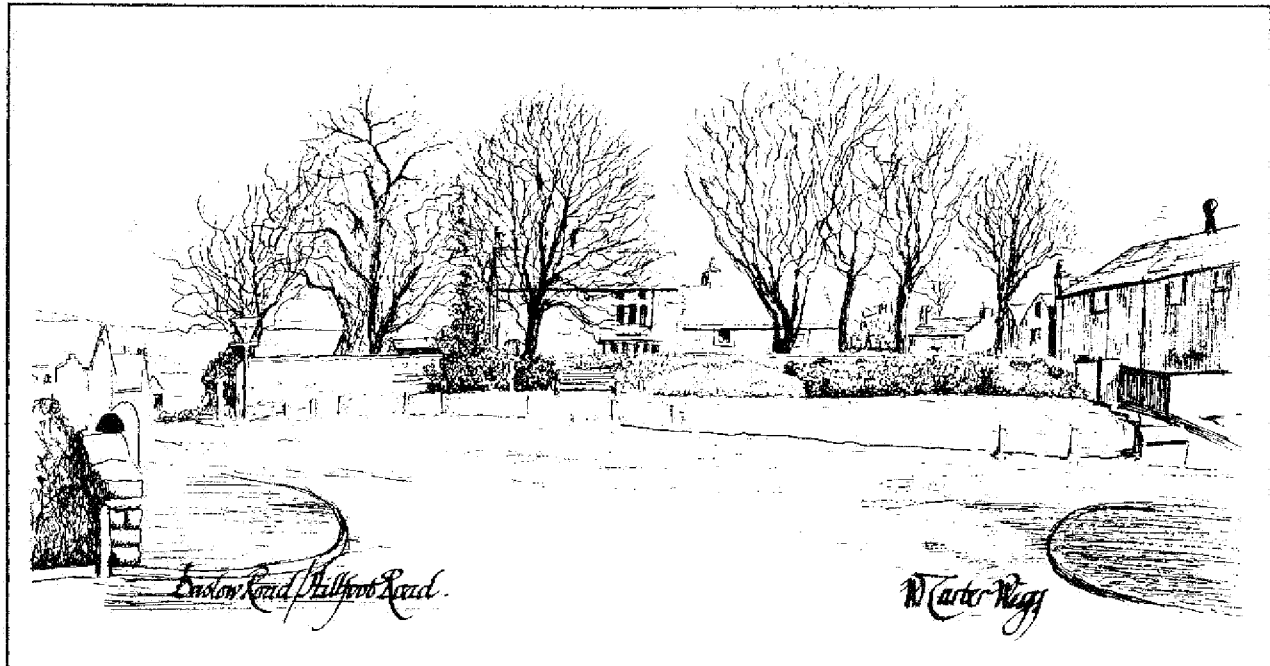


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**DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S 10th BIRTHDAY ISSUE!**

# whisperer...

You could be forgiven for thinking that Totley was about to be invaded on May 19th, when a massive, unmarked aeroplane circled low over the area for about 15 minutes . . . . . we think it was part of Operation Hammer, an exercise involving 300 American fighter aircraft "attacking" Britain to test our air defences . . . . . presumably Totley's air defences failed! . . . . . Down to earth again, there's talk of extra stops for the X23 at Dore Station and Glover Road . . . . . but don't start the queues yet . . . . . Isn't it time that Greenoak Park had a car park of its own? . . . . . it would save the roads nearby from getting clogged up with visitors' cars . . . . . assuming they've managed to get through the radar traps of course! . . . . . Rumour has it that Brian Edwards' company "Shape" has purchased part of the Abbeydale Garden Centre site including the Garden Chef restaurant . . . . . it will be interesting to keep an eye on developments down there . . . . . Meantime, we welcome Alan McDermott to the Independent team . . . . . **DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S 10TH BIRTHDAY ISSUE!**

## BARN DANCE

How does that holiday advert go? "Ask anyone who has been there . . . . ."  
Well anyone who was at last year's TRA Barn Dance will tell you that it must rank as one of the top social events of the Totley Calendar. Again in the authentic surroundings of Totley Hall Farm, courtesy of Jen and Edwin Pocock, this year's event will be on Saturday 13 June from 8pm-11.30pm.  
As usual, anyone who lives or works in Totley is welcome and for £3 you'll get that outstanding pie and pea supper plus, once again, the lively music and caller of the band Aircs and Graces. There'll also be a bar and raffle.  
Tickets are available from any of the following numbers: 367021, 364190, 361601 or 365415. Don't miss out - numbers are limited.

