

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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My daughter Jennie who is a local artist has drawn this sketch. It was taken from an old photograph of my Mother's, her name was Mrs Jessie Pitt who together with my father and myself lived at "Bole Hill Lodge".

My father's name was Sydney Pitt, but was better known as "Curly" he was a village character.

He worked as a range warden on Totley Rifle Range during the years of World War Two. I went to Totley C of E School. I had a white pony named Dolly and often went to school on her, I used to cut through the allotments from the top of Lane-Head and the children would see me coming and tell Mr F. Ransden who was our teacher at that time and he would sign me in the register. The Head Master's name was Mr S Mellor, also one of our young teachers was Miss Dilys Jones who is now Mrs Cook and lives with her

husband on Baslow Road. Quite a few school friends still live in Totley including my friend of 51 years Kathleen.

As the sketch shows, Mother is fetching water from the well, there was no water laid on and no electricity, we used oil lamps in those days.

On Monday Jan 6th 1947 The Star Headlines read "All Britain Shivers in Arctic Spell" I was 19 years old at the time and worked in Sheffield, I went to work one morning and couldn't get home at night, I had to stay with relatives. Mother and father were cut off from the outside world for at least six weeks. Fortunately, Mother always kept a good stock of food as we couldn't run to the shop if we ran out of something, but by the time we got through to them they had killed off most of the chickens to live on, also they had to melt snow for water as they couldn't get to the well.

As fast as we dug a path a blizzard would come and fill it in again with drifts of 6ft high, it was very frightening to be in.

I now live in Green Oak Avenue, not quite as far to walk to the bus, but they were happy days at "Bole Hill Lodge".

## CHRISTIAN AID

May 16th-21st is Christian Aid Week when there will be a House-to-House Collection in Totley. This is one more way of supporting the poor and hungry people of the Third World and it is hoped that there will be a generous response.

Totley Rise Methodist Church is holding a "Hunger lunch" at 12 noon on Sunday, 15th May the proceeds of which will also go to Christian Aid.

# FARMING SCENE



April has proved to be a very busy month, with the sheep lambing, potatoes to riddle and spring barley and strawberries to plant.

We have had an exceptionally good lambing this year, with over 2 lambs per ewe reared as opposed to the more normal rate of 1.4 to 1.8. A good number of ewes have had triplets, forcing us to hand rear some of the weaker ones, as 3 proved to be too demanding for some of the mum's, so that we now have about 20 lambs on the bottle!

Potato riddling is now completed, with both seed and ware sold out just in time as the price has begun to collapse, as producers market the rest of their stocks before "New potatoes" take over the market. In common with many farmers this year, we have had to re-plant some fields with spring barley as the autumn planted wheat has been decimated by the slugs and wet weather.

As I write this we are in the middle of strawberry planting, and weather permitting, should have these and the rest of the gooseberries planted by the time you read this.

Edwin Pocock

## "SNOOKER'S

### CRUCIBLE"

All eyes have been turned to Sheffield recently whilst the Crucible Theatre once again staged the World Snooker Championships. Ex-independent reporter Jeremy Watson is now the Sheffield Star's snooker correspondent and he has recently written a book in which you can read about the development of Snooker in Sheffield through the ages right up to the present day.

The idea began when Jeremy was researching for an article about the formation of the Sheffield Snooker League and jokingly remarked to a colleague, Geoff Kemp that the information would make a good book. Geoff took him up on this and after a year of researching and writing they produced the book as joint authors.

Ironically, Jeremy and Geoff obtained some of their information from the memoirs of Frank Searle who lived in the Quadrant in Totley when he retired from his job as an area manager with cue manufacturers Burroughs and Watts. When he died, Frank's family were about to throw the memoirs away but a neighbour realised their potential importance and asked if she could keep them.

Friday 27th May United Reformed Church  
Totley Brook Rd

Sat 28th May St. John's Church  
Abheydale

A warm welcome is extended to all.

This year sees the 250th Anniversary of the conversion of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. It was on the evening of 24th May that John Wesley, whilst attending a meeting in Aldergate Street, London, felt his heart "strangely warmed". This led John, with his brother Charles, to found the Methodist Movement.

On Tuesday, 24th May at 7.30pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church there will be an Open Air Celebration of the conversion of John Wesley. This will include an Agape Meal (Love Feast).

