to my knowledge, but it frequently overflies us, and it's good to know that it's still about. The Jays have not been in evidence very much this year, but their close relatives, the Magpies, visit us daily, especially early in the morning, while human activity is at a minimum. An aspect of my very slap-dash bird - watching is that I very rarely have statistical evidence of the things which I notice, and have to rely upon impressions rather than hard fact. One of these impressions is that the number of Green - finches on the bird-table has declined over the past few years. They certainly have been amongst the more uncommon visitors this winter. I would welcome any one else's comments upon the numbers of their bird-table regulars.

'q' holes

I HAVE HAD three written replies since my queries about the mysterious depressions in our local woods. Two of the replies (theories) agree, and seem to fit in quite well with my own researches. These suggested that the features are the remains of 'elling hearths', where a substance called 'white coal' was produced. 'White coal' was wood which had been dried over a hearth to remove all moisture. In other words, it differed from charcoal in that it had not been subjected to actual combustion. The substance was used in the great diversity of industries connected with and based upon wood from our local woods and forests.



215th SHEFFIELD 1st TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP

HEADQUARTERS

There is not much news to report, except to say that we are exploring all avenues open to us with the Local Council. Even if we are granted permission to stay on the existing site in Totley Hall Lane, the costs of providing a Building which complies with the Local Conservation Area Regulations, suggests we may have to look again at our alternative site in Totley.

LOTTERY

We have still not managed to obtain sufficient numbers of people interested for the original scheme. We are now working towards introducing a new system where the same subscriptions with less members will provide a better chance of winning but the prize money will be slightly reduced.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting postponed from last year will now be held in the Scout Hut on Totley Hall Lane, 14th April at 8 pm. Visitors are most welcome and anyone wishing to be considered for the post of Chairman or Secretary should contact Tricia Whitehouse on 366393.

JUMBLE SALE & AUCTION

Saturday May 2nd at 2 pm in the Scout Hut. We have decided to combine an auction with the jumble sale this time and this will give a chance to obtain those items that are too good for jumble. The auction will be held after the jumble sale and will be a light-hearted affair so don't worry lady if you sneeze or nod your head you won't be forced into taking home that old sideboard you didn't want anyway.

APPEAL

If anyone has any jumble or unwanted gifts or better quality items they would be prepared to donate, please contact: John Turner on 367594.

JOB WEEK

Please don't forget to support the lads during Job Week.

J.D. TURNER Group Chairman.

DID YOU SEE ?

LAST MONTH'S Library talk was the last one to take place in the current season, which has proved to be the most successful season ever. Audiences seem to get bigger and bigger as more and more people realise just how interesting library talks can be. Three years ago, the average attendance was only 19, although the following season saw the average rise to 43. Last year the attendance rose again to an average of 71, while this year's audiences have continued to swell, and the total attendance has been over 500 for 6 talks, an average of 88 people per talk. Most branch librarians - including me before I came here - would give their eye-teeth for the size of audiences that regularly come along, and Totley talks are among the very best supported talks of any that take place in Sheffield libraries.

The season started in October when E.L. Vernon gave the fourth in his series of talks on "Old Sheffield", and we were almost overwhelmed by sheer numbers as more and more people kept coming in. We ended up with the usual 106 chairs that I always put out, together with 6 chairs from the adult library, 4 from the staff-room, and a typing stool and that still left 3 people sitting on the floor, and 3 gentlemen who arrived a little late standing in the foyer and watching through the open doors. The grand total of 123 people beat the previous attendance record - also set by Mr. Vernon - by fully a third. Those of us who were lucky enough to be able to squeeze into the library soon realized why his talks have been so consistently popular over the years, as he covered many aspects of Sheffield history, including a brief look inside Totley Hall. Perhaps the most vivid part of his talk was his account of the Sheffield Flood, 1864, when the Dale Dyke Dam collapsed, killing nearly 250 people and washing wreckage as far as Doncaster. Many of the audience will still remember "The dog Rolfo" and also Joe Hyde, trapped upstairs in the end terraced house on Brick Row, Hillsborough, who battered his way through five partition walls to safety, collecting 34 other people as he went.

Rather less traumatic were Mick Spick's tape/slide presentations in November. "Midlands Voyage" was the story of a holiday spent on a narrowboat cruising along the canal system around Birmingham. Floating idly past the scenic countryside, the

calm was soon shattered by the sound of clanking machines, and of water pouring through floodgates as the boat negotiated one of the many locks. "Another year gone" by contrast was the story of a particular lane in Chapelton through four seasons and of the uses to which the wild plants that grow there can be put. I doubt if I was the only amateur photographer in the audience who wished he could have taken the sunrise sequence that Mr. Spick showed at the beginning.

