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Green Oak House, c. 1900

Winter Wigg

Reconstructed from a contemporary photograph, showing A. C. Capron with Maurice and village boys.

GREENOAK HOUSE

by J. Deryck Bell

When nostalgia's ageless fingers beckon us backwards to well-loved occasions, we often recall them with more clarity than things which occurred a month, a week or even a day ago. As we grow older, we are all similarly affected by this ebb tide of memory, which can trigger off a strong chain of associated images

drawn out of the years, like a string of multi-coloured handkerchiefs pulled magically and endlessly from some conjuror's hat. My good friend and correspondent, John L. Capron, who at 90 years of age, the last living member of the Athol Capron family who lived at Greenoak House from 1899 to 1911, now living in North Yorkshire, has taken me on a privileged journey into nostalgia, recalling the times when he lived there and his subsequent life and adventures.

There must be few people living in Totley today who can remember Greenoak House as it was at

the turn of the century, or even before 1914; then a family house, standing in its own grounds, with an adjoining paddock, separated from the road by a stone wall with beautifully fashioned and rounded capping stones, (some still to be seen on the wall fronting number 150 Baslow Road). Between this dwelling and the off-licence, was the original driveway entrance to Greenoak House.

In 1899, Athol Capron, a well-qualified and experienced engineer from Trith in Kent, came to Sheffield with his wife and four children, to take a management job with

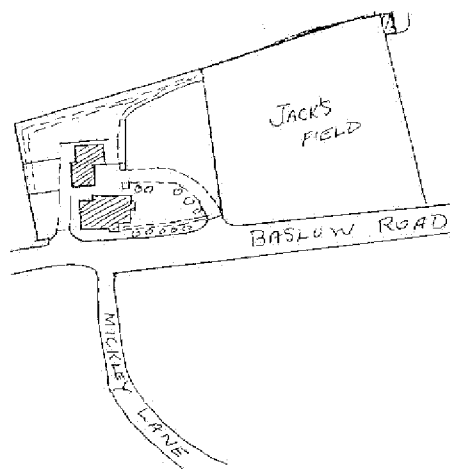
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Davy Brothers, Boilermakers, then an almost bankrupt company. He took his family (complete with donkey and cart), to live at Greenoak House, which he rented from Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Hall, for £90 per annum. They arrived in a bitterly cold February and were quite unprepared for the bleakness of the snow-covered Derbyshire moorland, after the much softer climate south of the Thames. After the first shock, they soon settled in and as spring and summer came, they began to love the area. The donkey was put to graze in the paddock, which from then on was called Jack's field. At that time there were four children, Maurice aged 9, Dossy (Dorothy) 7, John L. 3 and Gerard 1 year old. In 1903 their last child, Clare was born at Greenoak.

Athol and Catherine Capron were a well-balanced and devoted couple, very good to their children. He was calm, strong and firm, but a kindly man; she was lively and intelligent and to the children she was more like an elder sister; well educated, fluent in French and German, she had a big influence on their early education, often reading aloud to them from Walter Scott and several French stories. A firmly-based and loving family.

Being a man of great energy, Athol Capron left Greenoak early every morning on a bicycle, sometimes catching a train at Dore and Totley station, but often he would ride right through to Park Iron Works. An old toolmaker told him Capron that his father was the only man he ever saw bicycling with an umbrella and he took to Davy Brothers his expertise, inventiveness and energy and did a wonderful job building up the firm from near liquidation. When he became Managing Director, he steadily expanded the engineering side, which was fortuitous, for much later, when war broke out in 1914, they were able to produce a vast amount of presses and shell-making machinery.

Every summer, Mr and Mrs Capron would invite all the staff and foremen of Davy Brothers to tea, games and supper; 25 to 30 would arrive in charabancs at Greenoak House. The supper was laid out in the large old coach house, which would be decorated by Dossy and John, mostly with foxgloves gathered from the wood overlooking Totley Brook Road: a busy time for all the family, but great fun. On one



occasion, young Gerard caused some hilarity, when carrying replenishments of bread and butter across the lawn, oblivious of the fact that the plate in his hand was so angled that he was leaving behind a trail of bread and butter, his gaze being fastened on the assembled company.

Here was another Athol Capron family, for he was really loved by all the Davy Brothers people, not only was he keen on and encouraged apprentices, but did everything he could to help the foremen, being foremost in getting a large house in Burngreave Road as a Club House for the Foremen's Mutual Benefit Society.

Davy Brothers apart, he became the leader of all the other and much bigger Sheffield Steel and Engineering Employers and for years was President of their Federation, chairing endless committee meetings and Conferences with the Unions; not an easy role for some of the larger firms' Directors were often jealous and awkward. Fortunately he

had a good reputation with the Unions; they knew that he was fair and also a practical man who could go on the machines, as well as being a first class carpenter. He had the reputation of being the most stubborn man in Sheffield, which is saying quite a lot (stubborn men not being uncommon in the Sheffield Steel Trades) and no doubt he needed to be to achieve what he did.