John Butterwick

# LETTERS

Wollaton Road  
Bradway

Dear Sir  
The May 1987 timetable has given our local station at Dore the best service we have seen for many years, but unless we use it more we stand little chance of making it even better in future. For the first time since Totley Independent was first published there is now a reasonable train in each direction for Manchester commuters, indeed there are two, and one is semifast. Coming up from Sheffield in the afternoon there is now effectively an hourly service from 1449 to 1840. The fare to Sheffield is just 30p or 40p day return after 0615. Also if you use the train to connect with InterCity services at Sheffield, then the Dore to Sheffield trip is free, provided you have bought your ticket in advance. The detailed timings are as follows (most trains also call at Grindlford, Hathersage, Bamford, Ldale and other stations to Manchester):

### Mondays to Saturdays

|           | BHX  | BHS  | SD   |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Man Picc  | 0615 | 0650 | 0705 | 0850 | 0950 | 1050 | 1250 | 1450 |
| Hope      | 0653 | 0756 | 0756 | 0957 | 1047 | 1147 | 1347 | 1547 |
| Dore      | 0710 | 0814 | 0814 | 1015 | 1105 | 1205 | 1405 | 1605 |
| Sheffield | 0719 | 0822 | 0822 | 1023 | 1113 | 1216 | 1416 | 1613 |

|           | Ex   | SD   | BHX  | St   |      |      |      |  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Man Picc  | 1550 | 1650 | 1706 | 1738 | 1850 | 2030 | 2230 |  |
| Hope      | 1652 | 1747 | 1759 | --   | 1947 | 2126 | 2322 |  |
| Dore      | 1711 | 1805 | 1816 | 1842 | 2005 | 2143 | 2341 |  |
| Sheffield | 1720 | 1816 | 1825 | 1851 | 2013 | 2152 | 2351 |  |

### Sundays

|           |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Man Picc  | 0930 | 1014 | 1130 | 1450 | 1630 | 2030 |  |
| Hope      | 1027 | 1058 | 1227 | 1547 | 1727 | 2127 |  |
| Dore      | 1045 | 1115 | 1245 | 1605 | 1745 | 2145 |  |
| Sheffield | 1103 | 1136 | 1303 | 1623 | 1753 | 2153 |  |

### Mondays to Saturdays

|           | BHX  | SD   | BHX  | BHX  |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sheffield | 0604 | 0649 | 0655 | 0723 | 0939 | 1049 | 1242 | 1449 |
| Dore      | 0613 | 0636 | 0704 | 0730 | 0946 | 1056 | 1249 | 1456 |
| Hope      | 0634 | 0715 | --   | 0749 | 1004 | 1114 | 1307 | 1514 |
| Man Picc  | 0718 | 0809 | 0810 | 0840 | 1108 | 1208 | 1408 | 1609 |

|           |      |      |      | St   |      |      |  |  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Sheffield | 1547 | 1635 | 1736 | 1840 | 2027 | 2245 |  |  |
| Dore      | 1554 | 1642 | 1743 | 1847 | 2034 | 2252 |  |  |
| Hope      | 1612 | 1700 | 1801 | 1906 | 2052 | 2310 |  |  |
| Man Picc  | 1709 | 1809 | 1858 | 2008 | 2146 | 2357 |  |  |

### Sundays

|           |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Sheffield | 0922 | 1122 | 1453 | 1619 | 1743 | 2022 |  |
| Dore      | 0929 | 1129 | 1500 | 1626 | 1752 | 2029 |  |
| Hope      | 0947 | 1147 | 1518 | 1644 | 1812 | 2047 |  |
| Man Picc  | 1053 | 1253 | 1623 | 1753 | 1857 | 2143 |  |

(BHX=Bank Holidays excepted)

St,SD=Saturday excepted, only)

Hugh Porteous (secretary)  
Hope Valley Railway Users' Group.

