

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## THE CHIPS ARE DOWN ??

TOTLEY HAS become the scene of a three-way battle of the batter.

Three separate individuals or companies are now vying to set up a fish and chip shop on the stretch of road between the Totley end of Mickley Lane and the bottom of Bushey Wood Road.

But all three have had their recent applications for planning permission turned down by the city council's planning department. A spokesman said that all three had been turned down because the applications were detrimental to the nearby amenities.

At least one of the three is planning to appeal against the council's decision. Ex-diver Paul Heald, who wants to turn Poseurs fashion shop on Baslow Road into a traditional English fish and chip shop, says he plans to continue his fight. Mr. Heald said that since he originally applied for planning permission, backed by a 1,000-signature petition, more people have signalled their support for his venture. "Many people in Totley obviously want this facility and so I intend to appeal against the planning department's decision," he added.

The planning department spokesman said that planning permission had also been turned down for a fish and chip shop on Totley Rise and in a shop unit at the bottom of Bushey Wood Road.

He said that it was very unusual for three separate people to apply for permission for similar ventures in such a small area at the same time.

### APOLOGIES

To contributors who have recently submitted longer articles. These will be printed as soon as space allows.

## MONNYBROOK

The National Canine Defence League opens its new rescue centre in Totley later this month.

Based at Monnybrook Farm, Lane Head Road, the centre has cost the League around £120,000 to buy and set up.

There will be 52 kennels with the same number of exercise runs for the canine clients as well as a large exercise field. Other facilities include a dog kitchen and veterinary room and there will be three full-time staff.

The Centre's manageress is Margaret Morrison, a qualified S.R.N., who has worked for the League for four years. She was previously in charge of the Brighton kennels.

Animal lover Margaret says she prefers looking after dogs to nursing people. "Dogs don't answer you back and it is a delight when they return to see us after settling in with their new owners," she said. And in spite of her time consuming job, she still manages to find time to care for and exercise her own two St. Bernards.

Margaret expects the centre to be full from its opening day because of the growing number of stray dogs in the Sheffield area.

One major reason for the increase in ownerless dogs is the recession and more marriage break-ups. Families are splitting more frequently now and the pet dog becomes an unwanted victim, she says.

The League, however, has a strict non-destruction policy that means even old and rickety dogs are kept until found a new home.

"The only time we would put down a dog is if it is in pain and suffering from a tumour", said Margaret. The Centre officially opens

sometime this month when national officers of the charity will be present to launch the venture, also everyone will be welcome to look around the kennels. When open, Monnybrook will be the League's only rescue centre between Norfolk and Dundee.

Even so, members of the League's local fund-raising committee have brought in some stray dogs already. Recently, a litter of 16 collie puppies was brought in. As it was wet, Margaret had to build a temporary pen in her office.

This has caused a problem and an urgent appeal goes out to Independent readers for old blankets (any condition) and newspapers. These may be taken to the kennels between 9.30 to 1 or 2 to 4 from Mon-Sat, or phone 366920 if you would like someone to collect them.



## PUBLIC MEETING

AN OPEN INVITATION is extended to everyone in Totley to attend the PUBLIC MEETING at Totley County School on Monday, September 18th, at 9pm.

Items to be discussed and updated include: Road Safety, Community Centre, T.R.A. Membership and Activities.

There will also be an explanation of the recent Housing Dept., Re-organisation. This affects every Council Tenant in Totley and is particularly important.

An opportunity will also be given to comment on and raise other matters of local concern.

Please try to attend. It is in everyone's interest. A Free Prize Draw will also take place. Involving membership numbers of T.R.A.

# THUNDERER

# whisperer...

## SUMMER REFLECTIONS

As the children return to school, summer memories fade all too quickly, although there has been no let up in the variety of events presented in Totley over the last two months, with only the absence of a Playscheme. Only lack of space prevents full reporting of many of the functions attended by the Independent.

