

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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HAVE A PURR-FECT NEW YEAR

SAYS THE TOTLEY CAT

M.B.E.

A TOTLEY DOCTOR has been awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

She is Dr. Marjorie Flowerday who works as an assistant consultant for the Blood Transfusion Service, which is based in Longley Lane, Sheffield. Dr. Flowerday, who lives at Moorview House, Butts Hill, believes she was given the award to mark her work in preventing rhesus disease in newborn babies.

This used to be a major cause of illness and sometimes death in babies until blood specialists worked out how to prevent almost all cases.

The Independent would like to congratulate Dr. Flowerday, who was born at Totley Crange, now the site of the Wimpey Estate, on the award. She has lived at her present address for more than thirty years, returning to Totley after her medical training.



"Do you realise our Town's name spelt backwards reads Totley Rise".



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whisperer...

.....At long last the paths between Green Oak Road and the College have been cleaned up, weeded etc., and for once look presentable.The Christmas lights at the Fleur de Lys and immediate surrounding area, certainly brightened things up and hopefully set an example to be followed next year..... Presumably Father Christmas "had a nice day"....The December gale force winds brought down the post and sign at the Cross Scythes. Fortunately no one was injured but it was a near miss.....Icy conditions underfoot still making paths treacherous particularly near the Library and corner of Glover Road at the traffic lights..... Concrete bollards now installed at the junction of Laverdene and Baslow Road..... Those strolling down Totley Hall Lane will be pleased to know that the objects outside the Scout Hut are not giant Space Hoppers, but Bottle Banks.....

LIBRARY

ITALIAN SUNSHINE

WE'RE OFF on our travels again for this month's library talk, away from frost and bitter cold to the bright colours and even brighter sunshine of Italy in summertime. Monica Nelson will talk about "Art Cities of Italy" on Tuesday, 25th January at 8pm., and will be showing slides of some of the most famous and beautiful buildings in the world, taken in Rome, Florence, Venice and incomparable Assisi. Just as a teaser to whet your appetite, can you tell which of the following come from each of the four cities?

1. Pantheon
2. Ponte Vecchio
3. Friary of San Francesco
4. Doge's Palace
5. Colosseum
6. Forum
7. Palazzo degli Uffizi
8. St. Mark's
9. Bridge of Sighs
10. St. Peter's
11. Rialto Bridge
12. Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore.

Lerry Whitham
Branch Librarian.

BLACKA MOOR

NEXT MONTH It is hoped to feature a comprehensive article on Blacka Moor. Local reports have recently highlighted the fact that fencing and sheep grazing are to be allowed.

Various organisations are currently raising their objections about this and below is a copy of a letter from Rev. Alan Jockel, the Chairman of Totley Residents Association, to the Director of Recreation and Amnities. (a similar letter has also been sent to the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council).

Enclosure of part of Blacka Moor.

The attention of my Association has been drawn to the present concern over the proposal to allow the fencing of part of Blacka Moor to permit the grazing of sheep there. As has already been pointed out to you, such action would seem to infringe the conditions under which Alderman Graves presented this land to the City of Sheffield, and my Association wishes to add its objection to the proposed action. The residents of this area have long enjoyed the freedom of access to this area, and such freedom would inevitably be curtailed; further the grazing of sheep will without doubt change the character of the vegetation to the detriment of wild life - and bilberry pickers!

I trust that you will use your good offices to ensure that this proposal is negatived.

ST. JOHN'S WEDNESDAY CLUB
1983 Spring Programme

All meetings start at 8 pm.
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17th Jan. Steve Taylor will talk about the Crucible Theatre.
26th Jan. Mr. F. Vickers will give part 2 of his talk on Old Sheffield.
9th Feb. Top Hat Evening.
(Topics for discussion will be drawn from a Top Hat).

THUNDERER

ANYTHING RUN on a voluntary basis is likely to have its problems, if a strict routine and procedure is not adhered to. This has happened during the last couple of months with the result that our magazine has been coming out late. This is something that is regrettable but unavoidable.

The work load required in producing the Independent, month by month is considerable if both the standard and reputation is to be maintained. The position for this year is now likely to ease with the welcome addition of new staff members, who have offered their services. The introduction of new blood should give enthusiasm and a fresh outlook.

