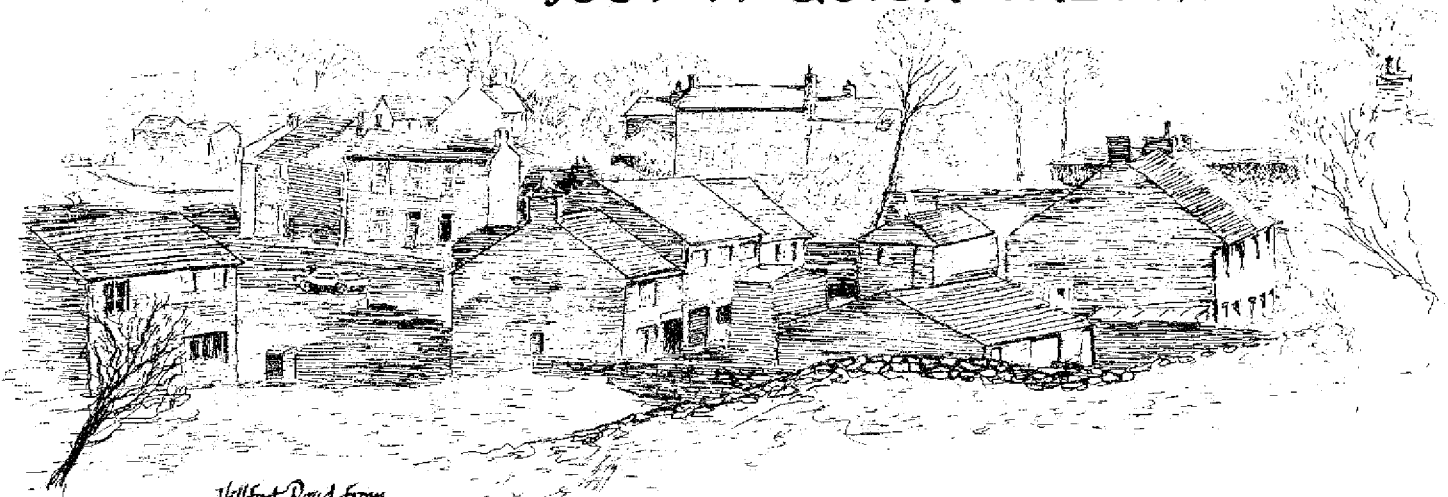


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"JUST A QUICK SKETCH"



Hillfoot Road from
Brislow Road.

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MAJOR SURGERY

THE FALKLAND CRISIS has already had a local effect as well as the far reaching national ones, forcing M.P. John Osborne to cancel his surgery at the Heatherfield Conservative Club on 3rd April in order to attend the crisis meeting in the Commons. The surgery was still attended by Councillors W. Circuit and J Thompson, who dealt with a number of matters ranging from local problems to national Law and Order. For those of you who missed the surgery, John Osbornes next one is at Lydgate Lane First School, Lydgate Lane on May 14th from 4-5 pm.

SORRY WE'RE LATE.!

Please help us to get the magazine out on time, by sending in your contributions as early as possible - we want your news, views, letters drawings etc.

END OF AN ERA

ON BEHALF OF all Totley residents, past and present, we would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Jackson for their long and valuable service to the community and to wish them both a happy and healthy retirement. After a marathon spell of 51 years, at Totley Rise Post Office, they have handed over the responsibility to their successors Mr. & Mrs. Webb of Bradway.

Mrs. Jackson, who started her career as a Post Office Assistant at Colver in 1914, assisted at the Rise P.O. for a spell in 1918, and then, with Mr. Jackson as Postmaster, took over at Totley Rise from Miss Booker on April 7th, 1931.

Coincidentally, they relinquished their business on the same date, exactly 51 years to the day, April 7th, 1982.

London post ?

Mr. Kelham of Sunnyvale Road asks "Does anyone else remember or have information about the signpost in Totley Hall Lane that pointed the way to London ?"

TUG-OF-WAR SPORTS

SPORTS NIGHT TAKES PLACE in Green Oak Park in early July, and one of the essential ingredients is the Tug-of-War Competition.

This year the Totley Tug-of-War Club (last years winners, when pulling as the Cross Scythes Team) and its members, will not be entering the competition, but will instead be helping to organise the event.