The book also covers the "lean years" of snooker in the 1950's and 60's when snooker declined in popularity and records the efforts of Mike Watterson who promoted the World Championships at the Crucible as it once again became a popular sport bringing the record right up to date with pictures and stories of the Championships through to the 1987 final. "Snookers Crucible", which is published by Sheffield City Libraries, costs only £4.95 and is available at all local bookshops.



## Cheshire Home

The Easter Coffee Morning was a very happy event. The tables looked most attractive with bowls of daffodils in the centres. £346 was raised for the "Tilt Table" physiotherapy equipment, bringing the total to £709.36 towards the £1,000 needed - donations welcome!! With the better weather the residents are hoping to get out a little more; a small party will be visiting the flower show in Harrogate at the end of April, an exchange holiday has taken place with the Lake District Cheshire Home and another resident has undertaken a pilgrimage to Lourdes with the "Across" Jumbulance escorted by a member of staff from Mickley.

The regular discussion group and "Any Questions" run at the Home by the Hardwick Society are very popular and stimulating, lively discussions taking place on many topics. If any other organisations would like to have the benefit of the Hardwick Society's team of spirited gentlemen please contact Mr Kelham on 362826.

The firm who manufacture "Possum" equipment to aid very handicapped people held a "Teach-in" at the Home in April to which Social Workers and other working with physically handicapped people were invited. Several residents at the Home use this equipment, for example those whose hands are too disabled to use controls on electric wheelchairs can use an electric device worked by mouth to steer and control their chairs.

The next fund raising event at the Home will be a demonstration of Floral Art by Mrs Betty Booth on Friday 6th May, 1988, 7.30pm. Tickets £1.50 which includes snacks and wine are available from the office at the Home.

## CHRISTIAN

### UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will this year take place following Pentecost Sunday.

This is the time when the local churches come together for prayers each morning at 7.30am. The following are the venues:

Monday	23rd May	All Saints Church, Totley
Tuesday	24th May	Dore Methodist Church
Wed	25th May	Church of the English Martyrs Totley
Thurs	26th May	Christ Church Dore

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# GARDENING TIPS

Gardeners will have seen the benefits of all that work put in last year in bedding out Daffodils, Narcissus and Tulips. Now is the time to prepare for a summer display. As the soil warms plants start growing in earnest so early preparation will pay dividends. Don't neglect the vegetable plot - I am looking forward to seeing the results on the show bench in September!

## LAWNS

Grass growth reaching its peak in May, frequent mowing is essential. Remember that edges need trimming to really show off the lawn. Use a liquid feed or "weed & feed" later in the month. Don't set the cutter too low, 1/2 (18mm) is quite a low enough cut.

## ROSES

If Greenfly are really sucking away at roses during this period give them a dose of "Rapid" or similar insecticide, it is based on pipericarb which controls them without harming insects such as ladybirds and bees. You could use a combination insecticide which will also control mildew, blackspot and caterpillar. If you have not fed your roses do so now - it will encourage blooms to develop later.

## FRUIT

Check over Apple trees and gooseberry bushes for the presence of mildew infected silvered shoots and then apply a fungicide spray. You could include in the spray a good insecticide to control aphids and caterpillars. In the case of apples this combined spray should be applied at pink bud and again at petal fall. Guard against slug attacks in the strawberry beds by scattering slug pellets or making a beer trap nearby. Newly planted fruit trees appreciate an early evening spraying with clear water to speed up their development. If aphids are seen on Blackcurrants dust them before the leaves are badly blistered by these pests.

## FLOWERS

Hard prune Alyssum Saxatile and Aubretia in rockeries in order to keep the plants neat and compact. Later in the month clear borders of Tulip and spring flowering biennials in preparation for planting out

summer bedding plants. Don't be tempted to plant them out too early; first week in June is soon and safe enough. Split up crowns of polyanthus and replant them in a holding bed to grow on for replanting in Autumn. P. wanda and denticulata can also be treated this way.

It's not too late to plant hardy annuals in the borders, remember to thin out seedlings from earlier sowings of these colourful plants. Stake the flower spikes of herbaceous plants as they develop. Pay special attention to delphiniums and Lupins. Where the shoots of Delphiniums are over crowded they should be thinned out. Growers of exhibition Sweet Peas will be kept busy from now on removing side shoots and tendrils and tying the main stems. Sweet Peas can be fed but do not use a high nitrogen fertiliser as this may aggravate bud dropping. Plant outdoor flowering Chrysanthemum at the side of a stout cane and firm in well.

