

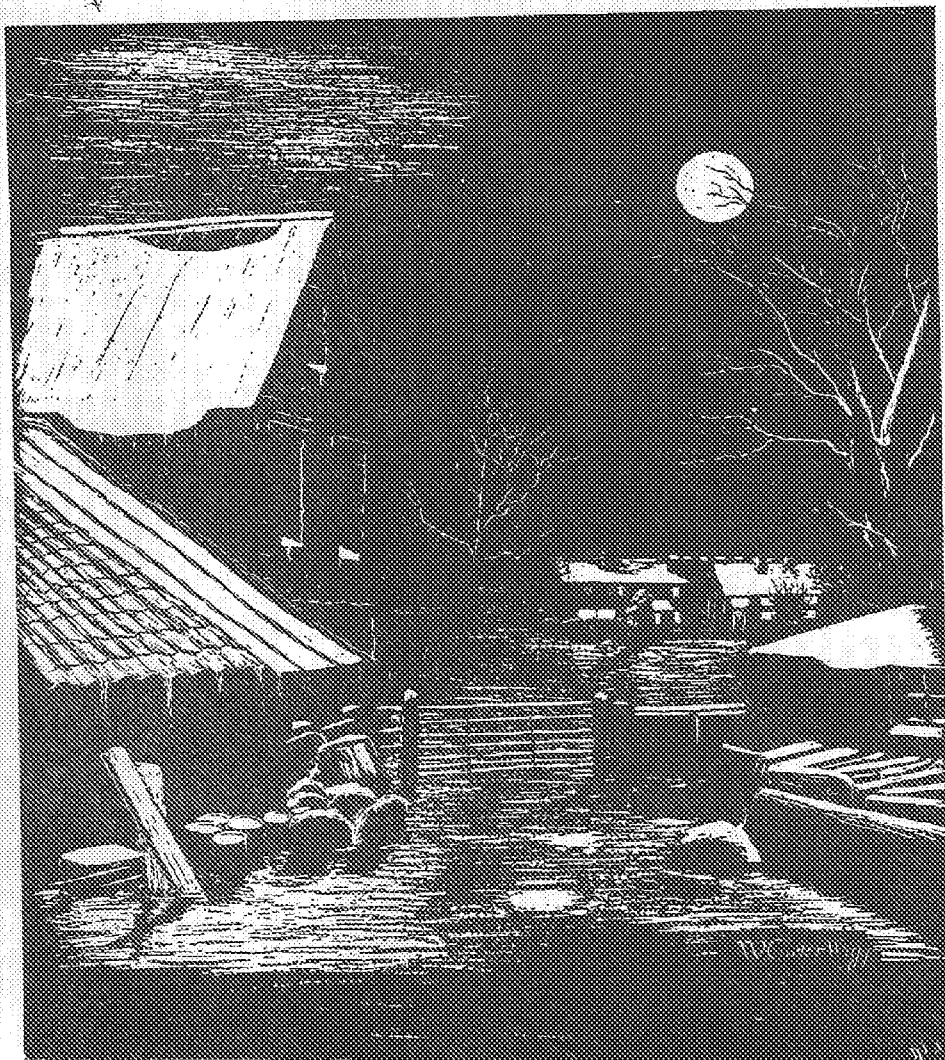
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This Front Page 'Christmas Card', whilst freely adapted from the view as seen on Michaelmas day, is nevertheless based on a scene in Totley which will be known perhaps

to comparatively few. It is almost worthy of inclusion in a "Do you know where this is?" series. Do you? It's not all that far from a main road. (see Page 2)

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Bus Passengers

You will no doubt be aware of the new bus service on the 24 route. The red, white and blue Sheafline buses are certainly eye catching. But how about passenger catching? I would strongly urge you to think about what this entails. Unlike SYT which runs an all day service seven days a week, this new bus runs only between 7 am and approximately 6pm and not at all on Sundays. A bus service is precisely that; a service to the customer. Whilst SYT is not always perfect or reliable - at least it puts the customer first. If the SYT adopted Sheafline's policy we would be left with no early morning service and no buses at all on Sundays. Whilst I appreciate on a cold wet and windy day it is not easy to let one bus pass and wait for another please

THINK TWICE - or the day will come when we will have to wait hours for a bus and hard luck on anyone who wants to go into town in the evenings or out visiting on Sundays.

