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A FIRST CLASS QUIZ

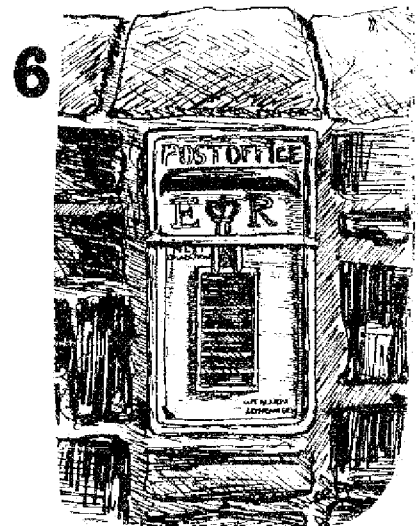
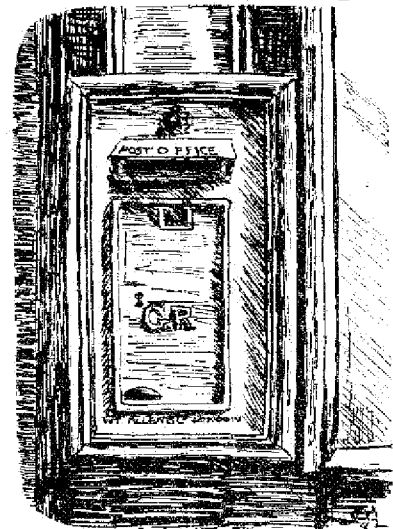
Time for another local brain teaser.

Have you ever noticed the variety of Post Boxes in the Totley area? Or are you too busy trying to catch the next collection?

Cheryl Hannam has been out and about, capturing these local landmarks on paper. Can you name their locations correctly?

There are no prizes for this quiz, as the answers are inside, (so no arguments with your friends and neighbours).

If anyone has any ideas for a similar quiz, please let us know.



Star Walker

CONGRATULATIONS to this years Star Walk winner, Trevor Dickenson of Green Oak Road. His finishing time was 1hr. 44mins. 13 secs, a fine effort gained from months of work put in by both Trevor and trainer Jim Stancer. The name of Totley is now regularly featured in this prestige event.

GARDEN PARTY

IN THE ENTHUSIASM of guiding you to the coming seasons local outdoor events, we have omitted to include in the diary, the Garden Party at All Saints Church on Saturday June 19th, starting at 2pm.

MORRIS & CO.

LORD CONYERS MORRIS MEN are one of the most enthusiastic groups in South Yorkshire and following an appearance at the Craftsmans's Fair on Wednesday June 16th, they will be making their way to "dance out" at the Fleur De Lys at 9.15pm.

REPORT BACK

AT THE MEETING held on 17th May, the following officers were elected and the rest of the T.R.A Committee is confirmed as follows. Please note some of the addresses or tel. numbers were printed incorrectly last month.

Chairman: Rev. A. Jockel, 37 Sunnyvale Rd. 362322. Vice Chairman: Les Firth, 6 Milldale Rd. 364190. Treasurer: John Perkinson, 2 Main Ave. 361601. Secretary: Ethel Beeton, 43 Mickley Lane, 364549. Ken Coldwell, 30 Glover Rd. 367021. Margaret Coldwell " " Margaret Seddons, 67 Mickley Lane, 369101.

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Other items discussed - the action is continuing with regard to adding names to the War Memorial and the next Dinner Dance at Abbeydale Sports Club is to be confirmed for Saturday October: 23rd.

three for all

DORE, ABBEYDALE & TOTLEY PEACE GROUP

MEMBERS OF THESE communities may like to know that the above peace group is becoming more formally established, writes Irene Ivison. Regular meetings are now being held at Abbeydale Hall on the second Friday of each month (excluding school holidays) at 7.45pm. New members are welcome at these meetings. At the last one in May, members were given the opportunity to discuss and gain information on the Falklands crisis. At the next meeting, it is hoped to discuss the United Nations special session on disarmament which takes place in June, and also to discuss again the Falklands issue. The next meeting will be on Friday June 18th, 7.45pm. at Abbeydale Hall. Anyone who requires further information please contact our secretary, Richard Hibberd - 890833.