Mr Capron, a very busy man, did not see much of his family during the week, but on Saturdays in the summer he would often hire an open landau from Mr Wint at Dore and Totley station and a Wint son would drive the family to the Peacock at Owlbar, or to Fox House, where they would take long country walks, for they were very much an open air family; their driver would wait at the inn for their return.

Athol Capron was a very public-spirited individual with boundless energy, who it seemed could turn his hand to anything, being involved with Hospital Committees and an active member of the Totley Parish Council, along with Squire Allison, W.A. Milner and former Creswick, probably the four most active members at Parish Meetings.

At one time he bought a farm at Holmesfield, part of Woodthorpe, meaning one day to retire up there, but he never did. Instead he built a large stone house near Hathersage and in 1911 the family left Greenoak and went to live there.

About 1930, Firths and John Brown put capital into Davy Brothers and eventually took over. Jealous Directors of these firms soon had Athol Capron out. Fortunately good friends in the thriving Newton Chambers Company invited him to join their Board, where he worked happily until he retired. He died at Hathersage in 1937, followed by his wife in 1939.

End of Part 1.

whisperer...

In spite of rumours to the contrary, we are not the organisation behind the new national newspaper "The Independent". the only characteristic we share is political independence. and a similar name. wonder if they'll still be around after 99 issues? MAKE A NOTE TO GET OUR CHERTNEY ISSUE ON DECEMBER 1st. great value at a one-off price of 25p. Have you heard the one about King Robert's CSI results? no-one could get into the school to find out what they were. Talk about prolonging the agony! (It seems the keyholder was ill and pupils had to wait until the start of the new term to find out how they had fared.) Who says this is a gossip column?

APPEAL FUND

The Ivac Appeal fund was launched in July of this year with the aim of raising £1950 to buy an Ivac Drip Machine for Ward 3 of Sheffield Children's Hospital. A little girl called Katy Whitfield was diagnosed cancer of the right eye muscle at the age of 7 months. For her to survive this life-threatening disease, she had to undergo two years' chemotherapy treatment. Without this machine it would have been impossible. The purchase of the Ivac machine is a show of gratitude to the doctors and nurses of Ward 3 for their great skill, care and many kindnesses to Katy and her parents. Our first fund raising effort was a Coffee Morning, held at the Conservative Club on August 14th where we raised £101-85p. It included a raffle which was won by: 1st - Croft Original Sherry - No. 337 Paul Schofield 2nd - Cadbury's Milk Tray - No. 71 Mrs Reynolds 3rd - Pair of Pillowcases - No. 170 Mrs Slanciliffe 4th - Jar of Wine Gums - No. 70 Bette Housley There was also a door prize, won by Mrs Nalhy of Main Avenue.

MONNYBROOK

Since the closure of Monnybrook Kennels, the fund raising committee has had a meeting with the Secretary and Field Secretary from NCCL Head Office. Because of the lack of any suitable site, it seems that the NCCL may not be able to start new kennels in this area. Talks are continuing with a possibility of "kennels within kennels" (building a block within an existing kennels), but there are no definite plans yet. We are sorry to lose the valuable work of the NCCL in Sheffield, especially as we see the figures of unwanted dogs rise again at the RSPCA, which inevitably means more dogs to be put down. We would like to thank all those wonderful Tolley people who have readily supported all our fund raising efforts over the last three years. Every event we held was a success, thanks to you. All the equipment bought for Monnybrook will be transferred to other NCCL kennels. If there are any enquiries concerning the kennels, letters should be sent to: Clarissa Baldwin (Secretary) National Canine Defence League

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Pauline Parkinson

My grateful thanks to Margaret Parr, Marjorie Hall, Edna Hattersly, Bette Housley, Pat Sneath and Beryl, for their help on the morning, to friends and neighbours for their donations of cakes, nearly new, bric a brac and money and to the people of Tolley, who came to our first fund raising venture and made it most successful. Future events to look out for, are a parachute jump in March, a martial arts exhibition and of course, everybody's favourite, a jumble sale (date to be arranged). Further information from Ib Schofield on 353174. Offers of jumble or cash donations will be gratefully received.



After 15 years as Head of Care at Hickley Hall, Sister Kathleen Holland retired at the end of July. We recommended her for the "Woman's Realm/Tunstall" telecon national award for "Carer of the Year" in recognition of her devoted years of care for the many residents who have been in the Home. We were delighted when she was chosen as one of the six finalists who, on September 14th, went to London for the finals. She did not win the competition, but was presented with a cut-glass rose bowl to mark the occasion. Sister Holland is succeeded as Head of Care by Sister Madrocks, who has been Deputy Head for the past year. Another change taking place is that our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. K. Townsend, is also retiring after many years in that role. He is succeeded by Mr. Norman Taylor, formerly of the National Westminster Bank, Hillsborough Park Branch.