M B Parkin

We have also had a letter from Archie Thomas of Queen Victoria Road about the 215th Scouts who use the sub. title (1st Totley). He remembers the first troop in Totley before World War One and rightly recalls that, that was 1st Totley. Lots of things have changed since then and Totley is no longer in Derbyshire but the present 1st Totley troop are true descendants of their founders and proudly acknowledge the heritage in their title. An outline of Scouts history in Totley was included in the December 1986 (100th issue) of the Totley Independent.

What are you doing for Christmas?

Anything exciting? Anything different? We have just had a letter from India telling us that one family are planning an overnight camel trek on Christmas Eve! Original! Or is it?

Dear Sir

According to an interview on Radio Sheffield, the sad little inmates of the CONCENTRATION camp of MONNY-BROOK FARM are being turned into Rabbit Sausages - for sale at HARRODS to the "person who likes Rabbit but whose wife can't face handling the carcass!"

MONNYBROOK has always been a place of sanctuary, first in the hands of a warmhearted family, then as Canine Defence Kennels. Now it is a Death Row for Rabbits. The food that is wastefully passed through the Rabbit - at a huge protein loss - represents grain and vegetable protein that could be used directly by humans. The world produces enough plant food to nourish everyone.

A vegan diet is perfectly healthy; it is easy on the environment and it is compassionate to our animals.

Wouldn't it be great if Totley could turn away from the shame on its doorstep and become a centre of healthy compassionate living. Let's at least try for a Cruelty Free Christmas - write to me if you're interested (stamps appreciated but not obligatory).

Yours in Peace,

Liz Lippeatt
42 Wollaton Avenue
S17 4LA

CAROLS

The local Christian Council have arranged to sing carols outside the English Martyr's Church on Saturday December 17th from 10.00 to 11.30 am. They invite everyone to join in.

There will be a Christmas Carol Concert held at Totley Library, on Friday, 16th December, starting at 10am. The carols will be performed by the children of Totley County School, but everyone is welcome to come and join in. Mince pies, tea and coffee will be served.

Answer to Front Page Question

Ans: looking towards Milldale Road from the back of Thompson's barn.

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GARDENING TIPS

Not a lot happening in the garden at the moment. It all looks quite bare now that the bedding plants are gone and the flower beds are turned over. We can look forward to spring as we thumb through our seed and plant catalogues, though it seems a long way off at the moment.

Things to do in December

- * Plant new trees if conditions are suitable.
- * If you have planted shrubs in Autumn check them over and make sure they are still firm.
- * Give the blades on your secateurs a good soak in disinfectant to prevent diseases being transferred from plant to plant.
- * Bare rooted shrubs arriving by post should be heeled in until the weather is favourable.
- * Keep flowering plants such as cyclamen, azaleas and poinsettias in a cold room to prolong their life..
- * Increase humidity around the plants by grouping them together. Standing pots on peat or gravel will help.
- * If indoor plants start to look "leggy" or lose some of their colour move them to a lighter spot.
- * Don't overwater indoor plants and keep them out of draughts and away from direct heat.
- * Lift leeks as needed and earth up the stems of those left. Don't let soil fall between the leaves.
- * Continue winter digging in the vegetable plot. Leave the soil in large clods for the frost to break down.
- * Harvest cabbage, savoys and brussel sprouts.
- * Cut down stems of Jerusalem artichokes.
- * Protect cauliflowers from frost by bending leaves over the heads.
- * Turnips and swedes should be lifted and stored.
- * Keep off the soil if it is very wet or frozen.
- * Finish off winter pruning of blackcurrants and gooseberries.
- * Continue pruning apples and pears.
- * Apply winter tar oil wash to kill eggs of aphids, apple suckers and winter moths.
- * Look over apples and pears in store. Remove any fruit showing signs of rot.
- * Check over plants in greenhouses; water sparingly.
- * Watch out for signs of rot amongst alpine and silver foliage plants, small cloches or glass covers may help keep rain off susceptible species.
- * In good weather manure or compost spreading can begin but try not to walk on your soil too much.
- * Lag outdoor pipes to prevent them freezing.
- * Clean away rubbish from the garden and greenhouse to prevent pest over-wintering in it.
- * Before bringing the Christmas Tree indoors, spray with "spray'n Save" to prevent the needles falling out.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Tom
Busy Bee

TOTLEY RISE DEVELOPMENTS

We understand that the Fish & Chip shop (formerly Hagenbach's) will open early in December but there is as yet no sign that the former Whiteheads shop is coming to life again. There is apparently planning permission for a restaurant but no one seems anxious to pursue the development. Meanwhile, of course, the former "Orange Grove" is now a self service style greengrocers run by the Scriven family. At the end of Glover Road opposite the top of the Rise new flats are being built.

