

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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FRIGHT HEALING AT THICKWOOD LODGE!

THICKWOOD LODGE
OWLER BAR, SHEFFIELD
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On the way up to Owl Bar from Totley, a remote and solid building sits against the dark backdrop of Brown Edge. Thickwood Lodge was built for the Duke of Rutland in 1820 to provide accommodation for one of his gamekeepers on Totley Moor. Round the back of Thickwood runs a "green" track called "Dukes Drive", an access for carriages at the Duke's grouse-shooting parties of the last century. Further over towards Strawberry Lee, Bole Hill Lodge stands facing out over a magnificent view of Sheffield. There are many stories about the gamekeepers and poachers of Totley Moor and I have a copy of a letter from the 1700's applying to the then owner of part of Totley Moor recommending a local worthy of the job of gamekeeper.

Much later, in 1895, John Stone, a Totley horse breaker, poacher, wrestler and rough fighter, applied for the job as gamekeeper at Thickwood Lodge. The Duke's agent is reported to have said, "Aren't you that confounded poacher?" Stone is said to have agreed and replied with the oft repeated "Set a thief to catch a thief." He got the job and kept it until his retirement. G.H.B. Ward in the Clarion Ramblers Handbook 1924/25 tells of a "fright healing" which once took place at Thickwood Lodge... "The gamekeeper, Henry Peat, had a daughter, a nice young girl far in the teens, who taken very ill and bedfast for 13 weeks was given up by everybody including the doctor. Her father, unfortunately, became very demented and it was un-

safe for mother and daughter. All knives and firearms were removed and someone had to sleep with him - that doubtful task befell Mr. Wragg, the Owl Bar tollkeeper. However, an improvement came about and Mr. Wragg went home. One night, however, Peat found a revolver and pointed it at his daughter. She was terrified and, somehow, struggled out of bed in her nightdress and, although pitch dark, she found the way to the main road and and into Andrews (Mooredge) Farm 300 yards nearer Totley. They took her in for the time being until her father was removed to Mickleover. Later on she returned to her mother at Thickwood Lodge and was a complete cure and wonder to all who knew her. She was literally a dying girl who had been fright healed."



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blossoming

GROWTH AT THE GARDEN CENTRE

STILL KNOWN to many locals as "Godley Gardens", Abbeydale Garden Centre, as it became in 1976, is about to blossom in another direction.

The continuing success of its restaurant, opened only four years ago, has put such pressure on space and staff that dining facilities will very soon be almost doubled to over 100 tables.

As a result, and to the regret of many of its customers, the furniture and glass retail shop will give way to restaurant facilities extended in area, variety, and service. Friendly Mrs. Hill, director, outlined the plans to extend the light, airy restaurant with pine panelled walls, discreet lighting, and tasteful drapes, promising a pleasant place to eat at any time, but most important is the well-deserved pride shown by cooks Heidi Pullin and Leighton Crook in their highly praised specialties like home made steak and kidney, or chicken and mushroom pies, lasagne, or more sophisticated Beef Olive and wine - cooked dishes. All the food except bread and continental pates is made on the premises, and that also goes for the tempting range of home-made sweets for a naughtily but nice afternoon tea.

The restaurant, with its ample parking, is open every day until 5.30pm and until 10pm on Friday and Saturday. It is licensed with a good selection of quality European wines by the glass, carafe, or bottle. Extensions should be complete in August, when Mrs. Hill contemplates the possibility of family traditional Sunday lunches - home made, of course.

CAN YOU HELP ?

Do you use your garage ?

Totley resident wishes to rent a garage, locally, in which to store a classic and prestigious motor car....

.....Please phone Norman on 361089.

TIDY 1

A JOB WELL DONE.

Totley Cubs have recently weeded and generally tidied up the Totley War Memorial. Keep up the good work lads.

SCOUT NEWS

215th SHEFFIELD (1st TOTLEY) SCOUT GROUP

LOTTERY PRIZEWINNER for June

No. 94. Mr. & Mrs. Hobson
Prize - Grundig 14" Colour TV.

PAPER COLLECTION

Next Collection is Saturday, 14th July. Skip will be in Totley College Car Park 9am - 12 noon. Any queries please phone 367387.