If variety is the spice of life, then here is the menu:- Cheshire Home Garden Party, All Saints School Summer Gala (which included the South Yorks Championship Fell Race), Totley County School Barbeque, the outdoor events at the various Churches, Totley Tug-Of-War Clubs Annual Competition (held this year at the College and worthy of more local support), The Totley Brook Summer Fete - bigger and better than ever, as well as two thoroughly enjoyable end of term Summer Concerts at both our Primary Schools - where mention must be made of "Queen Beryl and the Romans" from Totley County School and "Coppelia" from Totley All Saints School - where talent and dedication of both children and teaching staff produced entertainment worthy of a wider audience. Senior citizens for example, would have loved it!

What a pity, therefore, that reality is once again forced upon us, when during August Mrs. Tessie Wilson of Grange Court, Lemont Road, died following an accident, involving a car in Baslow Road near Mickley Lane.

## ALL'S WELL?

EVENTS OVERTOOK the contents of our article in the Summer edition with regard to re-siting the village well previously located in Totley Hall Lane, on phase 2 of 'Hall Farm Village', behind the Fleur De Lys. Tarmac Homes inform, in a letter, that the well has been erected and forms part of the wall of Plot No: 42

....Will the Bottle Bank be missed?....New coats of paint during summer to local railings....Renovations now under way at Monnybrook Cottages....Good to see the Sports Van paying a visit to Green Oak Park...also on Thursday 28th July and unannounced, the Crucible Theatre Van arrived at Totley Bents and three actors gave a colourful interpretation of Punch & Judy. Only a few families were on hand to appreciate it..... Re-roofing taking place at Abbeydale Hall.....Who could be mindless enough to manhandle the heavy footbridge and throw it in Old Hay Brook?.....

## REPRINT

### TABLET COMPETITION

IN MANY copies of the Summer Independent the clarity of the Tablet Competition was very poor, making some of the drawings difficult to recognise. Included with this issue is a re-print of the drawings from the last cover.

A prize will be given from against the entries submitted so far. All the remaining entries, plus all new ones received, will be re-drawn for a further prize next month.

Remember the location of each plaque or stone tablet is all that is required. Entries on a postcard please. Full results next month. This month's winner is - Elizabeth Ashford, 33 Vernon Road, Totley Rise. The prize is a voucher, for "Sheffield Scene", Surrey Street.

which is in a prominent position. The Purchaser of the Plot has entered into a covenant with the Company for the preservation and maintenance of the well.

However, several readers who have visited the location have pointed out that the well, in the main, appears to have been constructed in new stone, with only the horizontal and side members appearing to be from the original.

## Points of Interest

### AREA 10 HOUSING COMMITTEE

THE LAST MEETING of the Area 10 Housing Committee was held on Tuesday 23rd August at Low Edges Tenants Meeting Room. T.R.A. was represented and the following are some of the items resulting.

It was elected that the name of Area 10 shall be "BORDER".

Area Housing Office. The Main Office is to be in Low Edges, exact location not yet known. The Sub Office is still to be decided upon. An "Area 10 Sub Office" in the Town Hall appears to be favourite, as it could offer all facilities including Rent Payments and would be computer linked, which is an obvious advantage for access to data over Totley Library/King Egbert School.

It appears that due to a budget surplus in the current financial year, it may be possible to provide Tenants Meeting Rooms at Totley Brook and Chancet Wood.

These will have to be direct copies of other existing meeting rooms, elsewhere in the City, to make use of existing plans and details. These two locations are said to be top of the list. A request has been made asking the position of Totley on this list.

(More information on the new Housing Department re-organisation will be available to Totley council tenants at the Public Meeting on 19th September).

## POST OFFICE

Ken and May Gee have recently moved from Harworth, near Doncaster, to take over Totley Post Office. They will be keeping everything in the shop as it is, for the time being, until they have finished re-decorating. Shop opening hours will also remain unchanged. We wish them all the best in their new business venture (and with their decorating!)

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## RIGHT TRACK HOPE VALLEY RAILWAY

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES in the  
timetable of the Hope Valley  
Railway, which calls at our  
local station, Dore, are  
being considered for May 1984.  
Details of the plans have not  
yet been published, but  
British Rail have agreed to  
provide a speaker at a public  
meeting which has been organ-  
ised by the Hope Valley Rail-  
way Users' Group on the  
evening of Wednesday 21st  
September. The meeting will  
take place in the Methodist  
Church Hall in Hathersage  
and starts at 8pm. It is also  
hoped that some railway films  
will be shown. Further details  
may be obtained from the  
secretary of the Group,  
Dr. Hugh L. Porteous of 115  
Wollaton Road, Bradway. Tel.  
366674.

