

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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Totley Rise parade has always been a busy shopping area. The block in which the Post Office stands was built as, but never used as, an hotel. Other shops are conversions from cottages built for the Totley Tunnel bricklayers.

Adrian Schofield.

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# THUNDER

If something is not done soon the early morning "three ring circus" that plays Monday to Friday at the junction of Totley Brook Road, Busheywood Road and Abbeydale Road South, will turn to tragedy. The problems for motorists there are not new and have been highlighted before on these pages. Junction alterations have not improved the hazards, particularly those of attempting to turn right from Totley Brook Road onto Totley Bridge. It is doubtful if there is a more complicated junction in Sheffield and it is hardly surprising that the dangers have now given rise to a petition. What have been your experiences at this infamous junction?

## TOTAL-LY DIFFERENT

Vacant for a long time and the target for crackpots with spraycans, Marstone garage is having a facelift by owners Total and getting the internal sprucing up empty premises always need. It is intended to sell Total petrol and diesel from modern facilities, with a forecourt shop offering a range of goodies for the calling motorist. Both showroom and service department will be reopened, selling new cars as an agency for a foreign brand of vehicle. Opening date is not yet fixed, but should be about a month away, when we shall have further details on this welcome resurrection.

Adrian Schofield



The citizens of Totley will not be in any doubt as to when our Fete starts this year, as the Penistone Drum Majorettes will parade from Baslow Road to arrive at the Home for 2pm on 28th June. We are delighted to announce that the Fete will be opened at 2pm by none other than Derek Nimmo. We will have loads of stalls as usual, including areas especially for the children and we have been able to book the Frocheville Dog Training Club, who will give a display as to how your dog should behave! The backing will be by Jordanthorpe School Band, who will also be featured in two spots of their own. The proceeds will again go towards repaying our loan in respect of the new wing.

Ever since we opened in 1967, we have been supported very ably by groups of people who were known as "Support" or "Appeals" groups. These groups were dotted about the city and without them we would never have got off the ground. They did everything from scrubbing the floors, producing pies for dinner and raising funds for equipment. Over the years many of these stalwarts have retired or left the area. Totley, our home ground so to speak, does not have a Support Group at all. If anyone or any group would be interested in adopting us as their charity, or building up a new Support Group, it would be greatly appreciated. We are your own local charity and it would be nice to have more contact with the residents of Totley.

B.M. Raven.

## GARDENERS' EXPRESS

A Midlands bus company has brought the 1986 National Garden Festival virtually to Totley's doorstep. Potteries Motor Traction has expanded the X23 service and has arranged additional stops at the Festival site, which is now open at Stoke on Trent until 26th October. For a full day out, Totleyites can board the bus at the Cross Scythes at 9.20am, (any day of the week between now and the end of October), to arrive at the Festival Bus Station at 11.05am. Return services leave the Festival at 3.20pm or 5.50pm, arriving back at the Cross Scythes at 5.10pm or 7.40pm. By buying Festival admission tickets on the bus, passengers will qualify for the reduced day return fare of £2.60. (Adult admission charge to the Festival is £4.50). For full details, phone PMT at Stoke, on 0782 45294. South Yorkshire PTF enquiry offices have leaflets showing the full timetable, which is also displayed at the bus stop opposite the Cross Scythes.

John Butterwick

## BISHOP'S VISIT

On 18th April the Bishop of Sheffield, the Right Rev. David Lunn, visited All Saints School. The morning began with a meeting between the Bishop, Mrs. Joan Stratford (Headteacher), the Rev. Stewart Rayner (Vicar), and two representatives from the Diocesan Education Committee. This was followed by an Assembly on the theme of Jesus saying "I am the Good Shepherd." Each class contributed to the Assembly, one boy brought two of his father's lambs! The Bishop said he had seen many different pets in schools, but it was the first time he had been confronted with twin lambs! He talked to the children and showed them his cope, mitre and crook. He had a very easy and relaxed manner and the children responded very well to him. Bishop David then had coffee with the school staff and some of the school governors. After coffee, the Headteacher and the Vicar escorted him on a tour of the school and he showed a great deal of interest in what the children were doing. Everyone involved enjoyed the visit and was very impressed by how much the Bishop knew about the school - he had certainly done his homework!

