

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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ADRIAN SCHOFIELD

On December 7th. Totley, the Residents Association and the Totley Independent lost one of its best friends when Adrian Schofield and his wife Anne, took the adventurous step of uprooting and moving to Oban, Scotland.

On his retirement, Adrian became involved in many voluntary outlets and many local Associations will miss his contributions. His keen sense of humour especially beamed through when he trod the boards as a member of T.O.A.D.S. And as anchor-man with the Totley Troupers.

Best wishes for the future go to Adrian and Anne from their many friends. No doubt it won't be too long before we receive a first report from our new Scottish correspondent.

T.O.A.D.S.

NO ONE who saw the T.O.A.D.S. production "Key for Two" at the end of November could have failed to enjoy a really funny play. We see a lot of situation comedies on T.V. but this was as funny as most and also with some excellent lines.

It was good too that the cast enjoyed it, because they obviously did and there is always something about live theatre which is appealing. No doubt everyone of the cast and the folk behind the scenes made their contribution to this resounding success, so it might be invidious to pick out names. Nevertheless Kate Reynolds was so often at the centre of the action, as Harriet, that she must earn a special credit.

We look forward with great pleasure to the next production from this enthusiastic company and wish them every success in the future.

H.S.

THIS MONTH'S drawing by Bill Carter Wigg is based on a photograph which he took in 1947. The scene is Baslow Road near the brickworks and the three men are responding to a call from C.P.R.E. for ramblers and walkers to dig out sheep caught in the snow. Those of us who remember the winter of 1947 will not wish for it to be repeated too soon. There was plenty of snow for snowballs, snowmen and skiing but too much for anyone who had to travel about. And it was mild until the end of January..

CHANGED DATE

The Scouts monthly paper collection will be on the THIRD Saturday in January (16th) instead of the usual second Saturday.



SCOUT NEWS

215th SHEFFIELD (1st TOTLEY) SCOUTS

Paper collections

Our collections are normally held on the second Saturday in each month when a skip will be in Totley College Car Park from 9am until 12 noon.

PLEASE NOTE January's collection will be on 16th and NOT the 9th. Please tell your neighbours about this change for January only.

Lottery

After a long delay we have at last got the lottery underway again. If we haven't been for your money yet don't worry, we will try and get everyone's collected by the end of January. Winners so far:-

November

1st. Xmas Food Hamper.No.165
Mr. J.M. Needham.
2nd. £10 Coles Voucher.No 231
P & M. Hughes.

December

1st. Swan Microwave. No. 161
Mr. A.A. Harvey.
2nd. £10 Marks & Spencer
Voucher. No. 215 Mr. J. Sykes.

Any queries regarding the lottery please phone Alan Vitty 367967.

No longer strangers

- pilgrims!

At a recent meeting of Dore, Totley and Bradway Christian Council the unique declaration which stemmed from a Swanwick Conference which took place on 4th September 1987 was discussed.

Representatives from a great variety of Churches, British and Irish, had gathered to take part in a Conference with a theme of unity. Young and old, men and women, black and white, lay and ordained, met to talk, listen, worship, pray and be led by the Holy Spirit.

They desired to be one Church of Christ, united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission.

Their conviction was that Churches and their leaders should move towards commitment to each other in search of unity and that the Report of the Conference should be widely discussed and action taken.

Locally it is hoped that Lent, 1988 will provide a time for this with meetings, open to all, at our local churches. The New Year offers us a chance to make sure that these moves towards unity really do bring us nearer the time when the Church will be one.

Dear Sir....

I was closely connected with the National Canine Defence League Kennels at Monnybrook before their enforced closure, helping with the caring of more than nine hundred dogs, the majority of which were re-homed.

I am now very upset to find out that a place that once rescued animals has been turned into a rabbit farm.

Of course, rabbits are ~~quicker~~ quicker than dogs, and maybe more acceptable in that respect. But, they are dumb animals who cannot complain about being in a cage for life (however short that may be).

I would like to register my protest on their behalf.

Mrs. Marlene Marshall
2 Laverdene Road.

LETTERS

We welcome letters about local affairs and will publish as many as possible. However, the views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor, Editorial Staff or Totley Residents Association.