THERE WILL BE NO COLLECTION IN AUGUST.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

Work on the new hut is progressing thanks to several local volunteers. Anyone who would like to come and have a look will find it via the footpath which runs between the older houses and new flats in Aldam Road. If you can spare an hour or two to help, contact Roger Hart on 367034.

cheshire home

THE CHESHIRE HOME would like to thank all those who gave their support in any way towards the Garden Party held on June 23rd. The building extension programme is going ahead well, the interior work altering the entrance and staircase, and the ramp at the front for wheelchairs is almost complete and meets with everyone's approval. In the recent fine weather the residents have enjoyed being able to sit at the front on the new patio watching people come and go.

Work is now in progress on the new bedroom wing which is taking shape and now up to roof level.

The next large fund-raising event to help pay for all this building work will be "Entertaining at Home with Mary Berry & St. Michael" - a Cookery Demonstration by Mary Berry at the Cutlers Hall on Wednesday, September 26th, commencing 10.15am, which Marks & Spencers are kindly sponsoring in their centenary year. Tickets, including lunch and wine, are £5 and will shortly be available from Mickley Hall office.

barbrook

Barbrook Reservoir is the large square area of water on Big Moor, along the road from the Peacock Inn;Owler Bar.

This reservoir and surrounding area has recorded nearly 200 species of birds.

In Winter a large variety of wildfowl occur, and on many days Goldeneye and Goosander can be seen. Also at this time of year, Hen Harrier and Merlin hunt the moor.

When Spring arrives, most of the wildfowl leave to be replaced by the incoming summer migrants such as the Wheatear, Ring Ouzel and Chiffchaff which have spent the winter in Africa.

Amongst the breeding birds can be found most of the characteristic types of the high moorland including - Red Grouse, Curlew, Dunlin, Redshank and Golden Plover.

Autumn is the best time of year, when almost anything can turn up. Last year a Bairds Sandpiper appeared for 4 days, a bird which should have been in Alaska, it was only the 70th to be recorded in Britain.

Most Autumns, one can be sure of seeing Little Stint, Common and Green Sandpipers, Common Scoter, Greenshank and Ringed Plover.

A permit is needed to go inside the perimeter fence surrounding the reservoir but good views can be obtained from outside and on the several public footpaths that cross Big Moor.

THANKS

MANY THANKS to the people who very generously gave to the collection made at Spring Bank by 4 local girls - Victoria and Vanessa Siddall, Maika Zimmerman and Victoria Crookes - for the local branch of the Canine Defence League.

The girls pressed flowers and used them to decorate notepaper and envelopes which they sold. They were delighted to raise £14.60, which they took to Honeybrook themselves - the highlight of the day being a tour of the dogs and Puppies !

t.r.a.

The next Committee Meeting of Totley Residents Association is on Tuesday, 24th July at 7.30pm. The following meeting is on Tuesday, 4th September.

MORE ON THICKWOOD LODGE

These days, there aren't so many grouse on the moors. As long ago as the report of the North West Derbyshire Water Commission of January 1947, it was stated that the three adjoining Rowsley, Big and Totley Moors yielded only about 50 brace. This compares with a reported 1,000 in the heyday of the Duke of Rutland's shooting parties. Debate surrounding grouse shooting has continued for decades and the grouse v sheep argument carries on even these days. It is said that the two do not mix happily because they both rely on the young heather shoots.

The Duke of Rutland auctioned off the Longshaw Estate (which included Totley Moor and Thickwood Lodge) in July 1927 and the photo in the brochure shows the Lodge very much as it is today - the outbuildings being used for stables, pigstys etc. Why Thickwood? Today, there are very few trees except for the new ones planted close to the Lodge by the present owners. Believe it or not, at one time, this hillside was covered in birch, thorn and mountain ash trees.

There are many holes and depressions in the ground to the rear of Thickwood indicating the former presence of the Thickwood coal working in Bell Pits.

JUBILEE

CURRENTLY CELEBRATING its Jubilee year is Totley All Saints Church.