SUMMER

THE NEXT ISSUE of Totley Independent will be "Summer 1982", and will cover the two months of July and August. Please ensure that your diary dates and articles are with us by Saturday 19th June. The magazine will appear as usual in September.

ROAD SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE

The new members of the above Committee are as follows. Don Clare (Chairman), Margaret and Ken Coldwell, Christine Lomas, Jim Higgins and Philip Jones.

LORD MAYOR

IT WAS MOST interesting to see that the new Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Gordon Wragg, Group Leader of 215th Sheffield 1st Totley Scout Group, has made the theme for his year of office "Youth". He couldn't have chosen a better topic.

NEWS FROM THE POLY



PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE

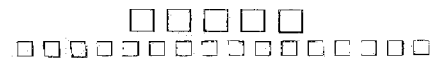
Second year Home Economics students are busily making preparations for their open day which is to be held on July 1st at the Totley College. The aim behind the day is as much an effort to promote public relations as it is to fulfil certain internal objectives. The students felt that since the City supports the Polytechnic, there is a definite need to relate to the community, and particularly to let people know what Home Economics is all about. It is also an opportunity to put into practice their communication skills and to stimulate public interest.

The day is to be divided amongst different kinds of audiences and will last between 10.00 am and 6.30 in the evening. 'O' & 'A' students have been invited from local schools to enable them to see the course 'in action'. Home Economics teachers will also be amongst the audiences, and will have the opportunity to see how the Home Economist works in industry. Industry itself has always been very supportive of the course and supplies industrial placements periods for the students every year.

In promoting the role of the Home Economist, the students hope to show their appreciation to representatives from various token industries.

Members of the public and tutors within the department will also be given the chance to see the Home Economist 'at work' at Totley. The Open Day will hopefully make people more aware and appreciative of the valuable role the study of Home Economics can have to the community.

Gill Theodoreson (Student)



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Warburtons World

THE GREATEST THREAT to wildlife of all descriptions at the present time is loss of habitat. This was brought home to me rather forcibly in a local contest just a few weeks ago.

To my knowledge, we have in Totley only two species of wild orchid, the Spotted Orchid and the Twayblade. Neither of these species is rare on a national basis, but in our district, they are certainly not common. The only site for the Twayblade which I knew of, has been ploughed up this spring, and unless one or two plants have managed to survive at the edge of these fields, I doubt whether it will return, even if the fields are returned to pasture subsequently.

Orchids are very strange and specialised plants, and it is this specialisation which has led to their rarity. Each plant can produce several thousand tiny seeds, but these seeds will only germinate where there is a particular fungus present in the soil. Even when germination has occurred, it may be ten or more years before the plant bears its first flower. Their flowers are often striking or beautiful, and many seem to mimic insects very closely, such as the Bee Orchid, Fly Orchid and Spider Orchids. The largest of our native species is the Lady's Slipper, which is extremely rare, and guarded jealously from the collectors who would dig it up at the knowledge of its exact locality 'somewhere in North Yorkshire'.

Our Twayblade cannot lay claim to dazzling beauty or startling mimicry, but it was a humble representative of an exotic family, I am saddened by its loss. The story is only too familiar, many of our plants and animals are affected by far more subtle changes than ploughing. Our Common Blue butterfly has disappeared from its best site, the fields around Totley Brook, because its food plant has gone from the fields. The Bird's Foot Trefoil has slowly vanished over the years, and the lovely butterfly with it. The factor which has led to this is still a mystery, but it may well be linked to a change in live-stock grazing in the fields.

It is important that we record our wildlife, so if anyone sees anything



out of the ordinary, I would be pleased to receive any records, with details of place, time and numbers, so that I can pass the information on to form an overall picture of the Sheffield region. Tel: 369125.

GOLD & SILVER

IN THE Sheffield and District Schools Swimming Gala Final at Sheaf Valley Baths on May 20th, Robert Allinson of 15 Main Avenue, pupil of Totley County School, won a gold medal, silver cup and title of "City Champion", for his free-style performance. He also won a bronze medal for 3rd place in the Backstroke Championship and obtained 5th place in the Individual Medley. Robert's free-style win will definitely gain him a place in the team to be picked to represent Sheffield Schools, when they swim against the rest of Yorkshire later on in the summer.