With the first frosts of winter here, it seems a long time since the Garden Party in June, when the Sunflower Competition started. The final judging took place in September, the winner being Andrew Jenkinson of Longford Road, Bradway, whose sunflower had grown to a magnificent 7ft. The bus fund is coming along, standing at £6,700, but we still have some way to go. When we reach £11,000 we have been promised £4000, so all gifts most welcome! An Autumn Fair is planned at Draxfield Civic Centre on Saturday 5th November, 10am - 1pm and we shall be having the usual Christmas Coffee Morning at the Home on 11th December, 10am - 12 noon. We have welcomed a number of new residents to the Home and have also been able to offer short stays to other people. The residents have greatly enjoyed sitting out in the centre courtyard this summer, the first year this has been fully in use since the completion of our building extension.

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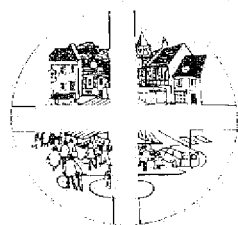
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Christian Life

One World Week, which is from October 19th to 25th, is being celebrated as usual by the churches in Totley.

The past few years have seen activities such as the "water carry" by women and children through the streets, to draw attention to the plight of millions of women and children throughout the world (and incidentally to raise money for Water Aid); also a supper of dishes from different nations, exhibitions, films and talks.

This year the theme is "Listen for a Change" - a challenging idea which the One World Week Committee, made up of representatives of all the churches, has taken very much to heart. Instead of looking out from Sheffield to the rest of the world, the churches have looked to some of the people from overseas who have found refuge here in our city. There are so many of these, that it has not been possible to ask representatives of all; but on the evening of Saturday November 1st an event has been planned to take place at Totley Rise Methodist Church. It is hoped that people from Chile, Poland and Namibia will accept an invitation to meet and convey to us some idea of their concerns in their present situation; a golden opportunity for us to listen for a change! The arrangements are not yet finalised, not least because for some recently arrived fellow citizens, language difficulties have yet to be overcome; but the evening promises to be an interesting and unusual opportunity for people to meet, who might not



otherwise have been brought together. In order not to overwhelm either the guests or the hospitality arrangements admission will be by ticket only, unpriced, available from the churches concerned.

Patricia Lamb

SPORTS

athletics

Totley Athletic Club is a lively, local running club, that aims to accommodate runners of all levels, from those just starting to jog to those training for marathons.

The many benefits of joining the club include details of race meetings throughout the country, reduced race entry fees and the opportunity to train with people of a similar standard, which encourages people to achieve their own "goal" and beat their personal best.

The club has an enthusiastic children's and ladies' section and meetings for all runners are held on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays.

The club has an extremely good social side and organises several social evenings a year ranging from pie and pea suppers to dinner dances and discos.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Kate Staves on 364489 or turn up at any of the following venues:

Tuesdays at 6.30pm at Rowlinson Sports Centre.

Thursdays at 6.30pm at Millhouses Park.

On Sundays members wishing to go for a long run (usually between eight and ten miles) meet at 9.30am behind the Cricket Inn. Beginners and children meet at 10am.

Membership fees are £1 for juniors, £1 for seniors and £6 for family membership.

Tim Russell

HIT FOR SIX!

Totley Sports Cricket Club 2nd team made the national press after their match against Exchange on 30th August. Unfortunately it was for the wrong reason! 17 year old Lee Hirst, playing for Exchange, created a Sheffield League record, by scoring 261 runs

In a whirlwind innings, including 22 sixes and 12 fours. The team's innings of 372 was also the highest team score in the League's history.

However Totley scored 150 for 5 and managed a draw.

Totley Sports 1st team have had an excellent season and finished as Champions of F Division.

Alan Vitty

BOWLIN' 'EM OVER

Howly crowned Yorkshire Parks Champions, Green Oak Park Bowling Club had a season to savour in 1986, bowling their way to a total of 11 titles during their most successful season ever.

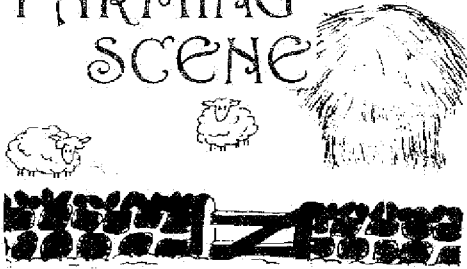
The Men's "A" team won the prestigious title of Yorkshire Park Champions at Shipley on August 24 and hope that this will be enough to earn them a place in the 1987 British Parks Championship, which is to be held at Irlam, near Manchester, next summer. The Men's "A" team were also the winners of the Hobson Doubles Competition and the Brotherton Cup and were runners up in the Telegraph League, Sheffield's top bowling league.

