

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## TOTLEY COLLEGE SITE

### POLYTECHNIC RUMOURS.

Rumours about the future of the Polytechnic Site in Totley have been bandied about a great deal recently. Where does rumour begin and how much truth is there in it? We were very glad to have the chance recently of talking to Peter Downey who is the Principal Assistant for Resource Planning of the Polytechnic as he was able to give a good perspective view of the overall situation.

First of all, there is not, and there will not be for some months yet, any definite and agreed plan or timetable as to the future of the Polytechnic Site. The Poly as a whole is at present short of space and planning to take an increased number of students next year so it cannot move out of any of its many sites in Sheffield until some new facilities have been built. It will be, at the very least, a few months before a start is made on any new building work and there is as yet no final decision as to where that building will be so speculation about the timing of any move out of Totley is premature.

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On the other hand the necessary new building work is most unlikely to be at Totley and so the evacuation of the site by the Poly is almost certain to happen at some time in the future. Without any decision having been finally made it would seem that the land (excluding Totley Hall one assumes) would be used for building and that would mean some 20 acres of new housing. In view of the timing mentioned above however no start on any such development can be expected for at least two and probably more years. Having gained this authoritative view from the Poly we hope that we shall be able to report events as they happen in the future and prevent unnecessary speculation and concern in the area.



# Walks

## Around

### Totley

Walk No 13. A Traverse along the Eastern Edges. Distance 13 miles. Allow 6½ to 7 hours. Hiking boots desirable.

13 may be unlucky for some but not for us. This is a classy trek through field pastures and moorland slopes with never a dull yard and glorious views en route. Now that the lambing season is in full swing ensure that all dogs are under proper control.

Start from Totley Post Office. Proceed down Totley Hall Lane using route No 5 (June 1989 issue) via Gillfield Wood, Fanshaw Gate Hall, Lidgate, Horsley Gate, Cordwell Valley, Smeekley Woods, Carr Lane, Ramsley Moor to Fox Lane (Shillito Wood). Walk for approx 1 mile to the right past Ramsley Reservoir. Cross the busy A621 road with care to where Clod Hall Lane meets Curbar Lane. Proceed for 200 yds along the latter and on our right stile and markers point the route forward on to Big Moor. The path is well defined up the gradual climb to the rock escarpment known as Swine Sty. This whole moorland area is teeming with historical interest (field systems and stone circles) and under the control of the Peak National Park Authority. Observe the Country Code and byelaws! Continue along the crest of the ridge towards the summit cairn of White Edge (Trig. Point) En route you will notice numerous badger setts and wildlife. Enjoy the breathtaking views and take a lunch break on these lofty heights. (approx 7 miles completed). The views extend to beyond Matlock, all the White Peak, Axe Edge, Shining Tor, Kinder Scout, Bleaklow and even Bolsover Castle is visible on a good day.

The path keeps to the edge of the moor at a steady height of around 1200 ft as we proceed towards White Lodge which dominates the skyline. White Lodge is now used as an outdoor pursuits centre (once a gamekeepers lodge). After 1½ miles from White Edge summit we pass the large gritstone block known as the Hurling Stone. Paths descend from here adjacent to a wall towards the Froggatt Road and the Grouse Inn, but we still keep forward where a finger post points the route towards the Longshaw Estate. After ½ mile from the wall we join another path from White Lodge and adjacent to a stile swing hard right towards White Edge Moor. Markers show the route to Lady's Cross (ancient guide stone). From here it is just a few hundred yards across the moor

to Barbrook Bridge (Ladder stile to climb). Walk for 150 yds along the road towards Owlbar and a gate on our left takes us into Totley Moss. The track threads for 1 mile under Flask Edge. Note the rail tunnel airshaft over to our left. (This section of walk mentioned in the May 1989 issue. Walk No 4.). Join the main track from Longshaw Estate and the Airshaft and we are soon above the rifle range area. Once again the views are first class, this time taking in the huge sprawl of Sheffield and the South Yorkshire scene. Proceed either by rifle range area path and lower rail airshaft or follow the bridle track via Bole Hill Lodge and Lane down to Moss Road, Lane Head Road, sportsfield near the "Cricket Inn", cobbled causeway, Chapel Lane and back to Hillfoot Road and Totley Post Office. Nothing difficult about this walk for it is well signed round the moorland areas and a guarantee you will meet very few other hiking parties on these unspoilt tops.

John C. Barrows.

Note: The sketches of the walks mentioned above may be useful and cover the whole route except for White Edge which is straightforward.

#### WILDSIDE OF TOTLEY - BOB WARBURTON.

The return of a short season of talks at Totley Library got off to a flying start with a packed house - standing room only!