## Election Result

In the local elections held on 8th May, the result in Dore Ward was as follows:

Jack Joel Thompson (Con.)	3271
Maureen Florence	
Whitebrook (Lab.)	1853
Edith Mary Fawcett (Lib/All.)	1499

The turnout was 40.1%

## DAVID BELLAMY TO OPEN GARDENS?

Botanist and TV Personality Dr David Bellamy, has offered to open officially the restored Victorian garden in the grounds of Abbeydale Hall. Organisers are currently trying to arrange a date for the event in July. For the past four years, a total of over 200 members of Hallam Conservation Volunteers have been working on clearing the overgrown grounds at the rear of the Hall and turning them into a wildlife area for students and others to enjoy. Their efforts will be complete by July, when organiser Roger Butterfield hopes that the reward will be a visit by Dr. Bellamy. The grounds include a wild-flower meadow, a wetland garden, a willow thicket (which will attract birds for nesting), a butterfly garden and a study area (for use by school parties), all ranged around a large ornamental pond. Visitors are invited to an open day at the garden on Sunday 15th June from 1-4pm.

John Butterwick

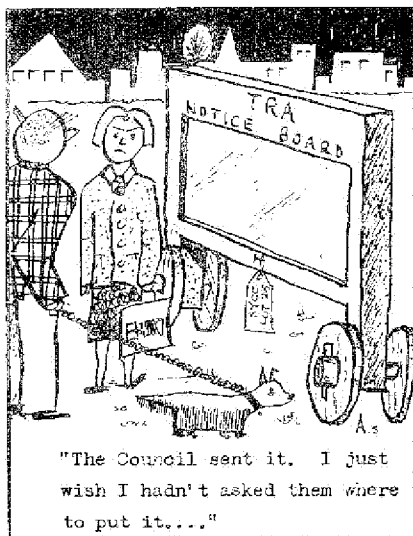
## whisperer...

David Fletcher, formerly of Totley Bridge Garage, has removed his business to the former premises of Havenhand Lewis, Cemetery Lane, Tel. No. 23788. . . . . There's information on nearly 60 factory shops in "The Factory Shop Guide to Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire" available from Gillian Cutress, 34 Park Hill, London SW4 9PB, price £1.25 + 25p p&p. (Includes shops in Chesterfield, Matlock, Cromford and Wirksworth). . . . . Totley Rise Post Office has run out of puff and decided not to sell cigarettes any more. . . . . Something else missing will be a Library Service in Totley on Saturday afternoons from 12.30pm on 7th June. . . . . But something nobody knows is which way the notice boards will be pointing next month! . . . . . Don't forget to plan for Totley Show on September 6th. More details next month.

## T.R.A. Barn Dance

Take ya partners by the hand . . . . . and mosey on down to Totley Hall Farm on Saturday 14th June for the annual Totley Residents Association Barn Dance from 8pm - 11.30pm. Anyone living or working in Totley is welcome and for £3 you'll get a pie and pea supper plus the music and caller of the band Airs and Graces. There'll also be a bar and raffle. Tickets available now from any of the following numbers:-

364190  
364604  
351373  
369101  
364761



## Natwest Bank

The new manager at the Natwest Bank, Totley Rise, is to be an officer who has already worked in the Sheffield area, Mr. A.C. Swain. No details are yet available from the bank's head office, but we hope to have a profile next month. Meanwhile there seems to be little immediate substance in the rumour that the branch is to be joint-managed, although the Group is actively considering a policy of management of a group of branches, in the cause of greater efficiency.

Adrian Schofield

## SAINTS AID

"Saints Aid", presented as a cabaret evening, at All Saints Church Hall on 10th May, as part of Christian Aid week, would have been granted the approval of Bob Geldof, had he been there.