F. Woodhead and M. Hirst won the Sheffield Parks Doubles and the Thursday Afternoon Gents won the Kaye Cup and Half Holiday Shield at Bradford on September 17. The Veterans had an excellent season too. The Veterans "A" team won the Tomlin League and the Veteran "B" team were top of the Turner League. The Wednesday Veterans "A" team won the Presto competition.

The Ladies team were also successful winning first prize in the Horton Doubles Cup and the Justice Burdall competition. The club is now seeking new members to help them repeat this season's success in 1987.

Tim Russell

FARMING SCENE



By the time you read this, the cereal harvest will be finished and the potato and sugarbeet harvest will be in full swing. All the sugarbeet produced in this country is grown on contract to the British Sugar Corporation, which operates a quota system, limiting the acreage grown. Processing factories are situated in the areas that have suitable land for beet growing - the Midlands, East Anglia, Lincolnshire, South Humberside and the Vale of York. Beet producers in these areas contract to grow a certain acreage each year, on ground not cropped with beet in the previous 2 years. (This is so that any pests or diseases from a previous crop die before the land is used for beet again). During the harvest period - October to January they are issued with permits allowing them to take a certain tonnage each week to the nearest factory. This system ensures that the factory receives a continuous, adequate supply, to enable it to process 24 hours a day during the 4 months intake and refining period. 1.2 million tonnes of sugar are produced each year from beet, with the national requirement topped up with "cane" sugar imported and refined by Tate and Lyle. There is sufficient good beet growing land in this country to enable us to produce all our own sugar, but IFC regulations have put a limit on British production. There is great concern among sugarbeet producers at the moment, as the British Sugar Corporation is subject to two takeover bids, one from an Italian company with large European refineries, the other from Tate and Lyle. It is feared that if the Italian company wins, British factories could be closed to enable it to import into this country sugar from its continental refineries.

A Tate and Lyle takeover would give it a virtual 100% monopoly of the British sugar industry, which could be detrimental to both beet producers and sugar consumers alike.

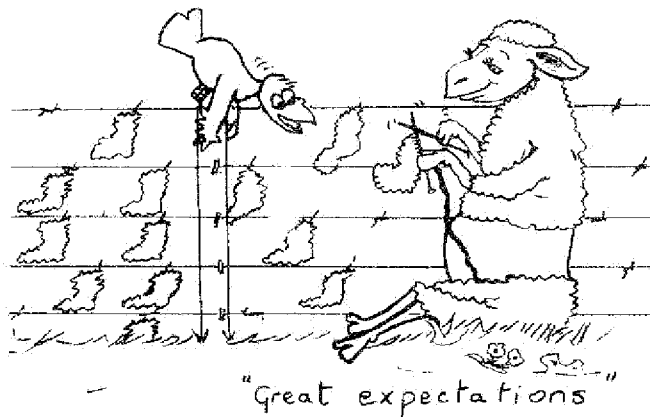
Like most cereal producers, we are looking for alternative crops to grow. So this autumn, we have planted 25 acres of oilseed rape in the fields at the top of the farm, to see if the crop can be grown successfully in this area. This plant is a member of the brassica family, along with cabbages, turnips, radishes etc. Six pounds of seed per acre is planted half an inch deep and will produce up to 2 tonnes of seed, although an average yield is approx. 25 cwt. We are also reducing our cereal acreage by reseeding two fields on Baslow Road with a grass/clover mixture, which will be grazed by our flock of sheep, which is to be increased from 50 to 120 ewes. These will be "tupped"

at the end of October, giving a late March lambing period.

Talking of lambing, one of the ewes that lambed in January this year has, to our great surprise, just had another lamb. These ewes were weaned in April and put in the field with the tupps for the summer period. Obviously this one got very friendly with one of the tupps! We have had to plough out and replant the acre of lamella strawberries because of a weed problem. This is a Dutch variety that produces large, bright red very sweet fruit and should produce a light crop next year.

A contractor has been round the farm tidying up the hedges with a flail-type hedgecutter. This reduces the cut material to small pieces, which fall to the bottom of the hedge, eliminating the usual chore of clearing up the trimmings.

Edwin Pocock



SHOP FRONT

Closed for a week to allow alterations to the shop front and interior, Kay's fruit and veg store on Totley Rise is now in the hands of brother and sister team, Mark Gilbert and Anne Madini, both of whom are in this new venture after giving up work in upmarket city centre stores. The shop interior, now 24 feet in length, has been designed to lend itself to self-selection whilst retaining more than usual personal help to customers. Most of the work has been done

by Mark and his friends, with the striking shopfront proclaiming the new name of "Orange Grove". Following the opening promotion, more are planned, with perhaps the opportunity of tasting exotic fruits and produce as the seasons permit. It sounds exciting, and Totley has yet another shop where customers really matter.

Adrian Schofield

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

Church Hall, Totley Brook Road



The next production by the Society is a comedy "Time and Time Again" by Alan Ayckbourn, a successful writer of today, with a string of West End successes to his credit. This is the first time the Society has chosen an Alan Ayckbourn comedy.