The weather outside could not decide on winter or spring and similarly variously advertised times of start caused minor confusion. However, most people took no chance, claiming their free seat early.

Bob Warburton's relaxed, warm style took a local tour of gardens, woodlands, fields ponds and meadows. Bob's down to earth communication skills were equally matched by his magnificent colour slides, greatly appreciated by the one hundred or so people attending. It proves that if the subject is appealing, particularly when it is local and given by a dedicated local personality, people will turn out enthusiastically in support.

Hopefully this will encourage the Committee of Totley Residents Association to arrange more of the same for the autumn.

Mike Williamson.

T.R.A. A.G.M. 23rd APRIL.

7.45 p.m. TOTLEY LIBRARY.

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# GARDENING TIPS

I hope you have all taken advantage of the mild spell to do your tidying up, raking & cutting lawns, cleaning the greenhouse etc

Something new this month. Mr Fothergill, the seed people have given us the O.K. to publish extracts from their gardening guide. They are a bit more explicit and a picture is worth a lot of words. Let us know whether you think it is a good idea, especially if you are a beginner. Complete guides are available from the shop.

**Flowers.** Prepare supports for your perennials. Twigs like pea sticks are effective and are soon covered by the growing plants. Don't use green sticks as they might take root.

- \* Hardy annuals sown last month can be thinned out to encourage stocky plants.
- \* Sweet peas can be planted out.
- \* Keep beds free of weeds and mulch them to make it easier to retain moisture.
- \* Resist the temptation to buy bedding plants. Wait until next month.
- \* Plant tender bulbs like gladioli. If soil is heavy, put a handful of sharp sand at the bottom of the bulb hole.

**Greenhouse.** Sensitive plants and seedlings should be protected by shading.

- \* Start tuberous begonias into growth by burying tubers hollow side up in trays of moist peat. Keep warm then pot on.
- \* Take softwood cuttings from plants coming into growth. Use strong, clean healthy shoots.

**Fruit.** Watch out for disease in apples and pears. If scab and mildew were present last year, spray when leaves start to unfold and continue this month. Nimrod T.or Supercarb should do the trick.

- \* Renew mulches on bush and cane fruit and rhubarb.

**Vegetables.** Finish planting early potatoes at the beginning of the month then plant second earlies.

- \* Sow brussels sprouts, autumn cabbage, late summer & autumn cauliflower in seed bed and small rows of lettuce and radish every three weeks to avoid glut.

- \* Also sow broad beans, carrots, herbs, onions, peas etc. when ground is workable.
- \* Use up spare space in beds to grow quick vegetables. See illustrations.

**Trees and Shrubs.** If weather is dry make sure your newly planted shrubs are watered.

- \* Forsythia, winter jasmine, flowering currants and other winter flowering shrubs can be cut back to within a few buds of the old growth once the flowers have finished.
- \* Prune late flowering clematis, hybrid tea and floribunda roses.

**House Plants.** Gently wash leaves of foliage plants and stand them outside in warm rain showers.

- \* Pot on geranium and young house plants like begonias and gloxinias.
- \* Pot up rooted cuttings of dahlias, fuchsias and chrysanthemums.
- \* Feed your plants regularly except newly potted until about six weeks.

**Lawns.** Rake, scarify, spike and aerate.

- \* Start or continue routine mowing.
- \* Apply lawn dressing or liquid feed.
- \* Seed new lawns. Keep well watered in dry weather.
- \* Attack patches of moss with moss killer.
- \* Don't cut lawns too short at first or you will have yellow patches to deal with later.

Don't forget to let us know what you think about the illustrated instructions. I would also like to have any queries. I will do my best to answer them.


Cheerio for now.

Tom, Busy Bee.

## QUICK AND EASY VEGETABLES

LETTUCES, RADISHES, SPRING ONIONS, BEETROOT & CARROTS ARE QUICK AND EASY TO GROW...

...AND CAN BE SNEAKED INTO ODD SPACES IN THE FLOWER GARDEN...



RAKE OR DIG OVER SOIL, REMOVING RUBBLE AND WEEDS. TREAD DOWN LIGHTLY, RAKE, THEN SOW IN SHALLOW, WELL-WATERED ROWS.

FIRM SOIL AND LABEL A GRANULAR FERTILISER SUCH AS GROWMORE HELPS GIVE BUMPER CROPS.

REPEAT SOWINGS FREQUENTLY FOR A SUCCESSION OF CROPS.