NEW DEPUTY HEAD

COMING TO WORK at All Saints School, Totley in January is Mr. Tony Collins. Formerly a senior teacher at Shooters Grove Junior School, Stannington, Mr. Collins has a special interest in computer studies. His interest in Sport, especially football has taken him to Wembley but, we understand not as a player! He did, however, officiate there at a Schoolboys International. He takes over as Deputy Head from Michael Tompan who has taken a post in Lancashire after 4 years in Totley. A married man with 3 sons, Mr. Collins is continuing to live at Dinnington.

HYPOTHERMIA

NO NEED TO BE COLD!

THERE IS again to be an emergency telephone number (Sheffield 757111) for people who are threatened by cold weather this winter. This is especially for the housebound or elderly people who might otherwise suffer when the weather is very bad. The volunteers running the "Winter Hot-Line" will be able to advise callers or establish contact with people who will help.

PERENNIAL CLUB

The Dore & Totley Perennial Club Christmas Lunch was a resounding success for the second year running.

Fifty five people sat down to a Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, in St. John's Church Hall and then enjoyed a seasonal musical entertainment.

The Perennial Club is one of the most ambitious in the area. In addition to regular meeting on Monday afternoons they go on holidays and on frequent outings.

Membership of the club is open to anyone over retirement age and is limited only by the ability of Transport 17 to get people there. Further details from Mrs. Sheila Hogg. Tel. 394151.

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GARDENING TIPS

"Up for't Cup" would be a good title for this month's Gardeners. You may have seen in the 'Star' that the Sheffield Estates Gardening Competition awards were made in December and that no less than seven of these were made to gardeners in the Totley area, five of these going to Mr. Cecil Attlesley, Mr. Jack Parker obtained a 1st in the special class and was presented with the Boyd Cup. Mr. Attlesley came second, and also came second in the Kirkman Cup and the Glossop Cup, he also was first for flower in Area 10, which includes Totley. Mr. P. Broomhead was third. Well done and congratulations, (there must be a bit of good muck in the Aldam Road area as well as a lot of dedication to gardening). In January the short days and awful weather usually restrict outdoor gardening so it's a good time to check through seed and plant catalogues and make plans for the year.

LAWNS

Established lawns need little attention at this time other than the occasional sweeping or light raking to remove worm casts and other surface debris.

SHRUBS AND ROSES

Late flowering shrubs such as *Buddleia davidii* and *Hydrangea paniculata* should be cut back hard to encourage the growth of strong flowering shoots. Do not be tempted by any mild spell to cut back roses - they must be left at this time.

FRUIT

Cut back to ground level all canes on autumn fruiting raspberries and complete the winter pruning of apples and pears. Check over your blackcurrant bushes for the possible presence of large spherical buds which indicate infestation by big bud mite. Remove and destroy all such infested buds in order to reduce the spread of the virus disease called "reversion". Make sure all your bushes and trees are firm in the ground. Firm them in if they have been loosened by wind or frost. Towards the

end of the month blackcurrants will benefit from a feed of nitrogen to encourage strong growths. Sulphate of ammonia can be used or nitro chalk at the rate of 4-6ozs per well established bush. Sprinkle it thinly on the soil and keep it well away from the stems of the plants. Newly planted blackcurrants and raspberries should be pruned severely. The blackcurrants to within 2-3ins. of ground level. New raspberries should be cut down to a prominent bud 6-9ins. above ground.

VEGETABLES

Seed potatoes should be placed in shallow trays with the "rose" or "eye" uppermost and trays put in a light airy frost free place. This encourages the buds to grow short sturdy shoots prior to planting. (Not only does this treatment get the crop off to a good start but it also enables you to identify any diseased tubers and so avoid any gaps in the crop). In milder spells clear ground of any old vegetable waste ready for digging when the weather is more favourable.

FLOWERS

In mild spells there can be precocious flowers on polyanthus and other primulas. These blooms are very often attacked by birds. It is worth protecting them by stringing black cotton between short sticks around and over the beds. Towards the end of the month you can start preparing sites for dahlias, chrysanthemums and hardy herbaceous perennials by digging in generous quantities of garden compost or 'forest bark' ground and composted bark.

GREENHOUSE

If you are the proud owner of a grapevine don't forget that January is the latest date for pruning. If you leave it later it will lead to damage through loss of sap. Seedling sweetpeas raised from sowings made in autumn can now be potted up singly, preferably using the special deep, narrow sweetpea pots. If you missed the autumn sowing it is still not too late to sow sweetpeas.

SENIOR CITIZENS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

ONE OF the happier events of the year in Totley is the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

A hundred or more of the elders in the community gathered in Highfield Hall, Totley College for a meal and entertainment in the party spirit.

