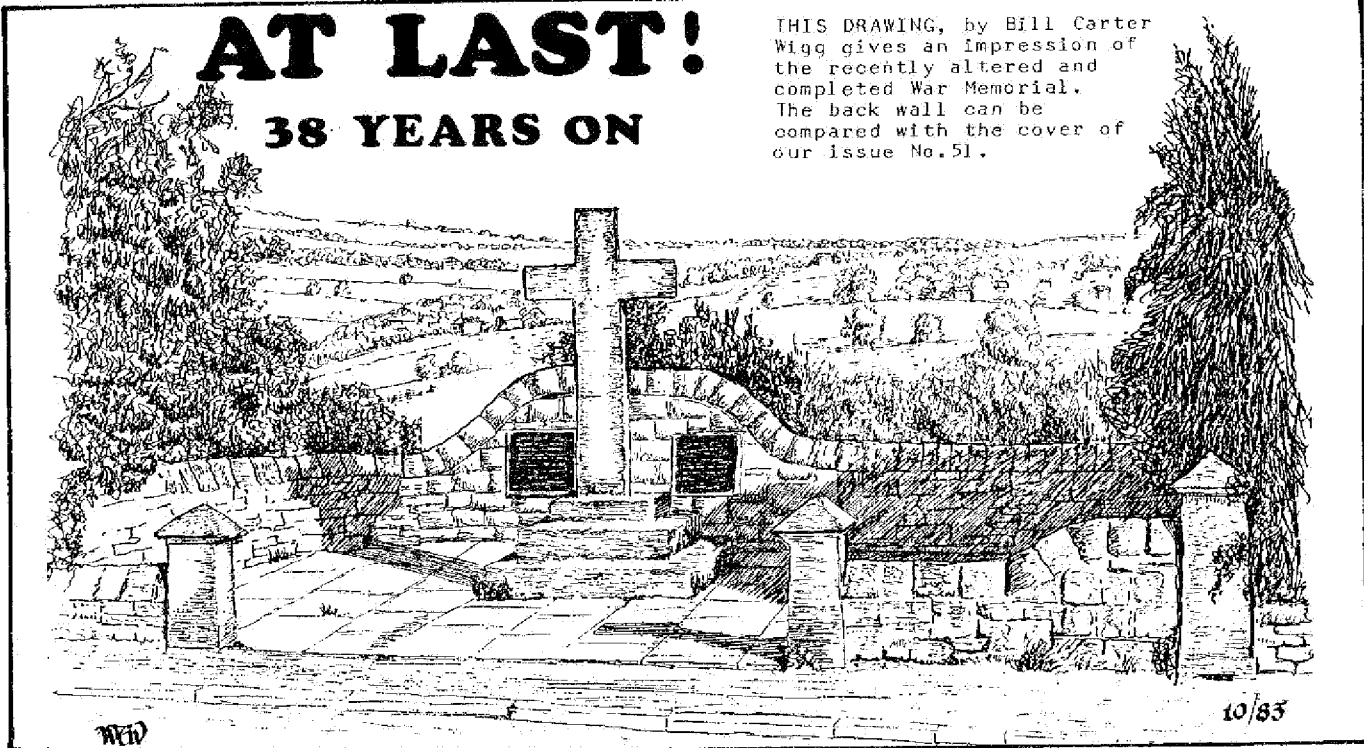


TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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AT LAST! 38 YEARS ON

THIS DRAWING, by Bill Carter Wigg gives an impression of the recently altered and completed War Memorial. The back wall can be compared with the cover of our issue No.51.



WAR MEMORIAL

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY will have a special meaning in Totley this year as for the first time the village will be able to honour its Second World War dead.

A plaque recently fixed to the Baslow Road War Memorial rear wall contains the names of the village sons and daughters who lost their lives between 1939 and 1945. Thirteen names have been inscribed on the plaque which marks the end of a long battle to win proper recognition for Totley's war dead.

Although there was talk of providing a memorial to the 13 soon after hostilities ended it was only three years ago that Totley Resident's Association began to press for action.