THIN AS NECESSARY.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT: Red or Green Salad Bowl Lettuce which may be picked repeatedly. White Radish. White Icicle. Improved Carrot, Nantes Force. Bunching Salad Onion Ishikura (only by post)

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# FARMING SCENE



The recent spell of dry, warm weather has encouraged rapid growth of both grass and cereals, with Oilseed Rape showing signs of flowering a month in advance of its usual season. The raspberries are also breaking bud, with the early varieties throwing out flower stems and initiating new canes ready for next years crop. These new canes, "spawn" we call them, have to be protected against fungal attack, as do the flower buds, and this week we applied the first protective spray - fully five weeks ahead of last years date. Cereals also are a month ahead of the normal growth stage, and a very early harvest looks certain. Most crops look very well, although the mild weather has allowed mildew etc. to become established on the winter barleys.

Although many farmers have finished lambing and turned their ewes and lambs out into the fields, we are only just starting. I don't know quite how we have managed it but we have not had our usual four or five pre-lambing abortions this year. It would appear that calcium deficiency is the "in" problem this year, with many farmers having severe cases. This usually occurs just prior to lambing when the rapid growth of the lambs combined with the enlargement of the udder and initial milk production, requires exceptional calcium intake. It can also

occur after lambing when milk production is at its peak. When deficient the ewe quickly becomes distressed and can collapse and die within hours. However, response to the cure is equally as quick with the animal often getting up and walking away within minutes of being injected with Calcium Boroglutamate. Sadly, as happened to us this week, although the ewe responded quickly, her lambs were born dead three days later.

Like most farmers we have just about finished clearing up the windblown trees and replaced the fallen tiles, gutters etc. We seem to have had very few "still" days so far this year, but the wind has dried things up enabling contractors to apply 70 tonnes of lime to some of our land to correct soil acidity and promote more healthy and vigorous plant growth.

Could I end by asking all walkers to adhere to recognised footpaths when in the country and refrain from allowing their dogs to romp around in the crops, particularly cereals, potatoes and fruit. Remember a farm is really a big garden, which the farmer tends as you would your flower garden etc., and it is also his means of earning a livelihood. So please treat his "garden" as you would expect him to respect yours.

Edwin Pocock.

## PHILIP SCHOFIELD.

The sudden death on March 12th of Philip Schofield aged 78, brought a sense of loss to very many people. Over the past 40 years, hundreds of Trolley young folk have benefited from the interest and affection of "Schoey", as he was popularly known.

Coming from Leeds, in 1949 he started Trolley Rise Methodist Youth Club which he led for over 21 years. From 1968 to 1986 he served as Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a founder member of the Church cricket team and continued enthusiastic involvement with it. He is remembered too as a local preacher, and he was a loyal member of the church choir until the end of his life.

Since retiring from insurance work he has been energetic in maintaining his many contacts and particularly visiting the elderly. Many were helped by his cheerfulness and sense of humour.

He leaves a widow, Maud, two sons and a daughter, all with families.

Donations in his memory have been made to Methodist Homes for the Aged.

Arthur Simpson.

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# DEAR SIR . . .

Dear Sir,

Totley is a nice place, I think most would agree, but let us take a closer look and what we find is somewhat disappointing. First, there's so much litter everywhere, from chip trays to bottles and cans. Then there's the weeds which grow on our footpaths, the bushes which overhang our pavements and can give one a nasty knock particularly if one doesn't see too well. Then there's dead leaves which are still around since last autumn which can cause people to slip and fall. Add graffiti to this list and we have an up-to-date picture of Totley.

I know other areas may be worse but that doesn't make Totley better. We all say "they" ought to do something about it, but it's a case of - if you want something done - do it yourself.

There must be plenty of folk around here who could spare a few hours now and again and could turn Totley into the place we would like it to be. We can't stop litter happening but we can minimise this nuisance. On our own we can do little but a "clean up Totley" campaign could do much. Perhaps the Independent could organise this. I would be pleased to help in any way I could.

Hoping something can be done,

J.Cox.

P.S. We spring clean our homes, lets spring clean Totley.

Editor's response:- The T.R.A. Committee agreed to put this item on the Agenda of the A.G.M. on April 23rd. It is good to approach the problem in a positive way so perhaps there are others who would like to put this thought into practice.

## R.S.P.C.A.

"Open Day" at Spring Street Shelter (Spring Street is off Corporation Street, which runs off the West Bar roundabout in town) will be on Saturday 21st April 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., with jumble sale, book stall and nearly new stall.

Good homes are always needed for the cats and dogs taken into the shelter, adoptions daily 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Towels and blankets urgently needed. Please take to the Shelter, or locally to Mrs D. Styles, 10 The Quadrant, Totley. Tel 364925.