Mr. Vernon visited us again on December 2nd, with the fifth part of "Old Sheffield" and gave a fascinating account of the way that classical and byzantine architecture of Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Rome have been copied by builders in Sheffield. Egyptian gates to the Botanical Gardens? Ridiculous, but true. The talk had been arranged to be very early in December so that it would clash with as few Christmas events as possible. Unfortunately, that meant that it took place before the December "Independent" was published, so that there was much less publicity for the talk than there had been for Mr. Vernon's previous visit in October. Consequently only 68 people came. A wonderful thing is the power of the press. (They're not paying me to say that. Honest!)

Much different was January's "Sunken wrecks and sunken cities", by Les Harris. We could almost hear the bubbles rising to the surface as we saw divers carefully exposing all manner of historical treasures that had previously been lying for centuries on the sea-bed. We found out what to do to while away the time when forced to stay submerged 15 feet below, as the body goes through decomposition (read a paperback!) and found out that Dutchmen prefer flat bottoms - on their ships, I hasten to add. The centre of "Iceland: desert in the North Atlantic" is almost completely devoid of people and watching Mrs. MacKay's slides in February, we could see why. Not only are there no people, there are no roads either, which is one reason why there are no bridges over the rivers.

The other reason is that the rivers, which take the melt-waters from the glaciers, change course according to whether the temperature rises or falls. There was some thing eerie, too, about the long dead-straight valley where two mountain sides are ever-so-slowly moving away from each other, and about the row of volcanic

peaks along the self-same geological fault-line.

After being so short of space in October, I re-arranged the seating for the talk in March to leave some standing-room at the back. It was as well that I did, as no fewer than 126 people came to Horace Clayton's "Sheffield as it was: a trip from town centre to Totley", breaking Mr. Vernon's previous record by 3. The photographs, all copies of originals taken between 1866 and the 1930's, were absolutely fascinating and it was obvious that Mr. Clayton enjoyed looking at them just as much as we did. His favourite was of a street corner scene where a three-piece German band was playing. Around them stood a butcher's boy, a baker's boy with a tray on his head, and a couple of dozen others, including one very patient dog. As Mr. Clayton said, so long as the band played, time stood still for that group of onlookers, and as far as the audience in the library was concerned, the last 80 years simply melted away to nothing. I've no idea yet what the talks will be next year, but if anyone has any requests, or can recommend any particularly good speakers, then I shall be only too glad to hear from them, as I hope to make next season even more successful than this one has been.

T. Whitham Branch Librarian

MEMORIES

The City Libraries' audio-visual department is currently busy building up a tape-recorded archive of people's recollections of old Sheffield life. If you have any interesting memories that you think might be worth preserving, and are prepared to be visited and recorded, please have a word with Terry Whitham at the local library.

DROP IN

GREEN OAK DROP-IN CENTRE
(entrance opposite Totley Library Car Park)
FRIDAY MORNINGS 10 am - 12 noon.

The Drop-In Centre is open each Friday morning. Anyone is welcome to drop-in for a morning cuppa (tea and coffee) and a natter. All age groups welcome! Advice available on request, regarding welfare benefits, rebates, housing, etc. Look forward to seeing you.

Peter Fumiss Tel. 734910
Community Worker

finian's rainbow

King Egbert School is staging a production of Harburg and Lane's lively musical Finian's Rainbow on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 1st, 2nd and 3rd April, in the Lower School Hall at 7.30 pm. The production will be given by a large number of pupils, especially from the Lower School, (there are more people involved than in 'Oliver' last year). Finian's Rainbow is a fantasy. It is set in the mythical state of Mississippi, U.S.A., a fertile valley where the poor farmers raise tobacco. It has all the elements of a fantasy - love, magic, and a happy ending. Although not a well-known musical, given the 'King Egbert treatment', it is sure to be enjoyable.

REMINDER

CONCERT FOR CHERRYTREE

THERE ARE still plenty of tickets available for the concert at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 11th April, at 7.30 pm. They are £1 for adults, 50p for children (refreshments included). There will be a display showing the history and work of Cherrytree. Those who saw the recent series of articles in the "Morning Telegraph" will already know how valuable that work is. It is perhaps not as well-known or as well supported locally as it might be, so this is a chance to help as well as to enjoy an excellent and varied concert. For tickets, phone 366668 or 363803. (There will be a Coffee Morning at Cherrytree, Mickley Lane, on Tuesday 14th April, 10.30 - 12).

T.O.A.D.S.