It was masterminded by the T.R.A. but would not have been possible without a considerable amount of help and cooperation from the staff and students of the Polytechnic.

Grateful thanks are due to all those many people who helped in different ways. Entertainment was provided by The Totley Troupers with their pianist Bill Snape. Lesley Frost and Freda with their own inimitable brand of comedy. Simon and Paul Swift, accompanied by Alan Byron. Irvin Powell with Harry Draper at the piano. (Olwen Powell was, unfortunately, indisposed and best wishes were sent for her speedy recovery).

No date has yet been fixed for the 1988 party but it is a fair bet that a lot of people will be looking out for it.

TOTLEY TROUPERS

Local Amateur Entertainers Totley Troupers are still looking for new members, (men & women).

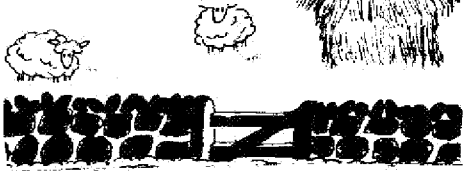
If you are interested in performing or helping with Music Hall, Variety and Pierrots please ring Mike Williamson on 365415 or John Turner on 367594.

GENERAL

Most people realise that rather tender subjects such as bay trees growing in containers need some protection in winter. Hardier shrubs and trees growing in containers are also at risk from frost damage to their roots especially if the growing medium is water-logged. All would benefit from being brought into the cold greenhouse or potting shed.

T. Steel
Busy Bee

FARMING SCENE



The unusually dry and mild December has enabled the potato and sugar beet harvests to be completed and some late cereal planting to be done. This mild weather has kept the grass growing so that large numbers of stock that would normally spend Christmas inside eating hay are still outside keeping the grass mown down.

Our sheep are still out, some opposite the Cheshire Home, some by the Brickworks and the rest, 25 Ewe lambs at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane. These Ewe lambs were too young to be tupped this Autumn, but will be kept for tupping next Autumn when they should be very good, strong Ewes. Unless the weather gets really bad, they will stay out till mid March when lambing is due to begin. Thankfully all our last years lambs are now gone.

The frosts of mid December enabled us to get our last field of winter wheat sown and also some land ready for planting our fruit bushes. 800 Ben Lomond, a heavy cropping, mid season black-currant variety, have now been planted, plus 400 Coreless gooseberry bushes. This is the most popular commercial variety giving high yields of fruit suitable for jams, pies, tarts, freezing etc.

Our raspberry canes have all been pruned and re-tied to their wire supports and the weeds in the rows sprayed with Gramoxone (a contact herbicide), so that they are beginning to look nice and tidy ready for next years crop.

CAN YOU TYPE ?

If you can type and are able to spare a few hours a month would you like to help produce the Totley Independent. We have our own electric typewriter.

One of our next jobs will be to install some new drainage pipes in the field which we shall be planting with strawberry plants this year. Most fruit crops hate having their "feet" wet for long periods so that adequate field drainage is essential. The method of doing this is quite simple. A 'V' shaped trench approx. 2' 6" deep is dug across the wet part of the field, a 3" or 4" perforated reinforced plastic pipe is laid in the bottom of the trench, which is then back-filled to within 6" of the top with 1" - 1½" stones, and the top 6" filled with topsoil. The land around the pipes is then subsoiled or Moleploughed at right angles to the pipe, making channels for the surface water to run down till it reaches the stones, where it quickly drains down to the pipe which carries it to the nearest ditch. This ensures that surplus water is removed from the field before low lying plants are drowned. Our Turkeys have been very popular again this year, and we seem to have looked after them too well, as they grew rather faster than expected, resulting in most people receiving slightly heavier birds than they had ordered.

We apologise for any inconvenience (indigestion or cooker enlargement) this may have caused and promise not to look after them so well next year.

We entered a pen of 4 Pork Pigs in the Bakewell Christmas Show and surprise surprise, they were placed second. This does not, however, say a lot for them, as there were only two entries in the class !!

st john's vicar leaving

IT HAS recently been announced that the Rev. Trevor Hudson, vicar of St. John's Abbeydale, has been appointed to be vicar of St. Mary's Worsbrough. No date has yet been agreed for the move but it is likely to be in the Spring. Mr. Hudson has been at St. John's for eight years and is well loved in the area, both for his work in the parish and in connection with the Diocesan Advisory Committee. We hope to include a longer appreciation in a future issue.

