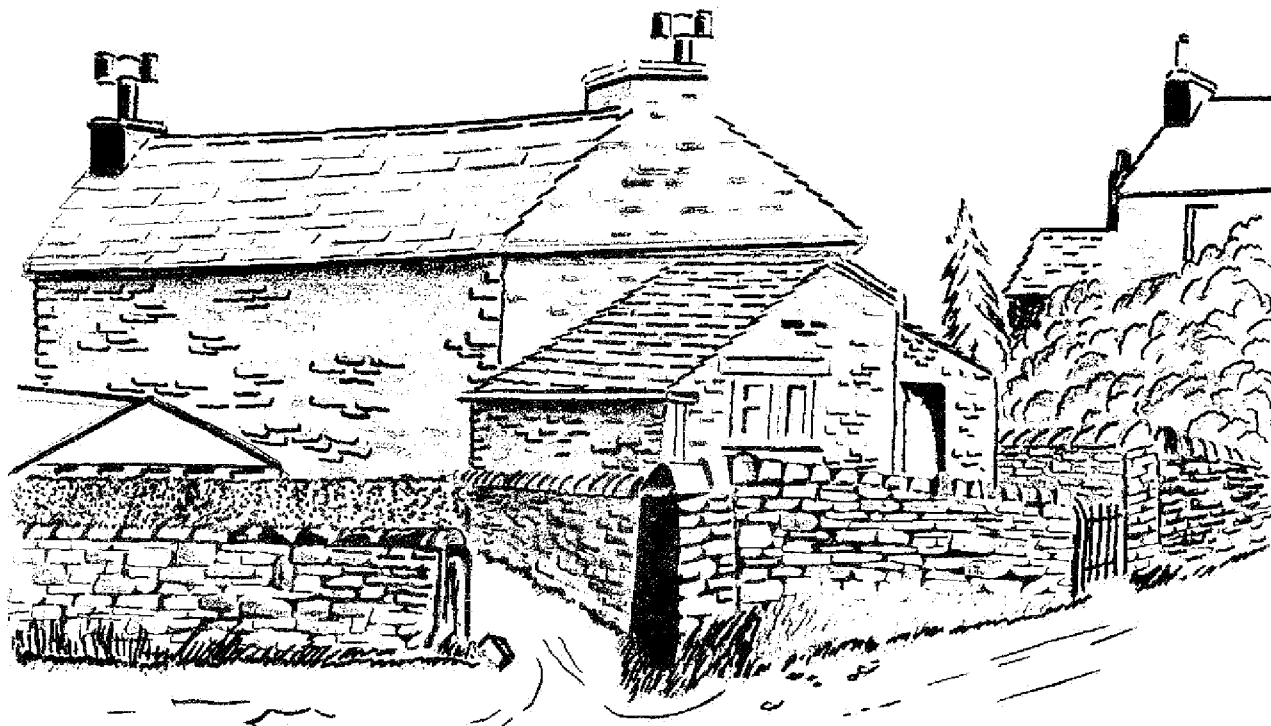


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Another corner of Totley is shown in this drawing by Harry Wooffinden. You probably recognise it, but if not, stand in the entrance drive of All Saints School and look back across Hillfoot Road. The house central in the picture is "The Cottage". The back of Cross Grove House is to the right of the picture. West View and the end of Butts Hill is just to the left.

T. R. A. A. G. M.

MONDAY APRIL 25th

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GARDENING TIPS

With longer days and warmer weather, outdoor gardening in April can be really pleasurable and one can enjoy a feast of colour from bulbs, herbaceous perennials, bedding plants and shrubs. I'm certainly hoping for a good show of tulips and narcissii.

LAWNS. This year there is an especial need to feed your lawn in order to replace the plant nutrients leached out by the heavy rainfall of the past winter. Personally, I will be using "Lawnsman" lawn food since weeds are not a major problem on my lawn. If, however, weeds are troublesome, then it is better to use "Weed and Feed" which does the double job of feeding the grass and dealing with the weeds.