This should allow the competition to become less predictable, more open and give all teams an equal chance. It would be good to see the local teams back in action again, including those from all the local pubs, the schools parents Associations and indeed any local outfit that can muster 8 men, hopefully including neighbours or individual streets, as was the case with Main Avenue, two years ago.

Don't forget the magnificent trophy is once again on offer.

Anyone wishing to enter or gain further information should contact, as soon as possible, either Jim Higgins on 368984 or Mike Williamson on 365415.

THUNDERER

MAY BLOSSOMS.....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS are usually predictable occasions, at least as far as turnout is concerned, and last months T.R.A. event was no exception.

However, the meeting was a most useful one and those attending obviously felt a great deal of concern and understanding with the issues raised, discussed and reported on. The newly elected committee represent a varied, and fair cross section of local residents, both private and tenants, which can only be of general benefit to all.

Unlike Public Meetings, where perhaps a specific item of local concern is investigated, an A.G.M. doesn't produce a direct enthusiasm and perhaps this is why the lack of younger people (especially those with young children) was most evident. The Community Centre project, appears to be the item to stimulate future interest and widespread support seems assured.

whisperer...

.....Early start to this years fires on Totley Moors. Extreme care required.....Howard Walker of Rowan Tree Dell amongst the artistes entertaining at (but not appearing in) the recent festivities at Harrogate, during the staging of this years Eurovision Song Contest....
.. A-maze-ing ! King Egbert third year pupils visiting Hampton Court on 17th June....Families from All Saints School enjoyed a May Day trip to London, with families from the County School making up the numbers.....Photo exhibition, currently on view in Totley Library featuring scenes of local history, also displayed are items of artwork from Bradway Art Group.... Totley Library will be closed for Spring Bank Holiday on 31st May and 1st June.....Spoilt for choice or friendly competition ? both our local Dramatic Societies gave their performances on the same dates at the end of April.....

The fair maid who, the first of May,
Goes to the fields at break of day
And washes in dew from
the hawthorn tree,
Will ever after handsome be.



WE TEND TO think of May celebrations and in particular May Day as being associated with the genteel pastimes of May Queens and Maypole dancing. But up to the turn of the century, they could be turned into far more boisterous occasions by two groups of people in particular, the chimney-sweeps and milkmaids, whose dancing and tomfoolery made the occasion a day to remember! There are records of kit-dressings in nearby Baslow, for example, kits being wooden milk pails, decorated with flowers.

There have been suggestions that a full size Maypole would be an added attraction in Totley, to help celebrate what is now a Bank Holiday.

As the poem implies, the young girls would sometimes wash their faces in dew on May morning. It was also a custom, in some villages, to play hide and seek on a grand scale, the whole village hiding, to be found by a character dressed as Robin Hood, who is also known as "King of the May".



"The May-pole is up,
Now give me the cup,
I'll drink to the garlands around it;
But first unto those
Whose hands did compose
The glory of flowers that crown'd it."



Mist in May, heat in June,
Makes the harvest come right soon.



Be sure of hay till the end of May.



May takes its name from Maia, a Roman fertility goddess and the daughter of Atlas, who bore the world on his shoulders and has since given his name to a book of maps of the world. Maia was also the mother of Mercury, the messenger of the gods.

a cagey bird

RECENTLY, a crow has displayed an inherent dislike of children in a series of attacks in the Totley area. Environment Officer, Rodger Hart, told us that the attacks, 3 of which have occurred in Totley and one in Bradway were apparently unprovoked and seem likely to have been made by the same crow.

The crow has pecked the children and also drawn blood. It has a ring round its leg, but this is not necessarily a sign that it has been in captivity because it may have been put there by a member of the British Trust for Ornithology.

However, although it is quite happy to take food off peoples hands, it immediately flies off everytime a net is brought anywhere near it. This is apparently a sign that it may have been caged at some time in its life.

Obviously, Rodger would like it to be caught and suggests that it could then go to a zoo, such as Riber Castle, thus preventing it from doing any more damage, but preserving its life. However, there have been no further reported sightings of late and local rumour has it that it might have gone to join the British Task Force in the Falkland Isles - as if the finest navy in the world hasn't already got enough to 'crow' about!

NUTS IN MAY?

When children sing the song, "Here we go gathering nuts in May", have you ever wondered where the nuts come from, as there are of course, no nuts to be gathered in May.

