

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## TOTLEY BOOK REPRINTED

### CANNON HALL, BUTTS HILL.

There are many theories as to how this building got its name. The more likely is from the White Canons of Beaulieu Abbey who would pass close by on

their way to Strawberry Lee Pasture.

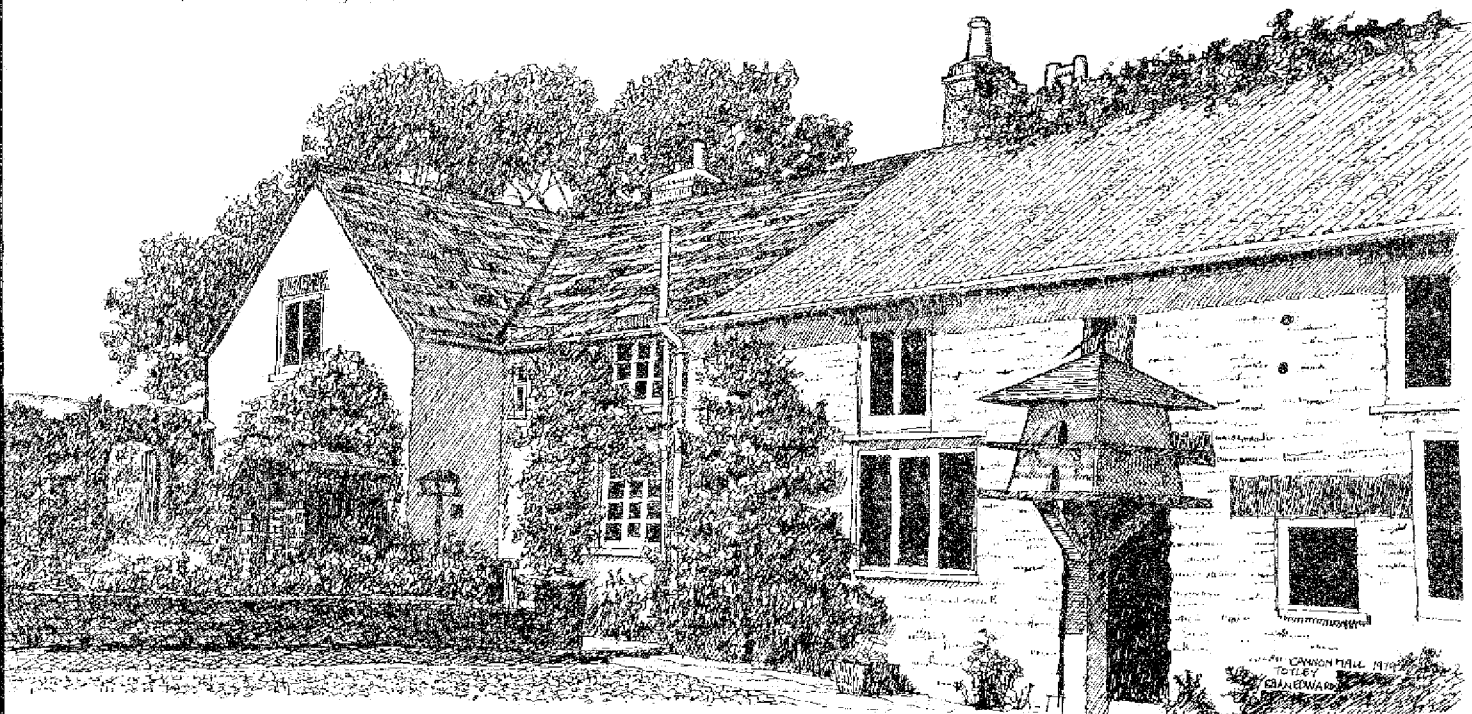
Another local tale (usually dismissed) is it derives the name from a Cromwellian battery, stationed close by during the Civil War.

## GONE

THE TREE, which has stood proud, at the top of Main Avenue for numerous years has been cut down. Yet another victim of Dutch Elm Disease.

The Independent asks "What if anything, should replace it?" letters to the Editor please.

SEE "WARBURTONS WORLD"



## Back On Write Track

CANNON HALL, pictured here, is one of many drawings featured in the recently re-printed book 'Brian Edwards Drawings of Historic Totley', now on sale, price £2.75 from Peter Swifts, Martins, Totley Post Office and other local shops.

Brian has also completed the manuscript on a book on the Totley Tunnel, which tells about the events leading up to the building, the project itself and the effect on the community. Hopefully to be published late this year.