FARMING SCENE



After the washout of an October, November - at least the first part of it - has been particularly dry which has enabled us to catch up on some of the work. The potatoes are harvested although we did lose a few due to frosting when we had that particularly early sharp frost. It has been a good crop, approx. 16 tonnes per acre, of medium sized good looking tubers.

The wheat has been planted although we have had to resort to emergency measures, because of the wetness of the ground. Instead of using a proper corn drill to sow the seed, we have broadcast it onto the ground with the fertiliser spreader and covered it in with a cultivator set 1"-2" deep. This technique helps to avoid soil compaction and the consequent waterlogging and plant death.

The new raspberries should get a very good start in the spring as they are planted in a part of the field that has a free draining sandy loam soil.

The fields planted with Oilseed Rape are now "greening" over as the crop grows. They have been sprayed with a residual weedkiller to kill the meadow grass, chickweed etc.

We had a sad event last week when we had to say goodbye to Montgomery after six years of loyal service. He had been suffering from an infection for 2-3 weeks and failed to respond to treatment, so we waved him off last week as he went to his last "resting place" - a pater-factory in France via a slaughter-house in Essex. A large proportion of cull sows and boars are exported and no doubt many return in the form of processed meat products.

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KING ECGBERTS COURT CIRCULAR

Following King Ecgbert's School "Open Days" in October an analysis of the feedback slips has been undertaken. Clearly some visitors reflected that today's schooling is better than the "bad old days" but there were some brickbats too (e.g. too much litter about). The main point however is that a dialogue between school and parents and others who are concerned about education is vitally important for the health of the school. Keep it up. More information can be obtained from the School (369931).

coming our way clutching a white polystyrene box and looking "sheepish", furtive, or coy, you will know that he is bringing the "stuff" that next year's pigs will come from!

Christmas Services

Dore Methodists	Dec 18	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Dec 25	9.30am	Christmas Day Service
Totley Rise Methodists	Dec 18	6.30pm	Carol Service
	Dec 24	11.15pm	Holy Communion
	Dec 25	9.30am	Family Service
U.R.C. Totley Brook Rd	Dec 18	6.30pm	Carol Service
	Dec 24	11.15pm	H.C at Totley Rise Methodist
	Dec 25	10.00am	Family Service
Dore & Totley Christian Fellowship	Dec 18	10.30am	Christmas Celebration Carols at Polytechnic Comm. Building
	Dec 25	10.30am	Christmas Praise at Conservative Club, Baslow Rd.
English Martyrs	Dec 24	5.30pm	Childrens Nativity
	Midnight		Mass at St Thomas, Woodseats
	Dec 25	9.15am	Mass
Christ Church, Dore	Dec 18	6.30pm	Carol Service
	Dec 24	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Dec 25	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Holy Communion
St John's, Abbeydale	Dec 18	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Dec 25	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Holy Communion
			Children's Christmas Gifts
All Saints, Totley	Dec 18	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
	Dec 24	11.30pm	Holy Communion
	Dec 25	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Family Carols & Communion
		4.00pm	Evensong (said)

What's The Point of Christmas?

Despite our peace greetings to each other at Christmas the world is still in conflict and chaos. Many attempts at peace have been short-lived; thousands of peace treaties have been signed; yet worldwide we are still in one of the most violent periods in history. Family life is in crisis too and individually many people have a growing feeling of insignificance.

As we approach Christmas we find ourselves surrounded by decorations, lights and carols promoting joy and festivity. Yet it is also the time of the year when suicides, family quarrels, depression and drunkenness reach a peak.

Peace in our time? Peace to whom? There will not be peace in the world until the main problem of the world, the human heart, is sorted out. We were created in God's likeness to live in the world and to enjoy an intimate relationship with him. We

were given the free will to accept or reject God. Right from the start we have turned away from our creator, choosing our own way rather than his. We have shut God out of our lives. Someone was needed to heal the divide, someone to stand between God and us. No prophet or priest, seer or saint could fulfill that role. God himself became man in the person of his son, Jesus.

