

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING TOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 18th SEPT.

A BRIEF REPORT:

1. An update was given on the alterations to the War Memorial.

2. Don Clare gave a report on Road Safety. Pressure will continue in an attempt to provide a crossing outside Totley Post Office and it was also repeated that there was a need for a crossing point on Baslow Road at Mickley Lane/The Crescent.

3. Housing. This was the main item of the evening. Mr. Terry Woolhouse, the Area 10 Housing Manager gave a summary of the new Housing Department Structure and the part that council tenants and Residents/Tenants Associations are invited to play. He explained the difference and the hoped improvements between the old and the new system.

Councillor Jack Thompson expressed concern about the suggested introduction of the new "Levy".

A report was given on the involvement and representation that T.R.A. was giving in tenants affairs and the Area Housing Committee to date.

A Tenants Housing Sub-Committee was formed with the following representatives:-

Roy Johnston, 48 Aldam Road, H. & K. Reynolds, 16 Aldam Way, Arthur Milnes, 7 Green Oak Dr., Harry Wooffinden, 11 Green Oak Drive.

4. It will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting of T.R.A. that Membership be available free, to all those living in Totley.

5. As there was little time left to discuss and raise smaller items, it was proposed that more public meetings be held in future. This was considered, by those present, to be useful.

TOTLEY PAST

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

READERS MAY FIND the following extracts of interest.

It is surprising that, although all the items are over 50 years old, most of them are still of concern and relevance in Totley today.

Incidentally the Parish Council meetings were held in the School Room, Hill-foot Road.

30th April 1931.

DRINKING TROUGH FOR CATTLE-TOTLEY BENTS

The Council resolved that a notice board be affixed to the railings of the Recreation Ground near this trough, pointing out that it was drinking purposes only and that washing in it was forbidden.

It was resolved that no action be taken in regard to a complaint made that fowls were straying on the Recreation Ground.

SIGN IN PINFOLD

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Truswells Brewery Co.ltd. (presumably in connection with the Crown Inn) asking them to remove a sign which they have erected in the Pinfold, without permission.

TOTLEY SEWAGE SCHEME NO. 2.

The Council resolved that the R.D.C. be requested to use every endeavour to expedite the commencement of the above scheme in order to help unemployment in the Parish

15th April 1930.

VILLAGE HALLS

Read letter from Clerk to the Derbys C.C. stating that he had no information as to any scheme formulated by the Government whereby grants are given to Parish Councils towards the provision of Village Halls.

GREEN OAK HALL

Read letter from Mr. R.B. Grayson, Estate Agent, stating that the sale price of Green Oak Hall was £1,650 (now Heatherfield Conservative Club).

31st March 1927.

Read letter from Mr. Foulstone asking if the piece of land, known as the Pinfold, was for disposal as the Totley Sports and Social Club wish to erect a suitable building for carrying on their social work. (The Council could not dispose of this piece of land).

More extracts will appear in future editions.

TOTLEY ALIGHT!

Totley County School are holding a Bonfire Party on Friday 28th October.

There will be no bonfire, this year, at Totley All Saints School due to the half-term holiday.

war memorial

The installation of the two Bronze Plaques on the rear wall is now complete, in time for this years Remembrance Sunday in November.

Included in the next issue will be the History of the War Memorial, starting from 1918.

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COMPETITION

The second and final winner in our Summer Drawing Competition is Mrs. D. Simpson, 32 Stonecroft Road, who receives a voucher for Sheffield Scene, Surrey St. The answers to the location of each drawing are as follows:-

1. Over the door of the Postal Sorting Office, next to St. John's Church.
2. On wall on Old Library building next to Totley Bridge Garage.
3. On gable of number one Busheywood Road (Alms Houses in memory of Ellen Carter)
4. Two of these plaques appear on numbers 365 and 367 Abbeydale Rd. South at entrance to Brinkburn Dr.
5. At junction of Lemont Rd/ Mickley Lane - Hawthorne Cottage 1876.
6. Parish boundary stones on bridge wall overlooking Totley Rise Meth. Church.

ONE WORLD WEEK

THE LOCAL CHURCHES are planning what promises to be a lively, full day of activity on Saturday, 22nd of October, in which they invite everyone in the area to share. It is to celebrate the beginning of One World Week, an annual event promoted by the Churches' Committee of the World Development Movement.