A third book on Totley will be on sale by Christmas. This will be a miscellany containing material left over from these two books. There will be an illustrated talk on 'Old Totley' given by Brian Edwards in Totley library on Wednesday 5th December.

## GUIDED ?

Totley Rise Girl Guide Company is now without a leader, and must close unless a replacement is found. If you feel you could take on this role and keep 15 super Guides happy, together with two very able unit helpers, please contact:-  
Pat Cooper, Tel. 350792 or 365309.

## Tenants News

THE TURN OUT at Totley Library for the Council Tenants Meeting on Wednesday, 31st October, can only be described as abysmal. Only 4 people attended, apart from the 3 organisers. In spite of 500 handbills being delivered door to door.

It was decided that until such time as a greater interest is shown the following people will continue to represent the interests and financial affairs of Totley Tenants. Chairman, Harold Reynolds, 16 Aldam Way, 351373. Treasurer, Roy Johnston, 49 Aldam Road, 361340.

## PARTY

THIS YEARS Senior Citizens Christmas Party, organised by Totley Residents Assoc., is being held on Saturday, 8th December between 4-8pm. at Highfields, Totley College. Tickets, price 60p, will be on sale from mid-November at local Post Offices.

Anyone wishing to arrange transport in the Transport 17 minibus should contact Les Hirth on 364190. Other transport can be provided if you leave your name and address (already written out please) when you buy your ticket.

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COPY DATE FOR OUR NEXT  
ISSUE IS SATURDAY, NOV.  
24th.

The next magazine will be a combined issue covering December and January. Please send your articles in early, particularly your dates for the Christmas period.

## SORRY

AN INCORRECT date for the Totley County School Bonfire was given in last month's issue, an error for which we offer our apologies.

However, this did not prevent a good turnout on Friday Oct. 27th - the correct date of the Bonfire.

Other Bonfires were held on Monday, November 5th at the Cricket Inn and the Shepley Spitfire.

## fairthorn

HOME FARM TRUST FOR THE  
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Will be holding their annual Nearly New/Jumble Sale on 10th November, and would be most grateful for any unwanted items of clothing, household goods, bric-a-brac, books or small items of furniture etc., that you may have.

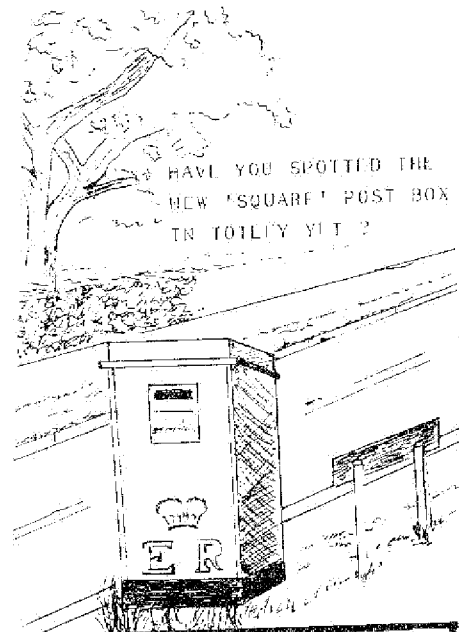
If you can assist, phone for collection to:-  
363680 or 363743 or  
367172.

## transport 17

WITH THE advent of dark evenings, most of the outings in the Transport 17 minibus are taking place during the daytime. The elderly, housebound, customers are understandably reluctant to venture out at night.

Several pre-Christmas outings to shops and parties have been arranged but there are still plenty of opportunities for other groups to invite elderly people out.

Housebound people are able to be contacted through Day Centres and Home Help but if you need assistance in locating them, talk to Sheila Mann on 394151. There are a lot of lonely, elderly people sitting alone at home waiting to be asked out.



## JUMBLE

J.R.A. are holding a Jumble Sale at All Saints Church Hall on Saturday, 1st Dec. at 2.15pm. Items can be left at the Hall or for collection, please ring 364190 or 361601.