This is the meaning of Christmas; the babe at Bethlehem. It was the coming amongst us of God himself, to restore the world we have messed up.

(Adaped from the Lion publication "What's the Point of Christmas?) by J. John)



O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

DUNCAN WILSON

As the Rev. Duncan Wilson leaves the Dore & Totley United Reformed Church to take up his new appointment to the Sheffield Inner City Ecumenical Mission (SICEM), it is right to recall and thank him for, his Ministry in this area.

He came to Totley in March 1974 from Wigton Moor, Leeds. During his time here, he has supported and developed the ecumenical affairs and has been chairman twice of the Christian Council for Dore, Totley and Bradway. Much of the planning of the Week of Prayer Services and the Agape Meal, and the arrangements for Holy Week and One World Week were at his instigation. With his excellent memory of faces, names and even conversations from years ago, he has been a first class resource - and not just for his own Church.

In the fourteen -and-a-half years he has been at Totley Brook Road, Duncan has been the inspiration in the Remodelling of the front of the Sanctuary, has given (from his architect past) good advice on the buildings, introduced fresh approaches to Worship and led "Family Weekends" at many centres.

At national level he was very involved with the denomination's Youth Work - some readers will remember that he was often away at Eastertime leading the URC's youth activity "Anchors Aweigh" on the Norfolk Broads.

It is good that he stayed for the Church's Centenary (incidentally having his 100th Baptism at Dore and Totley during this Centenary Year), and he goes to SICEM with the thanks and Good Wishes of the Totley Churches and people.

Rupert Norris

IS THIS YOU?

Enthusiastic and energetic man or woman wanted to lead small local Scout Troop. Prior experience desirable but not at all essential. Technical aspects and support will be given by local Commissioner. No upper age limit but must be over 18. If interested please ring Mike Hughes on 350652.

Thank you Duncan

Nobody who is involved with working for the well-being of the community of Totley could fail to be aware that for the last fourteen years Duncan Wilson has quietly and consistently done all that he could to encourage and enable that work to go on. From the early days of the development of the playgroup and lunch club which had started shortly before his arrival, we have seen the facilities of the United Reformed Church used more and more widely for our benefit, including mother and toddler group, youth club, Open Door and most recently the Dorcas Centre. Duncan was a member of the original committee for Transport 17, and secured the co-ordination necessary of the various lunch clubs which opened as a result of the bus being available. He has co-operated with Family & Community Services, Youth Services, King Egbert School, the Police, Job Opportunities Schemes and Community Projects in ways too numerous to detail here. Having been asked to write about him for the Independent, I am very glad, on behalf of local people, to extend to Duncan our very grateful thanks for all that he has done and all that he has been to us in groups or as individuals. We wish him well in the challenges of the work he is going to.

Rosalie Carter
(Secretary, Community Liaison Group)

CAN YOU GUESS?

Anyone who has been around the bus terminus in anything more than a light breeze is in danger of being hypnotised by the revolving sign which screams in strident colours "USED-CARS-USED-CARS-USED...."

Until it becomes just a meaningless collection of letters. It set me wondering whether or not an anagram could be made of it, which I never decided, but it did occur to me that if I sneaked out one night and changed just one letter, I could make it spell out a word without any other alteration. Can you think what change occurred to me?

Rather a seasonal word! (see Page 11)
Pseudotrichos

MORE ABOUT DOGS

It may appear to you that grown dogs will come already trained and so will be easier to manage. No whining for its litter mates, no chewing, no pulling on the lead etc, etc.

But ask yourself another question:- Why is this dog up for sale? Some grown dogs are available because of a change in home circumstances. Both owners may need to work due to a changed situation. Owners do divorce, die or leave the country; and you may get a happy, healthy, well behaved dog.

But many of the dogs requiring new homes do so due to lack of training and general care. They may have developed really ingrained habits of chewing, barking, wandering or aggression which the original owners, in their eagerness to get rid of the dog, may not have been totally honest about. These dogs may be hard to rehabilitate, especially if they have been passed from home to home.

Always ask why the dog is for sale and arrange for a trial period.