## FAMILY SPORTS

For a great afternoon out, don't miss this year's TRA Family Sports Day, to be held on Sunday 28 June at Totley Bents Recreation Field, Penny Lane. Races start at 2.30pm.  
A total of 14 track races for children and adults will be held, on similar lines to last year's Sports Night. Organisations are being invited to run side stalls, side shows and hopefully trade promotions, as well as ice-cream and food stalls. The idea of the event, other than the entertainment of all concerned, is to raise as much money as possible to donate to St. Luke's Nursing Home.  
Would anyone wishing to reserve a stall (£5), donate a raffle prize or volunteer their services on the day please phone me on 369217 (Help will be required from 10am).

Barrie Catton

## MUSIC

### MUSICAL SUCCESSSES

At the recent examinations for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following were successful:  
GRADE 2: Emily Inman (Merit); Fiona Ivison (Distinction); David Savage.  
GRADE 4: Ann Margaret Firth  
GRADE 5: Ann Maria Farrar; Emma Christine Towler.

Elizabeth Bowring

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# SCOUT NEWS

## Lottery

March - 1st No. 245 - Mr. B. Dubieniec - Deep Fat Fryer + Coffee Maker.  
2nd No. 261 - Mr. G.H. Morgan - £10 Coles Voucher.

April - 1st No. 62 - Mrs. A. Tilly - 35mm Camera - 4 Films.  
2nd No. 1 - Mr. H. Kelham - £10 Marks & Spencer Voucher.

Our final draw for May will be for a Fisher VHS Video. Forms are now being delivered to houses in Totley for our 1987-88 lottery which we hope to start by the end of June. If you would like to join and don't have a form, or would like more details, please phone me (367387). Look at some of this year's prizes: Colour TV, Microwave, Radio Teasmade, Twin Cassette Stereo Radio, Hostess Trolley, Xmas Hamper, Hi-Fi, Food Processor, £200 Holiday Vouchers - £50 Spending Money. You can have a chance of winning similar prizes for £12 for the year or £1 per month and all profits from our lottery go towards repaying the loan on our H.Q. Please join now!

## Garden Party

This will be held in the grounds of our H.Q. on Saturday 20th June at 2.30pm Sheffield Military Band will be playing plus all the usual activities. Come and join us at our H.Q. in Aldam Road

## Paper Collections

A skip will be in Totley College car park on the second Saturday in each month from 9am to 12 noon for all your old newspapers, cardboard, directories etc. Next collections: 13th June, 11th July.

Alan Vitty

## Election Result

DORE WARD

Patricia Davey (Con).... 4,114  
Edward Joseph Lamb (Lab) 2,053  
Janice Margaret  
Sidebottom (AIP)..... 1,820  
Majority..... 2,061  
No change  
Turnout: 48%

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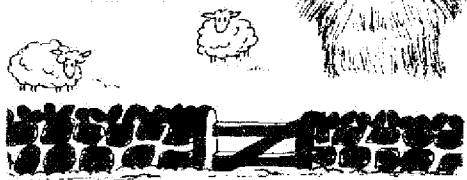
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# FARMING SCENE



The unusually warm spring has encouraged most crops to grow so rapidly that harvest is likely to begin 3 weeks earlier this year, with oilseed rape and winter barley ready by mid-July. In general cereals look well, but most oilseed rape crops are on the thin side due to the long dry period in the autumn, which killed the seeds as they germinated. Oilseed rape is usually the first crop to be harvested and as the seeds are ready while the stems are still green, it has to be "killed" first, either by spraying with a desiccant or by mowing and leaving it in rows to dry. Either operation is performed approximately 10 days before it is combined so that weather permitting, the whole crop should be nicely dry at harvest. Approximately 42% of the seed is oil, which is extracted by crushing the seed. After refining, this is used in margarine and cooking oils. The average yield is 24 cwt per acre.

The winter barleys are now in ear and with a final dose of fungicide to forestall late attacks of foliar diseases, will require no further attention until harvest.