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# FARMING SCENE



THE SUDDEN CHANGE from summer to winter weather in the middle of last month has brought many of the arable operations to a halt. The sowing of corn, digging of potatoes, sugar beet lifting, and autumn ploughing all require reasonably dry weather, the opposite to what we have been getting for the last 10 days. The cereal harvest has of course been finished for some time now, and as widely reported in the media a record tonnage of grain has been gathered in. Contrary to popular belief though this does not mean that farmers have rushed out to buy a new "Rolls" or an additional World Cruise, for although cereal yields have been up by approx. 20%, prices have dropped by 20% and costs risen by 10%, so that in real terms cereal farmers incomes have been cut by 10%. This reduction in grain prices is, however, helping housewives by stabilising the price of bread and other cereal based products, as is the increased potato crop which has resulted in the wholesale price of potatoes falling by 50% compared with this time last year, with producers profit margins reduced by 66%. This general decline in farm incomes is resulting in many agricultural machinery manufacturers and dealers shedding labour and in some cases going bankrupt as farmers are forced to reduce their spending on new equipment.

At Totley Hall Farm our winter cereals, are all drilled, apart from the land where we have grown potatoes this year, which will be sown with wheat when we have finished potato harvesting. There are three well known ways of making rain as all farmers know, 1. getting the mower out ready to make hay, 2. getting the combine out ready to start harvest and lastly, showing the potato digger a field of potatoes, and true to form, the arrival of the potato harvester in the field heralded the start of the monsoon season, resulting in waterlogged fields, interrupted harvesting, much scratching of heads and cleaning of wellies !! Hopefully the weather will improve soon so that once the potatoes are finished we can get on with planting the 30,000 strawberry and 3,000 raspberry plants we have on order. This years lambs are nearly all gone now, only six left, the Fwes have been Tupp'd (served) and should start lambing the first week in February. They are due to have their second bath in insecticide this week, as part of a countryside scheme to eradicate the Sheep Scab Mite, which causes the infected ewe to lose its wool, condition, and also its life in bad cases.



The pig enterprise is enjoying a profitable time at the moment as pork prices have risen and feed costs lowered. Problems have arisen with the sows however, as some have become barren or failed to come on heat. This has probably been caused by a bug, namely Parvo Virus, which is always present in pig herds, and causes no real problems for most of the time, but can suddenly become active causing barrenness, failure to ovulate, small litters and stillborn pigs. These problems should subside once the sows resistance is built up.

We now have 70 turkeys on the farm ready for the Christmas trade. It always amazes me how they grow from weighing only a few ounces at birth to 15-20 lbs at 15 weeks. This is, of course, the result of many years of planned breeding to ensure that you get a "plump young bird" for dinner. I make a few pence out of rearing them, and spend Christmas suffering from a severe attack of "Pluckers Cramp"!!

EDWIN BOCKOCK.

## LETTERS

I always enjoy reading the Totley Independent, and I was particularly interested in the 'Old Mill' by a Stream' article in the September issue. I now live in Dronfield and on my travels to the shops, I often walk through the churchyard where I pass a grave where the children of George Greaves, of Totley Bents, are buried. They all died in August 1701. Since I was born at Totley Bents, I always feel an affinity to this family, and I try to imagine the sad procession walking from Totley carrying the three little coffins, to Dronfield churchyard.

In the 'Old Mill' article I read that George Bustard Greaves was a major landowner in Totley, which made me wonder if this is the same family. I would be interested to know more about this family, for instance, where exactly did they live? Who were the survivors?

If there is any information about George Greaves, I should be very interested.

Jean Smithson (nee Creswick)  
169 Stonelaw Road,  
Dronfield.

Editors Note.

It would not appear that these families are related but as the points raised are obviously of local interest, we will investigate further.

## \* WARBURTONS \* WORLD \*

ANOTHER SMALL but distinctive feature of Totley has vanished with the felling of the Weeping Elm at the top of Main Avenue. It was such a familiar object to nearby residents and shoppers that I'm sure that they, like me, didn't fully appreciate it until it was gone. The culprit was Dutch Elm Disease, against which there is no practical cure. The signs of infection could be seen in early summer, with the withering of leaves on some top branches. This progressed as autumn approached until about half of the tree was affected. I know that this was not a specimen tree, but it was well-known and distinctive and I, for one, will miss it. It seems sad that today's trends seem to be tending towards blandness and uniformity. I would much rather have one single Elm than an avenue of Sycamores. Several people have commented to me that my usual articles have not appeared with their previous frequen-

cy. I must plead guilty - I have not been 'gagged' by a zealous editor or 'blacked' by militant print unions - I simply haven't found the time! Whether it is simply a case of Anno Domini ("He's not up to it anymore, you know"), or I have actually more to do is open to question. I, of course, believe that my workload is greater, but there have been dark mutterings.....