Another first for the Society is the adventurous set, which is very different from those usually seen. The play takes place at the suburban house of the Bakers, which adjoins the local recreation field where cricket and football matches are played. Peter, an employee of Mr Baker and a keen sportsman, brings his fiancée to the Bakers' and Mr Baker, as usual, makes a bee-line for her. Add to this Leonard, Mrs Baker's wayward brother and the garden gnome(!)

The results can be seen in the Church Hall, Totley Brook Road from Wednesday 29th October to Saturday 1st November at 7.45pm. Tickets are available from members of the Society, Martins Shop, Abbeydale Road South or phone 360717. Prices £1.00 each or 50p for children. Senior Citizens (on Wednesday) 50p.

Lesley M Rowntree

Whirlow Hall Farm

Will you please donate unwanted paperback books to be sold in aid of the Whirlow Hall Farm Trust during the "Moor the Merrier" fortnight from 18th October onwards?

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T.O.A.D.S.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society produced two new officers. Jeff Bagdall from Bradway, well known for his striking sets and stage management over many productions, has been appointed Chairman and filling the Vice-Chairman's position is Jane Sawyer from Hunters Bar. Jane has appeared in many productions, tackling dramatic and comedy parts with skill and enthusiasm. Both add a wealth of experience to an already strong committee, otherwise unchanged.

Another item of importance (and long overdue), is the approval of funds for a new curtain, which should be ready for the November production.

Producer of the forthcoming comedy "Caught on the Ibp", Beverley Hutchins, a popular performer in recent plays, has moved from her teaching job to become Liaison Officer for Education with the Crucible Theatre. She will be responsible for integrating Theatre and education programmes, writing teaching aids and running workshops on some of the year's major Crucible productions.

Adrian Schofield

TRADES next production from 26-29 November will be the Derek Benfield comedy, "Caught on the Ibp".

This deals with the problems that arise when a married man's girlfriend moves in next door! This is the first play to be produced by Beverley Hutchins who joined the group last year. Details of ticket availability can be obtained from Kate Reynolds (tel. 366891).

Colin Wells

TOTLEY-MERICK

There was an old girl of Lane
Whose kids were haphazardly
fed:
No breakfast, late tea
And lunch about three,
Since she spent all her
mornings in bed!

Pseudo trichias.

Totley Troupers

A version of their "Palace of Varieties" is being presented at the Civic Hall, Dronfield by Totley Troupers on Wednesday and Thursday 19 and 20 November. The evenings are organised by Dronfield Lions and proceeds are in aid of Dronfield Swimming Pool Trust Project, (which will enable the disabled to be lowered into and raised from the pool).

Tickets, price £1.50, are available from Audio Vision, Civic Centre, Dronfield or by phone from the ticket secretary, Mike Cooper, on Dronfield (95) 417799.

Amongst their other engagements up to Christmas, Totley Troupers will be presenting an Old Time Variety Show at All Saints' Church Hall on Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £1.50 and £1.00 from Iris Howell, 46 The Grove, Tel. 365357.

Also about to go into rehearsal is the Troupers' new show, to be staged locally next spring, entitled "These were the Days". It is a trip in comedy and song, down Memory Lane, through a century of popular forms of entertainment.

Mike Williamson

What's On For Tots?

Dore and Totley Liaison Group is organising an exhibition of facilities available for young children in Dore and Totley.

This is your opportunity to find out what is available or for you to advertise the facilities you already provide. Information will be available about schools, playgroups, parent and toddler groups, childminders, Homestart, Live-wires etc.

Please come along to Totley Library on Thursday 13th November between 10am and 3pm. Refreshments will be available. Children welcome.

If you would like more information please contact:
Jean Byron 350291
Linda Foster 350274
Pauline Rosser 363067

TOTLEY SHOW

R. S. L. S.

CLASS 1 (HOUSE CRAFT)

Knitted Garments: 1st Mrs. Briggs, 2nd Helen Foley, 3rd Mrs. Child; Embroidery: 1st Miss Burns; Crocheting: 1st Mrs. Marsh, 2nd Mrs. Green; Soft Toys: 1st Mrs. Woodhead, 2nd Mrs. Tilley, 3rd Sarah Parsons; Lacemaking: 1st Mrs. Tillet, 2nd Mrs. Lawry; Tapestry: 1st Miss H. Gillot, 2nd Mrs. Foley;

CLASS 2 (HOME BAKING)

Victoria Sandwich (plain): 1st Mrs. Firth; Victoria Sandwich (decorated): 1st Mrs. Hunterfield; Fruit cake: 1b entries; Biscuits on a plate (4): 1st Mrs. Hunterfield, 2nd Miss Welland, 3rd Mrs. Tilly; Shortbread: 1b entries; White loaf: 1st Miss Gillot, 2nd Mrs. O. Powell; Brown loaf: 2nd Mr. G. Foley, 3rd Mr. Harrison; 5 Decorated cakes on a plate: 1b entries; 5 Jam tarts: 1b entries; Cheesecake (home made): 2nd Miss Welland; Trifle: 1b entries; Quiche: 2nd Miss Welland; Pizza: 1st Miss Welland; Fruit Pie: 1b entries.

