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whisperer...

.....Heatherfield Conserva-
tion Club, in Baslow Road, recently
celebrated its 10th anniversary
with a dance attended by John
Osborn, W.P.Bushes
and undergrowth have been
cleared alongside Five Trees
on Abbeydale Rd. South, in
order to resolve problems
arising from fouling and
dumping.... Fleur-de-Lys
celebrated Thanksgiving Day on
November 25th in true American
style with roast turkey and
pumpkin pie.....Good to see
new faces in the latest TOADS
production, which was most
enjoyable.....Peter Furniss,
who until recently, was the
Community Worker for Totley,
sends best wishes to all the
friends he made.... "Sheaf
Motors" and "loadstools" now
under new ownership....Dogs
roaming loose in Totley Hall
Lane area could result in
sheep worrying - please keep
them under control.....

invitation

The Staff and Children of All
Totley All Saints School,
invite the Senior Citizens of
Totley to their Christmas
presentation of 'The Snow Queen'
in the School Hall on Friday
17th December, at 2.00pm.
There is no admission charge
and a welcome awaits you.
Why not come and enjoy some
of the Christmas joy with the
children.

PANTOMIME

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS P.T.A. are
presenting their Annual Panto-
mime from Friday February 4th
to Saturday February 12th.
This year it's 'Sleeping
Beauty', tickets can be order-
ed from Jean Taylor on 361753
or Sue Youdan on 364036.
Prices Adults 75p Children and
Senior Citizens 50p.

AN APPEAL FROM THE SOLD.

One of this years panto dames
is Harry Scholey, Landlord of
the Shepley Spitfire, and he
is in urgent need of ladies
shoes to fit gents size 10
feet. "Anything except pumps",
says Harry, "I see enough of
them behind the bar".
Anyone able to help can contact
Harry on 360228 or at the pub.



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36 Totley Brook Road.
4 The Crescent.
2 Sunnyside Avenue.
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LETTERS

In the November issue a letter
was printed from Mr. G.D.
Reynolds of Baslow Road
concerning smells from the
direction of the moors.
Mr. Reynolds has been in
touch with us to say that it
would appear that a page of
his letter had gone astray and
therefore an important point
had been missed.
He points out that some years
ago the moors in front of Bule
Hill Lodge were afire and as
the old workings from the
mines are still there, could
it be that fires are still
smouldering in the old workings
causing a build up of gas which
from time to time is emitted
and this is perhaps what he
and now others have been able
to smell.

RED CROSS

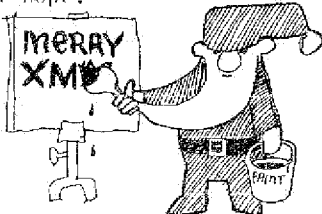
Mrs. Shepherd of Hilldale Road,
has asked us to correct part
of last months Red Cross
article, which may have been
misleading.
No detachment at Abbeydale
Hall exists at the moment, but
Mrs. Shepherd has suggested
that if enough interest was
expressed in forming one, then
it might be possible to do so.
Anyone interested in helping
to form or join such a detach-
ment can contact Mrs. Shepherd
on 362262.

THUNDERER

ALREADY IT'S THE end of another year. The months seem to pass all too quickly as far as preparing the magazine is concerned. Once again, it has been an over-busy year resulting in a further eleven issues. It would appear that next years issues will continue to feature the ever present problems in respect of buildings and accommodation provision.

At a recent meeting of the local Scout Group, the Chairman, Roger Hart, expressed the fear that there was insufficient support, particularly from parents, to raise money to build their new Headquarters, the tone of the meeting being very subdued. An interest free loan of £9,000 over 10 years is guaranteed from the City Scout Fund, but Roger felt it would be totally irresponsible to draw on that loan without some assurance of being able to pay it back over the period. The leaders rallied round with support and are to visit every parent to explain the very serious position that the 215th (1st Totley) Scout Group is in.

Do we really want to see this long established group, fold in the Year of the Scout? Hopefully a New Year brings New Hope.



CHRISTMAS COLOUR

You dream of a Christmas
that's white,
frosted, still, serene?
Each to his own delight -
mine would be green,
laurel and ivy rinsed by rain,
red cotoneaster
fanned beneath the windowpane;
silvered stream runs faster
down the rowan-dotted hill,
sky blue-washed and clear.