## VEGETABLES

Plant out cabbages and other Brassicas and make successive sowings of peas, lettuce, radish and carrots. Towards the end of the month it will be safe to sow french and runner beans; also less hardy crops such as marrows, courgettes and sweetcorn can be planted out. Complete the planting of main crop potatoes and earth up earlier sowings that are showing. This protects the growth against a night frost. Keep that hoe going between all crops.

## GREENHOUSE

At this time of year space in the greenhouse is at a premium and having a cold frame is really helpful. Moving seedlings from the greenhouse to the cold frame not only reduces overcrowding but also enables the plants to be gradually hardened off and this acclimatizes them to outdoor living. Not only does this result in more compact plants but also ensures their rapid establishment after planting out. Tomato plants should now be growing vigorously, consequently they will need frequent watering. Feeding should not start until the first truss has set, then a high

potash feed such as "Tomato Plus" or "Tomorite" should be used. Begonias, Gloxinias and many other greenhouse plants will need shading. Blinds up to the glass are ideal but if these are not available cool-glass shading could be used. A hanging basket of Geraniums, Fuchsias and Ferns or pendulous Begonias adds beauty and interest to a greenhouse or conservatory. Possibly more baskets are spoiled by under-watering than by giving too much water. Feed baskets once a week making sure the soil is moist before doing so. Seeds that can be sown now are Cineraria and Calceolaria and Cyclamen. Geranium cuttings can be taken now. They will make good plants for autumn flowering.

Don't forget to watch the weather and your ventilation.

Cheerio for now  
Tom Steel

## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS?

The problem of transport for many people is greater than many of you may think. For example getting on and off a bus can be a problem for most of us, especially when it is full and the driver is in a hurry, but when someone is old, infirm or disabled the problem gets much worse.

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## TOTLEY SHOW

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### NEXT MONTH

# POETS

## CORNER

The Trolley Poets have been busy again. Any more offers? The Memo to Son from Mum is the first of a trilogy which will be continued in subsequent issues of the "Independent".

### Memo To Son From Mum

Dear son, you live here, this is your home,  
Forgive me this once if I start to moan.  
I've been very patient, but enough is enough,  
Cleaning your bedroom is getting so tough.

Your football boots are covered in mud.  
You've used a white hankie to mop up the blood  
From the gash you got in a super hard tackle,  
You've spilt crisps on the floor, I can hear them crackle,  
There's a pile of your clothes on the floor in a heap.  
And why oh why can you never keep  
Your socks in a pair? I can only find one!  
And that new blue shirt, the colour will run  
When it goes in the wash along with the rest.  
I'm really fed up as you've probably guessed!

You are always starving and just can't wait,  
But when your meal's ready you come in late.  
Your music's atrocious, you play it too loud,  
Any why must you always follow the crowd?

But once in a while, when you bring me flowers  
My heart skips a beat, I forget all the hours  
Of worry and heartache you have sometimes brought,  
For beside all the love they count for nought.

Sue Wright

### KEEP FIT

The Thursday girls are keeping trim  
Exercising body and limb.  
They have a little problem though  
Where do their grown up boys all go.  
To the pub or in the tub  
Why don't they come and join our club.  
We think they might be quite surprised  
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Gill Taylor

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## FAMILY

### SPORTS '88

A meeting was held on Monday 18th April to start the organisation of this years Family Sports Day. Unfortunately the attendance at the meeting was disappointing and due to the lack of support there will not be any events prior to the main sports as hoped.

The date convenient to all present at the meeting is Sunday 3rd July. This has to be finalised with Sheffield Recreation Dept. and Totley Sports Club.

One person present at the meeting has kindly made a loan of £150 to open a bank account and to help finance the initial organisation. Watch next months "Independent" for full details.

## Star

### Journalist !

The Independent staff were delighted recently when it was announced that Jeremy Watson had won the "Provincial Journalist of the Year Award". Jeremy's journalistic talents immediately became apparent when he began to write articles for the Independent under editor Brian Edwards in the early days of the magazine but this award shows just how successful he has become in his career as a journalist with the Sheffield Star.

Jeremy had originally been a pupil at Totley County School and King Egberts where he took his A levels before taking a journalistic course at Richmond College. From here he went directly to the Star as a journalist.

To enter for the award Jeremy had to submit five articles which he had written and these were then judged by a panel of Fleet Street Editors. Although Jeremy is also the Stars snooker correspondent, the articles which he submitted were those which he had written in his role as the Stars medical correspondent, including such topics as industrial disease in the City. Jeremy is due to collect his award and a first prize of £500 at the Savoy Hotel on May 11th. We would like to add our congratulations and offer future best wishes to him both in his career as a journalist and with the sale of his new book "Snookers Crucible" which you can read about on page 2

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

All Saints Church, Totley are holding their annual Garden Party this year on Saturday 18th June in the Church grounds commencing at 2.00 p.m.