The winter wheats are now growing fast but are as usual, way behind the barleys and will not be ready for harvest until mid-August. The potatoes have been planted in the Quarry Field in very good conditions, which should result in higher yields this year and subsequently lower prices. We have 4 acres of reds (Desiree) and 1/2 acre of whites (Estima) this year, which should have shoots emerged by the time you read this.

The sheep are all out on grass now, with a final performance figure of 1.8 lambs per ewe, slightly higher than last year, which appears to be general throughout the country. The next job will of course be shearing which is scheduled

for early this month. This really confuses the lambs as they cannot immediately recognise their mums with their "jackets" off! In fact until they have identified them by smell, they are really frightened of these strange wool-less animals! We have finally filled in the gaps and given the rest of our raspberry plot a good tidy up. The crop looks very well and should produce 2 or 3 times as many raspberries this year. These and the strawberries will require regular fungicidal sprays now to control foliar diseases and to protect the fruit from attack by mildew which can cause it to go rotten before picking. We shall have a few less strawberries this year, all of which will be the variety Cambridge Favourite and due to work put in over winter, a great deal fewer weeds, which will make picking much easier. As one winter ends, stock farmers will be thinking about providing feed for the next one and silage and hay stores that were only finally emptied last month, will now be in the process of refilling ready for next winter. So the farming cycle rolls on.

Edwin Pocock

## NEW CLUB

The Venus Girls' Club is being offered as an introductory programme aimed at giving a wide choice of activities for girls from age 4-12 and 12-16.

The initial programme starts in June and ends in September and it is hoped by then that there has been enough interest and support to continue with the club on a permanent basis. If the club proves successful, a boys' club will start before the end of the year.

The club will meet on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings in All Saints' Church Hall and on Monday evenings in the Polytechnic Students' Hall. Outdoor activities will be arranged for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Application forms can be obtained from Totley library and the Church Hall and further details are available from Alan McDermott, 26 Sunnyvale Road, telephone 360165.

## Cheshire Home

Two of our residents will shortly be going on holiday to Park House at Sandringham, the childhood home of Princess Diana, given to the Cheshire Homes by the Queen. Preparations are going ahead for the Garden Party to be held in the grounds of the Home on Saturday, 27th June, when Penistone Drum Majorettes and the Bolsover School Steel Band will be with us. We are fortunate in also having a display by Police Dogs and their handlers.

### A LUNCHEON CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE!

For a long time now, Dore and Totley have provided excellent Luncheon Clubs run by Church volunteers. Unfortunately there are many people in the area with special needs who cannot attend the present Luncheon Clubs, such as the elderly confused.

The aim of a special needs centre would be to enhance the quality of life in a supportive, caring environment and promote greater acceptance and understanding in the community.

It is envisaged that the centre would be in the premises of the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church to open in September from 10am to 3.15pm each Monday. In addition to a lunch being provided, a programme of activities, e.g. singing and musical items, hair-dressing, passive exercises and conversation would be arranged.

If we are going to be able to offer such a centre, many volunteers with and without expertise would be needed. Adequate training would be offered in First Aid, Basic Psychology, Behavioural Modification etc.

It will be a very big challenge to us all, but one that could give relief to relatives and a light to many living in a twilight world.

If you feel any interest in this, please get in touch with Mrs. Joyce Paris Tel. 366694 Rev. Duncan Wilson Tel. 363332

# HELP

Divorce/Separation is a traumatic experience. One way or another it now touches the lives of many people. We all know of someone who is going through, in the midst of, or suffering the after effects of this experience.

In 1985 the Sheffield Family Conciliation Service was introduced as a means of helping people involved in separation. The Service provides a neutral but pleasant room in which the individuals involved can meet to voice any hurt, anger or confusion caused by the experience. These meetings take place in the presence of a qualified conciliator who, where possible, helps the couple to come to an amicable agreement especially about arrangements for the children.

Referral for Conciliation can be through personal contact or if preferred, through any professional agency (eg a solicitor).

Sheffield Family Conciliation Service,  
14-18 West Bar Green,  
Sheffield S1 2DA

Tel: 752227

# U.N.A.

The people of the Totley area are setting an example to the rest of the city by their energetic and enthusiastic support for the "Farm against Famine" project in Port Sudan. The amount raised so far in this area is now approaching £1,000.