CONNIE STANSFIELD

In December, Totley said goodbye to one of its - oldest and best known characters when Connie Stansfield, at the age of 92, left to go to live with her daughter in Halifax.

Connie came to live on The Grove in 1935 with her husband, 2 daughters and a maid.

During the war she played a leading role in the W.V.S., organising help and shelter for the victims of the Sheffield blitz. She is still very proud to have met King George and Queen Elizabeth when they visited the city to see the extent of the damage.

All her life she has been involved in the community and in particular, All Saints Church. She only gave up the post of Churchwarden a few years ago after she suffered multiple fractures in a road accident. The accident would have finished most elderly ladies but Connie fought back with her characteristic determination. She learned to walk again, first with a frame, then crutches and finally with just a stick.

During this time she was still to be seen at every concert, play, fair and at church every Sunday.

She summoned a cavalcade of cars and drivers to her door to take her to anything that was interesting. During the last year she has been on two holidays with the Dore & Totley Perennial Club. During a tour of Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, she amazed an attendant by her recollections of the funeral of Queen Victoria and after exploring every room hoped that she hadn't tired my wife, who had accompanied her, too much.

As well as her physical stamina Connie has retained all her mental faculties, - as I found out when she beat me decisively at scrabble on the same holiday.

It has been a privilege to live next door to Connie for the last six years. We salute her and confidently look forward to her centenary.

Colin Wells

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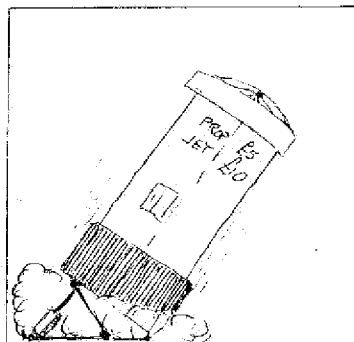
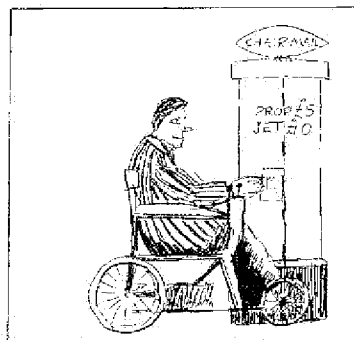
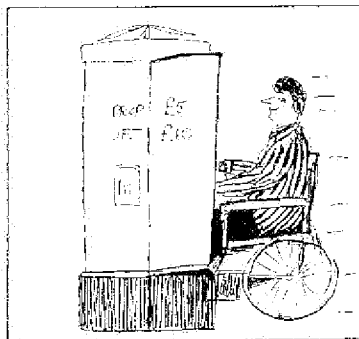
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NEARLY NEW

St. Lukes Nursing Home are drawing attention to "Browse Around" - their nearly new shop at 477 Leekesall Road (almost opposite the Berkeley Precinct). Shop hours are 10am to 4pm, excluding Mondays.

Bill Carter Wigg must have felt inspired by the dream in last months issue. Here is his "flight into fantasy".

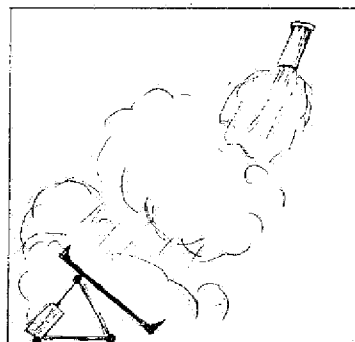


Cheshire Home

We should like to thank everyone who supported the Home during 1987, the shops who put posters up and displays for our events, the Bus Fund supporters, the churches, scouts and many other organisations and individuals who have helped in any way. (The Coffee Morning at the Home in Dec., raised over £500, as did the Autumn Fair at Dronfield in November).

During 1987 one highlight for the residents was the visit to Ascot in August, when the Queen gave special permission for a Charitable Race Day, and for Cheshire Homes residents to attend Ascot Races on 25th September. A party went down from Mickley Hall and had a super day. The proceeds from that day were towards the running and upkeep of Park House at Sandringham, the childhood home of Princess Diana, given by the Queen to the Foundation as a holiday home for physically handicapped people.