T.O.A.D.S. next production will please those who love costume plays and the wonderful clothes of the 1890's in particular. "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime" is a drawing room comedy by Constance Cox, based on the short story by Oscar Wilde. It concerns the hilarious attempts of young Lord Arthur to dispense with a rather awkward task before his marriage to the lovely Lady Sybil. The play will be presented in St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, from Wednesday to Saturday, April 29th, 30th, May 1st and 2nd at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available from the ticket table in Totley Library on Saturdays from 2 to 4 pm, from April 4th, or phone Kate Walker, Tel. 364749. Price 50p or 35p for Senior Citizens and children.

MUSIC ON TAP

QUESTION. Where can you get good entertainment for the price of a pint?

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The Jazz Preservation Society band have been in residence on Friday nights there for just over a year and their current popularity suggests they are there to stay a good deal longer. Their music is both enjoyable and professionally presented. You don't have to be a jazz fanatic to appreciate it - as the wide cross-section and age variation of the audiences demonstrates, for they range from the real enthusiasts to the "let's give it a try". Apart from the permanent members of the band, which regularly includes 'mine host' Cliff Hodgkinson on drums, other notable, local musicians often come along 'for a blow' and occasionally star guests appear. The creation of a relaxed and informal atmosphere, lends itself to the light-hearted, humorous approach of the band, thereby preventing any possibility of those out front feeling left out of it. The Bands style is such that you are sure to hear something familiar or appealing. Jazz (particularly on licensed premises !), has enjoyed constant support over the years in Sheffield. With first class musical talent added to the comfort and familiar surroundings of your Local, you won't be able to stop tapping your feet.

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After a while, on the advice of a friend, they decided to look for a Post Office. This proved not to be an easy task and they travelled as far as Bamsley, rejecting Totley Post Office early in their search. But after returning for a second look they decided to take the risk, despite the fact that it was the centre of a very small community, for they had been told quite firmly, by the Head Post Master, that if (as had been the case) it was to change hands again he would take the Office away. They moved in on October 13th 1936, to remain for 37½ years. During that time, determined to make a go of the business, they stayed open until 10 pm on Saturday and Sunday during the summer months, serving the week-end ramblers and cyclists with sweets and ice cream. Mrs. Perkinson was renowned for her variety of chocs and sweets: even during the war, people used to queue at week-ends for their ration. In those early years, first the Milners and then Colonel Tozer were in residence at Totley Hall and it was not until the early 1950's that the Totley College opened its doors to the first 50 girl students. Discipline was strict then, and the uniform of green dresses and cardigans, with green and yellow scarves was rigidly adhered to. As the College increased in numbers, the Post Office became busier and when Mrs. Perkinson needed an operation and convalescence, it was decided that their only son John, should leave his job to help run the business. After Mr. Perkinson had a serious operation in 1962, he went into semi-retirement, leaving John and his mother to run the Post Office between them.

It was not until John's marriage in 1964 that Mr. and Mrs. Perkinson were able to have their first holiday since 1936. During this time, the face of Totley was changing, cottages were being pulled down and an estate was being built on the land of the old Totley Grange.

When increasing ill-health made nursing of Mr. Perkinson necessary, they decided to retire and finally left the Post Office in May 1974, to live in nearby Main Avenue.

Mrs. Perkinson celebrated her 80th Birthday on Christmas Day, 1980 and with her careful nursing and attention, Mr. Perkinson goes forward to the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 6th, 1981. It is with the greatest of pleasure that we are able to congratulate them on this occasion and hope that in this very small way, we have acknowledged their long service to the community.

13 CLUB? TOPS?

(Now read on)

A FURTHER successful meeting of Totley Senior Citizens was held on 13th March, at the Heatherfield Club, permission to use the Library premises a second time having been withheld. About 50 were present, to whom the working group presented its findings. Three meetings had been held, in the course of which various premises had been eliminated from the list of 'possibles' and a physical examination made of the 'probables'. The outcome was that the working group considered that only two premises filled the bill for regular meetings and these were so evenly balanced that the final decision between Totley All Saints Church Hall and the Heatherfield Conservative Club should be left to this meeting. It was agreed that heartfelt thanks were due to the Heatherfield Club for making the room for this meeting available and that at least the first few regular meetings should be held here on Wednesday afternoons between 2 - 4 pm. Consideration should be given to moving to the Church Hall during the summer months when the weather was not likely to make access difficult.

A steering group was appointed to get the programme launched, comprising (in alphabetical order):

Mrs. N. Ellis, 33 Green Oak Drive Tel. 362220. Mr. J. K. Hoyland, 21 Mickley Lane, 362462. Mrs. Joan Merrill, 84 Green Oak Cres., 369598. Mrs. V. White, 50 Green Oak Rd., 364921. Mrs. E. Turner, 25 Lemont Rd., 350122. Mr. W. Carter Wigg, 332 Baslow Rd., 367850.