You the readers can still help, in a big way, by sending in articles, letters, drawings etc., or just keeping us informed of local topics.

It is now generally felt that the Independent is an essential and important part of Totley life. We look forward, not only to a whole year of new issues, but to many new and regular readers, in the months ahead.

CHANGE

Alison Heald, married with two young children - Jolene 3 yrs and Ross 10 mths, has recently taken over 'loadstools', in Baslow Road, and renamed the business 'POSEURS'.

Although basically the same fashionable clothes are for sale, for ladies (size 10-16), Alison has introduced some childrens wear. This part of the business will be gradually expanded if this proves to be popular.

Accessories are also available including handbags, belts, umbrellas and some very popular, reasonably priced, fashion jewellery.

Alison will be pleased to see you - Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5.30 (Friday until 6pm) with Wednesday half day.

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7,12. Venice: 4,8,9,11.
Assisi: 3.

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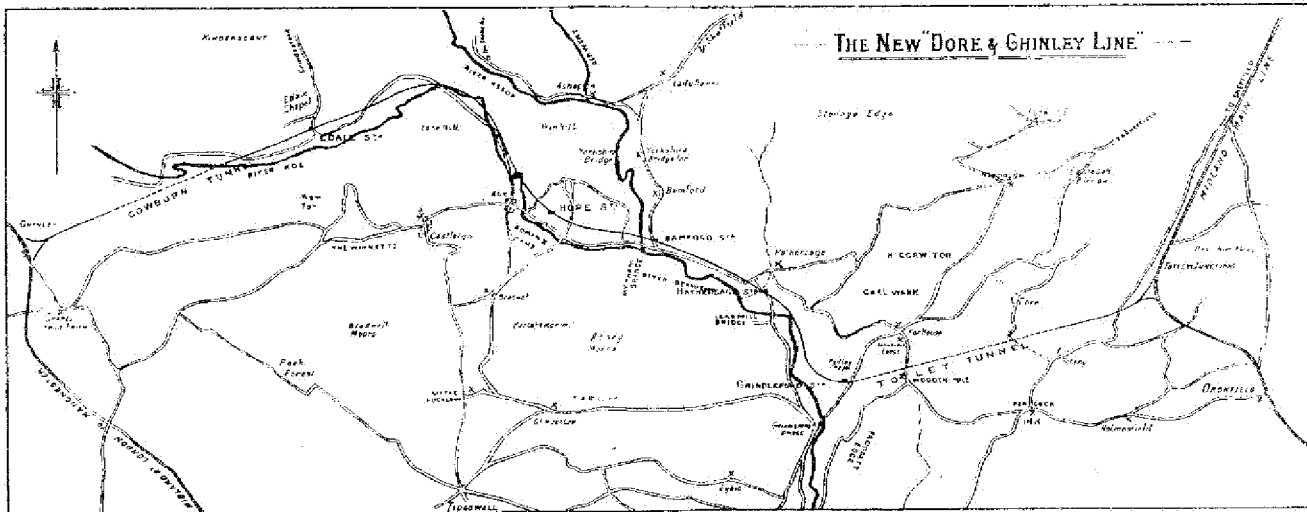
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A BORING STORY



MAP FROM "THE SHEFFIELD INDEPENDENT'S GOSSIPING GUIDE" FOR THE DORE & CHINLEY RAILWAY. PUBLISHED IN 1895. (PRICE FOURPENCE - 1½p)

FOLLOWING ON from **Octobers** Topley Tunnel feature, here is the report from the Sheffield Independent of October 13th, 1898, describing the beginning of the work.

The great undertaking of making the new Dore and Chinley Railway - and it is a great one, considering the cost, the engineering difficulties to be overcome and the time that must elapse before it is completed - has been vigorously commenced at both ends. Our illustration shows the progress that has so far been made at what may be termed "our end of the line" - that is to say, at Dore and Totley. The first indication of operations is met with at Dore station; the whole of the land lying between the top half of the down platform, and the road is littered with railway contractors' wagons, sleepers, rails and chairs, haulks of timber and carts. The finishing touches are being given to a long brick building with corrugated zinc roof, a number of men are engaged in joinery work, and a portable engine is stationed there. This is where the

sidings will be, and when they are constructed a start is to be made in making a temporary line up to the first shaft of the Topley tunnel.