The theme this year is "Breaking Barriers". One barrier which has obviously been broken already is that between the different denominations, for all five churches in Totley are contributing to the Jamboree. It is to be held at Totley Rise Methodist premises, and there will be two sessions, 10.30am - 12.30 and 2-4pm; to enjoy it all to the full you may well want to go to both! There will be something for everyone: two excellent films; a "tasting stall" of

all kinds of food from different countries; music; quizzes; a childrens art competition and other displays and an exhibition showing some of the ways in which the church is reaching out into the world and helping to break down barriers between rich & poor, Catholic & Protestant, young & old, black & white, divisions of race, culture & creed.

It is to be a day of celebration and education, not a money-raising event, but there will be a "Salesroom" in which you can buy various Charity Christmas cards; beautiful craft goods produced by people in some of the poorest areas of the world; tea,

coffee and other commodities marketed by Traidcraft, a non-profit making organisation which seeks to overcome some of the barriers to fair trade for developing countries.

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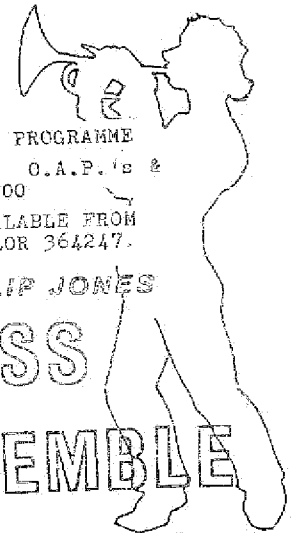
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"Wilde About Oscar"

T.O.A.D.S. next production is Oscar Wilde's masterpiece "The Importance of Being Earnest". Wilde described it as "exquisitely trivial, a delicate bubble of fancy, and it has its philosophy". It is certainly one of the wittiest plays ever written and its nine characters are as enjoyable as they are altogether impossible. The play is produced by Richard Nauen, taking a break from acting for the first time in four years, and will be given in St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, November 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, at 7.30pm. Tickets 70p and 50p for Senior Citizens and Children, available from Kate Walker, 366891 or any member.

DRAWING A BLANK

MEMBERS OF last terms Wednesday afternoon Painting and Drawing class at Abbeydale Hall are disappointed that the class is no longer available. A list of those interested in trying to get the class re-started is being compiled by Margaret Seddons of Mickley Lane. Anyone interested should ring - 369101.

T.R.A.

The activities and functions of Totley Residents Assoc., are as follows:-

Main Committee - Chairman Rev. Alan Jockel, 37 Sunnyvale Road. 362322.

Road Safety - Chairman Don Clare, 5 The Grove. 364604.

Community Centre - Chairman Les Firth, 6 Mildale Road. 364190.


Badminton Section - Hon. Sec. John Hunter. 368907.


Totley Independent - see back page.

Totley Tenants - Sub Committee see this issue.

Totley Older Peoples Society Chairman Mr. J.K. Hoyland, 21 Mickley Lane 362462.

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THE THRILLS OF THE CHASE

SUMMER HAS FINISHED. The message is quite clear; the glorious long days have finished and we have only the darkening months of winter to anticipate. The summer months have been quite spectacular from my point of view; I have waved my camera around furiously, and I now have several (too many ?) quiet months to sort out the results. Butterflies seem to have had a most successful year, although I have seen very few Red Admirals and Painted Ladies. These 2 are immigrants from the Mediterranean and their numbers do fluctuate quite a bit from year to year. The most successful 'invaders' this year have been the Clouded Yellows, very attractive butterflies which have been common in the south of England. They have moved north during the summer, but relatively few reach the Sheffield area - perhaps they've heard about the rates! For one marvellous week in late July, I escaped to the New Forest and the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset to photograph whatever presented itself. My main objectives were Butterflies and Dragonflies, and I was not disappointed. The list of species I captured on film is quite remarkable, and I am now even further on my way to photographing all the species of these two insect families. It is difficult, if not impossible, to explain to the 'unconverted' the joy of watching rare and beautiful

creatures undisturbed by other humans. Suffice it to say that a week spent in this fashion, away from the roads, and in as near a wilderness as possible, enabled me to return to Sheffield completely refreshed. My slides will mean that I can re-enjoy those moments again and again during the winter.

More importantly, I can spread the word by showing other people my pictures when I cart my projector to various meetings. Another important task of the next few weeks is to send a list of my sightings off to the various recorders in the south of England. This is so that an overall view of the state of our wildlife may be formed.