The occasion was well planned and neatly presented with an easy style and the entertainment well matched the cosy atmosphere. How refreshing not to have to sit under regimented rows of fluorescent tubes, when trouble is taken to light a hall with a little imagination.

With all tickets sold, around £150 was raised and it's well worth a name check of the artistes, mainly local, who took part. The "group" were John Marshall, Greg Brownhill and Brian Toban, with a little help from their friends Les Firth and Tricia Woodhead. Kate Ward was accompanied at the piano by Gillian Farnsworth and popular "folksy" trio, Three Point Turn.

This format is well worth repeating and further shows are being considered.

Mike Williamson

## DOUBLING UP!

In case it had escaped your notice, the Totley Independent will shortly be celebrating its 100th birthday. We have lots of ideas in store to celebrate the happy event and one of these is to make the centenary issue coincide with Christmas, so creating a double celebration. In order to achieve that, we will have to have an extra double issue later this year, in addition to the usual one covering July and August. For the remainder of the year therefore, the Independent will be published as follows:

97 July/August  
98 September  
99 October/November  
100 December/January

We hope this will not inconvenience readers, but promise that an extra wait in November will be worth it!

Editor

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## Joys of Motoring

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a recent Spring morning  
were being entertained, as  
usual, by cars driving through  
the "B entry" sign at the top  
end of the service road, on  
this occasion, three in very  
quick succession.  
Suddenly a fanfare of motor  
horns sounded and the drivers  
of these vehicles must have  
been slightly disappointed  
when they realised this was  
not for the absolute beginners,  
but heralding the arrival of  
the "star turn" the driver who  
came out of Glover Road and  
drove down Baslow Road on the  
wrong carriageway.

Mike Williamson

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# LETTERS

New Barnet  
Hertfordshire

Dear Sir

I greatly enjoy reading Edwin Pocock's articles in the Independent and the quiz questions in the April issue (or rather the answers in the May issue) were very informative. I do, however, feel that the answer to question 21 would have benefited from a more balanced presentation. As given it read as follows: "Farmers owe the banks £6,000,000,000. At 15% interest, they earn £900,000,000 from agriculture each year, taking 40% of farmers' profits."

It is not the purpose of this letter to dispute the figures themselves, but 4 points ought to be made:

1. As the banks have to pay interest in order to raise money which they then lend to farmers, their margin is only a fraction of 15%. Consequently, they actually "earn" from agriculture each year only a fraction of £900,000,000 - out of which, of course, they have to meet their other overheads.

2. In most cases, the farmers would not be able to start - let alone stay - in business without the banks' support. In other words, it is the banks' (or rather the depositors') money which enables the farmer to make his profit in the first place.

3. Bank interest is an overhead of the farmer's business like any other. It does not therefore take 40% (or indeed any) of the farmer's profits, since the profit figure cannot be struck until after the interest overhead has been met.

4. Mr. Pocock mentions (quite rightly) that in the USA, many farmers have gone "bust". In a farm failure, the major creditor is usually the bank. Whilst the farmer may lose the whole of his assets, (though this is not always the case if he operates through a limited company), which, indisputably, is a personal tragedy, the bank often suffers loss too, making another big hole in the £900,000,000. In fact, many banks in the USA have themselves failed in the last 2 years - brought down, in most cases, by the farming bankruptcies to which Mr. Pocock refers.

I hope that Mr. Pocock will continue to contribute to the Independent and I do sympathise with the severe problems farmers have had in recent times. In many respects, the questions and answers were an eye-opener and the column represents an important and useful exercise.

Yours faithfully,

R. Hawke

Totley

Dear Sir

I write as a reader of the Independent and the oldest Totley born male resident, born in Shrewsbury Terrace, Butts Hill in 1904, when the weekly rents were 2s 6d in old currency. Now those same cottages are selling for nineteen and twenty-five thousand pounds.

As I read the magazine, I travel with nostalgia down Memory Lane. Some changes I see for the better, but spoiling the peace and tranquillity of this village is the howling and barking of the dogs at the Canine Defence Kennels, brought onto our doorstep without thought or consideration.

