

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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christmouse

& A Happy New Year

TOTLEY HALL



CIRCLE

Cross Scythes Manager Peter Rumens has said that they have no plans to extend the frontage of the pub. Rumours that Roast Inns were seeking permission to remove the No. 24 bus turning circle were sparked last month when buses had to use the nearby Totley Grange estate as a terminus when work took place on the pub's forecourt. But Mr. Rumens said that the pub was having a new drain laid down and the company had no intention of extending the Cross Scythes building.

RUST-IC ?

The rusting hulks that have inhabited the patch of land next to the off-licence on Glover Road, Totley, for many years have finally come to the end of the road. The land has been sold - subject to contract and the ageing cars are likely to be towed away for scrap value, according to estate agents Swindin & Associates. A spokeswoman said the buyer, a Totley man, had obtained planning permission for a detached house and garage on the site.

LADIES KEEP FIT

A NEW TERM begins for the Wednesday Keep Fit class at King Iqbert School on 9th January, 1985. Meet at 7.30pm Lower School Hall. All newcomers welcome. Ring 367457 for further information.

WANTED

Totley Resident Building up collection of cigarette, tea and trade cards would like to purchase any unwanted cards (odd cards or complete sets) Tel. 351017.

This edition covers December and January. The next magazine will be available early February 1985. Articles should be sent in by mid January.

MONNYBROOK

THE Canine Defence League Kennels in Totley have spent £1,400 on soundproofing in an attempt to curb the noise of barking dogs. The cash has been spent on screening off kennels so that the dogs can no longer see each other. "Dogs bark at each other - it is as simple as that," said manager Steve Goody. "So we have put up wooden fencing so they can't see each other. People in the area have remarked to us that things are much quieter now." Different animal sounds might occasionally be heard from the Monnybrook site, however - perhaps a bray and even an eeyore. The League have given refuge to a Shire Horse called Pride and a Donkey called Charlie.

Schools Yulet

TOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Junior Christmas Nativity - 13th December - 7.30pm.
15th " P.F.A.
Christmas Coffee Morning - 10.00am.
JANUARY 26th - New Year Jumble Sale.

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

Tuesday, 18th December - 2pm
Senior Citizens welcome to dress-rehearsal of combined Junior/Infant service, in the school hall.

GUIDED ?

Totley Rise Girl Guide Company still urgently need a uniformed leader to join two helpers in looking after fifteen guides. Unless this post is filled, the guide company will definitely have to close. Special qualifications are not needed, just an interest in guiding. Anyone interested please contact - Pat Cooper, Tel. 350792 or 365309.

Books Books

TOTLEY BOOKS

Brian Edward's book of the Totley Tunnel story will not now be available until the New Year. His other new book on Totley may still be out in time for Christmas.



NEW FLEUR

1984 has produced many obvious changes in the district, but one of the most significant, and most pleasurable has been the widespread improvement in facilities for eating out. The 'Fleur De Lys' is one such place, and is near to completing the ambitious plans proposed earlier this year when John and Susan Dawson became licensees. The promise to make the inn somewhere of peaceful comfort and elegance to enjoy good food and wine at reasonable cost have needed a great deal of hard work, discomfort and dedication. Previously isolated rooms have given way to a spacious lounge and dining area, well ventilated and with new heating. The walls are oak panellied and set off the stone dividers between lounge and new dining area, complementing colourful greenery and soft new lighting.

But the decor, pleasurable though it is, simply adds the final touch to a fine range of bar snacks and meals created daily by a skilled chef, and served where appropriate in a novel way. Hot or cold dishes of great variety can be accompanied by wine from a newly extended wine stock. The new heating, lighting, installations and construction have caused a lot of pressure and made plenty of dust - but the results are in excellent taste in more ways than one. The opening date is - December 19th.

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WINGS

THERE ARE different sets of wings flying around the Shepley Spiffire now - those of the feathered variety. Landlord's son Mark Young is attempting to build up an aviary at the Mickley Lane pub to keep customers' children amused during the summer months.

Although two of the birds have mysteriously died and two others have disappeared from their cage, 21-year old Mark is determined to build up the collection for next year.

Mark's father, Albert, said his son started the aviary in September. "He has always liked animals and birds and we thought it would be a good idea so that children can come with their parents and study the birds during the summer."