The summer of '84 has been something of an enigma. We had truly Mediterranean weather, but it brought us no surprises from the wildlife viewpoint. No invasions of migrant insects or exotic birds, just a general parching of the landscape. The autumn, by comparison has been very fruitful: Hazelnuts by the score and a delicious crop of fungi for the table. On one brief walk locally I found four species of Mushroom: two different Field Mushrooms, House Mushroom and Wood Mushroom. Several excellent edible Toadstools were collected on the same day, and the

resulting meal was rather special. If you are ever tempted to try wild fungi to eat, and you aren't absolutely sure, either find an expert or leave well alone. Many of the illustrations in the guides are slightly misleading. Another point to bear in mind is that some people can suffer distressing symptoms from fungi which are quite good to eat. The effects vary amongst individuals. Some (thankfully not many) fungi can cause severe reactions with other food. For example, Ink Caps are quite tasty, but followed or preceded by alcohol, they will make you feel as though the end is near. The effect is only temporary but very debilitating. This constituent was utilized in the treatment of alcoholics as 'aversion' therapy. Not many fungi are deadly poisonous, but most of the ones which are closely resemble good edible species. Please take care.

## MONNYBROOK

Dear Editor,

You asked for comments on Mr. R. Hebblethwaite's letter re the noise of the dogs at Monnybrook Farm. When Mr. Hebblethwaite came to live on Lane Head Road, he must have heard the dogs in the Boarding Kennels (previous occupants to the Canine Defence), so why did he choose to buy a house on Lane Head Road? Perhaps its the intolerance of people like him that make such places necessary for homeless dogs.

"Live and Let Live"

REFERRING to the complaints from Mr. R. Hebblethwaite about the noise of the dogs at the Canine Defence Home, I would remind him that the dogs were there for many years - the late Monnybrook Farm - many years before he came to Totley.

(Name and address supplied)

IN REPLY TO Mr. Hebblethwaite's comments on Monnybrook Kennels in the last issue of Totley Independent, we would like to point out that every effort is being made by the staff and management to keep the noise to an acceptable level. It is very unfortunate that, because of one or two complaints, visitors are no longer allowed around the kennels, thus depriving the dogs of new faces and treats. It is also sad that visitors to Totley Bents can no longer stand on Lane Head Road and watch the work of the kennels going on and the antics of the puppies at play, because of high fencing now erected around each block. Most of the dogs have had a bad deal in life through no fault of their own. They come to the kennels because of owners moving to flats, separation and divorce, illness or even

death, and do deserve to be found a new, loving home. Please bear with us, Mr. Hebblethwaite, in our task of finding them homes. After all, they are not any noisier than the shooting on the range, the low flying aircraft, or the screeching of lorries that we all have to bear.

===== THERE WILL BE a Coffee Evening in aid of Monnybrook Kennels on Tuesday, November 27th in Totley All Saints Church Hall at 7.30pm. Stalls will include crafts and Christmas gifts, cakes and preserves, nearly new, Christmas cards and raffles! Tickets - price 25p include coffee, biscuits and lucky number. There will also be a box for anyone wishing to donate tins of meat, biscuits or treats for the dogs at Christmas. Please contact Pauline Perkinson (361601) or Marlene Marshall (351005) for tickets or with offers of items for stalls.

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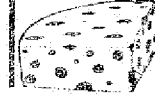
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Despite earlier notices to the contrary, we have now decided to operate a paper collection in December. The next dates are Sat. 10th November and Sat. 8th December when the skip will as usual, be in the College Car Park from 9am to 12 noon approx. Anyone requiring paper collecting please leave outside where it can be seen from the road or 'phone 367387.

#### LOTTERY

September - Ferguson Black / White Portable TV - No.91 - Hobson.  
October - Ladies & Gents Accurist Watches - No.188 - Wilkinson.



#### JUMBLE SALE & AUCTION

To be held on Saturday, 17th November at 2pm. in All Saints Church Hall. Please bring items to the Church Hall after 12.15pm or 'phone 367387 for collection.

#### CHRISTMAS POST

Once again, Sheffield Scouts will be running their postal service for Christmas cards only to be delivered in the Sheffield area. The stamps remain at only 10p (great value) and from each stamp sold by us 10% is donated to charity and 5p goes to Totley Scouts. Stamps will be on sale from the end of November for approx. 3 weeks and the following shops have again kindly agreed to sell stamps and receive cards on our behalf:-

Peter Casson, Janet Ryalls, Raikescroft Chemist, Avenue Stores (Sandersons) Various houses will also be used and posters will be displayed in windows. Any queries please 'phone 367387.