The ceremony of the first sod cutting, under the Chairmanship of Mr. W.A. Milner, was carried out on Whit Monday afternoon - 21st May, 1923 - by Mr. A.J. Foulstone, the honorary lay reader. Children were also invited to do their bit in the turf lifting. This ceremony was the result of the previous 18 years work. The foundation stone was laid by Mr. & Mrs. Milner, of Totley Hall, in the presence of the Bishop of Derby on Thursday, 26th July, 1923.

Consecration of the new church took place on Saturday, 15th November, 1924. Rev. R. Jermyn Hutton was the first vicar, commencing his duties in March, 1924. Mr. Foulstone was one of Totley's best known residents. He founded Totley Sports and Social Club in 1906 and for 25 years was the Secretary. He died in 1946 aged 84.

MUSIC HALL

The children of Totley All Saints School are presenting an Old Tyme Music Hall as their end of term concert in the school on Tuesday, 24th July.

Local Senior Citizens are being invited to a separate performance.

minibus

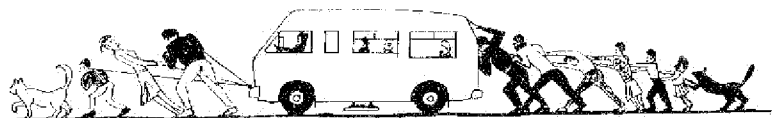
The minibus is here! Its first use was to bring members of the Friday Afternoon group to the Day Centre on June 15th to see the official handover by the publicity officer of Help the Aged to the Mistress Cutler, Mrs. Denys Carr, who received the keys on behalf of Transport 17.

It was great to see a number of local people there, particularly the children (& Hector) from the Church School and we are grateful to Mrs. Fason, Principal of Green Oak View, for her hospitality. Mrs. May Bingham presented a bouquet to Mrs. Carr. Since then the minibus has continued to be used by the Friday Afternoon Club, took people up to All Saints Jubilee Garden Party on 30th June. It was on view on 2nd July at Totley Sports Night and at Totley Brook Fete, All Saints School Summer Gala and that evening to the concert given by the Sheffield Womens Circle Singers (who have entertained us at T.R.A. Christmas parties) at All Saints Church Hall.

We are wanting your suggestions for where you would like to go. For example, would you be interested in a shopping trip locally or to town, to go to the Friday Drop-In Coffee mornings at Green Oak Day Centre, or any other local occasion, or outings into Derbyshire or a tour of Dore, Totley & Bradway, or a visit to Whirlow Brook Park. The bus is for use by any elderly persons in Sheffield 17 who are not otherwise mobile and we will do our best to meet your requests.

Keep your eye on the Independent for further news.

The Transport 17 Minibus is here! BUT—



it still needs your help to keep it moving. HOW? By helping to fill the collecting jars, supporting (or organising?) fund-raising events or making a donation. Offers of help will be welcomed by: W. Wigg, 332 Baslow Rd. S17 3BG (Ph: 367850)

rubbish

The rubbish skip provided on the car park, Green Oak Drive, on Saturday, June 2nd was a success and it is hoped to

repeat the service, for use by local residents, during September.

Garden Party

Saturday, July 21st from 2pm. A Garden Party organised by Action Aid Sheffield at Abbeydale Hall. Games, dance, drama, stalls include - jewellery, white elephant, nearly new, plants and toys.

All proceeds will go towards an evening school for young working children in South India.

THE TOTLEY GREENSHEET

Compiled as part of the Totley Independent by Totley Athletic Club SUMMER 1984

TIGERS LOOSE ON MOORS

Totley once again had a good number of entrants when they took part in the Sheffield Tigers 10-mile run. The race can fairly be described as rough, hilly and hot. Starting from the Tigers ground at Dore, the 106 entrants ran down Hathersage Road to Whirlow and then ascended the Limb Valley to a point near the Round House. Next,

there was only a short hill and then a long fast road stretch up to the top of Long Line, a mad dash down and, unfortunately, a steady slope back up to the finish between the rugby posts. The heat took its toll again and, despite the rough course, it was very enjoyable, with the Tigers playing great hosts. Don Langley and Chris Clegg of Totley A.C. were among the organisers and this, no doubt, gave them an incentive to turn in a good performance overall. Perhaps the most notable performance was Jonathan Newbould's, not so far behind Totley star, Kenny Rowe.