I hope to be contributing to the 'Independent' a little more frequently in future. I have been putting an extension in the roof so that I can use it as a study. My time has been taken up almost entirely with decorating and odd-jobbing to get this finished for the winter, consequently, I've had no time at all to look at our local wildlife this summer. Still, I'm sure that some of you avid 'Independent' readers will let me know what was about.

cricket dress ?

A Fancy Dress Halloween Party is being held at the Cricket Inn on Monday October 31st from 8.30pm with a free disco. A Bonfire Party is also being held on November 5th.

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LIBRARY

WOULD ANY of you like a little stroll in the Himalayas next March? Or perhaps a flying visit to South Africa, back in time for Christmas? Maybe a ride in a horse-drawn coach early in the New Year appeals to you? Don't bother to take any spending money with you because all these imaginary trips will be laid on absolutely free as part of the latest series of winter talks at the library.

We start off on October 25th when Cath MacKay, one of our regular speakers, takes us "Discovering Hardy's Dorset". Dorset? - I hear you cry - Doesn't he mean Wessex, where Hardy's novels are set? Well in a way I do, because many of the fictional places in the mythical country of Wessex were based on real places in Dorset, and with a little bit of detective work Cath has managed to find and photograph many of the settings in "Tess of the d'Urbervilles", "The Mayor of Casterbridge" and several of Hardy's other works.

We move from Dorset to Derbyshire on November 15th when Brian Woodall shows us "Castleton: castles, caves, crags and customs". Brian unfortunately had our smallest audience last season but kept us all in stitches, so I've invited him back to give everyone a chance to see him. Do come - you won't regret it.

On December 6th Ulrich Weigert goes "Visiting black and white friends in South Africa". Ulrich first went there several years ago because of a family tragedy, and he made many friends there with whom he's kept in touch ever since. His talk covers a much more recent visit to meet them all again, which took place under much happier circumstances.

On January 24th Martin Olive, the librarian in charge of the Local Studies Department in Surrey Street, will tell us about "Transport in Old Sheffield", taking us from about 1750 up to the start of the Great War. Martin has a reputation for being one of the best-informed local history speakers around, and with the information at his

fingertips in the Central Library it's easy to see why.

Next year several anniversaries fall quite close together. In January, for instance, I shall have been here for five years (touch wood), and at the end of February, Totley Branch Library will have been open for ten. As one of the events to celebrate our tenth birthday we shall be showing a film (moving pictures: a new departure for us) which describes the great range of library services available in Sheffield. This will be preceded by an illustrated talk about the history of Sheffield's libraries, given by a most entertaining speaker whom modesty prevents me from naming. "Early days" and "Books and beyond" will be on February 14th.

Hands up everyone who's heard of the Zankar Valley near Chandigarh. As few as that? Well I am surprised! For those of you, like me, to whom these are not exactly household names, perhaps I should mention that they are in The Himalayas. Coincidentally, "The Himalayas" happens to be the title of the talk given by Jack Ashcroft and Harry Wood on March 6th. It was just a pleasant stretch of the legs, you understand, except that they crossed part of the most mountainous region in the world. Lovers of mountain scenery will be in for a beans.

All our talks take place on Tuesday evenings at 8pm., and are completely free.

Last year broke all attendance records but there's still room for a few more, and everyone will be extremely welcome whether they have been before or not.

IN COMMON with all library service points, Totley Branch Library will be closed on the morning of MONDAY 10th OCTOBER, and will re-open by mid-afternoon. This is to enable all library staff to attend a meeting to discuss proposed re-organisation which will not only affect us, but will also influence the service which we bring you. PLEASE BEAR WITH US.

Terry Whitham
Branch Librarian.