Heather West, also of Totley County, came 4th in the Girls J3 age race.

sports night

PLEASE NOTE that the date of Totley Sports Night in Green Oak Park has been changed from Friday 2nd July to Monday 12th July.

The local Tug-of-War contest will not now take place on this night, the reason being that 4 or 5 teams (as in previous years) will take a fair amount of time, the competition being popular enough to be held as a separate event at a later date and maybe elsewhere (away from the park?), where the problems of an unlevel site may be resolved. There will still be a Tug-of-War contest, with the Totley T.O.W. Club arranging a challenge from "a special team".

In the meantime, we ask that the other local teams continue to form and if any would like assistance with training, the Totley team are willing to help.

A new item this year involves skipping. We ask that as many people as possible bring a skipping rope, children and adults alike. For children under 14 years, there will be a chance to win Paul McCartney's latest LP.

For adults there will also be a 'Fun Run', with a trophy. Full details of these and other events will appear in the next issue.

CHESHIRE HOME

CHESHIRE HOME, FETE 26th JUNE, will be opened this year by Mr. Jim Greensmith of Radio Hallam. There will also be a guest appearance by Andy McCulloch of Sheffield Wednesday. Attractions include Sheffield Youth Brass Band; Dungworth and District Drum Majorettes; Children's Fancy Dress Parade (entries on the field); Teas, stalls, etc., Don't forget to visit the Open Floral Competition run by the Sheffield Floral Club in the large lounge-entry forms can be obtained from Mrs. B. Booth, 22 King Egbert Rd. 363224. Closing date for entries 19th June, 1982.



SCOUT NEWS

NEW H.Q.

Chris Woodhead looks back over this story and brings it up to date. Imagine the situation of Totley Scouts, when they were told that the lease on their scout hut in Totley Hall Lane was being terminated. They could renew it but this would not be possible until alterations were made to the hut for it to comply with regulations and it was here that they met with a problem!

They would need to raise between £35,000 to £50,000 to comply. Even if they managed to realise this total, at the end of the 99 year lease the Council would have the right to re-possession.

The choice became this; raise the mammoth sum or find another H.Q., if they were to 'be prepared' for the day on which the lease ran out. Then, by good fortune the scouts heard of a prefab building, which had been purchased by a builder, who due to planning refusal, was offering it to any Scout Troop who could use it. Totley managed to get there first!

Now they have a hut and an offer of land in the Aldam Road area, but they must still raise £3,000 for materials etc. The land belongs to the City Council and the Scouts will use it providing that the consents and terms of the lease are acceptable. However, it will still need electricity, water, sewage etc., and fund raising and a building committee have been set up to deal with this. Offers of physical or financial help will be very welcome. Please contact: Roger Hart (357034) who was recently made Chairman of the local Scouts Council, or Robin Carter and Lord Mayor, Gordon Wragg will be pleased to hear from you. Needless to say, the scouts themselves will also be helping and offers have already come in for joinery work. The vendor has also offered to transport the prefab at cost, to the Scouts. Roger Hart told us he is already very pleased with the response from the scouts, and it was especially touching to hear from a small cub at a recent meeting offer his own spending money.

EXTRAVAGANZA

Totley All Saints School P.T.A. Summer Gala this year makes its appearance as the TOTLEY EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday 3rd July at 2pm. It will be opened by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and promises to be brighter than ever. In addition to the usual items the Merlin Theatre Company will be presenting a 'Folk Play', and there will be a display by the Dore School of Theatre and Dance.

A new Fell Race is also being introduced, which it is hoped will become an annual event. This is being promoted by the Dark Peak Fell Runners (affiliated to A.A.A.). Further details are available from John Youdan, 28 The Grove - 364036 or G. Berry, 28 Montrase Road - 585388. The distance is approx. 4½ miles, registration is between 1.30 - 2.50pm, on the day, entrance fee 40p. There is a trophy for the winner and prizes for at least the first three. Please note this race is to interest all joggers too, not just the fell runners amongst us!

Can anyone 'chip in' with the loan of a micro, with a timing device, to enable the runners to be clocked in and their times recorded? If so please contact John Youdan.

PARK FEES

THE EARLIER decision by the Recreation Dept., not to man the bowls and tennis after 4pm has now been revised. (See April issue). The usual summer attendant will be on duty, but only until 8pm instead of 9pm, as last year.