CLASS 3 (CANS & PRESERVES)

Jam: 1st J.H. Gray, 2nd J.H. Gray, 3rd Mrs. Broock; Lemon Curd: 1st Miss Gillot, 2nd Mrs. Child; Marmalade: 1st Mrs. Hunterfield, 2nd Mr. H. Welland; Honey: 1b entries; Chutney (any flavour): 1st Mr. Harrison, 2nd Mr. Harrison; Pickled Onions: 1st Mrs. Broock; Piccalilli: 1st Mrs. Broock, 2nd Mrs. Collins; Red Cabbage: 1b entries; Mint Jelly: 1b entries; Mint Sauce: 1b entries; Cranberry Sauce: 1b entries.

CLASS 4 (WINE)

Sweet: 1st Mrs. Wignett, 2nd Miss Welland; Dry: 1st Miss Welland, 2nd Mr. Child, 3rd Mr. Child; Sparkling: 1b entries.

CLASS 5 (FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - FRESH)

Basket Arrangements: 1st Mrs. Foley, 2nd Mrs. Collins, 3rd Mrs. O.R. Powell; Table Decoration: 1st Miss Gillot; Cut flowers in a vase: 1st Mrs. Tilly, 2nd Mrs. Tilly, 3rd Mr. Parker.

CLASS 6 (FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS - ARTIFICIAL)

Basket Arrangements: 1st Mrs. Tillet, 2nd Mrs. Tillet, 3rd Mrs. Tillet; Table Decorations:

1b entries.

CLASS 7 (FRESH FRUIT)

Falling Apples: 1b entries; Plate of Six Dessert Apples: 1st Miss Burns; Pears: 1b entries; Plums: 1b entries; Plate of Twelve Gooseberries: 1st Mrs. Burns; Blackberries: 1b entries; Other Fruit: 1b entries.

CLASS 8 (GARDEN PRODUCE)

Peatatoes (5 Matching): 1st Mr. T. Broock; Cabbage: 1b entries; Beetroot (3 Matching): 1st Mr. Spalton; Leeks: 1b entries; Onions: 1st Mr. Spalton; Carrots: 1b entries; Runner Beans (5): 1st Mrs. Bartley, 2nd Mr. Spalton; Peas: 1b entries; Parsnips: 1b entries; Turnips: 1b entries; Tomatoes (Plate of 6): 1st Mr. Spalton; Cucumbers: 1b entries; Marrow: 1st Mr. Harrison; Lettuce: 1b entries; Melon: 1st Mr. Spalton; Pepper: 1st Mr. Spalton.

CLASS 9 (SALAD)

Plate of Salad (10" plate): 1st Miss Welland.

CLASS 10 (ART)

Oil Painting: 1st Mrs. Collins, 2nd Mrs. Woolfenden, 3rd Mrs. Firth; Water colour: 1st Miss Kingdon, 2nd Mr. Lamb, 3rd Mrs. Woolfenden; Sketches: 1st Mr. Woolfenden; Sculpture: 1st Mr. Holmes; Woodcarving: 1st Mr. Lawry; Pottery: 1st Mr. Lawry.

CLASS 11 (CHILDREN AGED UP TO 7)

Painted Egg: 1st Anna Wilkinson; Plate Garden: 1b entries; Vegetable Animal: 1st Alexander Foley, 2nd 1b awarded, 3rd Stephen Wilkinson.

CLASS 12 (CHILDREN 7-11)

Painted Egg: 1st Mrs. Broock; Plate Garden: 1b entries; Vegetable Animal: 1st David Wilkinson.

CLASS 13 (CHILDREN'S BAKING)

1b entries.

The Housecraft Judges wish to say that the standard of knitting was extremely high in every entry. Totley Residents' Association would like to congratulate all the prizewinners and give thanks to Totley County School, the Post Offices and Library for issuing entry forms, the shops which advertised the event, Bill Carter, Vice for the certificates, Totley Evening Hall for the refreshments and all the judges.

Barbara Colwell

CRAFTY

There will be free admission to a craft fair being held by Bradway Scout Group at their headquarters in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School, Bradway, on Saturday November 22nd from 10am-5pm.

There will be more than 20 crafts on display and an excellent opportunity for Christmas shopping from the wide range of original items on display.