ROSES. Although it is rather late to plant 'bare root' roses, one can still fill in any gaps with container grown specimens. Do, however, prepare generous sized planting holes and incorporate plenty of peat or ground and composted bark into the fill-back soil. Remember too to keep the plants well watered if dry weather follows the planting. In recent years blackspot has become a problem so if your roses are to give of their best, you must take active steps to control this disease. A good start in this fight is to apply at least two sprays of "nimrod-t" or "benlate" plus 'Activex' about two weeks apart, starting as soon as the buds start to open. Later in the month aphids too may attack the bushes so be ready to deal with these using a good insecticide.

SHRUBS. April is a good time to establish new planting of shrubs, especially conifers and other evergreens. Here again, care at the time of planting and in the first month or two is very important. Normally the new shrubs should be planted so that the top of the growing compost is level with the soil surface. Clematis however is an exception and is best planted about 6in. below the surface. Planting this way increases the chances of recovery from attacks of clematis wilt which kills shoots down to ground level. Hardy fuchsias also benefit from deep

planting as insurance against frost damage. Cut back flowered shoots of Forsythia, Kerria and early flowering Spireas to encourage the growth of new shoots for flowering next spring. Hedges too will need trimming and in this area you can save yourself a lot of trouble with the maintenance of the more vigorous varieties such as privet and Lonicera nitida by following up the trimming with an application of growth retardant.

FLOWERS. Annuals sown now in their flowering positions are an excellent way of getting masses of summer colour relatively cheaply. Sow the seeds thinly in suitably spaced rows and take care to mark the positions carefully so that the emerging seedlings are not confused with weeds. Later in the month you can set out dahlia tubers and make further plantings of gladioli corms. Cuttings can be taken now from herbaceous perennials such as phlox, delphiniums, lupins and heleniums. Cut young shoots off at ground level close to the crown, dip them in rooting powder and put in compost and place in a propagator or in a box covered with glass.

VIGIBLES. This is a busy time in the vegetable garden with summer brassicas to be planted out and sowings made of the more tender vegetables and salads. Main crop potatoes can be set out early in the month even though it may still be necessary to protect the emerging shoots of early varieties from frost damage. Make sowings of turnips in fairly rich but not recently manured ground. Sowing of lettuce, radish, peas etc, should continue to be made to keep up a succession of all the popular vegetables. Soil should be pulled up along broad bean rows. Spring cabbage should have a top dressing of nitro chalk to hurry along the growth. Prepare trenches for runner beans. Keep the hoe going between all crops where the rows can be seen clearly. This frequent aeration of the soil and checking of weeds does a great deal of good and certainly encourages growth.

FRUIT. Spray blackcurrants against big bud mite, clean up strawberry beds taking off dead and injured leaves, order straw ready for later. Spray raspberries as a precaution against raspberry beetle. See that newly planted trees are well watered if the weather should turn dry.

GREENHOUSES. Plenty of jobs here with the pricking out of seedlings from earlier sowings and the setting of tomato plants. Sowings can also be made of outdoor tomato varieties. Greenhouse geranium in April can be rather tricky because of widely fluctuating temperatures. So take especial care over ventilation.

TOM STILL

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APOLOGIES....

Connie Stansfield tells us that she was never a churchwarden at All Saints, Totley. We are glad to put the record straight but also glad to report and emphasise that Connie played a big part in the life of the church over many years.

For an error in last months "Independent". It is Mary Hall and not Jean who has come with her husband to Avenue Stores. In spite of the error the welcome is just as warm.

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ON THE BUSES !

Nostalgia returned to Totley on Thursday, 10th March in the shape of a 1950's Leyland Bus.

None other than a blue and cream (original Sheffield Transport colours), snub nosed, WITH CONDUCTOR, bus, chugged along Baslow Road showing 24 TOTLEY on the front.

People in bus queues couldn't believe it, "Is it really going to town, for US?", they said.

People in cars couldn't believe it.

People walking along the pavement stopped to stare in disbelief.

Passengers on the bus said, "Will it make it to town?".

Were the old buses really as short as this?