Following a hard-fought campaign I.R.A. finally got the City Council to fund half of the £600 plaque and alterations. Most of the dead were in the RAF but the list of 13 names includes one mystery. No-one seems to know who Stephen Atkin was or what rank he held.

There is also one woman honoured - Lance Corporal Edna Mary Wilkin, who is thought to have manned a searchlight battery.

The dead also include 2 brothers, W.O. Kenneth Webster and Sgt. Vincent Webster, whose mother still lives on The Green, just a short walk from the memorial. The others on the roll of honour include W.O. Malcolm Davidson, Sgt. William Foulstone, W.O. J.D. Garnett,

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FREEDOM

Man will fight for freedom
Though the battle may be long
He'll sweat and strain and persevere
When he knows right from wrong.
Man has always fought for freedom
throughout the centuries
maintaining freedom is his right
yet he knows it's luxury
The fact of knowing the choice is his
To go ahead or call a halt
Freedom to choose his way in life
To see or to ignore the fault -
To do his thing his way
Oh the luxury of freedom,
Worth fighting for? - I'll say.
Undying thanks we owe therefore
To the freedom fighters gone.
Their lives paid for our luxury
Their battle has been won.
Don't waste the years it cost them
Let your freedom play a part
Enrich each day by vowing
To make a brand new start.

Joy Depledge
55 The Grove
Totley

cont. from page 1

P.O. Victor Glossop,
A.R. Sidney Hopperton, Sgt.
Ernest Jacques, Sgt. Fred
Johnson, Sgt. Kenneth Seals,
Sgt. S.P. Sharp.

A Ministry of Defence
spokesman said that
without Stephen Atkin's
service number, or regiment,
it would be impossible to
trace him.

"We have 37 miles of shelves
containing records of service
personnel and they are not
filed alphabetically," he
said.

The final weeding and clean-up
at the War Memorial took place
on 25th October in preparation
for this years Memorial Service
being held on November 13th.

Donations towards the cost of
the new plaque are still
being received. Many thanks
to those who have given so
far, including those who
have given anonymously.

Sort it Out

Christmas is coming
The goose is getting fat
Everyone's watching for
the Postmans hat
As Christmas nears more
people will be using the
Postal service, but how
many of us really know
what happens beyond the
red post box.
When the post is collected
it goes to the major local
sorting office in Fitzalan
Square. Some 35 million
letters are collected
nationwide and sorting is
largely carried out by the
post code. The post code
is turned into a series of
dots, which is read and
sorted by computer. The
letters are then despatched
to the local sorting office,
where letters are arranged
into postmans rounds.
This final step for Totley
is situated in the old church,
next to St. John's, Abbeydale
Road South. The building was
purchased in 1956, by the
Post Office, from the Parochial
Church Council and its history
remains something of a mystery-
until next months issue.

THUNDERER

ALL LOCAL news items and
indeed many national ones
have been dwarfed by a
major tragedy.

The district was rocked
with the terrible news on
24th October, that 3 bodies
had been found in a house
on Dore Road. Well known
and respected solicitor
Jas. Laitner, his doctor
wife Avril and student son
Richard were brutally
stabbed to death during the
night, following the wedding
of daughter Suzanne. Younger
daughter Nicola was reported
to have been held at knife-
point. But the killer fled
and vanished into the early
morning light.

Police flooded into the area
and teams searched local
gardens, woods and fields.
At the time of going to press
no trace has been found of
the killer and the district
was in a state of shock and
fear.

However, No.1 suspect appears
to be Arthur Hutchinson, who
recently escaped police custody
in Selby. Police continue to
search Blackmoor and Rycroft
although he is thought to be
out of the district.

One local Dore resident was
reported to have been stunned
that such violence could
erupt in these parts, express-
ing the view that it was more
suited to a big city than a
small village like Dore.
Only four days later a
Sheffield Railway Guard was
attacked on a train in the
Totley Tunnel. After striking
the guard on the head the
attackers rifled mail bags
and jumped from the train in
Derbyshire. The impression
given by the Post Office was
that little of value was
missing.

cheshire home

MICKLEY HALL CHESHIRE HOME

The Garden Party in the
summer raised £4,384 towards
the Building Extension Fund,
and we should like to thank
all those who gave their
support. The next event will
be a Christmas Fair at the
Cutler's Hall, 10.30 - 1pm.
on Saturday, 12th November,
1983, and a Coffee Morning
with Bring-and-Buy, Nearly
New, Crafts for sale etc.,
at Mickley Hall on Thursday,
1st December, 10am - 12 noon.