But recently, two cockatoos - which cost about £35 a pair - died without any apparent reason and a budgie and a finch disappeared.

"We still have other budgies, canaries and a finch though. They are all indoors now because it's winter but we intend to have them outside when the weather picks up." Mark who works at the brickworks, has not restricted himself to birds, however, he has also bought some rabbits and regulars may have noticed the pub lounge and bar have both acquired tropical fish tanks.

CHESHIRE HOME

Earl Pinder, one of the resident's of the Cheshire Home, Totley, has died. Mr. Pinder had been at the home for five years and recently won a merit award for his poetry in an international competition run by the organisation.

TOTLEY PAST

LOST IN THE BLIZZARD

OWLER BAR Moorlands have claimed many victims, even in recent years. But many old Sheffield people will remember the year 1886, when on Monday, the 17th of February, Charles Hodkin, a herbalist, of Pyebank, Sheffield, set off to visit his sister, who lived at Froggatt village. He reached the Peacock Inn, Owlbar, just as a snowstorm beat over the moorland as to hide the track across the top. (Then you could walk along the old pack-horse track to Froggatt without going the long way along the turnpike; it cut off several miles.) He took refreshment at the inn, and as night fall was coming on, the landlord, who had learned that he intended to cross by the pack-horse track to Froggatt, tried to get him to stay overnight, and continue next day. He was 74 years old and the landlord saw that he was tired. Mr. Hodkin thanked him and then continued on his journey in the face of the storm, but it was not till two years later that anything was known about him. John Slack, in the employ of of the Duke of Rutland, was tending sheep on the moorlands, when his dog drew his attention to something in the swamp near him, and, to his surprise, he found the skeleton of a man. He rushed for the police, and inside the rotted clothing were found some papers and a printed local preachers' plan, with Charles Hodkin written on it, and also in the list of lay Primitive Methodist Preachers, Mr. Hodkin being one of their leading men. His relatives later confirmed it.

How and what misery he had gone through to reach the place we shall never know, but it was several miles out of his track to get to Froggatt, where he was found. It was evident that after leaving the Peacock he had lost track in the storm, and wandered about the moorlands through bog and streams till he had fallen in the snow, which hid his remains from the search party sent out at the time of his disappearance.

ANTIQUES

CHEAP FURNITURE ?

IN 1691, when Strelley Pegge, barrister of Beauchief Hall, and one-time owner of land in Totley including Strawberry Lee, died, an inventory was taken of his furniture. The list makes interesting reading although I beg you not to make too close a comparison with the prices of modern furniture today.

One long table - one pound five shillings
 Four chairs - eight shillings
 One side table and carpet - ten shillings
 One couche chair, twenty four chairs and covers - ten pounds
 Range, fire shovel and tongs - seven shillings
 One large secing glass - fifteen shillings
 Twelve leather chairs - two pounds
 Six pair of Bowls and Jack - fifteen shillings
 and so it goes on an antique collectors delight. For people who don't know, Beauchief Hall is still there and approached from various directions but the best for cars is to drive up the lane past Beauchief Abbey. The Hall is now a Restaurant and Country Club.

T.O.A.D.S.

THE GROUP is now choosing and subsequently casting their next play which is to be presented on May 6th and following evenings. New members will be more than welcome at any meeting, but particularly at the present time of reading and casting for the new production. TOADS meet each Tuesday at St. John's church Hall. If you'd like to know more, or perhaps have a member accompany you, ring Kate Reynolds on 366991, or any member. Amateur drama is an excellent way to make new friends and an enjoyable opportunity to express your own personality, and realise talents of which you may be quite unaware! Any age of either sex welcome.

MAIN AVENUE

BACK IN 1978, Main Avenue was featured in early editions of the magazine. Just to re-cap: the original estate was planned, but never completed by Mr. Hudson, the restaurateur, before the first World War. Mr. Hudson was an admirer of John Ruskin and planned a 'Garden Village', naming one house 'Ruskin Villa'. It was Mr. Hudson's grandson who was to re-commence the estate in the late 1930's as 'New Totley'. Extracts from the sales brochure make interesting reading - in particular, the prices from the 1930's.

MAIN AVENUE ESTATE, TOTLEY

The days when people lived in the midst of industrial cities are fast disappearing; the present tendency is for business men and women to make their homes in the suburban districts, where during their leisure hours they can forget the worries of the office or workshop.