The sponsored slimmers at the Methodist Church have so far contributed £78. A donation of £20 was made from the proceeds of the Women's Weekend at the same church.

All the local churches combined for a sponsored hymn sing which raised about £510, shared between "Farm against Famine" and the Gamma Camera Appeal for the Children's Hospital.

The local branch of UNA held a musical evening with a variety of young instrumentalists including the Chess Wind Quartet; Joe Varley sang and Alastair Borthwick on the piano played some of his own compositions, while Enid Jones sang and accompanied herself on the zither. The evening raised £113.

Another delightful programme was the "Evening at the Palm Court" presented by Jimmy

McWilliams. A profit of £106.50 was made.

"Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings" at the English Martyrs Church raised £180.

There have also been a few individual donations from Totley people.

The project is a very practical scheme which has been thoroughly researched and will be under the control of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

For anyone else who would like to help with the appeal, the local committee can offer leaflets, posters, talks, slide or film shows. (Contact Mrs Caroline Wilson, Tel. 663154 or Mr J.P. Young Tel. 364803)

There is an urgent need for volunteers (over age 16) to help with a city wide Flag Day on July 4th (Phone C Wilson or Mrs C Marcroft 362814) Meanwhile, thanks again to all in Totley who have already helped so generously.

Doris Simpson

## TWELVE COMMANDMENTS

(for a child's bedroom door?)

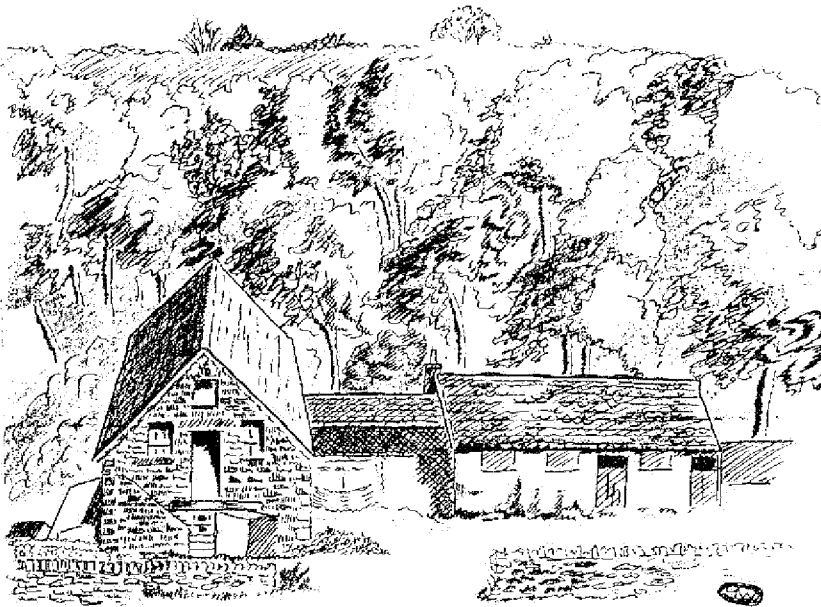
If you open it, close it.  
If you turn it on, turn it off.  
If you unlock it, lock it.  
If you break it, repair it.  
If you can't fix it, report it.  
If you borrow it, return it.  
If you use it, don't abuse it.  
If you make a mess, clean it up.  
If you move it, put it back.  
If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.  
If it belongs to someone else, ask permission.  
If it doesn't concern you, don't touch it.

Alan Witty  
(with acknowledgement to  
Beris Green Methodist Church  
Magazine).

## FAREWELL

We shall miss you Totley.  
Thank you for your friendship and kindness.  
Thank you to the TRA and Bill Wigg for the gift of a drawing.  
Thank you to everyone who has sent messages wishing us well.  
Thank you for having us. Good luck.

Jackie, John, Oliver & Charlotte  
Butterwick.



THOMPSON'S FARM (BEHIND TOTLEY RISE SHOPS)  
by Harry Wooffinden.

## GARDEN TIPS

June is a time of rapid grass growth, but prolonged spells of dry weather may make it necessary to water the lawn. It is important to apply the equivalent of 1" of rain (2½ gall. per sq. yd.) Roses will benefit from a second dressing of fertiliser.