Did the driver really sit so high, alone in regal splendour?

We, the passengers felt very special, privileged indeed, sitting there, being stared at like Royalty even.

We talked together and reminisced on the old days. When buses were freezing cold without doors in the winter but cooler in the summer. When we had conductors all the time, regular faces on the same routes, some cheerful and some not so cheerful. About people dropping off buses any place they stopped and also catching

hold of the rail, running with the bus and jumping on. Even talking about trams and their little oddities. But talk everyone did 'till they reached town. Even the conductor got into the act and jumped off the bus at the stop to let people off. How absolutely in keeping with the bus and its times!

When asked why were we so privileged, indeed honoured, to have the oldest bus on our route, (thinking privately that the S.Y.P.T.P. in its wisdom were adding a touch of nostalgia to our lives). The conductor replied, "Well, to tell the truth, we're short of buses."

How deflating! What an anticlimax to all that chatter and cheerful conversation of yesteryear. But never mind, maybe we will have that privilege yet again when some lovely old Leyland bus may be brought out of its cosy garage and venture to try out its engine and gears on the 24 TOTLEY route.

P.H. PERKINTON

hoe down

Totley County School P.T.A. are holding a Hoe Down on Sat. 16th April from 8pm to 11pm in the School Hall. Tickets available from the school office, £2.00 including pie and peas supper. Licensed bar available.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Totley and district can truly be proud of Transport 17 - a community transport system for the elderly and handicapped. Now set up in Totley, the scheme will have read a lot about its function and importance in the past. Let us the achievements of Transport 17 have had quite a lot to do with the recent establishment of a wider concept of Community Transport in Sheffield. Certainly the bundle of ideas known as Ron Hogg is involved in both!

In January 1958 backed by £10,000 from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority and the Urban Aid Committee an office was established with two workers placed in it. At that time buses made available to the groups who would not be able to qualify for Transport 17. It was interesting in the early days of Community Transport. Alternatively, groups could have their own vehicles with value advice given. This was made available to groups. This will eventually lead to more training. Anyone interested in information should contact Ian Henderson or Margaret Hogg on Sheffield 685052 or visit the Sheffield Community Transport Ltd. Lodge House, 100, High Street, Sheffield S1 1TL.

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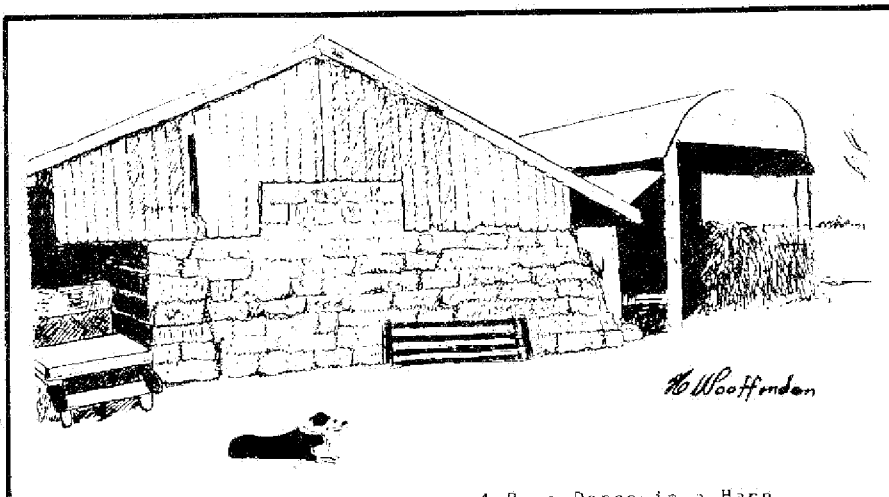
A BRIEF EXCHANGE !

Many residents of the Totley area recently received a letter from British Telecom telling them that due to the installation of a "modern enhanced electronic telephone exchange" their phone numbers were not about to change. This seems a little pointless. The letter had the same air of inevitability as one informing the reader that Steve Davies was about to win the World Professional Snooker Championship. Puzzled? So was the Independent until one of our reporters pointed out that he had received a letter last year informing him that due to the installation of a "modern enhanced electronic telephone exchange" the first three digits of his phone number would change from "364" to "620". The Independent therefore sent him to investigate.