## u.n.a.

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The Dore and Totley Branch of  
the United Nations Association  
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and White Elephant Stall at  
Dore Old School on Saturday,  
1st October, between 11am and  
4pm.  
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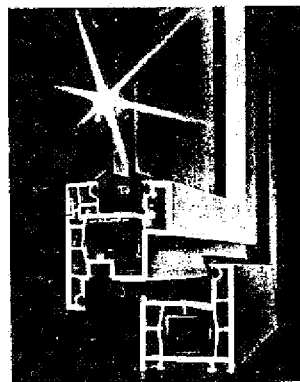


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## BADMINTON

ONCE AGAIN we have had a lot of fun and everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the games we've played and the laughs we've had during the year. I should like to thank everyone for their efforts, especially the Section Treasurer, Kay Beeton, for working so hard to make sure we had enough money to keep going!

This year has seen a lot of coming and goings with quite a few new members coming along. This has given the Section a little more variety and, of course, new faces are always welcome. Several 'old hands' have dropped out and we will miss them but hope to see them again in the future if their commitments will allow.

To the future, we are always asking for people to come along and join us.

You don't have to be brilliant, just willing to play a few games for fun (and a bit of exercise). We play on Wednesday evenings at King Egbert Lower School.

If you are new to the district it could also be a good way of getting to know your neighbours. Whatever the reason, do come along and join us and see for yourself!

Anyone who is interested can give me a ring for more details on Sheffield 368907 (after 6.30pm please) or turn up on the night. We will be playing again in the gymnasium when the school re-opens in September.

We look forward to the new season and hope to see you all then.

John Hunter  
Hon. Secretary

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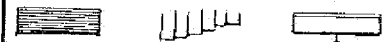
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# TOTLEY SPORTS NIGHT

## RESULTS AND WINNERS SPORTS NIGHT 1983

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2. 50M Gls 5-7	Carolyn Job	Victoria Butterell	Joanne Knibb
3. 50M Bys 5-7	Craig Maltby	Daniel Kenton	William Fitzmorris
4. 50M Gls 8-10	Kore Grix	Mandy Carmedy	Clare Underwood
5. 50M Bys 8-10	Mark Oxspring	Nicholas Grayson	Darroch Law
6. 80M Gls 11-13	Emma Towler	Tessa Powell	Anne Farrah
7. 80M Bys 11013	Gary Grayson	Colin Stevenson	Roland Taylor
8. 50M Sack Race mixed 7 & under	Victoria Butterell	Susan Major	Daniel Kenton
9. 80M Sack Race mixed 8-10	Kerry Parkin	Danielle Davis	Sally Andrews
10. 80M Adult 3 legged. Dead Heat between Janet & Mick Savage & Judy & Bob Brown			
11. One lap Gls 13 & under	Rachel Swift	Tessa Powell	Michelle Offler
12. One lap Bys 13 & under	Roland Taylor	Gary Grayson	Bradley Fairhead
13. 3 lap JUNIOR MARAFUN-mixed	Nigel Grocutt	Michael Hawkins	-

The winner in each race received a trophy. Medals to second and third.

The trophies for the Junior Marafun were donated by the National Westminster Bank, Totley Rise and Earl Elwood Financial Services, Totley Rise.

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Junior Tug-O-War - All Saints School beat Totley County School in a friendly competition.

Bowling Competition - Mrs. N. Ellis and Tony Ellis beat Mrs. W. Whittington and Mr. F. Boote.

There were no entries for the Pram Push in either the Adult or Childrens races.

Guess the weight of the baby lamb competition. Winner - Jonathan Collins. His actual weight was 72lbs (age 123 days old) prize - 3lb leg of Lamb.

All raffle prizes were collected on the night except white ticket number 94, prize - after shave.

Many thanks to the Ladies of Totley Evening Guild for the refreshments, Totley Tug-O-War Club for the hot food, British Red Cross for providing first Aid cover, the Recreation Dept., and the Park Keeper. Special thanks to all who helped with the preparations and setting up and those who volunteered help on the night.