Darren Wright of Hallamshire Harriers was an easy winner, in 56 mins.23 secs with clubmate, Mel Rawson, one minute behind. Totley A.C., with 36 points, were the third team behind Hallamshire's superb 8 points and Stannington's 26. Fourth were rivals Steel City Striders with 53 points. Totley placings:-

6th.	K. Rowe	64.04
10th.	J. Newbould	65.19
20th.	B. Edwards	64.04
26th.	D. Langley	65.19
29th.	P. Robinson	66.04
42nd.	G. Bush	69.15
44th.	C. Clegg	69.29
48th.	J. Bannister	70.20
50th.	G. Falsone	70.46
59th.	T. Carrington	72.43
66th.	A. Ludlow	74.23
67th.	S. Coates	74.24
68th.	T. Hague	74.31
70th.	P. Knight	75.02
80th.	M. Dimbleby	79.03
90th.	J. White	80.41

JANES AWARD

Jane Cooke was very deservedly given the Annual Award for services to Totley A.C. She carefully records the race times of runners and produces speedy result sheets.

SHEFFIELD MARATHON RESULTS

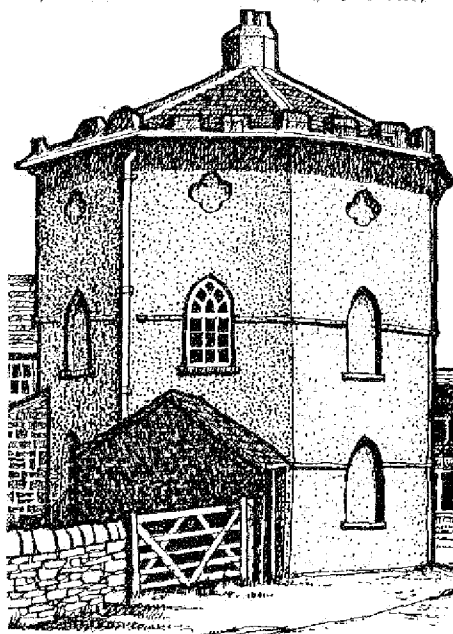
FULL MARATHON : (26.2 miles)

Kenny Rowe	3.05.42
Kevin Oates	3.08.34
M. West	3.17.00
Brian Edwards (Totley)	3.24.26
Phil Robinson	3.24.26
Stuart Carnell	3.31.38
Giovanni Falsone	3.32.16
Gary Bush	3.34.38
Brian Askew	3.50.00
T. Foley	3.52.00
Chris Clegg	3.58.00
Mick Hebson	3.59.34
Dave Edwards	4.01.00
Phil Kay	4.11.20
George Moore	4.13.45
David Simons	4.15.26
Manjit Bhandal	4.28.00
Brian Edwards (Mosboro)	4.30.35
Nigel Ryalls	4.44.02
Cathrine Wilson	5.00.16
George Grindle	5.12.27

HALF MARATHON : (13.1 miles)

Jonathan Newbold	1.26.14
Alan Bellchambers	1.33.11
John Webster	1.34.53
John Bannister	1.35.59
Ian Anderson	1.38.52
Brian Rossiter	1.39.00
Tim Carrington	1.40.00
Neil Jowitt	1.40.11
John Fletcher	1.41.04
Ian Fleming	1.43.13
Margaret Dimbleby	1.43.48
Jeff Cooke	1.44.43
Peter Knight	1.47.08
Paul Ludlow	1.50.58
Neville Solomon	1.51.40
Andy Groot	1.53.14
Anaw Ludlow	1.54.00
Keith Bailey	1.59.01
Terry Hazel	2.03.26
Keith Malkin	2.03.43

CONTINUED OVER



and most difficult part was across the old turnpike road to Foxhouse, over Houndkirk Moor. How the old coaches managed to get along, I just don't know for it is hard to find a level path to run free of ruts and stones. By now, the field had really been strung out with the more experienced hill runners moving rapidly away. At halfway, times were very slow for the first five miles but after the turnaround at Foxhouse,

Margaret Solomon	2.03.43
Wendy Flemming	2.03.43
John White	2.06.32
Ron Walker	2.08.19
Gill Walker	2.13.09
Roy Tankard	2.16.00
Stuart Hastings **	2.25.31
Barry Breilsford	2.39.37
Jane Breilsford	2.39.37
Tony O'Leary	2.52.30