At this stage we should point out that there are some definite disadvantages in having a number changed. Our reporter had kept the same number for thirty two years and people were used to dialling it. He also had a stock of private notepaper bearing the old number. A further problem was simply remembering to say the new number when answering the phone.

A British Telecom spokeswoman soon put him in the picture. He stated in the letter, the "modern, enhanced, electronic telephone exchange gives the customer a range of new facilities not possible on the existing equipment". For example the new exchange facilitates the itemisation of calls and more to the point the charge for each call - useful when telling the kids they spend too much time on the phone with their friends and loved ones!

Our reporter was soon convinced that the minor problems associated with changing numbers would all be worthwhile when the new exchange was in operation and the full advantages could be reaped. And what of the people who received the more recent letter? They will not be on the new exchange so they can retain their old numbers - well at least they won't have to change their notepaper!



A Barn Dance in a Barn

Once again the TRA is organising a Barn Dance. This year the date is Saturday 11th June and the Airs and Graces band is booked. Mark the date in your diary now - full details later.

The Reverend Trevor Hudson.

As previously announced the Reverend Trevor Hudson is leaving St Johns Church, Abbeydale. He takes up his new appointment at St Marys Church, Worsborough on April 26th.

The congregation at St Johns will be saying farewell after Evensong at 6.30pm on Sunday April 10th. The nine years of his ministry at St Johns has endeared him to many in the area and there will be a sense of sadness and regret at his leaving. Many have appreciated the care which he has shown in all circumstances and he has been a faithful pastor.

But he has been appreciated in a wider sphere - locally in the Dore and Totley Christian Council - and more widely in the Sheffield Diocese. His work for the Diocesan Advisory Committee for example enabled him to apply his appreciation of practical matters to issues relating to worship and seamlessness in other churches. Similarly his "down to earth" approach has been combined with an "up to heaven" outlook in the Parsonage Houses Committee and the Pastoral Committee.

Farewell too to his wife Jean who has so ably supported him. They go to Worsborough with the good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

TOTLEY SHOW

The 1988 Totley Show will be held on Saturday 10th September at Totley Rise Methodist Church from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Full lists of classes will be published in the next Totley Independent but we are looking forward to a full and varied entry. Ladies get out your knitting needles or your sewing kits! In fact there will be classes for everyone to enter.

One class which will be substantially the same as last year will be the garden produce

- i.e. a) Potatoes (5 matching)
- b) Cabbage (1)
- c) Beetroot (3 matching)
- d) Leeks (3)
- e) Onions (3)
- f) Carrots (3)
- g) Runner Beans (5)
- h) Peas (6 pods in dish)
- j) Parsnips (3)
- k) Turnips (3)
- l) Tomatoes (Plate of 6)
- m) Cucumber (1)
- n) Marrow (1)
- p) Lettuce (1)
- q) One of any vegetable not listed.

Get digging chaps!

HOME RULE

FOR

TOTLEY ?

... because of one or two still, impatient voices raising the Home Rule General Committee of dragging its heavy feet, I have been motivated to allay fears, to allay difficulties and report the splendid progress already achieved. Cedric Overmantel was originally asked to perform this service but he suddenly remembered a saucepan of milk left on the cooker at home. So this is me writing, and first of all I would remind the ardent and feverish minority of Home Rule zealots that even Scunthorpe is not built in a day.

Now for the question uppermost in many minds - can Totley afford to become independent? The short answer is - yes! We are assured by the finance committee that enormous revenues will be collected by our own Customs and Excise Department and, to that end, negotiations are being held for the re-purchase of the old Toll House beside the Blackcock Inn. But even more prosperity will result from the tourist trade: veritable multitudes will surge along Heydale Road to study our Viking ship excavated from the Totley Brook in 1984 and to see for themselves the very spot where our Pikelet Factory functioned until the Conservatives seized this famous listed building. Furthermore, local commerce is guaranteed prosperity from the sale of cream teas, plastic models of the Co-op., unsuitable picture postcards, grotty ceramics, prints of the mediaeval snuff mill in Mickley Lane, and maps of the route taken by King Charles I while escaping from flora McDonald. The Totley butchers will also enjoy a healthy trade, particularly in duty free black puddings. Everyone will benefit! This is what makes the whole project so attractive.