Development of modern transport has assisted in this desirable state of affairs, and enterprising building firms have played, and are playing, a conspicuous part in the provision of comfortable and healthy residences on the outskirts of busy industrial areas.

Sheffield is fortunate in possessing many charming suburbs, where access to the beauty spots of Derbyshire is very easy. Totley was formerly part of the rural district of Norton, but it has now been taken over by Sheffield, and therefore enjoys the amenities of that great and progressive municipality.

The new estate in Main Avenue, Totley, contains some 130 houses, and it has been the aim of Messrs. Wilton and Taylor to provide roomy houses, specially constructed to be labour saving.

Semi-detached, the houses - there are also some bungalows - range in price from £375 to £430. The accommodation is ample for modern needs. There is a large entrance hall, a combined dining room and lounge, a good-sized kitchen, pantry, cupboards etc., on the ground floor. The upstairs rooms comprise two large-sized bedrooms, and a third bedroom (which may also be used as a box-room), bathroom, and W.C. The stoves are of the highest quality, and picture rails are provided. Each house is wired throughout, and as Sheffield Corporation possess one of the cheapest rates of electricity in the whole country, the cost of heating and lighting in these houses will be very moderate.

Each house has a circular bay, and rustic bricks and pebble dash of the highest quality have been used in their construction.

SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES

The Totley Estate possesses many advantages for the family who wish to be in rural surroundings and yet within easy access of the city.

Buses pass the front door, and the centre of Sheffield is reached in 20 minutes. Shops form part of the estate.

There are schools in the immediate vicinity. The district is very healthy and forms an admirable centre for tours to the beauty spots of Derbyshire.

The rates are low - Sheffield in taking over Totley has promised the district differential rating for 10 years.

HOW TO ACQUIRE A HOUSE

It is necessary to deposit 10 per cent. of the purchase price; the remainder will be lent by the building societies. A £10 deposit will secure one of these houses, the remainder of the 10 per

cent. purchase price being paid when the legal transactions with regard to mortgage etc., have been put through.

REAL BARGAINS

On a house valued at £375 a bargain for the money - the repayment with the Bradford Permanent Society, the Bradford Second Equitable Building Society, or the Leeds Building Society, is very moderate. It is only 10/2 (51p) per week for a period of 22½ years. The house then becomes the property of the occupant. The rates on a £375 house, approx. about 3/- (15p) per week, and they are a little extra on the higher priced dwellings. The ground rent is £4 per annum, and each house is on 400 square yards of land, thus giving ample land for cultivation by the enthusiastic gardener. In planning the houses room has been left for the building of garages for car owners. They will be erected by the builders if desired, at prices ranging from £15 to £50. The work of the architect is an important factor in the planning and building of modern houses, that will meet the requirements of the house-wife who desires an artistic yet labour saving home. The houses on the Totley Estate have been designed by the well-known Sheffield Architect, Mr. Edward Gardham, of Campo Lane.

TRIAL RUN

THE FIRST Longshaw Sheepdog Trial was fixed for 24th March, 1898 but had to be abandoned on account of a severe snowstorm. Instead it was held on the following day in 'Timothy Field' by Longshaw.

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FARMING SCENE



THE TREES and Hedges this Autumn have been laden with a very heavy crop of seeds, nuts and berries this year. This is normally a good sign of a hard winter to come, as nature has provided an extra large quantity of food to see the wild animals and birds through a barren time. As we enter the early stages of winter dairy and cattle farmers are moving their stock off the fields into covered yards and cowhouses at the farmstead, where they will spend the winter. This usually means extra work for the farmer as he has to carry food and bedding to the animals and also clean them out. Our sheep are still out, but will be brought inside around Christmas time before the really bad weather arrives. All our cereals from this year's harvest has been sold, 125 Tonnes for animal feed and 95 Tonnes for milling into bread flour. Like many more farmers, we have donated a tonne to the "Send a Tonne to Africa" fund. This scheme was initiated by a Cambridgeshire farmer, whereby cereal farmers have been invited to contribute the value of 1 Tonne of grain from this year's harvest to help the famine victims in Africa. This has proved to be a very successful appeal with £650,000 raised to date (Nov 24th). Farmers who do not grow cereals have joined in by giving the proceeds from the sale of lambs,

pigs, calves and potatoes, and it is hoped the final amount will be in excess of £1 million.