It is intended that this group should operate as a temporary governing body until the membership has had time to consider who amongst them is best fitted to fill the various officers, where upon proper elections can be held and the 'midwives' bow themselves out. The first meeting of the new body will be on 1st. April when the steering group will report briefly on the business angle. There will follow an informal get-together to enable those not already acquainted to get to know one another, and perhaps come up with ideas for the programme of meetings. There will be a small admission charge for this and subsequent meetings. ALL Senior Citizens of Totley will be welcome at this meeting.

The heading of this article refers to two alternative suggestions already made for a name for the club: The 13 Club, because the two successful inaugurating meetings were each held on Friday 13th; the latter indicating Totley Older Peoples Society.

It is hoped that the Totley Residents Association will be prepared to accept this club as an affiliated body and allow it to use the Independent as its mouthpiece.

Meantime, a note to all members and will-be members. Remember this is YOUR organisation, founded for YOUR benefit, but needing YOUR help and co-operation to keep it going. Support will be needed in the shape of attendance at meetings and inside helpers with the programme, if the club is to be a success. IT IS UP TO YOU NOW, NOT ANYONE ELSE.

Any member of the Steering Group, who can be contacted as shown, will welcome and pass on offers of help.

COMMENT.

Everyone will, no doubt be most pleased that the initiative taken by the above group has made such good progress. Little problem should be encountered by them in becoming affiliated to the main residents association, in fact, this type of smaller group is whole-heartedly encouraged. The Independent will gladly report their activities. In the meantime, if anyone else would like to suggest a suitable name for consideration they should contact any member of the Steering Group.

LADIES

FELLOWSHIP

WE ARE a non-denominational group of local women in Totley who meet weekly on a Friday afternoon in each others' homes, to discuss matters relating to the Christian Faith and other important issues about which we feel concerned. Sometimes the meetings take the form of bible-study, and other times open discussion. Anyone can choose the topic from week to week and everyone is given a chance to air their views. Babies and children under five years of age are welcome. (We do not meet during school holidays). There is a similar meeting held once a month on a Thursday afternoon if you have less free time or if Friday is inconvenient. You need not attend either group on a regular basis, but we are always pleased to see new faces. Further information about where the meetings will take place from week to week can be obtained from any of the following :- Valerie Towler, Tel. 369642, Rosalie Carter, Tel. 365969 or Jackie Fletcher at Avenue Stores.

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Ladies Club

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FRYING TONIGHT

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APRIL 23

TOTLEY REMEMBERS ST. GEORGE.

ONE OF THE great English traditions is that of ignoring its Patron Saint, St. George. Few people are able to remember his day ; April 23rd. Totley has its own constant reminder of this gentleman in the shape of St. Georges Farm, Mickley Lane, although this name is not taken directly from the man himself but from 'The Guild of St. George', founded by John Ruskin in 1871. Very little is said to be known of St. George. His career is thought to have been that of the Roman Army and he may have visited Britain in the 3rd Century A.D., he was arrested, tortured and put to death on 23rd April - 303 A.D. for his Christian beliefs, although the legend of his dragon slaying seems to remain more prominent. He was not known in England until the time of the Crusades against the Saracens, when he appeared to King Richard I and led him to victory, the banner of the upright red cross on white background was adopted as the English flag. St. Georges' Day is not celebrated with a Public Holiday, which makes England the odd man out, as most other countries do, on their Saints Day. Back in 1222 this day was declared a holiday and Edward III founded the Order of the Garter in his name. This is the noblest of the knightly orders of Europe. The members, limited in number have their own Chapel of St. George at Windsor and the Sovereign chooses these knights directly, without reference to Parliament or Ministers. One place which continues to celebrate April 23rd is Stratford-upon-Avon, mainly because William Shakespeare was born on April 23rd 1564 and died on April 23rd 1616. As well as giving his name to numerous Public Houses, St. George is not entirely forgotten elsewhere, as he turns up as a central character in many of the mumming plays, up and down the country, which have been handed down for centuries and are often performed at Easter, Whitsun, All Souls and Christmas. LOOK OUT FOR THE STORY OF ST. GEORGES FARM IN A FUTURE EDITION.

PEACE SIGN-IN

DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

BY THE TIME this edition is in print, the door-to-door canvass of the Dore Ward for signatures to the World Disarmament Petition will have started. The first phase is taking place from March 30th to Good Friday and the next one will be 11th - 22nd May. Additional recruits to help with the canvass would still be very welcome, so please will anyone who is willing to give an hour or two or even one evening, please phone T. Lamb - 350422 after 4.30 pm.