Among the crafts to be demonstrated during the day will be canal craft painting, decoupage (three dimensional pictures), woodburning, decorated eggs, corn dillies, machine knitting and porcelain button making. In addition, stalls will include pottery and plants, terrariums, hobby horses, clay badges, household linens, dolls clothes, woodturning, patchwork, dolls shoes/minature foods, photographs on wood and enamelling, jewellery, garden furniture, pressed flowers and an artist specialising in paintings from your own photographs. There will also be a cake stall, with light refreshments on sale throughout the day. Prizes in a raffle to be drawn at the end of the craft fair include a £50 travel voucher and £10 vouchers for poultry and drinks, as well as books, records, travel bag and sweat shirt.

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 Many thanks for the paper in
 September, when over 8½ tons
 was collected. Our next coll-
 ection is on Saturday 11th
 October. If anyone would be
 willing to be responsible for
 a block of flats or road in
 Totley, perhaps they would let
 us know (367357). Twenty min-
 utes on the second Saturday in
 each month to collect and take
 the paper to the skip, would
 be a tremendous help. Now that
 the price of paper has fallen,
 we have to collect more to
 make it worthwhile.

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 hour). If you are interested in
 taking up this offer on behalf
 of your group, or want to
 discuss things further, then
 please contact me as soon as
 possible.
 We would like the building to
 be in regular use by the
 community - if you are inter-
 ested and would be willing to
 make a donation; then we
 would be pleased to hear from
 you.

Christmas Rist
 We will be helping with the
 Sheffield Scouts post in
 December as usual, when a lot
 of money is raised for charity.
 Details in the next issue.
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 THE DELIVERY IS TO SHEFFIELD
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Bonfire
 The Scouts are holding a Half-
 oween and Bonfire night on
 Friday 11st October at their
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Alan Villy

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LETTERS

Kirkmoorside
North Yorkshire.

Dear Editor

I was interested to see the letter in your September issue from William Carter, as in 1908, the year he mentions, we too were living near Tolley Rise and I remember the shops pretty well. After Wicks (fruit and veg) and just before the step to the upper terrace, was the wool and haberdashery shop of Miss (or Mrs) Ibbittson - I think - whose stock remark when asked for something was, "Ah think Ah've a remnant somewhere . . . !"

The Post Office was run by the Bookers, I think. They sold wonderful toys and oddments - sweets too - doreday - and when the Boer War ended in 1902 we bought "peace monkeys" there, made of pine cleaner wire in red, white and blue. Yes, next door to the P.O. was Colin Thompson, our very elegant butcher. He was tall and thin, rode a very fine horse and no doubt hunted with the Darlow hounds. He was not above coming up to Greenoak with Ferret and

Carter for a days' ration, round the old barn behind our pig-house and down in our stable block. My brother and I enjoyed this excitement, but were rather small to engage in the battle but loved watching for the emergence of the rats -

and the ferret!

As Dr Carter says, the Harrisons, grocers, came next, and last, Mr Harrison died rather young I think, and Mrs Harrison and two sons ran the prosperous business. Mr. Carter puts the butcher last in the row - I thought it was Harrison, with Colin Thompson in the middle, but we won't quarrel over this!

Yours truly,

John L. Capron

Old Hay Close
Dore.

Dear Sir

I usually enjoy reading "Farming Scene" in the Tolley Independent, but found it impossible to be entertained by the sick jokes on radio-active fallout in last month's column.

I understand that Edwin Brook is concerned for other farmers who want compensation because they are unable to sell their radioactive lambs, which he so

kindly imagines as "being picked up for isotopes in X-ray machines".

Why does Mr Brook tell us that the IIT is planning to send back the plutonium "donated to us by the Russians . . . in the form of an X-bomb to be returned to Russia"? Such bland assurances of the low liability of nuclear war are terrifying and pessimistic beyond belief.

Most people are aware that soldiers having weapons, will expect to use them at some time, but no responsible person would want to anticipate the horrors of nuclear war as an inevitable occurrence. There is already a very high probability that a nuclear war could be started through a computer error. The Chernobyl disaster occurred because of human error. A very positive effort needs to be made by responsible people, who want to see a future for their children, to place limits on military spending and to insist on stricter safety controls in nuclear power installations. I don't think there is time to make sick jokes.

Yours faithfully

R Parselove
for the Bradway, Dore and
Tolley Peace Action Group.

CENTENARY ISSUE

You're now blatching the centenary issue of the Tolley Independent and likely features will include:

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TRANSPORT 17

Hartin Larnshaw, the regular Transport 17 driver, may have averted a tragedy recently. He called to collect Mrs Bentley of Green Oak Road, for an evening drive, but she did not answer the door. Looking through the window, Hartin saw her hat and coat ready for the outing, but there was no sign of Mrs Bentley anywhere. He raised the alarm and Mrs Bentley was found to be in a diabetic coma. Happily she has since recovered. Congratulations Hartin, on your diligence and observation.

Colin Wells

Tenants' News

A majority of tenants in Green Oak Avenue, Drive and Road whose homes are heated by warm air, have taken up the Council's option of conversion to central heating by "wet" radiators, as their old appliances are becoming obsolete.

Some tenants may be experiencing difficulty in understanding the new controls, or making the best use of them.