You asked about the red Labour Hall that turned to blue. I am the only surviving builder of the Melling Builders who helped to build it.

You asked about the memorial. I pass it daily and think of the years of work I put into it and kept all the trees cut. I wonder why it has come to such a deplorable state and many other residents think similarly.

Regarding the Lodge at the entrance to Abbeydale Sports Ground, it was on the left hand side. A family called Smith lived there with two boys and a girl who went to Totley School at the same time as myself (1909-1916). When the Lodge was pulled down I do not remember.

Yours faithfully  
W Pearson.

## Poets Corner

FALL-OUT

Sit tight, I have a tale to tell,  
I'm not so sure that all is well,  
We think in terms of black and white,  
But, surely, this cannot be right.  
Each faction claims this as its own,  
But, actually, a greyish tone  
Is more in keeping with the times.  
My - how our apprehension climbs.

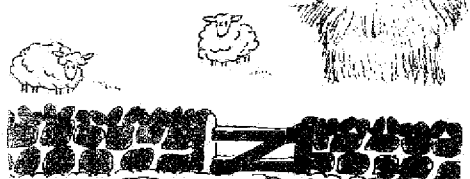
We speak of Russia and the States,  
As having power to seal our fate,  
But time goes by and people learn  
Technology, which brings their turn  
To wield the stick, pontificate,  
Enforce their views. The hour is late.  
Fanatics in far foreign lands,  
Will have Earth's future in their hands.

It seems so odd - you do agree?  
That youth denies mortality,  
But older men, with reins of power,  
Who count their time by year and hour,  
Should take upon themselves to care  
About the consequences, where,  
In a bout of pique and rage,  
They turn our history's last page.

Enough of this! These thoughts dismay  
And interfere with us at play,  
For, looking on the cheerful side,  
A source of power is opened wide.  
Avail ourselves of this, we must,  
Being careful of the lethal dust.  
To stand aside, whilst others move,  
Will not, I fear, our lot improve.

Jack J Thompson.

# FARMING SCENE



"A peck of dust in March is worth a King's ransom." So the old farming proverb says. This refers to the economic importance of a warm, dry period during March, resulting in good "dusty" seedbeds for Spring sown crops, which will yield twice as well as those sown in May.

"Cuckoo Barley" is barley that is planted after the cuckoo arrives and always results in a poor crop in terms of yield and quality. You may be thinking that the farmer is "cuckoo" for leaving his sowing so late, but nine times out of ten a very poor Spring is to blame.

The weather seems set on breaking records of late. After last year's record wet summer we've had the coldest winter and the wettest April (and May?!) for 30 years. This year's harvest looks set to reflect these extremes of climate in much lower cereal yields, with oilseed rape particularly badly affected by the frost, and in many cases completely killed. Potatoes are being planted 4-6 weeks behind schedule in poor conditions which can only result in a 20% lower yield, and much higher prices in the Autumn. Most farmers have finished lambing now, with about average results, although quite a few ewes and lambs succumbed to the weather. Autumn-sown crops have really started to grow now in an effort to make up for a slow start. With the start of harvest only six weeks away, it doesn't seem as if we've had Spring yet!

At Totley Hall Farm, our early lambs are all sold now, with the late batch out to grass, and growing fast. These will require regular doses of wormer to kill the roundworms, tapeworms and lungworms they pick up when grazing infected grass. If not treated, the

worms will steadily munch away the inside of the lambs' stomachs and lungs, causing loss of condition and eventually death. As soon as the weather warms up, the ewes will have their jackets removed (be sheared), to prevent them getting heat stress or maggots, sometimes called fly strike. This occurs when a fly lays its eggs in the sheep's wool. The eggs hatch, producing large numbers of little maggots, which quickly grow as they feed on the animal's skin. If not treated after a couple of days, they will eat their way into the flesh and eventually the internal organs, causing the animal to become a walking maggot factory before its painful end.