MONNYBROOK

The National Canine Defence
League opened its new rescue
centre last month - and it
looks set to play a big
part in Totley life.

The centre, the only one in
the north of England, was
officially opened by
Councillor Roy Munn,
Sheffield's Deputy Lord Mayor,
at Monnybrook Farm, Lane Head
Road.

The official ceremony took
place in a marquee on the
exercise field before hundreds
of guests and visitors took
the opportunity to tour the
kennels.

National officials were there
in force and all of them
declared their delight at the
situation of the kennels on
the fringe of moorland.

The centre is the result of
several years of fund-raising
to provide the money to set up
the Sheffield centre. More
than £130,000 has been spent
buying and converting the
property, which was formerly a
private boarding kennel.

NCDL take in stray dogs and
find them homes. Unlike the
RSPCA they operate a strict
non-destruction policy.

One welcome innovation is the
sponsor-a-dog scheme.

People who do not want to take
on a dog full-time can choose
a particular long-stay animal.
If they give a regular donation
they will be able to take the
dog out for a walk whenever
they choose.

whisperer...

....Totley Residents Assoc.,
has been granted £75, towards
the cost of this years Sports
Night, from the City Lottery
Fund....Totley Older Peoples
Society held their Autumn Fayre
at Green Oak View Day Centre on
Friday 4th November.... Work
has now started on the erect-
ion of the new Headquarters
for Totley Scouts, construction
being carried out by 'Valserve'
....Families from Totley All
Saints School were invited to
join the Bonfire Party at
Totley County School on Friday
28th October.....Deputy Head
at Totley County School Geoff
Cillard is leaving to become
Headmaster of Loxley Junior
School.....



SCOUT NEWS

215th SHEFFIELD (Lst TOTLEY) SCOUT GROUP

Paper Collection

Thanks to your excellent support the September collection raised £49.80 and October £61.00. Our next collection is on Sat. 12th November when the skip will be in the College car park from 9am to 12 noon.

Please note there will be no collection in December but we start again in the New Year on Sat. 14th January. (Any queries please phone Alan Vitty 367387, Roger Hart 367034 or Robin Carter 365969).

Christmas Post

Once again Sheffield Scouts have organised a postal service for Christmas cards in the Sheffield and Dronfield areas. Houses displaying posters will be selling stamps (costing only 10p) during the first two weeks of December. The following shops have also kindly agreed to sell stamps and collect cards on behalf of Totley Scouts:-
Avenue Stores (Sandersons)
Totley Pharmacy (Raikescrofts)
Janet Ryalls (Baslow Road)
Peter Casson (Electrical) - Totley Rise.

The proceeds from the stamp sales will go to Scout funds but donations will also be made to the Mappin Institute for the Blind and the Northern General Hospital Baby Unit. Please support these worthy causes and buy your stamps from Totley Scouts. All cards guaranteed delivered before Christmas (last posting day 15th December). Any queries please contact Alan Vitty 367387 or Robin Carter 365969.

Jumble Sale and Auction

This event held on Saturday October 22nd was a great success. Special thanks for the time and effort given by the Auctioneer - Vincent Steele (Estate Agents).

Lottery

Seven of the twelve draws have now been made in the 215th (1st TOTLEY) SCOUT

GROUP LOTTERY.

The prizes and winners so far are:-
March - No 27 Mrs. Coe of Bradway won Holiday in Paris.
April - No 63 Mrs Hardy of Totley won Food Processor, Infra Red Grill & Coffee Maker.
May - No 142 Mr. Scriven of Totley won a Portable T.V.
June - No 79 Mrs. C. Hurst of Mexborough won a Wines and Spirits Pack.
July - No 57 Mrs. Hand of Totley won a Stereo Radio/Cassette Player.
August - No 201 Mr. Sykes of Totley won a Portable T.V.
September - No 140 Mr. P. Sanderson of Mexborough won a Microwave Oven.