This line will run across the station road, through the yard of the old farm (which is now tenanted by a Midland platelayer named Chapman) and, continuing through fields situate on the left side of the highway, will turn up the right at the lower part of Totley, and run in an almost straight direction to the field opposite the pretty, ivy-covered house formerly occupied by Mrs. Charles Doncaster.

Here the Topley tunnel, which is to be three and a half miles in length, and the second longest in the country, will begin, and here the first shaft is now to be met with.

It is only what is termed a temporary shaft, being just outside where the tunnel mouth will be. The forming of this shaft is being proceeded with, a locomotive assisting the labourers in their work. About a quarter of a mile further on is the first of the four permanent shafts; they are permanent because they will act subsequently as ventilation holes, and they

are all in comparatively close contiguity. The reason for this is worth mentioning.

The tunnel will continue as far as Padley Wood, and therefore go under a lot of moorland. The Duke of Rutland is the owner of the land, and his brother, the late Duke, stipulated that there should be no ventilation spaces on his moors for the fear the game should be frightened by the smoke. The result is that as the moors commence just above Topley Bents the shafts have to be sunk in the fields, and, as already mentioned, somewhat close to each other.

The first of them resembles an ordinary mine shaft, and is in the most advanced condition of the lot. The mouth has been protected by timber, the coal measures have been dug into, and further progress can only now be made with the aid of a portable engine. It is ready at hand, and lying about are various materials which will be required for carrying out the delving and boring operations.

The next shaft is situate at the locality known as the Topley Common, and about a couple of hundred yards above the Great Inn, the

task of starting the shaft is being vigorously prosecuted, the hoisting of the coal shale being done by means of an old-fashioned windlass. After a time this, of course, will give way to the more improved winding gearing already provided at shaft No. 1.

The third shaft has also been commenced. As yet the number of men employed on the works is only small, but in a few weeks time there will be more navvies in the locality than ordinary residents. Nothing has yet been decided as to sleeping accommodation for the navvies, but it is very probable that huts will be specially erected for those who cannot be accommodated at the cottages near Totley Bents.

The making of the tunnel alone, it is calculated, will occupy at least four years, but by the end of that time most of the other work connected with the formation of the railway will have been got through, and, excepting mishaps, the new line will perhaps be ready for public use in the spring of 1893.

The tunnel is naturally the heaviest part of the whole undertaking and some idea can be formed of the difficult work which its construction will entail when it is stated that at one place it will be 800 feet below the summit.

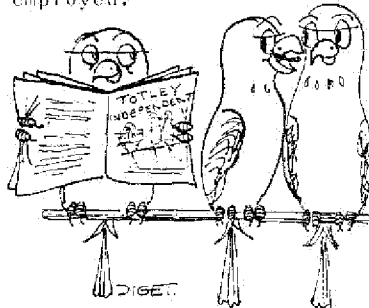
The making of the railway has been divided into two parts; and for that part from Dore to Mytham Bridge a distance of 10 miles. Mr. Edward Parry of Nottingham, is the engineer, and Messrs. Oliver and Son of Bristol, the contractors. Mr. P. Rickard is the resident engineer, and Mr. Laybourn, the chief inspector of works.

A new boring machine, patented by a military engineer was brought under the notice of the contractors some months ago, but it was not deemed satisfactory for the tunnel making.

As some curiosity exists as to where the new line will join the old line

system, it may be stated that so far as present arrangements go the junction is to take place at the under-bridge close to Dore station. The line will then turn to the left, part of the wood being cut into.

Some time ago the Dronfield Local Board wrote to the Midland Railway requesting them to put on a workmen's train between Dronfield and Dore and Totley Station during the construction of the Dore and Chinley Railway. Last week a Midland official waited on the clerk to the board and informed him that the company were willing to accede to the request of the board providing a sufficient number of workmen would avail themselves of the proposed train. The official further said that until the spring of next year no very large number of hands would be employed.



"Take no notice - it's a trick".

PANTOMIME

Anyone wanting tickets for the Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' being presented at Totley All Saints School from Friday February 4th to Saturday February 12th, can obtain them from either Jean Taylor on 361753 or Sue Youdan on 364036. Prices, Adults 75p Children or Senior Citizens 50p.

The next Committee Meeting of Totley Residents Association takes place on Wednesday 26th January at 8pm. 37 Sunnyside Road.