Totley Brook Fete

TOTLEY BROOK SUMMER FETE will again be held on the last Sunday before the school holidays - 18th July and aims to be grander than ever before. In addition to the BLACKAMoor RUN and the usual stalls and sideshows, there will be Punch & Judy, Majorettes, Lady Clog Dancers, Air beds, Tug O' War, Clairvoyant and many other attractions - something, in fact, for everyone. So mark it in your diary now: Sunday afternoon, 18th July, Public Open Space at the back of Totley Brook Estate.

Anyone wishing to enter the Blackamoor Run should contact Keith Malkin, 361288.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Queen Victoria Road. There is also a similar box at Busheywood Road/Gilleyfield Avenue.
2. Outside Totley Post Office.
3. Outside Totley Rise Post Office.
4. Main Avenue (outside Avenue Stores).
5. A choice of locations including, Green Oak Rd/Aldam Rd, Baslow Rd/The Crescent, Totley Brook Rd (outside Totley Brook Stores). There are also similar style boxes, but bearing the initials G.R. at the following places, Busheywood Rd/Abbeydale Rd. South (outside Armstrongs), Furniss Ave. (outside Upper School entrance), Abbeydale Park Rise and on Abbeydale Rd. South near Twentywell Lane junction.
6. Totley Brook Rd. (footbridge wall).

It is interesting to note that there is no post box in Totley Bents, and connoisseurs of post boxes will, no doubt be aware that the most splendid exhibit is to be found outside Dore Post Office, - a large double-mouthed model.

A more modern 'square' box is to be seen at Beauchief traffic lights.

The correct Latin names for these local species are as follows:

1. Postopost Woodlius.
2. Nearfleur Crosscythium.
3. Insetium Wallius.
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Merlin Theatre 10th -15th May, 1982

THE INDEPENDENT DECIDED that, even though this event was outside our usual area for coverage, the fact that a fair sprinkling of Totleyites form part of this company, is in itself sufficient reason for inclusion on our pages.

It seems, that for those with their own transport, the Merlin Theatre at Nether Edge, is only as difficult to get to, as King Egbert School, where productions previously took place. The lights dimmed, the overture began - but from where? A theatre organ enthusiast would have been disappointed at this moment, that the orchestra were not elevated to the full view of the audience, from their hideaway in the pit.

The acoustics of this cosy theatre are excellent, so much so, that had it not been for the power and dynamics of the voices (the chorus was magnificent) they could have been lost in the music. The soloists were in fine voice, the duets from John Wade and Julia Nauen (a former Independent staff member) coming across crystal clear. Peter Maxwell appeared completely at ease with a part most suited to his mischievous, energetic style. (The introduction of a Rubic Cube in 1882, would no doubt have prompted Mr. G and Mr. S to write a complete work on its merits - or otherwise).

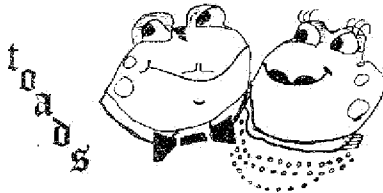
The comic trio performance of Peter, Michael Tolson and David Branch would have been equally at home in music hall - and a well deserved encore was thunderously applauded. The updating of political comment and satire are refreshing - if only for their subtle inclusions.

The well written and lengthy printed programme, packed with information as usual, did however miss reference to one character (a possible future star?), in the shape of a small cuddly creature, which almost got away with stealing the show. Looking like a cross between Sooty and Nookie Bear, this little teddy did everything but sing!

In all a most enjoyable evening, a packed house, a production that demanded a six night run, (with no expense spared on costumes).

Good facilities are offered by this new location, regrettably not available in this area, and the Society did them great credit.

There was always an atmosphere of pride when this first-rate company appeared at the local comprehensive school. It is hoped they will not be absent from the district for too long.



IT ALWAYS SEEMS a great pity when two popular events, and stage productions in particular, clash locally, as with Toad's production "Driven to Murder", at St. John's and "The Day After the Fair", at Dore and Totley United Reform- ed Church Hall, on the weekend beginning Wed. 28th April.

To see the hall only half-full on the first night must have been disappointing to the cast at St. John's, especially in view of their traumas experienced during that week.