I'd better end here; I don't want to spoil your appetite for those lamb chops you are having for dinner, but do watch out for the added protein in those little holes!

Edwin Black.



"Se's Farm Fly Remedies" Association, complaining about the Pollutants from the Fly Strike!"

## GUIDES

The All Saints' Guide company is seeking a new Guide Captain for September.

If you were a Guider before you got married, perhaps now is the time to return to Guiding; or perhaps you have never been involved, but feel you can give some time to youngsters from our community.

Guides meet most Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Please contact 362322.

Rev'd. S. Rayner.

## New Series

# CHRISTIAN LIFE

## YOUR LOCAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

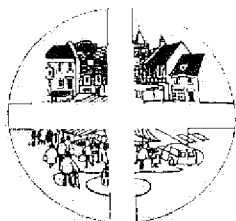
Unless you are a member of one of the local churches, you may well not have heard of the Christian Council and even if you are, it may seem quite peripheral to your local church life. In fact it really is very much at the centre of the christian life and the community life of the three parishes

which cover Totley, Dore and Abbeydale (St. John's). Its formation many years ago, owed a great deal first, to the good relationships which already existed between the different churches and second to the developing ecumenical movement. The Second Vatican Council also gave a considerable encouragement to Roman Catholics to "get stuck in". They did, and they do! We are a very mixed but happy bunch, whose main aim is to co-operate for the good of both church and community life. In May we were responsible for delivering hundreds of appeal leaflets for Christian Aid and a few weeks previously about 75 people gathered at the United Reformed Church, with a small team of organists, for a sponsored hymns sing for the CHRIS FUND (the Children's Hospital Research in Sheffield). The outcome? Up to now £810.

Meanwhile, typical of the Church's life, much goes on unseen by most. Since this time last year, members of the churches have taken the initiative in starting two more luncheon clubs for the housebound and a third is under way. We heaver away at supporting Transport 17 and try to show our solidarity with the work of the United Nations Association and the peaceful aims of the Dore and Totley Peace Action Group. With a combined membership of around 1200 christians living in and around the area, you can imagine that the churches get involved in all sorts of ways. And our own doors are

open to anyone. We are not stuffed shirts, neither are we perfect examples of humanity; you will easily find fault with us. But we do aim to bring out the best in ourselves and others and to be faithful to our Lord. And we try to listen. So if you have anything to say, contact us through any minister or priest - you're welcome!

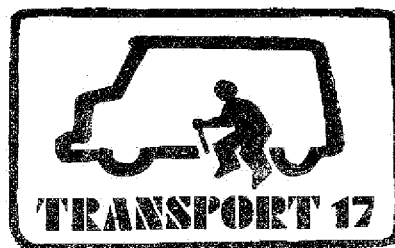
Rev'd. Duncan Wilson.



**MORE FROM  
THE PEN  
OF  
C.N. Railton  
Holden**

**MEDIUM DRY WHITE**

All my old ambitions have been foiled by unco-operative humanity. Yet I do not lose heart and my current enterprise is the growing of a 5 star vineyard in this fair parish of ours. Noah - the old chap who beavered away with the cubits and gopher wood - discovered eventually that his ark was sitting on the top of Mount Ararat. What did he do about it? Well, he simply jumped out and planted a vineyard. You see - there's nothing silly about planting vineyards. This vision of my own grape orchard was not induced by cubits, gopher wood or a desire to forget a boatload of animals; my imaginative



Mr. Ron Hogg, the administrator of Transport 17 has produced the following impressive statistics for the utilisation of the minibus:

	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87 (Estimate)
Total Mileage	3,675	5,663	9,000
Weekly Mileage	80	160	210
Average No. of Days Used	4	5	6/7
Hours in Use	20	34	45
Weekly No. of Passengers	70	140	160

Six new services to Luncheon Clubs and day centres have been started in the past year and these are almost totally dependent on the bus to get the elderly people to them.

The Community Programme Scheme provides a driver for 25 hours a week and a second is being recruited, but there is an urgent need for drivers to fill the gap on a temporary basis. If you can help, during the day, please ring Ron as soon as possible (394151).