**Race walked

SHEFFIELD MARATHON

Sunday 17th June dawned hot and beautiful to most Sheffielders. For runners taking part in the Sheffield Marathon (26.2 miles) and Half Marathon (13.1 miles), there was a feeling of apprehension. Just how hot would it be later on and how would the heat affect the body and the mind? It seemed that half of the city turned out to applaud; offering wet sponges, hoses down, orange slices - even an iced lolly. The course went from Hillsboro' Park via Neepsend, Wicker, Bright side, Ecclesfield (where there was a diabolical mile-long hill), Parsons Cross and back to Hillsboro' Park for the finish of the half marathon. There is no doubt that for some of the less fit or able runners, the hilly section was very gruelling and by the time they reached it there were very few clean sponges available.

However the full marathon runners ran silently on very much strung out over many miles. Back through Neepsend, the Wicker, Effingham Road, Park Square, Heeley, Archer Road and up to Millhouses. Here a good sized crowd turned out to cheer and clap with lots of shouts for the Totley runners. By now it was midday and the sun was almost inescapable but thankfully there were a few clouds about. Many runners were taking as many sponges and drinks as they could find, whilst others even emptied buckets of water over themselves. The humour and repartit between contestant and spectator increased - so did the exhaustion and pain. At this stage even the smallest rise becomes a terrifying pull and the subway pedestrian ramp at the bottom of Bramhall Lane was very hard. The Moor seemed to rise up like the north face of the Matterhorn and then there was a welcome run through Fargate and Snig Hill. The last section along Langsett Road seemed to stretch for ever before the welcome turn into the Park. The crowds were deafening in their applause as most runners put on their Sunday best style for a sprint to the finish. Relief and tiredness

swept through the body as a plastic bag was thrust into the hand and a medal around the neck. There was, for most, a sense of disappointment with the slow time - mostly attributed to the heat. At least this year there were no deaths and fewer runners requiring medical treatment than expected. As for Totley runners, perhaps the best effort was from young Nigel Ryalls, by-product of those successful off-licencees Janet and Trevor, who, running in just about his first ever race, completed the full 26 miles in 4½ hours. Gary Bush ran an encouraging first time of just over 3½ hours, whilst our senior veteran Brian Askew, well into his fifties, managed a commendable 3hrs50mins despite the heat. Altogether Totley had 51 runners, all of whom finished, including a badly injured and hobbling Keith Malkin. Team photographer, Stuart Hastings, ended up on the other side of the lens when he was featured in the Star as the first race walker to finish.

GREAT LINCOLN RUN

Totley AC put out a small entry for the Great Lincoln Run and new member Steve Dawson managed to hold off a strong challenge from Ken Rowe to be first Totley member home, about ten minutes down on the leaders. Young Craig Malkin, 14, took part in the 10 km run at the same meeting and must have been pleased with his good time. Incidentally, perhaps we should explain that there are two Brian Edwards's running from for Totley. One is our local golden oldie and yet another is from Mosborough.

Craig Malkin 10 K. 48.43

Half-Marathon

Steve Dawson	1.16.53
Kenny Rowe	1.16.58
Jonathan Newbould	1.21.46
Mick Hobson	1.30.34
Ian Anderson	1.32.19
Dave Edwards	1.34.20
Jeff Cooke	1.36.39
Neville Solomon	1.40.54
Brian Edwards (Mosboro)	1.43.30
Keith Malkin	1.55.33

CLUMBER HALF

As it was a week before the Sheffield Marathon, most members decided not to run in the Clumber Half Marathon sited in and around the Thoresby Hall estate. The sun was fierce but the course was very pleasant and run in two laps. In the conditions, nobody wanted to injure themselves before the foll-

owing weeks event, thus the run was treated as a training exercise rather than a serious race.