Don't forget - SAVE MONEY, use scout post for Sheffield Cards!

## THE LOCAL STAGE

#### MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL

CONGRATULATIONS to the Producer and cast, back room helpers and everyone who made "Murder in the Cathedral" such a huge

success. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended All Saints Church, Totley during its presentation.

(Mrs. K.D. Sneath)

#### The Dramatic Society Dore & Totley United Reformed Church



Church Hall, Totley Brook Road

Totley United Reformed Church Dramatic Society's production of "Letter from the General" was in marked contrast to their comedy plays. A simple, uncluttered set provided an effective backdrop to the tense story

of the efforts of a group of missionary nuns to help their priest escape from his persecutors. The whole cast were convincing and maintained the suspense to the very end, leaving a question mark as to what the letter really said. Although serious plays are not usually as popular as comedies with local audiences, they are a greater challenge to the performers, so the next one in this vein will be looked forward to.

#### T.O.A.D.S.

TOADS latest offering at the end of October was "Find the Lady". Author, Michael Pertwee, gave the opportunity to produce a well constructed comedy, which was fully taken. The laughter came shining through. Lil Robinson, as Rosie Lake, the owner of the hotel, where the action took place, played the central character with easy charm, allowing

the rest of the cast to weave around the plot supplying good feed lines. How pleasing to see new members of the Society making enthusiastic debuts. Adrian Schofield as Doctor Ali created a good part without going over the top, not an easy task when playing a character role with a foreign accent. The Thursday night house was well attended and enjoyed by a good cross section of age groups.



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# NOVEMBER DIARY

- 9th Fri. Autumn fair by I.O.P.S. at Green Oak View Centre. 10am to 12 noon.  
9th Fri. Ladies Evening Guild. 7.30pm. Abbeydale Hall. Mrs. Grant. 'Cake Decoration'.  
10th Sat. Totley Scouts Waste Paper Collection. See inside.  
13th Tue. Jumble Sale. All Saints Church Hall. 7pm. In aid of Weston Park Hospital. Information Tel. 360901.  
15th Thur. All Saints Toddler Group. Disco at Cricket Inn. 8pm. Tickets from venue or See Catton, 1 Aldam Close.  
17th Sat. Christmas Fair. Totley U.R.C. Hall. 10 to 12.30.  
17th Sat. Totley Scouts. Jumble Sale/Auction. See inside.  
17th Sat. Totley All Saints P.I.A. Autumn Fair. 2pm. (School)  
17th Sat. Cheshire Home. Christmas Fayre, Cutlers Hall. 10.30 - 12.30  
20th Tue. Dore & Totley Community Arts Group. Concert. King Pegbert Lower School. See inside.  
27th Tue. Coffee Evening. All Saints Church Hall. 7.30pm. In aid of R.C.D.L. Honeybrook Kennels.  
28th Wed. Talk at Totley Library. 7.30pm. Mr. A. Brackenbury. "Natural History at Work".

## DECEMBER DATES

- 1st Sat. I.R.A. Jumble Sale. All Saints Church Hall. 2.15.  
5th Wed. Totley Library. Talk by Brian Edwards "Old Totley".  
6th Thur. Coffee Morning. Cheshire Home, Hickley Hall. 10-12 noon.  
8th Sat. Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Poly Totley Site.  
8th Sat. Totley Scouts Waste Paper Collection. See inside.

Please send in full details of all your Christmas and New Year events for printing in the next issue as soon as possible.

## QUIZ

QUIZ ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

1. The original name chosen for the Shepley Spillfire was the "Rose and Ban". These County emblems would have signified its location as being on the Yorkshire/ Derbyshire border.

2. The description is from the brochure referring to the then new Main Avenue estate.

3. The 'Crown' is the most popular name for an English pub. The 'New Inn' is the second most common name.

HERE ARE 2 MORE QUIZ QUESTIONS

(a) When was Totley County School opened?

(b) Totley Hall was purchased by the City Corporation in 1944.

Later it was opened as "Totley College". What was its name when re-opened? When did it open? How many students was it intended to house?

Answers:  
Students: 1250 for 144  
September 1950 for 144  
College of Housecraft in  
Totley College first  
opened as a "Training  
College" in 1951.

Answers:  
Totley County School was  
opened on 11th April, 1951.

QUIZ ANSWERS