Let the snow wait until
the end of the year.

Lyn Cooper

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ROAD SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE

The Road Safety Action Committee reports as follows:-

The local side roads have been patched as far as possible. The causeway repair team have also been in action. The traffic lights have been adjusted and re-phased in favour of pedal and motor cyclists and the lanterns have been altered to give better vision to motorists in sunlight. Bollards are to be installed at the end of Laverdene Road where vehicles have been illegally cutting through to Baslow Road. The bollards will be "environmentally acceptable". Ramps for wheelchair access across pavements are to be investigated, one already having been positioned outside Totley Rise Post Office, at the request of a wheelchair occupant. The question of additional bus shelters will be dealt with when the Totley/Brinsworth bus route is surveyed as a whole. The Road Safety Committee send a word of thanks to the local councillors for their help with the above.

SHOP CHANGE


'Bradshaws' fruit shop on Abbeydale Rd. South, has recently come under the new management of Mr. Gordon Reed. Mr. Reed, who took over on November 1st, is not a newcomer to Sheffield. He was manager at the 'Spa' Shop at the bottom of Ecclesall Road for three years, before moving to his new shop. He hopes to include a wider variety of food in the shop including cooked meals. In his spare time, Mr. Reed is a local Scout District Commissioner. We welcome him to Totley and wish him all the best in his new venture.




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Branches All Over

THE NOISE OF Buzz saws has been ringing through Totley recently.

The work at present being carried out in Gillfield Wood is similar to that which took place in 1960.

Because this work was not done correctly, the trees initially left to re-grow are now being felled.

Those affected are Oak, Hazel and Sycamore. Some Oaks are being left and also most trees along the perimeter, leaving a visual barrier against the bareness of the wood.

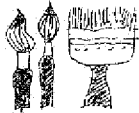
Three new varieties will be planted; Beech, Oak and Japanese Larch to provide an eventual crop of hardwood timber.

LIBRARY

BRING A BRUSH !

BY THE TIME you read this the Library will be well into the throes of being decorated. It's nearly nine years since the library was first opened, so it's high time that we had a change of colour. It will lead to an awful lot of mess however, as our borrowers will be finding out all too soon I'm afraid. If it's any consolation to anyone, it will be even more of a disruption for the staff, who are all busily trying to convince themselves that it will look so much nicer when it's finished and that all the mess will have been worth while. Our new look should be finished in time for Christmas: please bear with us until then.

Terry Whitlam
Branch Librarian.



ST. JOHN'S WEDNESDAY CLUB are holding their Christmas Social evening on 5th December starting at 8pm. The theme is "Bake and Taste".

Totley Evening Guild are holding their Christmas Party on December 10th. Members are asked to bring a plate of food and a small present for the tub.

rifle range

THOSE OF YOU travelling out towards Owlbar will have noticed the contractors board at the top of Lane Head Road stating that work is currently underway at the Rifle Range. This work started on August 16th, to refurbish the butts. These butts were originally built in the 1900's and due to age and wear and tear were in need of rebuilding.

The work should have been finished by now but due to bad weather the replacement of soil is still being held up; machines being unable to cope with soggy conditions.

The Range is still in use at weekends but only pistols are being used. Completion is expected soon. "If the weather is kind" said Mr. Horton of the contractors.

RANGERS

IF YOU ARE between 14 and 21 years of age and interested in a Design for Living course, serving in the community, are energetic, interested in out-of-door activities and meeting people with like interests; have you considered joining the Rangers ?

There are vacancies at St. John's Church Unit which meets from 7.30 - 9.00pm. on Monday evenings.

There is no necessity to have been a Brownie or Guide beforehand.

For further details please contact the Ranger Guide - Mrs. Hilbure Harriott 366757, or the District Commissioner Miss Pat Cooper 369791.

JOIN US



TOTLEY RISE METHODIST YOUNG WIVES

ARE YOU between SIXTY and TWENTY ? with a little time to spare on Tuesday evenings. Do consider joining our Young Wives group - we're not necessarily young and not necessarily wives, but we are keen to have some 'new blood' in our group. Our speakers are very varied, and we would like more people for them to address with their interesting talks. Details from the Secretary, Mrs. Ros. Voss 363679 or the President Miss Pat Cooper - 369791.