Suckers should be cut off below ground level. Take off flowers as soon as they have finished. Keep aphids under control.

Bedding plants should be in by now and getting established.

A dressing of Growmore or phosphrogen feed will work wonders. Don't let them dry out and watch out for the dreaded slug. If you don't like using pellets try using the beer method (A small tin of beer buried up to its lip in the soil will attract and drown them).

The laburnum flowers this month. Although this is a most attractive tree, remember that the fruits are poisonous, so any within the reach of children should be removed.

With any luck you should be gathering early peas and broad beans this month, as well as cutting brassicas and spinach.

Don't forget to make successional sowings of lettuce, beetroot and carrots. Dust along the rows with an earth pest killer. Runner beans should be growing nicely but treat for black fly when it first appears. Earh up potatoes, first sprinkling a little fertiliser. Marrows can be planted out on prepared beds. Water onions in dry spells and give a weekly liquid feed. Later in the month leeks and savoy and January king cabbages can be planted.

Pests on gooseberries and blackcurrants should be dealt with using Permethrin-based insecticides. Peg down a few strawberry runners for propagation, either directly in the soil or better still into pots buried in the ground. Any remaining runners should be removed. Towards the end of the month, spray apple trees to protect against attack by codling moth caterpillar. Train and tie up new

## Christian Life

We live in a day of profits, where sadly, making a profit seems to be the world's main pre-occupation. A world where "getting on" and making money often matters more than people.

Thankfully, we also live in the day of the prophets, those who have spoken and continue to speak from God of what He is doing in His world. The bible tells of one such prophet called Joel, who, in 400 B.C. foretold of a time in the future when God would bestow His favour on mankind. This was fulfilled about 33 A.D. at the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, an annual harvest celebration of the Jews. One hundred and twenty believers in Christ were gathered together in an upstairs room and ...well, let the bible narrative speak for itself:

"Seven weeks had now gone by since Jesus' death and resurrection and the day of pentecost arrived. As the believers met together that day suddenly there was a sound like the roaring of a mighty wind in the skies above them

and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then what looked like flames, or tongues of fire appeared and settled on their heads and everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts Chapter 2).

This incident was the birth of the Christian Church, when the new spiritual life that God offers through His Son Jesus Christ was first fully poured out.

This tremendous birthday has been celebrated by millions of Christians down the centuries who have experienced their own personal Pentecost and the joy of becoming a friend of God.

All the Dore and Totley churches are holding this year's birthday gathering in the grounds of the English Martyrs' Catholic Church, Baslow Road, at 3pm on Pentecost Sunday, 7th June. Why not come along? You may profit, as have countless other people, from what the prophet Joel foretold over 2000 years ago.

Ferry Irwin.

canes of blackberries and loganberries. Take blossom from fruit trees which were planted this season to encourage a more vigorous plant for the future. In the greenhouse, tomato plants need training, removal of side shoots and weekly application of a high potash liquid feed. Give a light spray with water on sunny days. Begonias need careful attention and it may be necessary to support some flowers. Feed weekly to keep them growing sturdily. Whitefly can be a nuisance in the greenhouse and it is wise to fumigate regularly with smoke pellets or cones, repeating at 10-14 day intervals. A busy month! The most common thing I find when talking to people in the shop is that they do not give plants enough food. You can only expect the best from plants which are fed, watered and looked after.

Busy Bee

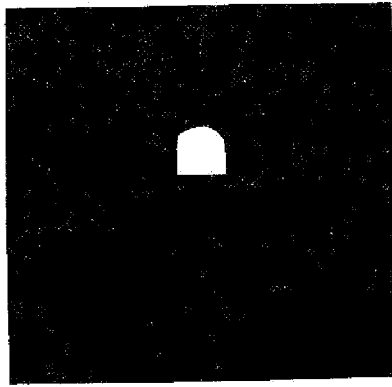
### FLOWER FESTIVAL

St John's Church Abbeydale Road is holding a Flower Festival from Friday 19th June until Sunday 21st June. The proceeds are in aid of the Martin House Hospice.

The festival will open from 2pm-9pm Friday 19th June, 10am-9pm Saturday 20th June and all day on Sunday 21st June (except during the services). During the festival, refreshments will be served in the Church Hall. There will be displays arranged by the organisations associated with the church and several stalls including home-made items, jams and preserves, plants, cakes and a braai tub for the children.