## Totley Sports Night 4th July

### SPORTS NIGHT REPORT

Socially, this years event was a great success with perhaps the fullest programme and tightest schedule to date. Even so, things went very smoothly during the evening. The earlier presentation of prizes to the younger children avoided any waiting around. The guest presenter, Christine Owen, proved to be very popular.

Other prizes were presented by Keith Waugh of Sheffield United.

A host of entertainment included the Hassall Homes Hot Air Balloon, Childrens Entertainer 'Arbuthnot' appearing at very short notice and the Arrow Drum and Bugle Corps, who in spite of competition from the balloon and in the absence of flat ground on which to perform, gave a first class display. It would appear that the

future of Sports Night could well be affected by the difficulties in financing this 'free show'. With ever increasing costs and obvious restrictions on the fund-raising opportunities in the park, it will always be necessary for a substantial subsidy to be made.

An application was made, before the event, for a grant from the City Lottery Fund, but to date no reply or decision has been made.

# memorial

THE WORK involved in altering the rear wall of the Totley War Memorial is now well under way. Only the installation of the two plaques remains outstanding.

## TRANSPORT 17

THE WHEELS START TURNING

"TRANSPORT 17" is a group recently formed to provide a Minibus for elderly people in the Sheffield 17 district. It is well known that Totley and the surrounding areas have a high proportion of Senior Citizens, many of whom live alone.

Day Centres and Luncheon Clubs have been started to enable them to get out of their homes and meet other people but the development of these facilities is now being contained by a shortage of transport. Also many of them are infirm and cannot easily get in and out of private cars.

"Help the Aged" have a scheme whereby they will make a substantial contribution towards the initial cost of a Minibus, provided that the balance and the running expenses are met by the local community.

Transport 17 includes representatives of local churches, community groups (including I.R.A.) and Sheffield Family and Community Services Dept. A formal application has now been made to "Help the Aged" for a Minibus and letters are being sent out to many local charities and groups asking for financial support. The Chairman of the steering committee of Transport 17, Mr. A. Jackson, will be very happy to hear from anyone who can help, either as an individual or on behalf of an association.

Assuming the project is able to stay afloat, there will be a need for help with garaging, servicing and organising rotas but initially the need is for hard cash.

Mr. Jackson can be contacted at 42/44 Division Street, Tel. 78761.

The Independent will be actively supporting Transport 17 and will report regularly on its progress.

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# FARMING SCENE

By Edwin Pocock



A MONTHLY LOOK AT EVENTS ON THE LAND IN TOTLEY

AUGUST IS the month when the bulk of the cereal harvest is gathered. Crops that have been growing, in some cases for nearly 11 months, at last come to fruition, and farmers can see whether the care and attention they have lavished on their crops has been rewarded by bumper yields, or if the weather, pests and disease have won yet again, resulting in lower than average yields. This year appears to be a victory for the weather, the cold wet conditions in the Spring and the dry hot Summer have resulted in a 10-15% reduction in yields over the country as a whole. The famous "E.E.C. Cereal Mountain" will therefore cease its growth this year, and may even shrink a little. Maltng Barley, used in the production of beer, is in short supply and selling at a high price, with the possibility of an attendant rise in beer prices.

Our wheat is now harvested and could end up on your table, as either bread or biscuits. We have grown two varieties. The first, Avalon is a breadmaking wheat, hard in texture, and when milled produces a flour that bakes into a light airy loaf. The other, Brigand, is soft in texture and would result in a heavy doughy loaf if used for breadmaking, but can be suitable for making biscuits. 15 years ago 90% of the wheat used in this country to make bread came from the U.S.A. or Canada, now due to the introduction of new varieties and improved growing techniques 80% of the wheat used is produced in this country.

The sows are now giving birth on a regular basis, making full use of the buildings recently converted for them, and we now have over one hundred young pigs to feed, water and clean out. Litter size has varied from a low of 4 to a high of 14, and averaged just under 10. The pigs are weaned at 4 weeks old when they are able to support themselves, and are fed on till they are big enough for pork at approx 140 lbs in weight.

Half of our lambs are now sold, the other half have been weaned, and are now "finishing" on the grass at Mickley Lane.