There will be a meeting for the staff of Totley Independent at 8pm, 2 Bain Avenue, on Wednesday, February 2nd.

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PARTY

TOTLEY SENIOR CITIZENS
CHRISTMAS PARTY. SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4th.

This year's party saw a change of location from the Lowfields to the Highfields Site, at Totley College and many of those attending commented that nothing had been lost in the move. The day was wet and cold and some of those having made the long trek up Baslow Road, found the offer of a lift, by car, up the long sloping drive, most welcome. This year there was no shortage of volunteers to help with transportation both to and from the event. The food, prepared by the Students and TRA Committee was both plentiful and attractively presented, and everyone received a gift by courtesy of the Students. The entertainment was given in the same room and whilst the floor was being prepared even more cups of tea were handed round at Seb Coe speed. Young Simon Swift was the first to take the stage with his trumpet. He now has a greater confidence and impressed his audience with a well thought out and seasonal programme. Howard Walker on vocals and base guitar was partnered by Trevor Peat on piano, and how fortunate we are in being treated annually to their superb and relaxed performance. The ever popular violin of Robin Johnson, accompanied by pianist Lesley Walker, received warm appreciation and the evening was brought to a close by over 20 ladies of The Star Womens Circle Choir.

Earlier a raffle, bingo and sing-a-longs had been enjoyed with thanks going to the many who donated prizes. More than ever, under somewhat difficult circumstances, it was proved that the success of this event was due to a superb team effort.

It was, however, noticed that this years numbers were down and it would be interesting if there are any specific reasons for this that can be rectified when the next party is planned.

POLY

SHEFFIELD CITY POLYTECHNIC
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION
STUDIES

CERTIFICATE IN CULTURAL STUDIES

This course is to be offered for the first time in October, 1983. It runs for two years, is part time and is intended for adult students.

The main focus of the course will be on the study of contemporary culture and leisure and on the historical and social change which have influenced different cultural forms and activities. The aim is to understand cultural processes and products and help students assess the place of culture in their everyday lives and to give structure and purpose to it in the face of the lack of full-time employment.

Work will revolve around case-studies of particular cultural phenomena such as:

- Seaside culture
- Newspapers and the local independent press
- Women's magazines
- Television soap opera
- Local radio
- Local writers and their work
- Best-sellers

- Youth/adolescent culture
- Community theatre
- Sport
- Popular music

There will also be opportunities for students to practice or develop their own 'cultural' skills. So for instance the following workshops may be on offer during the course:

- Radio and writing radio drama
- writing skills and journalism
- Printing and publishing
- Video
- Community theatre

The course will run on two mornings a week, each session lasting 2½ hours; two hours being devoted to classroom activities and half an hour for individual tutorials.

The course will be held at the Totley Site of the Polytechnic where the Department of Communication Studies has good teaching facilities; an excellent TV studio, technical equipment for radio production and screening TV programmes and films.

There will also be sessions involving visiting local journalists, writers and artists.

The site also has a library, refectory and other recreational facilities.

It is also possible that a residential session or a full day Saturday session will be planned in order to allow students a period of more extended study and discussion and participation in workshops.

No formal qualifications are needed as long as you have a real interest in the ways in which people participate in or produce culture. You will be asked to come to talk to us about your interests and experience before entry on to the course.

TOTLEY CUBS FOOTBALL RESULTS UP TO CHRISTMAS 1982.

OPPONENTS	VENUE	SCORE	GOALS/SCORERS
v. Bradway	HOME	0 - 2	
v. Norton St. James	AWAY	0 - 2	
v. Waterbrook (Friday)	HOME	3 - 1	Peter Coe (2) Richard Dollimore
v. Waterbrook (Wed)	AWAY	1 - 2	Richard Dollimore
v. Mosborough	AWAY	4 - 1	Richard Rayner (2) Simon Kent (2)
v. St. Thomas	AWAY	2 - 1	Simon Kent Own Goal
v. Waterbrook (Wed)	HOME	4 - 0	Peter Coe (3) Jon Ashton
v. St. Pauls	HOME	4 - 2	Peter Coe (3) Jonathan Collins
v. Mosborough	HOME	2 - 0	Peter Coe (2)
v. Bradway	AWAY	1 - 1	Tim Bunnell
v. Norton St. James	HOME	0 - 1	

★ Totley Cubs are currently in second position behind the leaders - Norton St. James.