Mick Hobson	1.27.57
Brian Edwards	1.31.29
John Bannister	1.34.39
Jeff Cooke	1.38.27
David Simons	1.46.20
Gary Barker	1.55.11
Terry Pazel	1.58.06

CRICKET

Young Stephen Holding, son of wicket keeper David, is having a fine season in Totleys 1st Eleven. Highlight was his 94 not out and 5 wickets for 47 runs against Cutthorpe. Also batting well is Nick Bartholomew with great bowling figures from Garfield Sibbery. Results:

16th June Hoyland 107 for 5

Totley 94 for 8

Andrew Stephenson 36

Rain stopped play

23rd June Bankers 86

Totley 87 for 2

Steve Holding 42, Nick Bartholomew 33 n.o. Garfield Sibbery 7 for 35

30th June Cutthorpe 172

Totley 174 for 1

Steve Holding 94 n.o. Nick Bartholomew 53n.o. Steve Holding 5 for 43

7th July Forgemasters 73

Totley 74 for 0

Steve Holding 46n.o. Garfield Sibbery 6 for 72

14th July Uley 143

Totley 54

SUNDAY BANG

Every Sunday morning, the Peak Gun Club meets on ground near Moss Road, by the Rifle Range. They meet from 10.30 until 1pm and they welcome anyone. The desirability of having a very noisy kennels and a rifle range close together questions what planning guidelines are for. Whether members will clear away the discarded and broken clay pigeons that litter the area and endear themselves to local residents remains to be seen. For more details of Peak Gun Club ring David Whincup 685965.

SPORTS NEWS WANTED

TOTLEY SPORTS NIGHT RESULTS

RESULTS AND WINNERS SPORTS NIGHT 1984

		WINNER	SECOND	THIRD
1.	25M Toddlers	Marie Gaffey	Pia Sanchez	Ian Miles
2.	50M Gls 5-7	Katie Anwyl	Joanne Kenton	Angela Robinson
3.	50M Bys 5-7	Nicholas Morgan	Joe Anwyl	Matthew Handley
4.	50M Gls 8-10	Karen Burqin	Charlotte Underwood	Clare Underwood
5.	50M Bys 8-10	Richard Knapton	Paul Mountcastle	Dominic Gaffey
6.	50M Gls 11-13	Sarah Robinson	Zoe Mountcastle	Alison Mitchell
7.	50M Bys 11-13	Jonathan Atkin	John Perry	Roland Taylor
8.	50M Sack Race mixed 7 & under	Nicholas Morgan	Nicholas Bate	William Rice
9.	50M Sack Race mixed 8-10	Helen Mitchell	Danielle Davies	-
10.	50M Adult 3 Legged	Janet & Mick Savage	Sue & John Youdan	Pam Hallam & Brian Edwards
11.	One lap Gls 13 & Under	Michelle Offler	Ann Margaret Firth	
12.	One lap Bys 13 & Under	Roland Taylor	John Craig	Jonathan Atkin
13.	3 lap Junior Marafun	Samantha Mills		
"	"	Andrew Riley		

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 Wood Financial Services, Totley Rise.

Bowling Competition - mixed doubles - N. Ellis and K. Parkin beat A. Proudlock and T. Woodhead.

Junior Tug-0-War - Totley All Saints School v Totley County School. Best call it a draw. After winning one pull each the third and final pull ended as a free for all with extra children and parents 'lending a hand' to the official teams.

All 41 raffle prizes were collected on the night.

Once again, thanks to the ladies of Totley Evening Guild for the refreshments, to Mrs. Shepherd of British Red Cross for providing First Aid Cover. Thanks to all others who volunteered with help on the night, setting up and running stalls.

FOUND: On Sports Night in Green Oak Park. Childs track suit top, dark brown zipper type. Sugg brand. Size 28". Ring 365415.

CROWN GREEN NEWS

Green Oak Bowling Club

The Saturday teams are playing well but the results are not as good as last season.

Latest results are:-

Green Oak 'A'	8
Crookesmoor 'A'	4
Laycocks	4
Green Oak 'B'	8

Individually, things are going a lot better. Frank Woodhead played his best game yet for Yorkshire. Playing against Staffordshire, Frank

bowled brilliantly to beat his opponent on the famous Panton Park Bowling Green.

Mick Hirst and Frank both played for Sheffield in the Inter-City Cup. Good luck to Mick, who has qualified for the finals of the Yorkshire Merit and Sheffield Parks Merit.

Peter Tukes and Trevor Stacey have reached the finals of the Telegraph Merit.