With all our potatoes in store now, we have started on our winter jobs. This week we have cleaned, oiled, greased and sprayed with diesel, our cultivation and harvesting equipment prior to putting them under cover for the winter. Our next job is erecting a roof between two existing barns, to make an inwintering shed for the ewes. After this we are going to convert an old milking parlour into a workshop, where in much improved conditions, we shall be able to do all the machinery maintenance and repairs, that modern intensive farming entails. We have two hedges to "lay" this winter, one alongside Baslow Road, the other next to Mickley Lane. "Laying" a hedge is an operation whereby tall overgrown bushes are reduced to a neat, 4' high, stockproof hedge. To achieve this the bushes have their stems partially cut through, and are then laid over to a near horizontal position, where stakes hold them in position. Long thin branches called "heathers" are then woven along the top of the stakes to hold everything in place. The fact that the stems of the bushes have only partially been cut, means that the hedge will quickly re-grow.

WHAT'S IN STORE

WHILST THE past two decades have seen significant residential developments in Totley, including three new estates, everyday shopping facilities have changed little, possibly even declined. Early December saw the opening of the new Woods store on Abbeydale Road South, as an addition to suburban facilities in that area. Chesterfield-based Woods Markets already run successful shops at Greenhill, Ecclesall, Woodseats and Fulwood. Inside the compact store a consistent effort to help people enjoy shopping will be evident with the opportunity to buy 'loose' groceries and delicacies, in small portions if needed, including cheese, meat, fruit and veg and a range of goods from the delicatessen. The store has a full licence and opens six days a week, late shopping Friday. Sunday trading? The company is observant but unmoved in its policies opposing the exploitation of staff necessary to extend opening hours. They feel plenty of shopping time already exists, and see only disadvantages for workpeople and customer alike in their extension.



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PANTOMIME

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Bar Meals available every Lunchtime 12 - 2pm. during Christmas Holidays except CHRISTMAS DAY. Open Christmas Day 12 - 2pm. and 9.30 - 10.30pm. BOXING DAY - 1/2 marathon Christmas Pudding Handicap. Finish at 'Cricket' for Carols and Sing Song. NEW YEARS EVE - DISCO 8 - 12.15.

ROAST INN

The Cross Scythes has a whole host of treats for the festive season.

First a nightly happy hour. All beers and spirits are reduced by a third every-night from 5.30 - 7.30 and from 7 - 8pm on Sundays. The good old days were back in Totley, on November 27th when the Roast Inn staged an Old Time Music Hall sing-along, with pianist, song - sneers and fancy dress. Jazz lovers, wathe out in December for a special Jazz night - date yet to be announced - when a Dixie-land trad Band will be sure to get your toes tapping.

Mr. and Mrs. Nights.

There's also the chance to discover how well you really know your partner, and have a whole lot of fun into the bargain with the Roast Inn's Mr. and Mrs. nights. These will be based on the popular TV show and will take place on either Mondays or Tuesdays in the near future.

CENSUS 1831

George the Fourth was on the throne in 1831 at the time of the census.

In Totley there were 70 families living in the same number of houses, one was uninhabited.

Of these, some 177 were males including 24 males over 20 years of age; there were 174 females.

Fifteen families were chiefly employed in agriculture and thirty two families mainly employed in manufacturing and handicrafts.

Farm residents employed labourers in agriculture while 11 occupiers employed labourers in other trades.

There was only one professional man in the township (probably Mr. Waterfall at Totley Grove) Of the working population 5 were employed in agriculture, 2 in industry, 24 in the retail trade or in handicrafts.

There were only 2 female servants and one male servant, that is a total of 3 out of a population of 351 (less than 1%). This would indicate that Totley was a much poorer district in 1831 than say Horton, where there were 104 servants out of a total count of 1747 persons (approx 6%).

POETS CORNER

THE AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas has gone -
The New Year is here.
The turkey's all gone
And we're full of good cheer.
The tree's been "undressed"
And put back in its' box
We're all "full to bustin"
With cardies and choos.
The gifts that we wrapped
In all sorts of disguises
Were torn open in seconds
Some were really surprises!
The books have been read
The games have been played
The toys with the batteries
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