The answer seems to lie as stated in "A Dictionary of Phrase and Fable", which tells us that the phrase is a perversion of "Here we go gathering knots of may", which refers to the old custom of gathering knots of flowers on May Day, or in simple terms, "to go a-maying".

WHAT A BLOW

Simon Swift of Chapel House, Hillfoot Road, has achieved Grade 4 in the trumpet examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

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Annual Meeting

T.R.A.



REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, HELD AT HEATHERFIELD CLUB, BASLOW ROAD ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1981/82

The report was read out in her absence. Both Secretary June Feasey and her husband Bill, have stepped down from the committee. A vote of thanks was offered for their efforts and they were wished every success in their new business venture.

The Report recorded a varied years activities, with events well supported and very enjoyable. Emphasis had not been placed on fund raising events, but on those of a more social nature.

TREASURERS REPORT

John Perkinson presented the financial aspect, with improvement being shown in the assets of the Association. A copy of the account sheet is available to members, upon request. A further £200 was to be transferred to the Deposit Account, with the anticipation of this being used to launch a building fund, for a Community Centre, at a future date.

Brian Wood was thanked for auditing the accounts, and he agreed to continue in this capacity for a further year.

ROAD SAFETY REPORT

A written report was presented, to those attending, from the members of a current road safety committee, bringing the topic up-to-date and with the consideration of further suggestions.

The subject was further discussed including the raising of specific points.

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ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last A.G.M. a Traffic Light System has been installed at the Baslow Rd/Glover Rd junction, and would seem to have been given priority (partly through our efforts ?) Several teething troubles have arisen and have been reported, e.g.

1. Drivers ignoring parking restrictions and traffic signs;
2. Driving through "NO EXIT" into Glover Road from the shopping area;
3. Turning left from Glover Road into Baslow Road;
4. Turning from Glover Road into the shopping service road against the red light.

The beat policeman has been taking action against these infringements. Also, in most of this, Cllr: Bill Circuit of South Yorkshire County Council has taken an active part and his help has been invaluable.

The following suggestions are under consideration to counter the above problems :-

1. Traffic flow ONE WAY ONLY through the shopping precinct - 'in' by the Wine Shop and 'out' by P. Swift's Shop.
2. "No Entry" sign by P. Swift's Shop on the road.
3. "No Exit" sign by the Wine Shop, also painted on the road.
4. Yellow lines possibly to be shortened to increase parking space. Also spaces to be at an angle, 45° instead of 90° to effect easier parking.
5. It has been noticed and reported that at certain times of the day the sun can render the lanterns facing up Baslow Road, especially amber and green, faint. Therefore it was suggested extended hoods should be fitted. Cllr: Circuit has helped here also and the fitting of hoods has now been approved. (and now fitted).

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Phillip Jones also notified the meeting that, in a recent contact with S.Y.C.C., he had been informed that, during the last month, traffic counts had taken place at Bushey Wood Road junction, Mickley Lane, Main Avenue and the crossroads outside the Fleur De Lys. The information gained would be studied.

The Road Safety Committee is to continue and the names of its members will be printed, when to hand, in the meantime, anyone wishing to contribute ideas and comments may contact Don Clare, Ken & Margaret Coldwell or Jim Higgins.

Further suggestions to be put to South Yorkshire County Council -

1. Extended fencing at the junction of Glover Road and Baslow Road;
2. Making Glover Road one way only towards Mickley Lane;
3. Traffic lights at Mickley Lane/Baslow Road junction;
4. Pelican crossing by Totley Post Office Area.

Also request have been made for bus shelters at - 1 - The Crescent
2 - Cross Scythes Terminus- this has also been mentioned by the Polytechnic. Cllr: Circuit has promised to look into these matters also.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Les Firth stated that the sub-committee findings had resulted in a Draft Document that, when the latest census figures had been added to it, would be presented to the City Council. Meanwhile, copies of the draft would be sent to other interested local groups for their consideration, approval, comment and support.

The meeting adopted the following recommendation to Sheffield City Council:

"That no further infilling, by new building, be considered until the siting of a community centre has been both agreed and finalised".

The meeting was sorry to hear that Dr. Bob Burns, of Hillfoot Road, was unwell. His help in the sub-committee had been most valuable, it is hoped that he (and his sense of humour) will not be absent from the group for too long.