Our General Committee, influenced by the spectacular fiscal accomplishments of Luxembourg, has decided that Totley will print its own postage stamps and, in consequence, our talented local artists are hereby invited to submit designs to the Editor

of the "Independent". The very first issue is to be a set of pictorials which will highlight clearly the essential character of our glorious little valley. Edna Hassocks of Sunnyvale Road has kindly suggested the following scenes: "A coal train in the Totley siding"; "A rear view of the Totley Rise Shops" and "October mist over the Brickworks" - the subject of Wordsworth's famous sonnet. Well done Edna!

The inauguration of a Legislative Council will present absolutely no difficulty whatsoever. Some Totley men are married to legislative councils. The principality abounds with embryonic law-makers. And as for wrongdoers, a problem which the United Kingdom seems unable to resolve, these felons will all be transported; not, as Rupert Harris recommends, to Milton Keynes, but to an undisclosed Commonwealth country for rehabilitation. There they will be taught new skills; for example, curry making and cricket umpiring.

MORE FROM

THE PEN

OF

C.N. Railton

Holden

It has to be admitted that one minor setback did, temporarily cloud our home rule prospects. Consultant engineers had selected the Old Hay Brook upon which to locate our hydro-electric power station, with the generating plant situated precisely where the Methodist Church at present stands. Unfortunately, the Methodists were not in total agreement with this plan and ultimately the House of Lords decided the appeal in their favour. We shall, of course, in the true Christian spirit, bear no grudge against our misguided, short-sighted Methodist friends, but when the Totley Appointments Board debates the office of Archbishop, all discreditable factors will have to be taken into consideration.

Among other senior positions in the new dominion will be those of Postmaster General, Foreign Secretary and, with an eye to economy, Minister without Portfolio. The Board invites candidates to complete the relevant application forms which should then be submitted to Geoffrey Sherthorpe. Geoffrey is available after dusk at the Blackcock Inn or the Shepley Saltings or at Dolly Winter's in Queen Victoria Road. The post of Admiral of the Fleet was, in the first instance, a vacant name. A great honour - which I thoroughly deserve, however, with considerable regret, I had to recommend that some one else, with all their failings, would better serve the dominion. My deafness is such that I could never hear the dominion in inclement weather.

In the matter of ground defence the excellent arrangement has been made with the United Kingdom Air Force; they will be permitted to use our rifle range and, in return, we shall have the services of their Brigade of Guards - alternate Thursday afternoon. We must accept the fact that areas of defence, which are unavoidable. For instance, we have never pretended that we could afford to equip our own Air Force, which is why a further expansion and a further expansion of the defence force are to be expected. The Devonshire Sports Club, which has a four minute waiting list, will be hastily requisitioned to the centre of the dominion to act as a vital extension. Joe Punter, who lives in Devonshire Road, has an excellent golf course and necessarily holds a licence in Devonshire Road.

Our own Police Station has been extensively discussed on all matters. It would be foolish of us to expect these revolutionaries to accept the full approval of the dominion. In fact we are going to your suggestion of the London Highbury Station should be allowed to continue its operations in Gurney Road, and also to your historical injunction that all double-glazing salesmen must be held in quarantine for at least six months. Believe me, you are fully involved in all our decisions.

DEAR SIR.....

As a resident of the Quadrant, Totley, I wish to draw the attention of certain known dog owners in the neighbourhood to the existence of a fine of £100 for allowing their dogs to foul the footpath or grass verge.