Those of you who walk up the track towards Woodthorpe Hall will have noticed that the telegraph poles have been removed following the installation of an underground cable. Further changes of the scene are imminent as the trees and bushes currently encroaching onto the trail, causing a traffic hazard are to be trimmed back and also one of the fields will be ploughed ready for cereal planting, as the continual farming cycle begins again. Due to pressure of work I have not had time to research a feature on Oilseed Rape for this month, but hope to include it next month, along with the story of how Nelson failed and was succeeded by Montgomery.

## G.A.T.P.A.G.

DORE AND TOTLEY PEACE ACTION GROUP

THIS GROUP continues to meet at Abbeydale Hall, on the second Friday in each month at 8pm. Do join us if you have a concern for peace. For further information please contact Irene Ivison, Secretary on 350521.

## PUB CHANGES

CRICKET INN

A WARM WELCOME to new hosts at the Cricket Inn, Tony and Lyn D'Arcy and their 4 year old daughter Kerry Lou. This is their first pub and former builder Tony says they are settling in nicely. No alterations are planned but they are hoping to increase the use of the function room, particularly with Christmas Parties in mind, where both lunchtime and evenings can be accommodated; as well as the usual weddings and private hire etc. It is also intended to extend the lunchtime food to Saturdays and Sundays. On the drinks scene, draught cider is shortly to be introduced.

## CROSS SCYTHES

Peter and Beryl McLean have now left the Cross Scythes and taken up residence at the Plough Inn, Sandygate Road. In the meantime, Whitbreads seem unwilling or unable to inform of any plans for future changes at the Cross Scythes.

## LIBRARY

A NEW SEASON of Library Talks begins on October 25th. The full programme will appear in next months issue.

## JAMBOREE

WATCH OUT for details, next month, of the One World Jamboree being held at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Saturday 22nd October, when the five churches in Totley join to give a full and lively day of activity.

## SCHOOL

CHANGES IN staff at Totley All Saints School see the departure of Mrs. Linda Murphy and also Deputy Head, Mrs. Bridget Mayger, who is opening a Craft Shop in Hathersage. Mrs. Joan Roberts makes a welcome return. New Deputy Head, Mr. Michael Tempan takes up his appointment in January 1984.

# Encounter with a Hard Case ....



TORTOISE HEADING FOR TOTLEY BENTS JULY 5TH 1983 BRIAN EDWARDS

MONDAY IS my day off - when I take it - and perhaps because of the hot weather and never-ending hot sunny days, I have taken up more of my days off this year than any other.

Thus it was at the beginning of July, I was driving up to Dore via Hillfoot Road and Old Hay Lane - my objective was a long jog over the moors to Stanedge and Froggatt. As I passed along through patches of deep shade and bright sunlight, I remember yet again speculating on how the old bridle paths were so suited to their purpose. For here, as you cross the Old Hay Brook and begin the climb to Dore, the sunken road and high banks on either side planted with trees - oak and ash, hawthorne and ivy, interspersed with wild flowers, grasses, intertwining to form an almost impenetrable barrier to hot sun in summer and winds, rain and snow in winter. This ancient route linking Totley and Holmesfield with Dore has suffered from an undignified dumping of tarmac layer upon layer to half meet the demands of modern vehicles. At one time, when Totley was part of Derbyshire, older residents remember the roadman with horse and cart, who cleared a channel along the road edges to carry away the rivulets of water gurgling down from the nearby hills. These days, the sides are allowed to get overgrown and the water attacks the

edges of the built up layers of tarmac causing potholes, often within days of resurfacing. A few years ago, concrete edges were provided to parts of Hillfoot Road and Old Hay Lane to overcome this problem which bedevils Penny Lane and other local roads.

Although the narrowness of Hillfoot Road and Old Hay Lane is certainly dangerous for pedestrian, cyclist and motorist alike, it would be a great loss to us all if this outstanding example of ancient roadmaking was subject to road widening. It isn't all that long ago that a proposed bypass linking Baslow Road with the lower side of Dore was, mercifully, quashed. However, the dangers do exist and I wonder whether some carefully constructed foot/cycle path between Dore and Totley could not be discussed. On that note, the Totley Brook residents were mortified this month to see that their short cut to Hillfoot Road was interrupted when the white bridge mysteriously turned up in the river itself.