With another five more draws to go in this years lottery well over £1,000 has been raised towards the new H.Q. Our thanks to all who have contributed so far - still chance for you to win a colour T.V. or Video Recorder and other valuable prizes so listen for the lottery man's knock on your door!

Roy Whitehouse
Lottery Organiser

JUBILEE

"NABUCCO" IN TOTLEY

PLEASE NOTE that the performance dates for Verdi's opera "Nabucco", being presented next year as part of the Jubilee celebrations of Totley All Saints Church are 17th and 18th of May and not during February as given in last months issue.

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following the planting of 44 mixed heathers on Sunday 9th October, a delivery by "Roadline" at 7.30am on the Wednesday, caused a slight sinking feeling! It contained, one thousand, one hundred, mixed spring bulbs. Thanks to Janet Bingham with help from Annie Wortley, they were under the surface by 4.30pm the same day. This will certainly brighten Spring-time in 1984 and onwards.

The Dramatic Society
Reformed



Dore & Totley United
Church

CAUGHT ON THE HOP

by Derek Benfield



THERE IS SOMETIMES a tendency, in one-set plays that either the action tends to be limited or it takes at least the first scene, to establish the plot, before the thing gets moving. Not so with the latest choice of presentation from this Society. No sooner had the curtains opened than the merriment was underway. So much so, that by the interval it seemed that the chaos created would never become untangled in time for the final curtain. There were plenty of chuckles along the way, as well as an unusually high sprinkling of belly-laughter. Comedy all the way. The casting was admirable with good timing and delivery enhancing the well-written lines. Phil Jubb, in particular gave a splendid performance in a tailor-made role that well suited his natural approach. Congratulations too to Barry Rowntree, as the central character, who hardly ever left the stage all night. If a similar play can be found next time, they should make many more friends.

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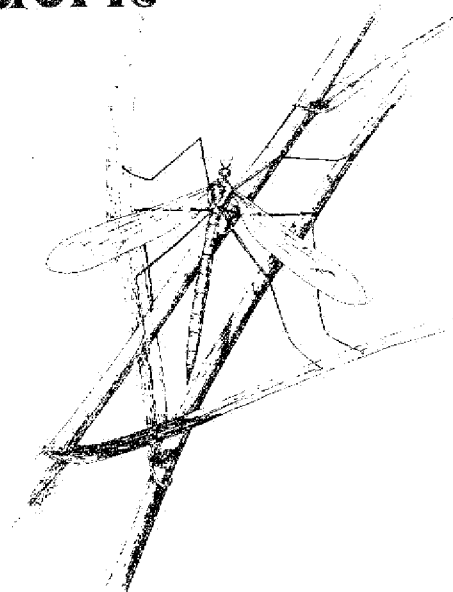
LIBRARY

ALTHOUGH it's only on our doorstep, there are lots of things about Castleton which aren't nearly as well-known as they might be: the history of the lead mines, for instance, or the prehistoric remains in the area, or the use of Peveril Castle by the Normans. One man who knows a deal more about all these and many other aspects of Castleton is Brian Woodall, whose talk last year on the customs and crafts of Derbyshire had us all in stitches. Brian's talk, "Castleton: castles, caves, crags and customs", is one that he normally gives to summer visitors, but he's breaking his routine to give it to us here at Totley Branch Library at 8pm, on Tuesday, 15th November, and I can confidently predict that it will be hugely entertaining.

Three weeks later on 6th December we venture a little further afield when Ulrich Weigert takes us to South Africa. This is not a political talk, except of course insofar as no-one can visit the country without becoming aware of apartheid, but is simply a record of the visit he made a couple of years ago and of what he saw when he was there: the English and Dutch architecture, wildlife in game reserves, Johannesburg, Durban, the eastern coastal strip, and many other places. "Visiting black and white friends in South Africa" will begin at 8pm. Like all library talks, admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Terry Whitham
Branch Librarian

Warburtons World



THE RATHER extreme weather this year seems to have caused great numbers of some of the garden insects. Wet conditions early on produced a boom in the Cranefly population. The dry summer then baked the soil and the females could be seen vainly trying to lay eggs into the rock-hard ground. Personally, I hope they failed, for the grubs, more commonly known as 'leather jackets', can cause great damage to vegetables.