The Club is still looking for new members and would like to hear from any youngsters who would like to take up the game. Contact the secretary, Trevor Stacey on 350789.

D.I.Y.

BIGGER HIVE FOR BUSY BEES AT BASLOW ROAD

DURING JULY there will be more buzzing going on at the D.I.Y. shop, as a new extension and shop front is installed at the Busy Bee.

It is hoped this will mean less congestion inside and therefore easier access and visibility for customers. New additions such as car care and domestic items will be contemplated. Business will be conducted via the side passage during alterations.

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ROAST INN

CROSS SCYTHES - IN FOR A ROASTING

CONVERSION WORK already underway at the Cross Scythes has been commissioned by Roast Inns (part of the Whitbread group) and should be completed in time for an early August opening. The historic Cross Scythes frontage will be preserved while the inside is converted into a traditional pub and a carvery restaurant. Roast Inns pride themselves on tastefully high standards of decoration and fittings. The pub bar will cater for lunchtime and evening drinkers - Whitbread Ales, including Castle Eden - with a selection of hot and cold bar food. The Carvery will feature a traditional roast dinner. Starters will be served at the table, and then customers can help themselves to the main course with a selection of three meat dishes - one of which is always Rib of Scotch Beef. With a choice of ice cream or cheese and biscuits to finish the total price is set at £4.65 per person including VAT! Watch out for more news in the next issue.

totley rise

NOT QUITE a Regency Crescent, the parade of shops and houses at Totley Rise have a pleasing charm and are the subject of Preservation Orders. This means special attention, and recent building activity is correcting slight structural defects whilst modernising and renovating interiors. Meanwhile, the occupants have cheerfully put up with the disturbance, which will provide improved domestic facilities whilst retaining external character of the terrace. David and Lynn Robinson (and two happy dogs) at No. 25, for instance have moved from room to room during renovations which is quite inconvenient, to say the least. Nevertheless they spare a thought for their neighbours and local shoppers and express appreciation of the tolerance shown toward the upsets arising from bricks, dust, and contractors' vehicles and equipment.

BEHIND 'THE BEAK'

The Magistrate suffered a poor image of old. Appointed from the local gentry, or as a political ally, he was usually biased, regularly incompetent, and frequently inhuman and bigotted for his own ends. But he had the rare advantage of literacy and education, - the elements of justice were at least possible, if less likely for the poor. So it is small wonder that the common citizen has been slow to appreciate the invaluable service of the onerous duties of to-day's Justices of the Peace. Always on call, bearing the heavy responsibility of public duty and private conscience, steadfastly alert to pressures of police and politics alike, the magistrate of the eighties is our bulwark against criminal or social excesses which could, unheralded, affect any of us at any time in to-day's society.

Sheffield has 300 Magistrates, and with retirement from duties, the inherent strength and stability of the Justices is assured by regular new appointments, and their quality by the kind of person this unpaid work attracts. But it is not easy to find men and women of the integrity the responsibility of this task demands, and among the recent appointment of magistrate, that of Alan W. Kirtton of Sunnyvale Road is a welcome one.

Over the last 17 years, Alan and Mavis Kirtton have not only brought up their own young family in Totley, but have also given to countless others help and guidance through long association with the Scouts and Guides movements. A past Churchwarden, Alan has been associated with many festivities and community projects, as has Mavis, most recently with Transport 17.

Alan Kirtton can draw on a wide range of valuable experience for his new duties, and, though a modest man, is patently capable of representing the interests of society through the rights of its citizens with competence and impartiality. We should be thankful there are such people amongst us.

FLEUR DE LYS

April 18th saw the arrival, to take over the tenancy of one of Totley's favourite land-marks, of John and Susan Dawson, with their two sons Matthew, 9, and David, 6.

Coming from the County Hotel in Saltergate, Chesterfield, John and Susan are no strangers to the district. A former student at the Totley Training College, Susan did pupil teacher practice at the very school - Totley County - her two boys now attend. John, on the other hand, was until four years ago with British Steel in a supervisory capacity, and lived in Woodseats, before entering the licensed trade.