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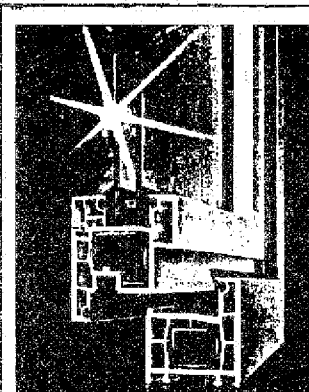
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FARMING SCENE

By Edwin Pocock

LIFE AT TOTLEY HALL FARM

AUTUMN IS a time of rapid change on arable farms. The fields that were golden with ripe corn in August turn grey as the corn is harvested, then brown as they are ploughed in September, before springing into a fresh green in October as the new crops emerge. Due to autumn sown cereals having a much higher yield potential than spring varieties the area planted at this time of year is continually increasing, with some crops being planted less than a month after the previous crop has been harvested. Most of our land will be replanted with winter wheat this year, the first fields being planted at the end of September and the rest completed by October 15th, these three weeks being the optimum planting period. Those of you who have trouble with slugs or crane flies share a problem that we have, so this year we have had a molluscicide mixed with the seed to kill the slugs and leather jackets (the larvae of the crane-fly) before they do too much damage to the crops.

Many farmers are now potato harvesting, with yields showing wide variations. Late sown, non-irrigated crops having a well below average yield at 8 or 9 tonnes per acre and early planted, irrigated crops up to 25 tonnes per acre. Overall total production will be down on previous years, hence the recent rise in prices. We expect to start lifting our potatoes towards the end of the month and will require about 20 people to help part-time "spud-picking". So if you are free and would like to earn a bit of cash - and don't mind hard work - we shall be glad to see you. "Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat" says the song, well we may not have geese but our turkeys are growing well and we hope they will be fat by Christmas.

We currently have 40 eating away merrily, and are taking orders for Christmas delivery.

Our maternity wards have turned out to be dual purpose, not only have the sows farrowed in them but also a pair of house-martins have reared two lots of young - 9 in total - in a nest above the sows. Our farm cat has produced three beautiful kittens, two of which are still looking for good homes. Once upon a farm there lived a very special pig. What was special about him you may ask? I'll tell you - it was his pedigree or lack of it! Nelson was a hybrid (mongrel in "doggy" terms) in that his family tree showed him to be the result of at least two mixed marriages, both planned. The modern housewife, when buying pork, likes meat that has large areas of lean, little fat and bone and is tender, so the pig breeding companies have tried to produce a pig that conforms to these specifications.

To do this they have crossed a Landrace, noted for its length, with a Large White, noted for its speed of growth, the offspring are crossed with a Duroc, noted for its ability to produce very lean meat, and the offspring of that cross are mated to a Welsh, noted for its wide loins and large hams. The result is a crossbred called the "hamline". When we started our pig unit we decided to purchase a "hamline" boar to serve our gilts so that the resulting progeny would be just what the housewife wanted. So we bought Nelson, and all went well to begin with as his 15 wives were introduced to him, a new one every week, which he duly served and then returned to the harem. However, his bigamous life came to a sudden end one Sunday morning when two of his wives pushed a door down and got into his pen. This proved to be too much for his amorous excursions on this occasion, resulting in a fatal heart attack. And so he died, leaving 8 widows all of which were pregnant at the time. We now have another "Hamline" boar called Montgomery, who is currently enjoying good

health, I am glad to say. Some of the Nelsons offspring will be ready, for slaughter shortly having reached a weight of 150 lbs at 16 weeks old.

**The Dramatic Society
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Church Hall, Totley Brook Road

PLAYING FOR LAUGHS

FOLLOWING THEIR Spring production, the Dramatic Society of Dore and Totley United Reformed Church sent out questionnaires to members which, when returned, showed that comedies are still the firm favourite with the vast majority.

Therefore, encouraged by the large number of people who took the trouble to make their preferences known, the quest of the casting committee has been to find a comedy for the Autumn, and - lo and behold - one has leapt into view; **CAUGHT ON THE HOP** by Derek Benfield.

Benfield was born in Bradford and made his first appearance as an actor there at the Civic Playhouse. After three years in the Army he trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and his first professional engagement was with Brian Rix's company in Ilkley. He has since appeared in a wide variety of roles in theatre, film and TV productions.

CAUGHT ON THE HOP, a fast-moving comedy, was first performed at the Gateway Theatre, Chester, in 1977, and is sure to keep audiences and cast gasping for breath as the plot races to an explosive conclusion.

Production will be at 7.45pm on October 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th and tickets will be available from Members of the Society or Martin's Sweet Shop. (Tel. 362403).

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"NABUCCO" IN TOTLEY

Verdi's opera "Nabucco" was recently performed at the Crucible by the South Yorkshire Opera Company. This coming February, on 23rd and 24th, a concert version of it is to be performed at All Saints Church, Totley.