I suggest that dog owners who take the trouble to walk their dogs on the Quadrant for the express purpose of using it as a toilet. Instead of training their animals to perform on their own ground, should carry a bucket and shovel and remove the offending material as an alternative to leaving the unpleasant job to the residents who unfortunately have to clear up the mess or walk it into their homes, along with the inherent health hazards.

A Dog Watch has now been formed by the residents who are determined to see that the fine is levied and the fouling of footpaths and grass verges is stopped.

The current price of a "Dog Loo" is around £13, an expense which perhaps would be preferred to £100 fine.

(name and address supplied)

We are always pleased to receive letters about matters of concern to the Totley Community but please include your name and address. These will not be published without your permission. ("fairly new Totley resident" please note!)

and finally, a personal message to dear, charming Phyllis Twilshaw. May I suggest that the cause of home rule was not in any way promoted by your letter to the 'Times', in which you claimed to have heard the first cuckoo of spring in Mossall Woods on January the fifteenth. With respect, Phyllis, we do not want civilised humanity to imagine that the people of Totley are a bunch of idiots!

Editors footnote:- the editorial staff cannot guarantee that all the statements in the above article are correct. We are however willing to receive correspondence about the matters raised.

I am writing in reply to Mr. Pococks article in 'Farming Scene', February issue, relating to the scare with the dog "Playing" with his sheep.

The dog in question is a ten month old pup which is lovingly owned as our family pet.

We had recently moved to Totley from a slightly more urban surrounding and being new to both owning a dog and having livestock virtually on our own door step, we were unaware as to the horrors that were to be caused by our ignorance.

What did happen has been related in Mr Pococks letter and I can only thank God that Mr Pocock was away that morning as he would have been well within his rights to shoot our dog and send myself a bill for compensation. I also wish to thank Mrs Pocock who rounded up our dog with great patience and her husband for his understanding.

Upon seeking advice from the Police Dog Handlers I was given an address of a specialised training centre near Macclesfield. A week later my dog was installed on a 3 week intensive boarding course (My children called it Borstal).

I am pleased to say that training brought a marked improvement in her (although, as still a boisterous pup, I would not trust her off her lead near sheep).

I trust that my experience can emphasise your own warning to all dog owners and that this very distressing experience does not just happen to other chaps dogs.

Yours faithfully
R. UNWIN

book sale

Totley Library is having a Bumper Book Sale on Saturday, 16th April, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. There will be hundreds of ex-library books for sale, priced at 10p-30p. There will be lots of children's books for sale as well as adult, both fiction and non-fiction. Admission is free, of course, so everyone is welcome to come and browse.

The Dramatic Society Dore & Totley United Reformed Church

The Dramatic Society of Dore and Totley United Reformed Church has been producing plays for 60 years. To judge by the standard of their latest effort "The Edge of Darkness" it will be in everyones interest if they go on for another 60. Of course it was an intriguing plot - virtually no-one was quite who they seemed - but the cast took full advantage of it. It may seem invidious to mention names but Susan Joel as the maid Penny was a strong candidate for "Man of the Match".

There is something special about amateur dramatics which gives the audience a sense of belonging. In this case however there were many touches of the professionalism which added to the pleasure. No doubt the next production in October will be a sell-out too.

keep fit

(Another point of view!)

The girls are off on Thursdays
the Scout Hut they seek out
They take their sylph like bodies
for the regular PT bout

The house becomes so peaceful
for just an hour or so
We can listen to a record
or our favourite TV show

We can dabble in the shower
or be pampered in the tub
Or if we're quick we could
have a pint in the pub

Whatever is your pleasure boys
it's flab you've got to blame
for that blissful hour on Thursday
which goes so quickly,
what a shame!

Chris Elmsley

Congratulations to Chris Elmsley on being promoted to Sergeant. During his time as the community constable at Totley he made many friends. His contribution to activities in the area has been much appreciated. We wish him well in his new environment at Hackenthorpe.

A black and white illustration showing three sheep in the background. In the foreground, there is a wooden fence with a gate. The sheep are drawn in a simple, sketchy style.

Another nonsense often peddled is that farmers are subsidised at the expense of consumers, when in fact it is the consumer that is being subsidised. Let me give you two examples, one of which is totally detrimental to British farmers.