The adult Cranefly is better known as Daddy Longlegs, and has the most ridiculous legs in the animal kingdom. The fly itself seems almost embarrassed by them, and leaves one or two behind at the slightest provocation. Small children delight in helping this process along. Adult Craneflies are quite harmless in spite of the alarming buzzing which accompanies their capture. They sometimes occur in vast numbers in damp meadows and can be disturbed from long grass as you walk through. They are not very good fliers and will settle again quite quickly. There are many different kinds, and one or two species are very large indeed. The eggs are usually laid in soft earth or cracks

in the ground, although a few species prefer the mud at the margins of ponds and streams, or even soft rotting wood. The larva is far from beautiful, being greyish, cylindrical and quite revoltingly pneumatic in texture. They can occur in very large numbers and I often think idly of this huge army of subterranean beasties munching ceaselessly beneath our feet. You should almost be able to hear them on a quiet day!

When they emerge as adults, the cast-off skin can sometimes be found half-protruding from the earth. Many creatures have reason to be grateful for the Crane-fly, and it is devoured in immense numbers at all stages of its life. One very tiny red mite actually lives on the adults as a parasite. I have seen many adults carrying two or three of these unwelcome guests on their thorax.

The fungi have had a good autumn season, with plenty of mushrooms in our local fields for those hardy souls brave enough to search for them in the truly awful weather. I even found the remains of a Giant Puffball in one field. This is the largest fruiting body of any fungi, and can grow to a circumference of over a yard. The flesh is edible when young and if it is sliced and fried is very nice indeed. It was a pity that someone had played football with this particular specimen or I would have had a good supper. This is, of course, one of the easiest of 'non-mushroom' fungi to identify because there is nothing remotely like it.

Several poisonous species resemble the mushroom however, making this one of the more hazardous types to pick. There are even one or two kinds of genuine mushroom which could cause stomach upsets in some people - this effect seems to vary a lot according to the individual. In general terms the cap should be white or creamy, sometimes with darker concentric markings near the centre; there should be a ring on the stalk under the cap and the gill should be pinkish when young turning darker with age. Most mushrooms grow in grassy meadows, but you may also find a few in woods. Good hunting.

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WAR MEMORIAL HISTORY

HISTORY OF THE TOTLEY WAR MEMORIAL

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Sheffield City Libraries for
the use of their material.

The first person to be killed
in Totley during the 1914-1918
war was Mr. Roy Milner.

As the war drew to a close, on
the 4th August 1918 a War
Memorial Service was held at
Dore. It was suggested that
Totley and Dore should combine
to erect a War Memorial in
memory of the dead. On the
20th November 1918, after the
war had ended, a special
meeting was held. The purpose
of the said meeting was to
consider the question of the
erection of a War Memorial.
Mr. W.L. Neall attended the
meeting, but Totley did not
wish to combine with Dore. A
resolution was passed that
Totley Parish Council be the
Committee with power, to add
to their number in order to
deal with suggestions.
Messrs. Ellison, Foulstone,
Nicholson, Scott, Laver, Harts
were all duly elected to
decide which form Totley War
Memorial should take.
On the 30th January 1919 it
was decided to pay a 2½%
commission to Mr. W. Walmsley
for the collection of special
expenses. As the year went by
peace celebrations were
organised and on the 20th May
1919 a bonfire was held and
Mr. Milner, at his own expense,
ordered flares, rockets etc.

30th October 1919. The Clerk of
Totley Parish Council reported
that he had been approached by
several members with a view to
acquiring by lease, land for
the purpose of allotments for
a memorial. No success! Mr. A.
Shaw, Secretary of Totley
Allotment Society submitted on
the 31st October 1919 that
Totley Parish Council should
provide allotments for the
memorial either by purchase
or leasing land.