Thank You



NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME

MANY THANKS to those who distributed and collected envelopes, and to those who gave so generously for the National Childrens Home 'House to House' appeal in September. The superb total of £650 was raised and sent to help in this most valuable work.



turkey

The turkey does not come from Turkey. It gets its name from its cry of 'turk-turk' and is a native of Mexico.

The conquistadors found it already domesticated there and were quick to appreciate its excellence and bring it back to Europe.

It reached England in the early sixteenth century. Henry VIII is the first person recorded to have dined on turkey on Christmas Day.



Silent Night

No Christmas is complete without the singing of Silent Night.

This beloved carol was first performed in the village church of Oberndorf, near Salzburg, on Christmas Eve, 1818.

It was scored originally for two voices and a guitar. The words were written by Father Joseph Mohr, the 28 year old parish priest, and they were set to music by Franz Xaver Greber, the schoolmaster from the neighbouring village of Arandorf, who was also the organist.

The guitar accompaniment is due to the church wige who had been at the organ and put it temporarily out of action !



FRIENDS and NEIGHBOURS

IF EVER YOU should see Godfrey Shorthouse approaching don't think twice, fade into the landscape pronto ! Godfrey is a gifted provocateur and a social embarrassment of the first water. Unfortunately, he cut off my escape route last week as I was day-dreaming, and I can tell you this, for what it is worth - Phyllis Cowlishaw's legs are not really worth day-dreaming about.

So there was Godfrey standing before me, as impassable as the Lines of Torres Vedras. Under his left arm he was supporting three cauliflowers, while his right hand gripped a bottle of vinegar at which he frowned as though it were Chablis of an inferior year.

"Hello there !" I remarked affably; "do they no longer sell cauliflowers in Dore ?" Not that I have any profound interest in these particular vegetables but, as a conversational starter, 'cauliflowers' has a certain imaginative quality about it - more imaginative than enquiring about Godfrey's wife's varicose veins, and infinitely less tedious.

"Listen, Pudding-Face !" he responded, in a tone overcharged with condescension; "I left Dore over two years ago."

How let me tell you this straight away: my face is not plump at all and furthermore I hate being called 'Pudding-Face'. And then, to upset me even more, the garrulous Godfrey poked a finger into my stomach and added with great emphasis, "I now live in Totley - the better part !"

"There are better parts in Dore", I countered. "Where, for goodness sake ? Have you ever lived in Dore ? No, you have not - so why talk through the top of your cranium ? In any case I'm not the slightest bit interested in that degenerate reservation."

"Steady on ! Remember the laws of libel !"

"Listen, my timid and flabby-jowled friend, there is a garage in Dore - only one. In Totley we have four that I know of for certain."

"But Godfrey - so what ?"
"Four times as many cars in Totley, hence four times the affluence."

"Fascinating!"

When the valuable Shorthouse is moving into top gear I have to content myself with sparse interjections. 'Fascinating' goes down well. Attempting to stop the flow of gibberish would be quite useless and, according to his wife, would only lead to cantankerous side effects.

"Simple research can be most revealing," continued the oracle. "Post offices are another interesting example - two in Totley but only one in Dore."

"In other words", I replied, by way of encouragement, "more old age pensions are paid out in Totley."

"Oh, give me strength !" Godfrey looked skywards in anguish. "Totley people buy more stamps. Totley people write more letters. Totley people - with one notable exception - are higher up the literacy scale. Really ! Does everything have to be spelled out for you ? For instance, do you ever ask yourself why a laundrette functions night and day in Dore whereas the one they opened in Totley immediately went bankrupt ?"

While this all-absorbing conversation was in progress, the butcher's shop lay on our starboard beam and the butcher a long blood-stained instrument in his hand, shook his trimly-boated head slowly from side to side. Clearly, he was disappointed in my performance so I turned back to the Shorthouse antagonist and drew his attention to Dore's historical past - two kings actually shaking hands on Dore green and everyone living happily ever after.

"Oh yes, of course ! Godfrey scoffed; "two Kings improvised just after World War II, when every village in the country was trying desperately to attract American tourists. All vanity, ostentation and commerce, and quite typical of Dore. How then, do you ever hear us bragging about Beethoven's two-night stay at the Cross Scythes ? No, you do not, because there is a traditional modesty here which Dore folk could not possibly understand. Humility - that's the essence of social intercourse in Totley. We don't stop strangers and inform them proudly of the immortal massacre in Mickley Lane."