There will also be two competitions for the children. One is a painting competition and the other is a flower arrangement in a cup and saucer. For more details and an entry form, please contact Mrs Bainbridge (tel. 360696).

# TOTLEY TUNNEL



This drawing depicts an unusual aspect of one of Totley's best-known landmarks: Totley Tunnel from the inside.

This rare view, hitherto enjoyed only by train drivers, is now shared with everyone by courtesy of an anonymous and enterprising local artist, who at great personal risk has captured the unique atmosphere of the tunnel.

Amongst his many ideas for the future, he hopes to capture forever in his own inimitable style, the surface of Queen Victoria Road, smoke from the brickworks chimney and dog droppings in Greenoak Park. He is at present working on another local landmark - the inside of Bradway Tunnel - which we hope to publish in a future issue (unless the Master Cutler gets his first).

## Totley Troupers

Amateur entertainers, Totley Troupers, are looking to swell their ranks with the addition of a few new members, both male and female, preferably from the local area. The Troupers take their Music Hall, Variety and Pierrot shows out to venues and in so doing have helped many charities. If you would like to join them, please contact Mike Williamson on 365415 or John Turner on 367594. Don't worry if you haven't got your own material or songs, as these can be provided.



## TOTLEY-MERICK

There was an old man of Hillfoot,  
Who murmured, "Now where shall I put  
This mucky old tyre?  
Where else but the fire?"  
And smothered all Totley in soot!

Pseudo trichos

## AUCTION

On the evening of Thursday July 2nd in the United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road, there will be an auction of household articles and curios. All the proceeds of this sale will go to Fairthorn, our local home for mentally handicapped young people. Please try to support this event, either by attending the auction, or by donating something for the sale. This could be an unwanted birthday present, a cake, a kitchen gadget you never use, garden plants, in fact almost anything within reason, because at an auction everything is sold. This event always proves to be an entertaining and interesting evening. Please let Jim Martin have your items, either by bringing them to the shop or by telephoning him on 362463.

### SAINT LUKK'S NURSING HOME SUMMER FAIR: SATURDAY 13 JUNE

The annual Summer fair will be held from 2pm-5pm in the grounds of the Nursing Home at Little Common Lane, off Abbey Lane. We are a registered charity and fund raising is an important part of our work. Many stalls (contributions welcome), refreshments, amusements, creche, etc. Admission free. Further information from Mrs Fielding on 369911.

# TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The following items were discussed at the committee meeting on 15 May:

### Barn Dance

Final arrangements were made for this year's TRA Barn Dance, to be held on 13 June. (See separate article).

### Sports Day

Plans are in hand for the annual TRA Family Sports Day, to be held on 28 June. (See separate article).

### Other Functions

The date for the third Totley Show was agreed provisionally as 12 September. Totley College had confirmed that the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party would go ahead as usual in December.

### Police Surgery

The next public Police Surgery will be on 10 September when matters of public safety, crime prevention and community policing will be discussed. The purpose of the surgeries is to provide an opportunity for the local community, the police and others who serve the community, to consider mutual problems and promote solutions. Anyone interested in attending should telephone Les Firth (364190) for more details.

### Neighbourhood Watch

A public meeting on the subject of setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes will be held at Totley library on 22 June at 5pm. Everyone is welcome. Police speakers will be in attendance.

### Petition

A petition running to 6 pages objecting to a proposed plan to develop land behind Totley Rise shops had been presented to the Council by the residents of Laverdene Avenue, Clover Road and Hilldale Road.

### Club Renamed

Totley Residents' Social Club has been renamed "Totley Residents' Friendship Club" to avoid confusion with another club of similar name.

### Information

Any resident requiring help or information about community matters should contact TRA Chairman Les Firth (364190), Vice-Chairman Don Clare (364684) or any committee member. A full list of members was published in last month's Independent.