Mr. Thompson offered 4 acres.
Totley Parish Council could
not afford to purchase but
if they could lease any land
they would do so.
Now after this date there are

no more records mentioned in
the Minutes until 30th March
1921 when the Parish Council
sub committee was empowered
to make provision for shrubs
on the bank of the War
Memorial. A vote of thanks
was then tendered to the
Parish Council for the able
and efficient manner in which
the work on the memorial had
been carried out.

26th Jan 1922. 16/- was handed
to the Clerk of the Council
from the balance of the
Soldiers' Dinner Fund with a
view to provision of trees on
the Memorial bank.

25th Jan 1923. It was agreed
that Pearson's St. George
Nursery should plant the trees.
19th April 1923. Still consid-
ering trees.

19th July 1923. Obtained
estimate for trees and named
them.

28th Jan 1924. The sub comm-
ittee was duly invited to view
the planting of the trees by
Pearsons.

Four years passed, then in
June 1928 the Parish Clerk
was instructed to communicate
with Mr. L. Stubbs of Totley
Hall Lane, with reference to
tidying the ground around the
Memorial and also to obtain a
quotation from him for
consideration at a future
Council meeting. Then on the
14th September 1929 Mrs.
Milner, O.B.E. complained
about the condition of the
Memorial.

Totley Parish Council then
resolved to pay £1 per annum
for someone to look after the
Memorial. Mr. G. Street was
then paid 5/- for cleaning
up the area for Armistice
Sunday 1929. In due course
Mrs. Milner wrote a letter
of thanks to the Parish
Council for the work done.
Mr. G. Street was paid £1
in 1932 and on the 16th
March 1934 at the very last
meeting, Mr. Street was paid
7/6 as the last payment.

On the 1st April 1934 Totley
became part of Sheffield.
The Totley Parish Council
ceased to exist on the 31st
March 1934 owing to being
absorbed by the City of
Sheffield.

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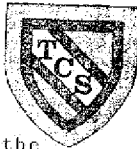
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COUNTY SCHOOL



THE TENTH A.C.M. of the County School Parent Friends Association duly adopted a new committee.

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 Vice-Chairman - John Marshall
 Treasurer - Martin Underwood
 Secretary - Jenny Hall
 Ass. Sec. - Margaret Spivey

Parent representatives -
 Jeff Knibb, Jean Byron,
 David Kenton, Don Buttrell,
 Alan Vitty, Marilyn Stokes
 and Christine Fairhead.
 Teaching Staff reps -
 Gill Holding and Geoffrey
 Gillard.
 Non-Teaching Staff rep -
 Mrs Childs.

TOTLEY OLD BOY TAKES THE CHAIR

Richard Wilkinson, the new Chairman of the Totley County School Parent Friends Assoc., is particularly qualified for the post.

He was born in Totley and attended the County School between 1959 and 1965, then went on to Rowlinson School before work and marriage took him away from Totley. Two years ago Richard and his family moved back so that his children David, Anna and Stephen could enjoy their school life in Totley County as he did.

As Chairman, he has the chance to put something back into the school that helped prepare him for the adult world!

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FAYRE

Totley All Saints School P.T.A. will be holding their Autumn Fayre on Saturday November 17th at 2pm.

Stalls include:- Cakes, Tombola, Plants, White Elephant and Handicrafts (many suitable for Christmas presents).

You will also be able to make reservations for tickets for this years Totley Pantomime, being presented at school during February. The production is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and rehearsals are well under way.

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athletics

TOTLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

ON 18th September, Giovanni Falcone and Brian Edwards represented Totley in the Rotherham Marathon. After a fast 14 mile section Brian pulled out at 23 miles with achilles tendon problems. Giovanni ran through to finish in 3hrs 48mins despite the strong head winds.

The new green and white printed club vests were donned for the first time at the Cleckheaton 10 mile road race. Alan Bellchamber ran strongly to finish as first Totley man home over the hilly course.

On 2nd October a party of over 30 travelled down for the Nottingham Marathon and Half Marathon. Only Neville Solomon chose to tackle the full 26 miles and finished in a personal best of 3hrs 45 mins.

Brian Edwards led Ken Rowe home by about half a minute to finish first for Totley in 1hr 21mins. Conditions were warm and ideal with a number of hills over the first 7 miles followed by 6 flat.