Some exciting plans are in hand to support John's dedicated intention to develop the Fleur-de-Lys as a 'traditional' pub in the best sense of the word, whilst discreetly extending facilities and comfort into the fine establishment he will create as the year progresses, and plans are accepted. First steps are to fit new kitchens during the immediate future to cater for expanding lunchtime 'good food' service, followed as soon as possible by structural alterations to transform the interior into a more open, better serviced, and essentially comfortable plan, whilst retaining specific areas for restaurant and lounges. The decor will make lavish use of elegant oak panelling, and stone features, with a new entrance and toilets to add to existing facilities.

During the next few months John and Susan expect a new and friendly meeting place to emerge without too much disruption - a place of elegance and comfort, the way a pub should be, somewhere to eat fine food at lunchtime, and to find friendly conviviality in the evening. And definitely no Disco! And long-term, John contemplates much-needed restaurant, reception and conference facilities for the old bara building.

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GOOD NEIGHBOURS

"NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH"

THERE HAS BEEN a serious overall
increase in crime, but by far
the greatest risks to the
general public are from
burglaries, auto-crimes, vandal-
ism, and street crimes like
muggings, handbag snatching and
so on, as well as offences of
varying severity against the
very old and the very young.
Unfortunately the police can't
be everywhere at once and it
makes very good sense to
consider any ways of preventing
such events happening at all.
And this is where "Neighbourhood
Watch" comes in. It's a way of
giving the forces of law and
order the extra eyes and ears
so badly needed to prevent crime.
It's been tried very successfully
in other countries, and also in
some areas in the United Kingdom,
as a Home Office experiment with
the Metropolitan Police and
other forces. It costs nothing
to join, gives nothing but
benefits, and only needs common-
sense and interest in the
project. And the results have
in some places been quite
dramatic.
It works by recruiting scheme
members - ordinary people -
who form a smaller group to
liaise with the local police.
Members have no official status
whatsoever, and their efforts

are purely voluntary. There are
no 'duties' to perform, and
busybodies, vigilante types,
and Hilda Ogden are not
wanted! The liaison group
then benefit from massive
back-up from the police crime
prevention people who, when-
ever asked give advice,

training, and practical help
in home or property security,
talk to the aged as well as
the very young, perhaps do a
survey on your home, but,
most important of all, keep
the community up-to-date on all
matters related to local
security and well-being. There
is also a system of providing
street signs and stickers to
identify participating streets.
It seems these have a deterrent
effect the minute they appear!

But it is a community project,
not for snoopers or sneaks, but
for good common sense neighbour-
liness, able to take advantage
of the limited resources
available, to preserve and
improve the quality of life
where you live.

So the first essential is to
want Neighbourhood Watch, want
it to work, and want it where
you live. Meanwhile, if you're
interested, drop us a line, or
contact any TRA committee
member; we hope to tell you
more next month.

look out.... look out.....

"YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU...."

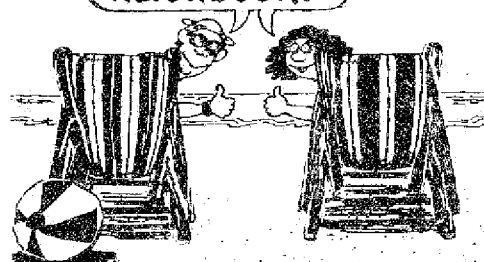
is the title of a Home Office
leaflet - and if you're going
away its just what you need
before you pack.

It contains advice especially
valuable at this time of the
year when so many homes are
unoccupied, or perhaps less than
usually secure during fine
weather.

Most break-ins to domestic
property happen during the day,
and the tips the leaflet
contains can help make your
home more safe day and night
with no more outlay than a
little common sense.

With the leaflet is a bright
idea which takes the form of
a seaside postcard, and this
can be handed to a neighbour
or friend, after you've filled
in some vital details for their
guidance, to help them keep a
watchful eye on your property.
We can all help each other
to prevent the distress casual
crime can cause.

**THANK YOU
NEIGHBOUR!**



Get the leaflet "You can't take
it with you...when you go, from
any police station, many travel
agents, or Totley Branch Library.
Reading it might just make sure
its all there when you come
back.....

TIDY 2

TOTLEY GUIDES have recently
weeded and tidied the Plafold
Garden in Hillfost Road.