The Tenants' Section of Tolley Residents' Association may be able to help by sending round a volunteer or arranging more expert advice.

Anyone requiring assistance can contact Mike Williamson on 365415 or leave a message with Harold Reynolds on 351 373.



U.N.A.

The Dore, Totley and Bradway Branch of the United Nations Association has a varied programme of activities in the coming months and they invite anyone with an interest in the international scene and a concern for peaceful co-operation to participate in them.

U.N.A. is one of the organisations involved in Sheffield Peace Week (Oct. 6th to 12th) for which a detailed programme can be seen at the local library.

District monthly meetings for action on current happenings are held at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street.

In One World Week, U.N.A. has a joint meeting with the Wednesday Friendship Group, at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall at 8pm on 22nd October, when there will be a talk and slides on the Sheffield - Estell Water Project. On Friday October 24th, there will be a U.N. Day Service, organised by the local Christian Council.

On Friday November 14th at 7.30pm at Abbeydale Hall, the U.N.A. Regional Officer will speak about "The UN Contribution to Peace" to a joint meeting of U.N.A. and the local Peace Group.

The educational and campaigning work undertaken by U.N.A. needs funds and support is invited for the Healey How Sale to be held at Dore Old School, 1pm-6pm on Saturday November 15th. Good quality clothes, books, toys and bric a brac etc are needed. Telephone 366564.

D. Simpson

Truck Push

A total of £645 was raised at a charity sheep roast, organised by the Grouse Inn, Froggatt, in aid of the National Deaf Children Society. The event was held in conjunction with the well-publicised Truck Push, which is aiming to raise £1m for the charity, during a world record attempt from John O'Groats to Land's End.

On 31 August, the truck was pushed from Attercliffe to the Grouse Inn, where in addition to the sheep roast, there were many stalls, sideshows and games. A feature of the afternoon was an auction from the truck of items donated. The day ended with a sponsored darts match.

The impressive total raised was due largely to the time and effort put in by local people, mainly from Totley. The Grouse Inn has received thanks from the National Deaf Children Society for the sum raised, which will go towards high-tech equipment needed by deaf children and their families.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Stan Drury, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on September 17th.

For most of his working life, Mr Drury was Totley's local decorator and for some 10 years also ran a hardware shop in Hillfoot Road.

Mr and Mrs Drury were married at Crookes Church in 1916.

"THE OWD HOSS"

Does any reader have any memories or recollections of the old mimmers play "The Owd Hoss", that used to be performed in Dore and Totley, probably around Christmas time?

The play is similar in structure and presentation to the more common "The Derby Top" and would have been acted out by local men.

Nike Williamson



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October		
13th	7.30pm	Totley Ladies Evening Guild at Abbeydale Hall: Travel Slides (Mr Grosvenor)
14th		Scouts Waste Paper Collection. Skit at College car park until 12 noon.
15th	10am-12 noon	Totley Evening Guild Coffee Morning at Conservative Club, Linsay Rd.
		Raffle, cakes, bring a brace, bring & buy. Proceeds to Martin House Hospice for children.
16th-18th	7.30pm	5th Mode Singers present Verdi's Aida at St John's Church, Abbeydale Rd Sth. Tickets £2 (BAPs/children £1.50) from members or at door. In aid of local charities.
18th	2pm	Transport 17 Jumble Sale at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. Offers of Jumble to Sheila Hoeg (394151)
22nd	8pm	UBA/Wednesday Friendship Group meeting at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall (see article)
25th	7.30pm	Totley Troopers at All Saints Church hall (see article)
29th-1st Nov	7.45pm	H.R.C. Dramatic Society presents "Time & Time Again" at Church Hall, Totley Brook Rd.
31st	7pm	Scouts Halloween Bonfire Night at Scout HQ, Aldam Rd (see article)
November		
1st	2pm-12 noon	Book sale at Totley Library. Books for children & adults.
5th		Bonfire & Barbecue at Cricket Inn
7th		Provisional date for County School Bonfire. Waven for Posters.
8th	10am	Cheshire Home Autumn Fair at Dronfield Civic Centre.
13th	10am-3pm	Exhibition of local facilities for young children by Dore & Totley Liaison Group (at Totley Library)
14th	7.30pm	Totley Ladies Evening Guild at Abbeydale Hall: The Salvation Army (Mrs Hart)
15th	1-4pm	UBA Nearly New Sale at Dore Old School (see article)
19th-20th		Totley Troopers "Palace of Varieties" at Dronfield Civic Hall (see article)
22nd	10am	Craft Fair at Bradway Scout Group HQ.
24th-26th Dec		Totley Independent Centenary Issue
26th-27th	7.30pm	Exhibition at Totley Library.
		TOADS presents "Caught on the Hop" at St John's Church Hall Abbeydale Rd Sth.
29th	2pm	All Saints Church Christmas Bazaar-party, pantry, pottery, plants & gifts.

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