Alan Bellchamber was 3rd Totley man home in 1hr 26mins followed 5 minutes later by John Bannister. It was particularly encouraging to see young novice Craig Shaw coming through in a very creditable 1hr 34mins. Our only lady runner Margaret Solomon completed in 2hrs 4mins.

Totley had representatives in the North Wales Marathon 16th October, Chesterfield Marathon and Half Marathon 23rd October, Bridlington Half Marathon 23rd October and Worksop Half Marathon 30th October. Results in the next issue.

Totley Athletic Clubs first Christmas Pudding Handicap on Boxing Day will start off from the Crown and proceed via Totley Brook, Beauchief corner, Whirlowdale Road, Dore Moor, Hathersage Road, Fox House, Owl Bar and back to the finish at the Cricket Inn. Families and friends will be having a Christmas drink and carol sing-song at the Cricket whilst awaiting the return of the runners. All finishers will receive a Christmas Pudding. (Those of you familiar with the locality will have already gathered that this is not the shortest route between the two pubs. More details next month.

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NOVEMBER DIARY

7th	Mon.	T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 37 Sunnyvale Rd. 7.30pm.
8th	Tue.	and every Tuesday. Country & Folk at Cricket Inn.
9th	Wed.	to Sat. 12th. 7.30pm. TOADS present "The Importance of Being Earnest" at St. John's Church Hall.
11th	Fri.	Totley Evening Guild. 7.30pm. Abbeydale Hall - Mrs. A.W. Rose 'The Work of a Magistrate'.
12th	Sat.	Waste Paper Collection by Totley Scouts.
12th	Sat.	Cheshire Home Christmas Fair at Cutlers Hall.
12th	Sat.	2pm. All Saints P.T.A. Autumn Fayre.
13th	Sun.	Totley Sports & Social Club. Fishing Match. River Witham. Coach leaves Cross Scythes at 6.30am. Price £4.50. Phone J. Hughes - 666439.
13th	Sun.	Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial.
15th	Tue.	Library Talk. 8pm. (Castleton) by Brian Woodall.
18th	Fri.	Green Oak View (Home for the Elderly). Christmas Fayre. 10 to 12 noon. Admission free. Cakes, Preserves, Nearly New, Raffle, Handicrafts etc.
26th	Sat.	Tickets for Senior Citizens Christmas Party on sale in Totley Library. 2 - 4pm. Price 50p each.
26th	Sat.	St. John's Church Hall, Barn Dance. Performance by Handsworth Sword Team. Tickets from Mrs. P. Glossop. Tel. 362597. Proceeds - The Body Scanner.
11th	Fri.	7.30pm. at Abbeydale Hall. Professor Vic Allen speaks about his recent visit to the Soviet Union and the issues of peace and war. Arranged by the local Peace Action Group.

DECEMBER

1st Thur. Coffee Morning at Cheshire Home. 10 to 12 noon.

PARTY

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party for Senior Citizens in Totley is being held next month, as usual, at Totley College on Saturday 19th December from 4 - 8pm.

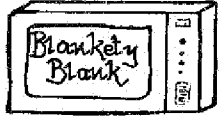
Tickets for the event, price 50p, will be on sale for ONE Saturday only, November 26th from 2 - 4pm. in Totley Library. Tickets can also be obtained from Totley Post Office and Totley Rise Post Office, from Mon. 28th Nov.

Anyone who requires transport should leave a note of their name and address when buying a ticket.

The cost of the ticket includes both the refreshments and the entertainment.

Once again the College Students are playing a big part in helping with preparations for the event along with members of T.R.A.

Anyone else who would like to offer their services either helping at the event or providing transport should contact Les Firth - 364190.



THOSE LIVING in the Green Oak/Aldam area and served by the communal television aerial will already be aware that it is not possible to receive Channel Four from this source. The Area Housing Office inform that they are waiting for Vision Hire to advise them of the charges for providing Channel Four reception and then the Housing Committee will need to authorise a contract.

It is not known how long this will take, the matter is in hand and it is not only confined to Totley but also to other areas across the City.



See The Christmas Ridding Handicap and other current affairs in the next issue.