Those who would like further information and discussion on the whole disarmament issue are invited to a meeting at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, on Thursday 30th April, at 8 pm.

Perhaps it should be stressed again that the World Disarmament Campaign includes people with differing ideas about how its aims should-or could be achieved.

Multilateralists and unilateralists, pacifists and non-pacifists - by which ever way we travel, the goal is the same. Disarmament is a process, and the first aim is to halt the arms race - including research and development of even more horrifying weapons. (14% of the U.K. military budget for 1981 is for research and development).

The campaign is also concerned with broader issues, for as the Brandt Report made clear, disarmament and development are complementary goals. "Protest" in itself is not enough; it must be backed up with positive and constructive suggestions. The government has welcomed the Campaign and said they will study with great care any proposals put forward by the W.D.C. These matters could be part of the discussion on April 30th.

(The petition has been translated into - French, German, Italian, Swedish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Esperanto etc., and links have been established between the W.D.C. in Britain and similar campaigns in other countries. The petition has been taken to Poland by one of the leading members of Solidarity and has been accepted by representatives of peace groups in Leningrad and Moscow. In this country, The British Council of Churches, by a unanimous resolution, expressed support for the campaign; it is supported by Oxfam, Christian Aid, War on Want etc., and by people in all the main political parties. Now is the chance for the electorate as a whole to show that they want disarmament to be a priority on the agenda of every government and of the United Nations).

APRIL DIARY

- 1st Wed. Spring Bargain Party in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., 8 pm. at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. Quality clothing at bargain prices plus various stalls. Admission 10p including refreshments.
- 1st Wed. Senior Citizens Club, Heatherfield Club. 2 - 4 pm. See story.
- 1st Wed. to 4th. Sat. "Out Of Thin Air". Dramatic Society, Dore & Totley Un. Ref. Church. Totley Brook Rd. Tickets - Tel. 351081 or Martins Shop, Abbeydale Rd. South.
- 1st Wed. to 3rd. Fri. Finian's Rainbow. King Egbert Lower Sch. Hall. 7.30pm.
- 4th Sat. King Egbert Assoc., Jumble Sale, 2 pm. Dore Parish Church Hall. Donations welcome. Anyone able to help ring Mrs. Mawson - 350900.
- 7th Tue. Fashion Show. 8 pm. All Saints Church Hall. Details inside.
- 8th Wed. Annual Meeting. Totley Residents Assoc., Heatherfield Club. 8 pm.
- 8th Wed. St. John's Wednesday Club (Church Hall) Annual General Meeting. 8pm.
- 10th Fri. Totley Townswomen's Guild. 7.30 pm. Abbeydale Hall. Talk on the development of wool by Mr. Delaney.
- 11th Sat. Spring Concert for Cherrytree. 7.30pm. Totley Rise Meth. Church Hall.
- 14th Tue. Coffee Morning at Cherrytree, Mickley Lane. 10.30 - 12 noon.
- 14th Tue. Scouts A.G.M. Scout Hut, Totley Hall Lane. 8 pm.
- 22nd Wed. T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 37 Sunnyvale Road. 8 pm.
- 22nd Wed. St. Johns Wed. Club. Abbeydale Rd. South. 8 pm. 'Express Dairy' Film & Talk on the Milk Industry by Mr. Norman S. Marsh.
- 28th Tue. Totley Library. 8 pm. Joint meeting. T.R.A. and U.N.A. 'The International Year of Disabled Persons'. Details inside.
- 29th Wed. to Sat May 2nd. T.O.A.D.S. All details inside.
- 30th Thur. English Martyrs Church. 8pm. Baslow Road. "Disarmament" meeting.

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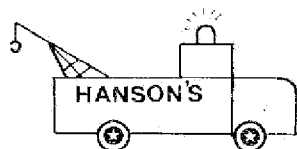
- 2nd Sat. Jumble Sale/Auction. Scout Hut, Totley Hall Lane. 2 pm.
- 5th Tue. Totley Forum. Green Oak View Day Centre. 7.30pm.
- 7th Thur. Children's Nearly New Summer Clothes Sale - held by Bradway Discussion Group at St. John's Church Hall. 2 pm.
- 8th Fri. Totley All Saints School P.T.A. Cake Sale. Time to be arranged.

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EVERYONE KNOWS what happens on April Fools Day, but no-one seems to know quite why it happens. One suggestion is that when the French altered New-Years Day from April 1st to January 1st in 1564 people still continued to send gifts and cards as a joke, in April and the habit of fooling continued.

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