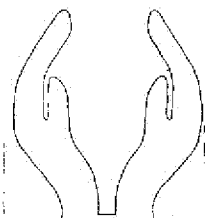
A special attraction before the official opening will be a parade around the area of the Sunday School Prince and Princess starting from Totley Rise at 1.15p.m. This parade will be led by a Marching Band and it is hoped several floats with a general theme of "Nursery Rhymes" will take part. Local shops and traders in the area have sponsored this parade which we hope will be a great success.

Attractions this year in the grounds will be a steam train ride, bouncing castle, pet show, fire engine ride, all the usual book, records, bottle, cakes, nearly new, plant, white elephant etc. stalls for everyone to enjoy.

Live music will be played by the Woodhouse Prize Band who were very good last year.

It is hoped at the end of the afternoon all our effort and hard work will be rewarded by the donations we shall be able to make. Firstly to restore the church organ and secondly to help to set up a fund to finance a multitude of local-based Christian initiatives in the deprived areas of our nation, including parts of Sheffield and South Yorkshire, to show that we care about the needs of others in a practical way.

## UNITED CHURCH



## REFORMED CENTENARY

The first week in May is the time when the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church celebrates its 100th birthday.

An exhibition, showing all the aspects of the church's history, opens in the halls after morning worship on Sunday 1st May. Times of opening during the week are:-

Mon. 2nd & Tues 3rd May	2pm - 5pm and 7pm - 9pm
Wed. 4th May	7pm - 9pm only
Thur. 5th May	10am - 12 noon
Fri. 6th May	2pm - 5pm
Sat. 7th May	10am - 12 noon & 2pm - 5pm

(only part of the exhibition on Friday and Saturday)

During these same times, there will be a Flower Display in the Church, and light refreshments served in the Church Hall building.

A group of American visitors from South Congregational Church, East Hartford, Connecticut, arrives on Friday 6th May, for a 2 week stay with church families. Dore and Totley URC has an on-going connection with the East Hartford church, since the two churches exchanged Ministers during the summer of 1969, when the Rev. and Mrs Frank Duckworth went to America, and the Rev. and Mrs Roger Nicholson came to Totley.

The East Hartford folk will be joining in the Centenary celebrations and Services. The preacher at both Centenary Services on May 8th (10.30am and 6.30pm,) will be the Rt. Rev. Cyril Franks, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church. It is hoped that representatives of local bodies and organisations and of the city will be able to come to these Services.



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# DIARY

Sun	May 1st	- U.R.C. Centenary - see article for details.
Sun	May 8th	
Fri	May 6th	Demonstration of Floral Art. Cheshire Home 7.30pm Mrs Betty Booth.
Sat	May 7th	King Leqbert School Association. Jumble Sale St John's Church Hall - 2.00pm.
Fri	May 13th	Nearly New Clothes, Toy and Nursery Equipment Sale. United Reformed Church Playgroup. 9.30am.
Fri	May 13th	"Old Postcards of Dore & Totley". Mr T. Judge Ladies Evening Guild. Abbeydale Hall 7.30pm.
Sat	May 14th	Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.
Sat	May 14th	Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings. English Martyrs Church 10.00am to 5.00pm.
Sun	May 15th	Hunger Lunch. Totley Rise Methodist Church. for Christian Aid. Noon.
Mon	May 16th	- Christian Aid Week
Sat	May 21st	
Tue	May 17th	Totley Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall 10.00am.
Tue	May 17th	Liaison Lunch. All Saints Church Hall.
Tue	May 17th	Nearly New & Jumble Sale. All Saints Church Hall 7.30pm.
Wed	May 18th	Copy date for June "Independent".
Fri	May 20th	King Fegbert School Association. Hoe Down. Wessex School Hall. 8.00pm - Midnight Tickets £3.50 (incl supper) obtainable from the school.
All Week	May 23rd	Craft displays and demonstrations. Totley Library.
Tue	May 24th	John Wesley Celebrations. Totley Rise Methodist Church 7.30pm.
Sat	May 28th	Antique Fayre. St. John's Abbeydale Church Hall. 10.00am to 5.00pm.

### Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings

This annual event at English  
Martyrs Church, Baslow Road  
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