The sheepmeat variable premium scheme tops up the market price a farmer gets for his lambs to the guaranteed price, which varies accordingly to the time of year. For

2. Monetary Compensatory Allowances _____

The E.F.C. is not alone in subsidising agriculture. The U.S.A. (the great advocate of the "free market") is currently giving exporters £100 tonne to help shift their surplus grain onto the world market where it is sold at £60 Tonne, when true production cost is £160 Tonne. This again reduces British farmers incomes to the benefit of the consumer, so who is it that really benefits from food subsidies?

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TOTLEY IN THE TWENTIES

While staying in Matlock with my brother and his wife last Autumn, I was taken to look at Totley and district where we were brought up and which I left forty years ago. How it has changed! But it set me remembering.

I was born in 1923 at 192 Baslow Road. The houses and bungalows had long gardens back and front and there were children of comparable ages in most of them, so my brothers and I never lacked playmates. Neither did we lack a playground for there were the continuous gardens for our games, fields opposite (with cornerakes and moonpenny daises in those days), the Bank down to Totley Brook with its woods and the river itself. When the family went for a walk there were the little lanes round Totley and the Moors beyond.

In the summer we spent many hours in the Brook down by the footbridge. Shallow and stoney, there were endless possibilities, catching sticklebacks, turning over the stones to look for caddisfly larvae or just moving the stones to make dams and ponds. I expect we arrived back home wet and muddy to meet our Mother's wrath, but I don't remember that!

There were fields either side of the main road between Heatherfield and Totley Rise before Mr Laver and Mr Marcroft built their housing estates and I remember the bullocks standing by the wall under the shade of the trees as we walked down the road to the Rise for shopping. The traffic was not heavy and we could go errands and cross the road with no danger.

The shops are very clear in my memory. On the Rise there was Harrison's the grocer and wine merchant. Mr and Mrs Cartledge the butcher, Mrs Jackson at the Post Office, Wint's another grocer, a baker's and next door Mrs Spring the sweet shop - she sold delicious home made ice cream in the summer. Then came Mrs Greaves the drapers. She also sold toys and we spent a lot of time with our noses pressed to that window! Mr Roebuck the chemist was next

door, then Mr Chambers, the fish shop. A fish and chip shop next and then a row of cottages before the newagents at the very end where the back lane curved behind it with the Hill meadow beyond. I hardly recognise the Rise now with its dual carriageway.

Over at Greenoak near our home there was a very useful little sweetshop for spending our Saturday pennies, Lollipops, sherbet and two ounces of sweets at twopence a quarter! Mr Clayton the cobbler was also here, his shop was his workshop and small of leather and varnish, and had shelves of shoes waiting to be mended and collected. His machinery roared and clattered while you waited to be served. Is there a shop like that anywhere today? The Co-op was beside the Hall and my small sister was fascinated by the spring and overhead wire which took the money to the cash desk in the corner. I can still remember my mothers Co-op number having been sent on countless errands. Greenoak Hall was exciting; our parents had our joint parties there with the other children, and my Mother and father, very dashing, used to go to dances there, all dressed up, leaving us in the care of the maid.

When I was seven we moved down to Totley Brook Road and life was never quite the same. I suppose we were growing up too with new interests but I often feel sorry for my younger sister who never had that freedom which we had. She does remember the shops though!

Christina Wheeler (nee Hartley)



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T.O.A.D.S.

Totley Amateur Dramatic Society are hoping to build on their recent successful productions which resulted in SOLD OUT signs going up at their last play. They are presenting the Francis Durbridge thriller Suddenly at Home from 27th to 30th April. Dorothy Howe is producing a strong cast in this unusual play where the audience knows the identity of the murderer and the intrigue is whether he will be caught.

Tickets £1 or 70p for children and Senior Citizens. Phone Kate Reynolds 366891.

FAMILY

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AID NEWS

MAY DAY! MAY DAY! MAYDAY!