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

A review of the last 11 issues was given. A drop in circulation was reported, but it was not easy to identify the cause. The magazine is still in a healthy state, well received and an asset to the Association and Totley in general. Letters and comments are still invited to the magazines pages. These seem to have been few of late.

OTHER ITEMS

The lack of facilities for Youth and Youngsters, in particular, are still a major cause for concern. It was pointed out that countryside, even the smallest of villages tended to offer better facilities than those existing in Totley. This point was echoed by all present.

- 2. The future and possible future use of the long barn, next to the Fleur De Lys was queried. Those present would like to see this building renovated and put to use to benefit the local community.
- 3. It was suggested that new residents might be welcomed to Totley by neighbours or T.R.A. members by posting a free copy of Totley Independent through their doors. This met with general approval.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Rev. A. Jockel, 37 Sunnyvale Rd. 362322
 - John Perkinson, 2 Main Ave. 361601
 - Les Firth, 6 Milldale Rd. 364190
 - Ken Caldwell, 30 Glover Rd. 367021
 - Margaret Caldwell " " "
 - Margaret Seddons, 67 Mickley Lane 369101
 - Harry Wooffinden, 11 Green Oak Drive 350970
 - Don Clare, 5 The Grove. 36404
 - Christine Lomas, 44 Glover Rd. 366200
 - Bary Catton, 1 Aldam Close. 351782
 - Ian Ibbotson, 9a Green Oak Ave. 366898
 - Arthur Milnes, 7 Green Oak Dr. 350131
 - Betty Higgins, 6 Laverdene Rd. 368984
- The following representatives to be confirmed :- T.O.P.S. Bill Carter Wigg 332, Baslow Road. 367850
- TOTLEY INDEPENDENT - M. Williamson

Y.W.C.A.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

THE Y.W.C.A. commenced its work 125 years ago, and in 1980 this anniversary was celebrated by a stimulating and most moving service in Westminster Abbey which was graciously attended by H.M. The Queen. Those who were privileged to take part described it as a memorable experience.

Over the years the Association has endeavoured to provide necessary services for girls and women at a particular time: in the early years, hostel accommodation for nurses going to and from the Crimea; during the World Wars, counselling for the forces and railway canteen facilities. In more recent years young wives' groups and facilities for all ages have been provided on the new housing estates, further education and training classes when and where they were not otherwise available and during the present recession, various facilities for the young unemployed.

Peile House in Pitsmoor is the latest project in Sheffield, the first phase being officially opened and dedicated by The Bishop of Sheffield in the Spring of 1980.

With their challenging and imaginative vision the Chairman and her Committee have provided several "bed-sits" and already a certain amount of community work has been started. The Y.W.C.A. sees needs and endeavours to fill them.

In 1960 the "Nearly New" Shop, which was opened in the former Division Street building, filled a need for those wishing to dispose of women's garments and some household articles in good condition. It also made these goods available at reasonable prices.

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Until comparatively recently, an abundant supply of goods has been brought to the shop and there has been no shortage of customers. The past year has been affected by the present economic situation, but it is hoped that this is only a passing phase. The "Nearly New" Shop is now housed in our premises in Glossop Road.

As an international Organisation the Y.W.C.A. does a great deal of varied work overseas, especially in the Third World, for refugees and others; literacy classes for the uneducated, training in welfare, hygiene and other spheres of work too numerous to mention here. In all aspects the "Christian" element must never be overlooked.

We hope and pray that it will be possible for us to continue and expand our work for many more years.

M. B.

Cycle speedway

THE 1982 Cycle Speedway season is now well under way. Totley Tomatoes, the new local club, is beginning to take shape rapidly. The members would like to thank Totley Youth Club, for their help in organising the Tomatoes recent fund raising disco, which was a great success. The youth club donated all proceeds, except costs, to the club, providing the team with kit. More fund raising events are needed and original ideas are welcome.

On to the actual racing. The first ever match involving the new Totley team took place on Sunday April 18th at Heckmondwike. A superb sunny afternoon, did not help our lads from taking a thrashing at the hands of last years Yorkshire League Champions. Heckmondwike took maximum race wins in all but 4 of the 18 heats. The only Totley rider to offer any real threat was Andy Fearn, of Glover Rd, who managed a couple of 2nds in his 5 rides. Totley may have added to the 120 points - 56 points scoreline, but for the fact that they were without their number 7 rider - Tony Megson.