Firstly, their stage manager was in America until the last minute. Secondly, Kate Walker, after a minor operation, had to have an injection on the Wednesday afternoon. Also, another member of the cast was left with domestic chores whilst his wife, sadly, was taken to hospital.

But in the true tradition, the show DID go on and the company must be applauded for their grit and determination.

The play itself was a thriller, with the plot changing course several times and leaving the audience to puzzle-out "who dunnit" to the very last scene.

There was a very notable first performance by 17 year old Nicola Riding as Susan Lovat. Look out for her in future productions.

Also, a very relaxed Heather Norton coming through delightfully as the "daily" - Mrs. Parks.

One actor, who has given good service to the company, has decided that his memory is not what it used to be and Gerald Waite will retire from acting in the future. A man of his experience will surely be a valuable asset behind the scenes. Toad's next production will be in the Autumn.

Our apologies for being unable to attend "The Day After the Fair".

LETTERS

NO SMOKE WITHOUT

Please, please, please will the Totley Independent clarify the times when garden burning is permissible during the summer. Being a smokeless area, one would think that on a sunny afternoon you could put towels and sheets out to dry, but no matter when I put my washing out some silly *??* (fool) lights a garden bonfire. The smoke is bad enough but the smell from some is revolting, and I find sometimes I have to wash the sheets again. So come on Independent sort it out please.

Mrs. June Hardy
39 Meadow Grove

REPLY

We contacted the Environmental Health, Pollution Control Section, in an effort to answer our reader.

Most of Sheffield, Totley included, is a Smoke Control Area and the following applies to areas, whether smoke control or not.

The Clean Air Act (1956) allows garden fires at any time, but only garden rubbish and not domestic refuse may be burned. The interpretation of the act is that the smoke from the fire shouldn't be allowed to cause a nuisance to neighbours and others, and the size of the fire should be limited to ensure this. Garden fires should be lit as infrequently as possible, thereby eliminating the risk of annoyance to others.

The watch- words would seem to be consideration, co-operation and common sense.

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9th Wed. Independent Staff Meeting, 2 Main Avenue. 8pm.
 10th Thur. Abbeydale Park, Cricket. Yorks V Zimbabwe (1 Day friendly)
 11th Fri. Totley Evening Guild. Heatherfield Club. 7.30pm. (Yorks. Humour).
 12th Sat. Abbeydale Park, Cricket. Yorks V Middlesex.
 12th Sat. to Sun. 20th. Craftsmans Fair. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.
 14th Mon. Abbeydale Hall. 7.30pm. Dore Ward Labour Party meets 2nd Monday each month. New members welcome.
 16th Wed. T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 37 Sunnyvale Road. 8pm.
 16th Wed. Lord Conyers Morris Men at Fleur De Lys. 9.15pm.
 18th Fri. Dore, Totley and Abbeydale Peace Group. Abbeydale Hall. 7.45pm.
 23rd Wed. Sponsored Wheelchair Push. Cheshire Home Residents and Totley College Students.
 26th Sat. Cheshire Homes Summer Fete. Mickley Lane. 2pm.

JULY

1st Thur. Open Day - Totley College. Totley Hall Lane.
 2nd Fri. King Egbert School "Music for a Summer Evening"
 3rd Sat. Totley Extravaganza. All Saints School, Hillfoot Rd. 2pm.
 12th Mon. Totley Sports Night. Green Oak Park. 7 - 9pm.

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STATELY VOICES

THE RECENTLY formed Ladies choir took part in the Ecclesfield Musical Festival on May 7th and were awarded the Parramore Trophy for their choice of songs - "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn and "The Dashing White Sergeant" arranged by K. Robertson. The choir sings under the name of the Chatsworth singers because rehearsals began in Chatsworth Rd. Totley. Members are local ladies and are conducted by Mrs. Kate Ward.

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Down on the Farm

AS YOU MAY be aware, Hall Lane Farm has been unoccupied for some time and the Independent was pleased to recently meet a family from Nuneaton there, who are hoping to sign up the tenancy, with a view to moving in some time in July.

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EVENING GUILD

THE JUNE MEETING of The Totley Evening Guild will be held in the Heatherfield Conservative Club, Baslow Road, as Abbeydale Hall is not available on that day. There will be a Talk on 'Yorkshire Humour' by Mr. Tomlinson. 7.30pm. June 11th.

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