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# Poets Corner

Nature has a lovely way of heralding the spring,  
 She brings out all her pastel shades to colour everything.  
 The daffodil, the crocus and the snowdrops too,  
 Even the forget-me-not, each a different hue.  
 On every branch the buds break out in their dress of green,  
 It really is a wondrous sight, the best you've ever seen.  
 The blossom's on the trees of pink and white and gold,  
 It's just a touch of magic, a wonder to behold.  
 Each tiny bird is busy nesting in the trees,  
 Laying eggs in colour, in ones and twos and threes.

It's summertime and just once more, I'd really like to say,  
 Have fun and sun on your holidays in your special way.  
 Bring bucket and spade a castle so high,  
 We'll build and build till we reach the sky.

Autumn's here and once again I'd really like to say  
 It makes me sad to see the flowers slowly fade away.  
 The trees take on a different hue of reds and browns and gold,  
 Also the changing weather is getting rather cold.

The snow is gently falling, it carpets all the ground  
 And cheeky little squirrel hides all the nuts he's found  
 Robin with his coat of red merrily greets the day,  
 Is that the huntsman and the hounds? They've got the fox at bay.  
 The trees look gaunt and wizened as they stand against the sky  
 Making patterned silhouettes as the clouds go racing by.  
 Happy childrens voices, on their way to school,  
 Each one wrapped up warm against the winter winds so cruel.  
 Shall we make a snowman when we get home today  
 And dress him up and make him smart in colours oh so gay.  
 If I could pick a season I think that it would be  
 Springtime all the whole year round, it means the most to me.

Kathleen Gill

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 Olwen 365357  
 Lynne 360653  
 Anne 350612  
 Zita 366204 (Dore area only)

## ERRATUM

We would like to apologise for an error in the second verse of Mr. John Bell's poem "The Lonely Ones", which appeared last month. The verse should read:  
 Caught in the crossfire,  
 Of marital strife,  
 They walk with fear,  
 The edge of a knife.

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# DIARY

June

|               |           |  |
|---------------|-----------|--|
| 1st-6th       |           | Health Education Council exhibition at Totley library  |
| 3rd           | 11am      | Talk on Healthy Eating by Wendy Bishop on behalf of Health Education Council, at Totley library.   |
| 7th           | 3pm       | Combined Churches service for Pentecost Sunday in the grounds of English Martyrs Church.   |
| 11th          |           | General Election.  |
| 13th          |           | Scouts Waste Paper Collection. Skip at college car park until 12 noon.   |
| 13th          | 2pm       | All Saints' Church Garden Party in church grounds.   |
| 13th          | 2pm       | St Luke's Nursing Home annual Summer Fair (See article)  |
| 13th          | 8pm       | Totley Residents' Association Barn Dance at Totley Hall Farm (See article)   |
| 15th-27th     |           | Abbeydale Art Group display of paintings at Totley library.  |
| 19th-21st     |           | Flower Festival at St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road South (See article)   |
| 19th          | 7.30pm    | Sheffield Chorale present a Midsummer Serenade at United Reformed Church Hall Tickets £2.50 - tel. 361839.                                     |
| 19th          | 7.30pm    | The John Wade Singers perform operatic extracts at St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road South. Entrance by programme (£1) telephone 360696/362597 |
| 20th          | 2.30pm    | Totley Scouts Garden Party at HQ building Aldam Road.  |
| 22nd          | 8pm       | <b>PUBLIC MEETING</b> at library: "Neighbourhood Watch Schemes." Police in attendance. Everyone welcome.                                       |
| 24th          | 7.30pm    | Silent Auction in aid of Transport 17 at Methodist Church Hall, Totley Rise. Admission 50p including tea & biscuits.                           |
| 24th          | 2pm-8pm ) | Flower Festival at All Saints'   |
| 25th          | 2pm-8pm ) | School - Refreshments.   |
| 26th          | 2pm-4pm ) |  |
| 27th          |           | Cheshire Home Garden Party.  |
| 25th          | 2.30pm    | Totley Residents' Sports Day at Totley Bents Recreation Ground (See article)   |
| 29th-July 4th |           | Sitwell Art Group display of paintings at Totley library.  |

July  
2nd

6th-18th

(Evening) Auction of household articles and curios at United Reformed Church Hall. (See article)  
Exhibition of drawings which have appeared in the Totley Independent. Organised by Mr. W. Carter Wigg.

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