What is all this to do with the title of the tale, you might ask. Well, I rounded the top corner and, as the road flattened out, there trotting towards me was a tortoise. He certainly wasn't plodding as the fables would have us believe. I stopped the car and, despite vigorous and impatient head banging and frantic waving of hands, picked the bad-tempered

tortoise from the imminent jaws of death. Was he grateful? Not this guy. I told him a story to try to mollify him. "Why did the hedgehog cross the road?" I asked him. As there was a stunned silence and the prehistoric head turned to me with disdain, I coughed the answer. "To see his flat mate - eat it?"

I quickly realised that I didn't have the most receptive audience in the world, and plonked him down under the front seat of the car. He showed his appreciation of my humour by leaving a still indelible stain on the carpeted floor.

I then began an hour long house-to-house search for his owner, even disturbing Mrs. Harriott and her helpers hard at work on the dressing of Dore well. After a fruitless search walking round thrusting this thick-skinned and annoyed leg-waving creature into peoples' faces with the question "Have you lost this?". I came across one large posh house with an attractive French au pair. I groped for an adequate translation - my mind raced back to those schoolday text books - "Is this the animal of your aunt?", I politely requested, in an accent not normally heard outside the bohemian quarter of Paris. "The lady said to tell you, if you called, that we don't need any meat this weekend", she replied. I retreated stunned and speechless. Some lady suggested I put a postcard in Dore Post Office. Mrs. Clover kindly obliged and asked me to write something down.... Slightly cracked shell... doesn't answer to any name.... So I was stuck with the grumpy creature and down I descended to that inn of culinary delight, that gastronomic grotto, the Crown. It was one of those hot summer days when customers spilled out onto the pavement (don't take that literally). The barmaids were full of smiles and even John Harrop looked up from counting the takings. My horny friend turned his nose up at Jim Beam whisky poured out onto a saucer, thought nothing of the delicious turkey sandwich which which has come to be



my Monday staple diet) and proceeded to amuse lots of kids with his wide repertoire of tricks, mostly centred around not having been to the toilet for ten years. What the heck do I do with him, I ruminated. Perhaps John will give me a good price for him, but roast tortoise sandwiches didn't sound too appetizing. I decided to spend a lazy afternoon sketching at Totley Bents, something I have been unable to do for nearly a year, for one reason or another. I put my friend down on the grass and off he set up the field. Within minutes, he was nearly out of sight and I was constantly fetching him back and pointing him in the other direction. For some inexplicable reason he would circle around and bolt off up the hill again. His energy was prodigious - all afternoon he was tearing around, refusing to be put off by child or dog. I decided to name him after Zatopek, the Czech long distance runner of my youth, famed for his record-breaking hunched-up running. By late afternoon, he had realised that I was simply not going to let him go off to an unimaginable fate and that I had now assumed this total feeling of responsibility. Having reached this decision, he crawled under a thistle, thus protecting himself from sun and attack at one stroke - some thinker this.

My thoughts turned to my surroundings - Totley Bents always gives the impression of not having changed for centuries but that isn't the case. Three thousand years ago, the Bronze Age people gazed down from Totley Moor onto what was probably a heavily wooded area. Two hundred years ago, the Lord of the Manor was appointing a gamekeeper to look after his grouse and trout round here, and nearly a hundred years ago, 700 navvies toiled over building the Totley Tunnel. Their huts were just above the recreation ground and it is said that they were instrumental in introducing sport into Totley Bents; on Sundays they would attend open air sermons here. The noise of the bulldozers reminded me that the Canine

Defence League, despite much local opposition, had taken over the kennels at Monnybrook to provide shelter for stray dogs. The rifle range had been silent because the Ministry of Defence has temporarily closed down all ranges after an accident in the south of England when a young girl had been injured by a stray bullet. The row of three cottages at Monnybrook has recently been sold and would, no doubt, soon be habitable once again. And across Penny Lane, we were all sad to learn of the recent death of Mrs. Rose Taylor, who refused to be inhibited by a long and difficult illness. Mrs. Taylor (nee Burgess) and her husband, Bill, had often been kind enough to take me into the house and recount stories of old Totley, which have been the source of many of my articles in both the Independent and my book on Totley.