Traditionally, May Day is the celebration of the coming of spring and should be marked by dancing around the maypole. For others, it is associated with a bank holiday in honour of workers, a European holiday adopted by Britain on entering the EEC. Yet, for others it is the phonetic spelling of the international distress signal - "m'aider" - "help me".

In Sheffield this year, we can bring all these together in the May Day Trek. This is the first of Christian Aid's two sponsored walks - a 15 mile trek on Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May.

During the last 12 months there have been many cries of help

arising out of disasters, e.g. in Bangladesh, in Mozambique and in Ethiopia. Rightly, we respond to the urgent cries of "m'aider" - to meet the acute needs of people in distress.

As the immediate crises pass, it is only too easy to become deaf to the continuing 'May Day' call of the poor of the world. They need sustained support as they work towards a more just society where people have enough to eat, clean water to drink, and can build up their community to provide education, health-care, jobs, and can claim a right to enough land to grow their own food and have a surplus to sell.

On Monday 2 May, hundreds of sponsored walkers will be striding out on the May Day Trek to help make this more possible. Christian Aid will be the channel through which the money raised can be offered to the poor.

1988 May Day Trek will be special. It will be over a new route - starting from Hunters Bar. As far as possible, the Trek will keep

off roads and follow foot-paths and will be fully marshalled, with refreshment points, first-aid and lifts for those who only want to do part of the Trek.

It is also special in that the Boys' Brigade will be raising money for 'Brigade Aid' - money for water projects funded through Christian Aid. Hopefully, it will also be special in having vastly increased numbers of sponsored trekkers. Last year there were groups from schools, Churches, Scouts, Guides, Youth Clubs, Boys' Brigade, University. We want more of these groups, as well as more individuals. Hundreds of sponsored trekkers urgently needed!

Such a big event needs many helpers. If trekking is not for you, but you are willing to help, please let us know.

"May Day, May Day, May Day". Respond to the cry of the world's poor by joining the May Day Trek. Please do not delay - but register and start collecting sponsors in good time. For registration information, phone 334221 or 665738.

John Wade

Singers

The John Wade singers further established their considerable reputation when they sang excerpts from La Traviata and Cavalleria Rusticana on 18th and 19th March. Surprisingly St John's Church, Abbeydale, was not full of audience but it was full of talent as the chorus and the principal singers presented these old favourites.

We are indeed fortunate to hear music of such quality in our locality and we look forward to future performances (September and November 1988). It is especially worthy of note that the money raised in this way is for the benefit of charities.

playtime

As part of the United Reformed Church Centenary, the playgroup held in the Church hall on Totley Brook Road are holding an open week beginning Monday 25th April.

Everyone is welcome to call in and join in or watch the action between 10am and 11.30am each week day morning except Tuesday.

THE INDEPENDENT IN MAY

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DIARY

Sat. Apr 9	Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park
Fri. Apr 15	"Natural History around Oughtibridge Signal Box" - Mr Brockenbury, Ladies Evening Guild, Abbeydale Hall, 7.30pm.
Sat. Apr 16	Book Sale. Totley Library 9.30am - 12.30pm.
Sat. Apr 16	Hoe Down. Totley County School, 8.00pm.
Mon. Apr 18	Family Sports '88 First Meeting, Cricket Inn 9.00pm.
Tue. Apr 19	Totley Townswomen's Guild. Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.
Tue. Apr 19	Copy date for May "Independent".
Fri. Apr 22	Clothes & Books Sale U.R.C. Church Hall 9.30am.
Mon. Apr 25	T.R.A. A.G.M. Totley Library 8.00 pm.
Wed. Apr 27	Nearly New Sale. Totley Rise Methodist Church. 8.00pm
Wed - Apr 27 -	TOADS "Suddenly at Home". St Johns Church
Sat " 30	Hall, 7.30pm.
Mon May 2	Christian Aid Trek
Tue May 3	Coffee Morning for N.S.P.C.C. at 22 The Quadrant. 10am - Noon.
Fri - May 6 -	Abbeydale Art Group Exhibition at Abbeydale
Sun " 8	Hall. For times see notice.

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