We have here a commendable reticence and that is why I shall never regret leaving Dore."

"Hey, what massacre was this?" He grunted, despairingly. "The Roman cohort. And you seem to know nothing about it so that proves my point - about the commendable reticence here." "Massacre in Totley?"

"Hickley Lane - on the site where they built the sauff mill. Egfrith led the Matlamani tribe down from Gillfield Wood and that night the Totley Brook ran crimson. Diocletian was furious. No, my dear chubby-faced duffer, this is a hamlet of modesty. We don't plant fanciful stones in our village green. And if you could count you would realize many significant truths which so far escape you. In this highly respected area are five taverns whereas in the seedy parish from which I was liberated....."

"Godfrey, keep your voice down! People can hear you! Dore is a highly respectable suburb. And five pubs in Totley may indicate nothing more than a gross intemperance. But I can't stay any longer to talk about it.....I think I left a saucepan of milk on the cooker....."



Harold and Evelyn Roe wish to thank all for their good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, which they celebrated on November 24th.

I turned to leave but he grabbed me by my cocoa-stained Sheffield Wednesday scarf. "Sunny Jim! he growled; "liquor licences are granted lavishly where the proletariat can be trusted to lubricate themselves in moderation, and vice versa. Hence: only two taverns in Dore, and installed very close together to facilitate police surveillance."

"You forgot Dore Moor Inn," I challenged, stoutly.

"Nowhere near Dore at all! And the foolhardy who hanker after booze in that tundra, first zip themselves into three anoraks and then check out with the Peak Park Rescue Headquarters."

"Well," I gasped, feeling at last the chill envelopment of pessimism; "it's difficult to know what to say now. You see, Godfrey, I have some very good friends in Dore. There must be something.....I mean, some way of helping them....."

Godfrey seemed to shudder for a second or two. "Friends up there!" he muttered in a strangled tone, his face taking on the expression of utter disbelief. He hitched up his cauliflowers and I could see his fingers tighten emotionally round the vinegar bottle.

"Is there no hope?" I whispered. His eyes softened with compassion. "Well....I could give you the address of the London Missionary Society!"



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cheshire home

IN THE November issue of Totley Independent there was a picture of the old Cherrytree Orphanage as it was in 1872, since when there have been numerous alterations. In 1967 the new Cherrytree Homes were built in the field above, on Hickley Lane, and the Cheshire Homes moved into the old building, providing a home for eight disabled women and two men.

The main room (on the left in the picture) was converted into a dormitory for the women and the Matron's room into sleeping quarters for the men. 1970 saw a single-storey L-shaped extension of bedrooms suitable for the wheelchairs of the residents, and the Home was now able to accommodate 36 men and women, having 18 single rooms and 9 double. Over the years a craft room was added, alterations to the upper floor provided accommodation for resident staff, and in 1977 (ten years after opening), Group Captain Cheshire laid the foundation stone for the dining room extension (later opened by the Duchess of Devonshire), which has completely altered the frontage as shown in November's issue. Most of the residents would prefer a room to themselves for many reasons, and it is now hoped to raise funds to convert the existing double bedrooms into singles, and build an extension of single rooms to make up the numbers lost in conversion. The recent Christmas Fair at the Cutlers' Hall raised £950 towards this project, and this remains the chief objective of fund-raising for 1983.

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CAROLS & COFFEE

December 14th, Tuesday. 7.30pm. All Saints Church Hall. Concert given by Cubs & Scouts. Film, Coffee, Mince Pies, White Elephant Stall, Christmas Card Stall and Carols. Tickets from leaders or phone 367034. 20p adults, 10p children.

SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

A start has been made on the site at Aldam Road but heavy rain has delayed progress. The fears of residents that the Scouts held weekly discos and regular band practices were allayed by the leader, Robin Carter and the Chairman, Roger Hart, visiting affected residents. It is hoped that, on completion, the headquarters can be used by locals for meetings. The Scouts have also expressed a wish to help local residents with odd jobs as soon as the headquarters are completed.

LOTTERY

This is very disappointing. Generous promises were made to take up lottery shares but these have not come to fruition. Progress cannot be made on the H.Q. without finance. At a recent group council meeting, the Chairman expressed the fear that, without a successful lottery, the H.Q. may not get off the ground and the Scout Group may collapse. (Lottery shares are £1 per month or £12 per year).