I have very fond memories of taking my son round and coming away with sweets and fruit after a pleasant hour enthralled with tales of the past. My serious thoughts and memories were interrupted by a movement, and off I went to retrieve Zatopek after his short snooze. The tale ended when we managed to find a lad who wanted a companion for his own tortoise and I am sure Zatopek now has a happy home.

For a day, my little friend had preoccupied me and, somehow unwittingly forced upon me one of those rare days of relaxation.

Brian Edwards.

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**SEPTEMBER DIARY**

- 5th Tue. Totley Independent Staff Meeting, 2 Main Avenue 8pm.
- 20th Fri. Totley Ladies' Evening Guild, Abbeydale Hall, 7.30pm.
- 21st Sat. Mrs. Cath MacKay 'The Changing Face of the English Countryside', Sales Table - Books and Magazines.
- 24th Fri. Old Leebertian Assoc., Cheese & Wine Social. Tickets £1.50 tel. 366572 or 360870.
- 10th Sat. Waste Paper Collection, Totley College Car Park. 8am to 12 noon. Organised by Totley Scouts.
- 19th Mon. PUBLIC MEETING, Totley County School, 8pm.
- 20th Tue. Class Inrolment at Abbeydale Hall. See brochure.
- 21st Wed. Meeting, Hathersage 8pm. Hope Valley Rail Users.
- 22nd Thur. A.G.M. Totley County School Parent Friends Assoc.,

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- 1st Sat. U.K.A. Hearty How Sale, Dore Old School, from 11am.
- 3rd Mon. U.K.A. Committee Meeting, 37 Sunnyvale Rd. 7.30pm.
- 4th Tue. King Egbert School Assoc., A.G.M. and Annual Review.
- 8th Sat. Barn Dance, Totley All Saints School P.T.A.
- 11th Tue. Fashion Show, 8pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

**CHASE & RACE**

THIS YEAR'S Blackmoor Chase, as usual run as part of the Totley Brook Tenants and Residents' Summer Fete, was a staggering success.

The field more than doubled since last year and 18 years old Robert Harding of Dore won a closely fought battle with previous winner, Sheffield Polytechnic's Chris Morris (26) of Abbeydale Park Rise, finally pulling away after Avenue Farm.

It looks as though the race is now becoming part of the area's running calendar and it says much for Keith Malkin, Terry Hazel and their colleagues that the run went so smoothly.

Worth mentioning is the fact that Robert Harding's younger brothers filled 6th and 19th spots.

142 runners took part, just over one-third being from this area, the others from as far afield as Barnsley and Leicester. The youngest finisher was 6 years old R. Haque of Totley Brook, the oldest F. Lilley, aged 58 of Millhouses.

Three members of Totley Athletics Club managed to race in the Lincoln 10 mile in the morning and rush back to complete the 5½ mile Blackmoor Chase reasonably well in the afternoon. They must be daft!

1st local man: Robert Harding  
1st non-local man: G. Cant (Dark Peak)

- 1st lady: J. James (Escargot)
- 1st junior lady: Susan Ashforth (Sheffield United Walking Club)
- 1st junior man: Andrew Harding (King Egbert)
- 1st veteran: Mike Hayes (Dark Peak)
- 1st veteran (local): Brian Edwards (Totley A.C.)
- 1st Totley A.C. Member: Graham Oliver

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**SOUTH YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP FELL RACE SATURDAY JULY 2nd.**

Runners from as far afield as the Lake District and Leicestershire were among the 56 entries in the 4½ mile run which started and finished at Totley All Saints School.

Winners of the Fell Run were in two categories: Those in the South Yorks. Championship Fell Race and others not eligible for the Championship trophy.

To qualify for the Championship a runner had to be born or resident in South Yorks. or a member of a South Yorks. athletics club.

Overall winner of the race, and setting a new record for the run in 25 mins. 40 secs. was D. Hallot from Kendal.

Second overall, but winner of the South Yorks. Champs. trophy was M. Thompson of Sheffield Athletics Club.

In third place and second in the Championship race was D. Bradley, a Dark Peak Fell Runner. Fourth overall was P. Hands from Leicester.

First veteran was B. Wilson from Hallamshire Harriers and first woman home was S. Bradley (Dark Peak).