Footie



COUNTY SCHOOL



COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday, 18th December, Totley County Parent Friends Association held their annual coffee morning in support of school funds. An enjoyable time was had by all, particularly the children. Father Christmas was on hand to pass out presents, children from the school sang carols and played musical instruments and Peter McLean of the 'Cross Scythes' was again on hand to entertain the children with a magic show. The raffle was a great success and we are very grateful to the local traders listed below for their generous donations.

G. Ashmore, Busy Bee, L. Tym, M. Fletcher, Fleur-de-Lys, Fruiterama, Green Seal Ltd., Hopkinsons, Raikescroft, J. Ryalls, Schofields, Totley Fruit Stores, Strakers, P.C. Casson, Totley Post Office, Curly Q.


It was obviously a busy Christmas for Peter McLean, he also entertained the children of Totley All Saints School on Friday, 10th December, at their Annual Childrens Evening.

Playgroup

DO YOU KNOW that there are non-denominational Playgroup sessions at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12 noon - charge - 50p per session. We can accommodate children age 2 1/2 to school starters and will be glad to welcome any child in this age group. Parents are asked to do one or two duty mornings per term but if unable to fulfil their duty, a payment of 50p to the supervisor will enable substitute help to be arranged. This long established Playgroup is a member of the Pre-school Playgroups Association and is run entirely on a voluntary basis by mothers for the benefit of the children in the area. If you are interested please call in during any Playgroup session or contact - Monica Adams (Secretary) Tel. 351803.

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FROM MOSCOW TO TOTLEY

"Why don't you go to Russia, and talk to people there about disarmament?" was a remark occasionally flung at members of the local peace action group last year by some of the minority who were hostile to the World Disarmament Petition which they were being invited to sign.

Well, Jessie Baston (a member of Sheffield UNA and an active peace campaigner) was able to do that last year, when she went to Russia with a group of Quakers from the Northern Friends Peace Board to meet members of Russian peace groups.

You can hear (and ask questions about) this visit on Friday, January 14th, at a public meeting arranged by UNA and DATPAG (local peace group) at 8pm., in the Church of English Martyrs, Baslow Road. The talk will be illustrated by slides.

HALL HISTORY

Totley Evening Guild Meeting - Friday 14th January, at 7.30pm at Heatherfield Conservative Club, when Mr. Eric Smith will tell us about the history of Abbeyle Hall.

TWO FACED

Julius Caesar, who reformed the Roman calendar, created a new month in the depths of winter. He named it after the god Janus, whose feast occurred at this time.

Janus was the god of beginnings, always a hazardous time. He was depicted with two faces, one looking forward, one backward. Busts of him were placed over doors to encourage good luck.

ALL SAINTS MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

ALL MOTHERS with children from birth to school age are welcome to join us each Wednesday morning in All Saints Church Hall at 10.15am. We begin the spring term on January 12th, with a Mother and Toddler morning. On the first Wednesday of each month, we have a speaker and creche, those for this term are:

February 2nd. - speaker from

Anti-Nuclear Weapons Group.

March 2nd. - Bamix Club Demonstration.

Half term is February 16th.

As a change from our usual practice, we are holding the Annual General Meeting at 53, Sunnyvale Rd., on Wednesday, 9th February, at 8.30pm.



CUL-DE-SAC

The end of a cul-de-sac has an unreality, a feeling of falling off the edge of the world. It should be safe, secure. It is not. Only one way in, the same way out.

A stranger will come and stare, bewildered walk uncertainly, stop, turn round. He feels it, the alienation. He does not want to be seen yet would welcome direction.

A sort of shame, crazily magnified. Memories, perhaps, of standing alone as a child, lost in a daisy-chain dream when the others have gone - unable to call 'wait for me' ... odd one out, always the last.

Frozen by premonition that through the laughter, the shouts he will never, ever, be missed.

Lyn Cooper.



COMING NEXT MONTH ... *

A new chapter in the War Memorial saga.

We bring you up to date on progress with the Community Centre, following a recent meeting with John Osborn M.P.

Details of renewing membership of Totley Residents Association.

Will dogs find a new home in Totley.

Licensed To Lunch. - a new series of reports of wining and dining in our five lively locals.