The bus is now fully committed during weekdays and no more bookings can be taken. It is available evenings and at weekends and with the better weather coming (hopefully!), local community groups will borrow the bus to organise trips into the local countryside for the elderly and housebound. Can your Group organise such a trip please? Graham Lale, the minibus co-ordinator for Help the Aged, which paid half the cost of the bus, recently congratulated Ron on the way he organised the scheduling of the bus. He said it was the most intensively used and most efficiently run bus in the area. A request to Help the Aged for

financial help towards the cost of a second bus for Transport 17 and a similar request from the Cheshire Home for their replacement bus, have been turned down. The demand for buses far exceeds the resources of the Charity. Meanwhile local fund raising continues. A coffee and cuttings morning on 17th May held by the Church of the English Martyrs was well attended despite rather poor weather. The proceeds are being split between the two bus appeals. Transport 17 have their own Summer Fair on the afternoon of 21st June at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Any offers of cakes, plants, white elephants or anything else portable and saleable will be gratefully received. Please support the Fair to keep the Transport 17 minibus on the road. It provides an escape from loneliness for 140 people every week.

Colin Wells

Footnote: The minibus will run a free shuttle service for anyone who finds it difficult to get to or from All Saints' Garden Party on 7th June. If you want a lift phone 367184 or 365969.

venture was set into motion by the French Navy. Oh yes! that is exactly what I said - the French Navy, and I must tell you also that the French Navy, whenever it possibly can, avoids Mount Ararat like the plague. Take my word for it! Last September the Brittany peninsula sparkled in sunshine. I was being a pretty

thoughtful type of husband, for I had taken my wife to the seaport of Lorient so that she might contemplate at leisure the sleek, grey cruisers and frigates of our brave frog-eating ally. But the surprise treat proved not to be a complete success.

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## New Series

### MADE IN TOTLEY

Welcome to the first in a new series in the Independent, in which we will feature the craft skills of the people of Totley. To begin the series, we have chosen the work of Paul Glover, of 67 Green Oak Avenue, who has spent the past ten years perfecting his craft, which is the painting of miniature alloy figurines. Visitors to Totley library in February will have seen an exhibition of Paul's work, which includes military, sports and historical characters.

It all started when Paul, also a musician, was waiting in Hull with his band for an "Opportunity Knocks" audition. With time to kill, he went window shopping, and when a display of model figures caught his eye, his training as an artist and historian set him thinking of the possibilities. The figures he saw in Hull were plastic, but he first saw metal castings in the now closed "New Model Soldier" shop in Infirmary Road. Today he works in collaboration with Peter Barnacle Studios in Cromford, co-designing figures which Peter casts in lead alloy and which Paul then paints. He also paints a range of commercial castings. Authenticity is vital to Paul's work and he spends hours researching the detail necessary for each model, long before ever picking up his paint brush. Over the years he has built up quite a collection of reference books, but still needs to visit libraries and museums to ensure that his finished work will be correct in every detail. Even when the research is complete, he might study a figure for up to an hour to plan the painting, which itself can take as much as 35 hours of work in total. Paul paints in oils using sable brushes, first priming the metal, then building up the layers of finished colours. He frequently has to mix colours to achieve a truly authentic finished product. The work is so fine that a steady hand, correct breathing techniques and good lighting

are essential. Once the painting is finished to Paul's satisfaction, he mounts the figures on wooden bases which he turns himself. A high proportion of Paul's work is sold in America and currently, shops in California and Montana are taking almost all the figures he can produce. But he still finds time to produce personalised figures to order, often working from photographs. Over the years Paul has completed hundreds of figures and you can sometimes find displays of his work in building societies' windows and also at craft fairs all over the country, where visitors can watch him at work.

Don Butterwick

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

The play reviewed last month was not the success most members would have liked. Ill health, a badly fudged first night, technical gremlins and no doubt a poor choice of material in the first place, was all salvaged on the last three nights by tough efforts by the cast, particularly the newer members.