Totley Scorers :- A. Fearn 12, P. Kenny 10, P. Holmes 8, S. Perkinson 7, G. Mawhood 7, C. Sharman 7, R. Oxley 5.

Totley Tomatoes 1982 Yorkshire League Fixtures.

- APRIL
- 18th. Sun. AWAY Heckmondwike
- MAY
- 9th. Sun. HOME Halifax 'A'
- 9th. Sun. HOME Halifax 'B'
- 16th. Sun. HOME Sheffield
- JUNE
- 19th. Sat. HOME Hull
- 21st. Mon. AWAY Stradbroke
- 23rd. Wed. AWAY Halifax 'B'
- JULY
- 11th. Sun. AWAY Sheffield
- AUGUST
- 9th. Mon. AWAY Halifax 'A'
- 22nd. Sun. HOME Heckmondwike
- 24th. Tue. HOME Stradbroke
- SEPTEMBER
- 5th. Sun. AWAY Hull

NOTE: All home matches to be ridden at Parkwood Springs until the new Totley track is completed later this year.

New team members still required, there is no age limit in cycle speedway. The elder team members are more than willing to give encouragement and advice to new riders. The sport is exciting and growing in this country.

Further details from Steve Perkinson, 2 Main Avenue, Tel. 361601.

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Pinfold

- Ploughing Ahead -

FURTHER WORK and progress has now taken place on the Pinfold project in Hillfoot Road.

A total of approx £170 has been donated following the appeal by letter and from the collecting boxes in the local shops, £14.50 being raised from the Independent article.

Needless to say, further donations will help complete the task.

Can anyone help with supplies of stone slabs, either whole or in broken condition? (Collection can be arranged). Also a couple of lorry loads of top soil would be most useful!

The first touch of greenery should also shortly appear. All Saints School have agreed to "adopt" one of the stone troughs by planting and maintaining it. Offers of plants etc have also been made from other sources.

Further information from Stan Bingham, Rose Cottage, Hillfoot Rd. 366526.

BARN DANCE

Totley All Saints P.T.A. announce at short notice that there are still tickets available for the Barn Dance in the School Hall on Friday 7th May, between 7.45 - 11.45 pm.

The price is £2 and this includes a Fish & Chip Supper at 9.30 pm. (supplied by The Tasty Plaice, Dore). Bar not available, so please bring your own liquid refreshment.

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spring fayre 2

Why not Buzz along to Totley County School on the 15th May and meet BUZZBY ?

The famous little bird is just one of the many attractions at the Spring Fayre organised by the P.F.A. The event starts at 2 pm in the school grounds and as well as the usual stalls and games, the Thomtons Jordanares will be marching to glory with their dazzling displays.

Also keep a watch out for more details of the Barbecue on 17th July, with Punch & Judy and a Disco.

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COPY DATE FOR JUNE ISSUE IS
SATURDAY 22nd MAY.

MAY DIARY

- 6th Thur. Local Elections.
- 7th Fri. Barn Dance with The Jackdaws. All Saints School. Tickets £2
- 8th Sat. St. John's Scouts & Guides Spring Fayre. 2 pm.
- 10th Mon. to 15th Sat. Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society present "IOLANTHE" at the Merlin Theatre. Tickets £1.50. £1.25. Children, Senior Citizens. £1.75 on Saturday, available from Mrs. Batey, 8 Blackamoor Crescent, Dore. Tel. 365251.
- 12th Wed. Independent Staff Meeting. 2 Main Avenue. 8 pm.
- 13th Thur. Nearly New Clothes Sale held by Bradway Discussion Group at St. John's Church Hall. 2 pm. Admission 10 p.
- 14th Fri. Totley Evening Guild. Talk on Social Services by Michael Hendray. Abbeydale Hall. 7.30 pm.
- 15th Sat. Totley County School P.F.A. Spring Fayre. 2 pm.
- 15th Sat. Totley Tug-O-War Club. Jumble Sale. Totley Rise Meth. Church Hall. 2 pm.
- 17th Mon. T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 37 Sunnyvale Road. 8 pm.
- 14th Fri. DORE AND TOTLEY PEACE ACTION GROUP. Abbeydale Hall. 8 pm.
An open meeting for all those interested in maintaining a concern in the area for Peace and Disarmament.