The other highlight has been the arrival of our new transport at the beginning of December. The wonderful fund-raising efforts headed by Activities Organiser Jackie Bennett has meant we now have two mini-buses, one to take five wheelchairs and escorts, and one to take 2 standard or 1 extended wheelchairs, most useful for hospital appointments etc., so we can now take residents in opposite directions simultaneously! That is, if we had drivers for two vehicles.



With retirement, we have lost some of our most faithful voluntary drivers, and could do with one or two more we could call on from time to time for both daytime and evening outings. Our regular driver, Cyril, is very good doing evening trips and weekends on a voluntary basis after he finishes work, but we do need one or two more local people we could call upon. Anyone who feels they could help please contact the Administrator during office hours on 369952/3. By the time you read this, we hope the much needed repairs to the flat roof of the old bedroom wing will have been completed, and we shall be looking forward to events for 1988. The Duchess of Devonshire has granted to us a Coffee Morning at Chatsworth for 19th March, a Bridge Drive is planned for the spring, and a demonstration by Mrs. Betty Booth of the Floral Club in May. The annual Garden Party will be on June 25th in the grounds of the Home and a Fashion Show and another Antiques Show are planned for the Autumn.

THANK YOU !

R.S.P.C.A. and MILLHOUSE ANIMAL SANCTUARY, CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEALS.

The R.S.P.C.A. Spring Street Shelter and the Millhouse Animal Sanctuary, Fulwood, are most grateful to all those who contributed food or money to help feed the stray and abandoned animals this Christmas. The appeal has been a boost to resources and the charities are most appreciative of this help. Last year the success of the appeal meant the R.S.P.C.A. were able to feed the animals in their care for some months, freeing money for other welfare work.

Also many thanks to "Valerie of Dore", Halifax Building Society - Totley Rise, Ann's Dress Shop and G. Ashmore, Baslow Road, who kindly agreed to be collecting points for the R.S.P.C.A., and Stefan Raikescroft Ltd., Baslow Road, for being a collecting point for Millhouse Sanctuary.

CRAFT FAIR

Totley Library will be holding a Craft Fair this summer in May or June. If you can make corn dollies, paint eggs, spin or weave, decorate cakes, knit, crochet, make lace or any other sort of craft, we'd like to hear from you. If you are willing to give a demonstration or if you just wish to display your handiwork, please get in touch with:-
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Cassettes

Totley Library is starting a music cassette lending service from 4th January. There will be a wide range of music, with the emphasis on popular music and easy listening, but there will also be some classical, country and western and jazz. The tapes will be lent for a week at a time at a cost of 20p each and you will be able to borrow two per person. If you bring your library ticket or some other means of identification, you will be able to start borrowing straight away.

THE INDEPENDENT IN FEBRUARY

THE NEXT issue of Totley Independent will be available from the usual distribution points on Tuesday, 2nd Feb. Copy date for this issue will be Friday, 22nd January.

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DIARY

Mon. 11th Totley Residents Association Committee Meeting at Green Oak View Day Centre. 7.30pm.
Sat. 16th Scouts Paper Collection, Skip at College C.Park.
Fri. 22nd Copy Date for February Independent.
Tue. 26th Liaison Lunch, All Saints Church Hall.
Ladies Evening Guild - Totley. No January Meeting.

Several people have remarked that "Diary Dates" was missing from the December Totley Independent. This month it is included but looks a bit sparse! Perhaps I could ask for everyone who fixes dates to let me know as soon as they are fixed, so that we can include them when appropriate.
Maurice Snowden.

TOTLEY RISE DEVELOPMENTS

IN THE last issue we reported on a locally convened meeting held to consider the planning application being made for outline permission to build a housing development and access road in the meadow adjacent to Back Lane which runs behind Totley Rise Shops. It appears that the applicants had reserved the right to alter everything except the access and that the main purpose of the application was to first obtain permission for access to the meadow. Following the meeting, a petition against the development was raised with over 600 signatures.

At a meeting of the Sheffield City Council's Land and Planning Committee, the application was turned down.

The reason was that "the application was refused on the grounds that it would result in the loss of trees protected by the Tree Preservation Order and would be detrimental to the amenities of local residents".

It is understood that the applicants intend to appeal against the decision. Such an appeal would be made through the Ministry of Land and Planning, who would possibly send an Inspector to consider the circumstances.

An application made to convert the site that was formerly "Whiteheads" shop at Totley Rise into a licensed restaurant, has not yet been considered.

Both these items will be updated as information becomes available.

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