The next production is being decided shortly and will be a comedy chosen by Beverley Hutchins. Attractive school-teacher Beverley has turned in two highly competent performances in the last two plays and whilst no novice to producing, has fresh ideas and enthusiasm which promise a treat in store. More details next month and meanwhile (once again!) if you want to be in on the ground floor, whether you want to act or do something equally useful - there's a welcome waiting at St. John's Hall every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Adrian Schofield

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## THANKS

The Outreach Group of English Martyrs Church would like to thank those Totleyites who supported their "Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings Morning" on Saturday 17th May. In spite of cold, wet, miserable weather, not far short of £150 was raised and this sum has been divided equally between Transport 17 and the Cheshire Home Bus. Winning Raffle Number: 86

## Community Diary

A Community Diary has now been re-introduced at Totley library. It will enable clubs and societies to choose and enter dates of forthcoming events and thereby avoid clashes with other local events. The diary will be available for public reference.

## MONNYBROOK

"Lucky - Come Home" was the heartfelt cry when a disabled man was reunited with his dog thanks to Totley's Canine Rescue Centre.

Lucky, a six-year-old cross-collie, was taken in by the Centre, on Lane Head Road, 18 months ago after owner David Foster was crippled in a car crash. Wheelchair bound, he was forced to part with his beloved pet.

Now, however, Mr. Foster who lives in Nottingham, has turned up to reclaim the dog and he is back with his owner after a waggy-tailed reunion. "We are very pleased that he has now taken the dog back", said the centre's new manageress Susan Davies.

"We understood from the beginning that he was to be a boarder and not to be re-housed and we are delighted that it has worked out this way. Lucky is a lovely dog and we could have re-housed him a million times in the last 18 months".

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(continued)

My lawful wedded lady seemed to generate very little ecstasy at the nautical prospect. Indeed, she contained her excitement remarkably well and would not move from her seat in the car or from her six ounces of knitting wool and a rather intimidating jumper pattern. It was a disappointment for me but, turning my back on the knitting, I looked to the west and found there some of the celebrated U-boat pens of World War II. They towered at the edge of the water, vividly resplendent, as eternal as the pyramids, unblemished by storm, flood and grievous bodily harm. Forty years ago the Royal Air Force set out night after night for the sole purpose of dismembering this awesome monolith. They did their best. We must take a charitable view of those far-off events and try to ignore the mint condition of Lorient's disdainful heap of concrete. Some of my closest friends served in that gallant Bylecreamed corps and thus you will understand my tact and sympathy; compasses were not so accurate in mediaeval times and the relentless diet of powdered egg must have played havoc with the digestive system. While I stood on that quayside, bursting at the seams with tact and sympathy, I became aware of a notice on the wall close by. All in French, of course. The first word simple enough for me to translate caused a violent shudder, physical and spiritual, because I develop an acute guilt complex whenever I encounter it, even though my life is little short of saintly from cock-crow to sundown as anyone in Totley will tell you. "INTERDIT" - that was the distressing word. So many delightful pastimes in France are classified as "interdit!" Nevertheless, I read on, laboriously, with deep misgivings, and it turned out even worse than I had imagined. Punishment, harsh and unspeakable, was to befall any wretched person caught in the act of tinkling into the harbour water. Utterly outrageous! I was horrified. My mother, rest her dear soul, had never prepared me for enormities of

such a magnitude. As ifs or buts about it - my conscience remained perfectly clear, for the idea had simply not crossed my mind, even though the nearest French public inconvenience stood three miles away. And another thing: there may be no lucid explanation for what goes on in Frinton and Tunbridge Wells, but if those natives on the Continent refuse to be continent how can we ever again place our trust in mankind, and what will happen to the generations as yet unborn? But the interdiction was there, plain for all to see. In all my years of studying life across the channel I had encountered nothing like this, and there was about it a newness which soon began to arouse my suspicions. The city council must have been troubled by a spate of recent offences, as if the seamen and dockers here had taken to drinking river water. Unthinkable, of course. And then, all at once, I knew the reason for this irksome urological embargo: the wine producers of France were on the bandwagon, having discovered at last exactly how much antifreeze the Austrians were adding to their vintages. Just my diabolical luck! Sixteen bottles of Gallie plonk already stowed away inside our car and caravan, bought for no other purpose than to maintain body heat during the rigours of a Botley winter. All wasted now!