It is an opera with much tuneful and exciting music, and we are fortunate to be able to call upon the principal singers in the SYO production to lead in the version we shall be staging here. It tells the story of a king who thought he was the Almighty himself, and who was brought down to earth with a bang!

This is one of the special events being planned in connection with Totley Church's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and we very much hope that all Totley folk will come and join in the celebrations at one time or another. Details relating to the booking of seats for the two performances of "Nabucco" will be coming out soon - watch out for them. It may be that some of our readers would be interested in singing in this production. The chorus will be under the direction of John Wade, and the choirs of our local churches have already contributed a number of their members to the total ensemble. By the time this appears in print, it should still be in time for anyone interested to ask whether they can join in; we would rather have too many people wanting to help than too few! Give John a ring on 360820. Rehearsals are to take place normally on Friday evenings in All Saints Church - you might find it necessary to wrap up for them when the weather turns cooler!

Other events planned include a Flower Festival, a special Jubilee Garden Party (on June 30th), and a performance of T.S. Eliot's wonderful play "Murder in the Cathedral", on 16th to 19th October 1984.

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Alan Jockel

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OCTOBER DIARY

1st	Sat.	U.N.A. Nearly New Sale. Dore Old School. from 11am.
3rd	Mon.	T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 7.30pm.
4th	Tue.	Independent Staff Meeting. 2 Main Avenue. 8pm.
5th	Wed.	Ladies Keep Fit. King Egbert School. 7.30pm.
11th	Tue.	Fashion Show. Totley Rise Methodist Church - 8pm. By Cameo Fashions. Tickets 60p. Tel. 367763 or 361253
11th	Tue.	King Egbert School Assoc., A.G.M. 7.30pm. Upper School
14th	Fri.	Totley Ladies Evening Guild. Abbeydale Hall. 7.30pm. Mr. Ian Kerr 'Down in the Forest'. Sales Table - Bottles and Tins.
18th	Tue.	The Philip Jones Brass Ensemble. 7.45pm. King Egbert Lower School Hall. Tickets - 364247.
22nd	Sat.	Antique Fair. St. John's Church Hall. 10am to 5pm.
22nd	Sat.	Jamboree. Totley Rise Meth. Church. Details inside.
23rd	Sun.	U.N. Day Service. 6.30pm All Saints Church. Preacher The Archdeacon of Sheffield - The Venerable Michael Paton. (Joint Service for all churches in Dore/Totley)
25th	Tue.	Library Talk. 8pm. See inside for details.
26th	Wed.	U.N.A. Miss W.S. Warren Impressions of China - 1978 & 1982. Joint meeting with Church Group at Totley Rise Methodist Church. 8pm.
26th	Wed.	27th, 28th & 29th. 'Caught on the Hop' see inside.
28th	Fri.	Barn Dance. St. John's Church Hall. 7.30 - 11pm. £2 inclusive of Fish & Chip Supper. Bar. Tel. 367450
28th	Fri.	Bonfire. Totley County School P.F.A.
31st	Mon.	Cricket Inn. Halloween Party. 8.30pm. Free Disco.

LETTERS

After the accident on the 14th September I telephoned Mr. Murgatroyd (Barnsley 41484) to ask him the results of this survey. When I had to remind him where the junction was and the difficulties encountered, I began to doubt that a survey had been carried out. He did explain that he was short-staffed and that there were some delays on the low priority problems. I commented that three years seemed a long delay but he did not seem to be perturbed. However, all is not lost. He is going to send an engineer to "look at" the problem. "When?" I asked. "No promises but within the next month or two" was the reply. "Prevention is better than cure" does not seem to be the motto. I only hope we don't have to witness a fatal accident before this dangerous and complex junction is elevated on the priority list.

Abbeydale Rd. South/Totley Brook Rd/Busheywood Rd/Devonshire Rd/West View Lane Complex Junction.

YET ANOTHER accident occurred at this junction, on September 14th, involving two cars, the driver of one being injured. This accident will be reported, eventually, by the Police to the South Yorkshire County Council Engineer, Mr. Murgatroyd. Most of the non-injury accidents are not reported, are therefore not counted, and, by a long process of deduction, this junction becomes low on the list of priorities for "looking at". Following the fatal accident on Baslow Road, near to Glover Road, some three years ago, a public meeting was held in Totley County School. Mr. Murgatroyd said then that the Busheywood Road junction was difficult and that a survey would be carried out.

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