For the first 2 weeks or so, a dog will be like a child in a new place, he will be a little wary and

seemingly on his best behaviour, but as his confidence grows, so his behaviour problems surface.

Breeding or showing kennels sometimes have dogs which are surplus to their requirements or have not developed how the breeder would like, physically (ears not quite correct for example). This may not matter to you or I, but these dogs may have been kept in a kennel with other dogs and never been in a house. They are usually difficult to house train and may be very difficult to

socialise if they have had little human contact.

You need to be prepared to put much time and effort into re-training an adult dog. This can be a rewarding challenge, but you must be prepared for it.

Generally, therefore, it is better to buy a puppy rather than an older dog. He will then fit more readily into your home life, and you will really get to know and understand your dog from early in his life.

Tenants Section

Newly elected committee for the Tenants Section are:-

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Enrolment for the Geology course is through the University of Sheffield only, tel 768555 (ext 4920/4921). All other courses may pre-enrol or enrol on the day (subject to places being available). For further details please contact the centre or tel. Ian Horsfield on 368931.

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Lottery

A full list of winners for our lottery is given below. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our lottery which this year has raised £1474.79 towards our head-quarters loan repayment. The committee hope to restart the lottery as soon as possible - watch this space.

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THE SHAPE OF ABBEYDALE !

It was with a great deal of amusement that I read in the Sheffield "Star" that my company, Shape Design, had bought The Abbeydale Garden Centre and was turning it into a design office and Furniture shop.

After 21 years of very hard work, setbacks and knocks, we had finally achieved one of our aims - to rid ourselves of ever greedy landlords, scruffiness, graffiti, vandalism and traffic jams in the city centre. Last year, the twelfth of trying, we finally reached agreement with the owners of Abbeydale Garden Centre to sell us the bottom portion of their land (nearest to town). This meant purchasing the Garden Chef Restaurant from them with a pledge to keep it open. Since then, we have moved our design office and retail shop into the adjacent buildings - but still at the bottom end of the site. Somehow, "The Star" had produced a photograph of 'the 'top end' where the actual garden centre shop stands, and linked it to the write up. Anyone knowing the hard working and friendly, dear Louie Hill, who manages the garden centre, can imagine her reaction when customers, suppliers and friends were ringing up in astonishment wondering when she was closing down. The Totley Independent Editor asked for the real story, hence this reply. Our sincere apologies to Louie and her colleagues for any upset caused - it really was't our fault. Brian Edwards

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One of the nice things about going to a local dramatic society is that the players so obviously enjoy themselves. The cast of "Relatively Speaking" were no exception. They had a complicated, not to say entangled, plot to get across but they knew it was funny and the audience would enjoy it. Enjoy it we did! But I would still like to know whose slippers were found under Ginny's bed!

The scene shift in the middle of the play worked well too. Obviously someone worked hard "behind the scenes" to make it possible for two sets to be used within the one play. But it all turned out alright and the ability to use two different sets in one play will quite significantly increase the available material for future productions of this drama group.

Certainly we shall look forward to the next production in the Spring. Watch this space.

T.O.A.D.S.

TOADS production of "The Haunted Through Lounge" and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle" certainly did not display the imperfections of the "Farndale Townswomen's Guild" in this "play within a play" at St. John's Church Hall recently. Full marks must go to all the cast for the way in which they sustained the illusion of chaos in this intriguing and very amusing play.. I am sure that the producer Tony Reynolds did not experience the difficulties faced by the "producer" in the play! The slickness of the "mistakes" was a real credit to all involved. The "Poetry Competition" raised much laughter from a responsive audience as did the whole production. Well done, TOADS! We look forward to your next offering.

Answer to Pseudotrichos

Change the 's' in 'Cars' to 'o'
thus producing CARO-USED!

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Sat	Dec 17	Christmas Carols. Grounds of English Martyrs Church 10.00 -11.30am.	
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Library User's Group

Totley Residents Association still needs two or three people to join the Library Users Group. The general aim is to argue and fight for the continuance of the good Library service which Totley needs and enjoys. Would anyone interested in helping please contact Jennifer Burns (350071) or Les Firth (364190).

WELCOME

Welcome to Mr Paul Green who is the new manager of the National Westminster Bank at Totley Rise. No stranger to this area Mr Green was previously at the University Branch in Sheffield.

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