So that, in bald terms, is the situation. Over there the heathen can no longer be trusted with anything poured out of a bottle, in consequence of which I shall henceforth ferment my own nectar. There is friendly advice and cordial assistance from all points of the zodiac. Godfrey Shorthouse has lent me a book entitled "A day in the life of a Colorado beetle", while Phyllis Gowlshaw has pledged her services whenever I may need them, and they tell me she is a corker. So you will appreciate that an encouraging start has been made; in fact my needs are now trifling. I am merely on the lookout for an honest, energetic partner with a favourable bank balance, a south facing garden and a pair of big feet. Wish me luck!

## TIM RUSSELL

Another of the Independent's team of writers has decided to pursue a career in professional journalism. Tim Russell, who has contributed regularly to this magazine for the past 18 months, is currently working over the Pennines on the Wilmslow Express Advertiser. We hope that Tim has found writing for the Independent useful experience and wish him every success. He hopes to maintain contact with this magazine and we look forward to receiving occasional contributions from him in the future.

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## TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Totley Residents' Association's Annual General Meeting was held on 29th April at Totley Library. Chairman, Les Firth, reviewed TRA events during the past year. The Barn Dance and Totley Show were both new events and whilst successful, had deserved more support. The Junior Disco had been very successful, but a new venue now had to be found, owing to the high cost of hiring the County School Hall. Also successful was the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. Mr. Firth thanked Barbara Hanforth, the college students and the Guides. A talk on protecting the home by police crime prevention officers, had been very poorly attended and regrettably three jumble sales had not been the usual success. Mr. Firth urged all present to

"pass the word on" about the TRA and its activities. Its events were for the benefit of all people living or working in Totley.

Treasurer John Perkinson, presented a healthy set of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £720. A Tenants' Section had recently been established and its Chairman, Harold Reynolds, reported on its activities. Three notice boards had been provided and a fourth was on order. Keyholders are himself, Roy Johnston and Margaret Goldwell. Discussions with the Council had led to the re-introduction of rubbish skips in the area. The Friday morning "surgeries" at Abbeydale Hall for people with queries about rent, rates, etc continued, although attendance was poor owing to a lack of publicity.

Don Clare, Vice Chairman, reported on the various safety issues pursued during the year. Recurring items had been the poor state of the roads, the need for a one-way traffic flow past Totley Rise shops, litter problems, grit bin vandals and motor cycle

scrambling behind the Shepley Spitfire.

The Totley Independent had acquired a new editor in John Butterwick and credit was paid to retiring editor, Mike Williamson. The new editor reported that another of the team, Tim Russell, had been "lost" to professional journalism, the fourth to do so over the years. The

Independent continued to be the main source of income for the TRA, with sales currently around 650 per month. The team had various ideas to try and boost this. The main target in the near future was the centenary issue of the magazine.

The TRA Committee and officials were all reappointed, plus an additional member Mr. Rudkin.

Ron Hogg, organiser of Transport 17, reported some encouraging statistics to demonstrate the growth of the bus service. (These are reported in full elsewhere in this magazine). Mr. Firth thanked everyone for attending.

Editor.

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Nearly new sale of any kind of items in  
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All Saints' Garden Party in Church grounds.

Totley Ladies' Evening Guild: Fletcher's  
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Totley Scouts Waste Paper Collection. Skip  
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National Canine Defence League coffee  
morning at Heatherfield Conservative Club,  
Baslow Road. Also toys, curtain material  
and nearly new stalls.

Transport 17 Summer Fair at Totley Rise  
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Children's Society coffee morning at 2  
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