## ACCIDENT BLACK - SPOT.

The tragic accident at the bottom of Bushey Wood Road early in March emphasises yet again the need to alter the road layout at this corner. Motorists and pedestrians alike regard this corner with apprehension and local people know only too well that extreme care and caution have to be exercised when moving in the area. For too long the argument has been that accident statistics have not demanded action so now that the worst has happened we must surely insist that something is done. There are many possible solutions to the problem and several have reached the Independent. They obviously range from traffic lights or a roundabout to less radical alternatives such as more warning signs and alternative road markings. We cannot really hold court on the merits of the alternatives but we can reasonably ask that full investigations are carried out and significant improvements put in hand as a matter of urgency. We hope that it will be possible to report on progress in early editions of the Independent.

## JUMBLE SALE.

Saturday 7th April 11.00 a.m.

at U.R.C. Church Hall, Totley Brook Road.

## ABBEYDALE BADMINTON CLUB.

## CRAFT FAIR AT TOTLEY LIBRARY.

We are hoping to hold a Craft Fair again at Totley Library in June. If you have any articles for display or if you would like to demonstrate your craft, please contact the Library - tel. no. 363067.

A craft group meets regularly in the library on Tuesday afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m., so if you would like to learn a new craft or share your interests with others, please come along - the group is quite informal.

Pauline Rosser.

## IDA MARY BRAMALL.

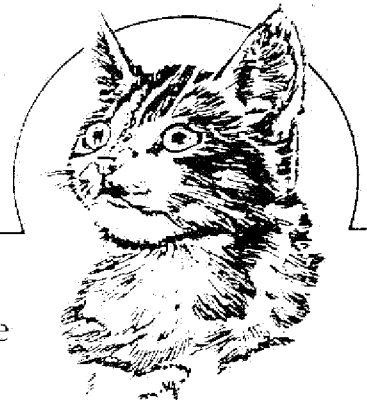
It is with deep regret that we report the death on 24th February of Mrs Bramall of Hail Lane Farm. She died peacefully in hospital after being ill for quite some time.

She had lived in Totley for over 40 years, both farming and delivering milk in the area. In earlier days she had taken part in the activities of the Ladies Club and the Mothers Union.

The farm will be carried on by her son John with the help of his brother Roger.

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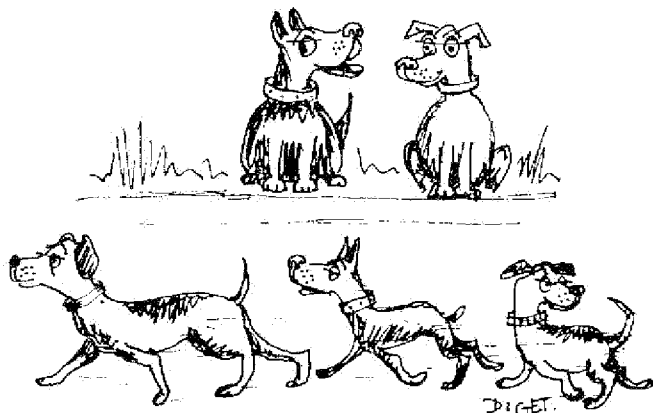
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## whisperer...

The moors have recently been on fire near Owlter Bar even before the summer arrives...  
...A tree has recently been planted in Green Oak Park in memory of Janet Raven who lived on Lemont Road.....Another tree recently fell on the West End of All Saint's Church causing some consternation but not too much damage.....The Mogul, Indian Restaurant, will be opening on Totley Rise in the near future.....Two herons have arrived back by the river at Totley Brook and they have also taken fish out of a nearby pond.... also spotted was the rare visit of a road sweeper clearing up the leaves etc on Baslow Road!



"There goes the Totley cornflake pack, Snap, Crackle and Hop!"

## A RETAILER'S REPLY

Dear Sir,  
I read with great interest the article by local farmer, Edwin Pocock in the February Independent. Whilst seeing his point of view, I really must disagree with some of his comments.

Whilst in some cases prices are high, especially supermarket pre-packed goods, local shops try to keep the price of goods at a reasonable level as high prices help no-one. As for wholesalers only taking 10p a pound on carcasses this is a load of rubbish as no one with overheads of rent, rates, electrics, transport and especially wages could possibly survive on this "profit" margin no matter what volume was handled.

Local shops have all the above expenses to deal with, also, when dealing with meat in carcass form, especially beef, at least a third of the original weight is lost in fat and bones before it is ready for selling. The practice by farmers of selling the subsidised beef and lamb to overseas buyers for higher prices also keeps the wholesale prices at home artificially high.

Since the article appeared I hear that Mr Pocock has stopped selling lamb and pork from his farm for the freezer. He has obviously found out at first hand the staggering(!) profits from these ventures.

Arthur Robinson, Ashmores.



# AN EASTER MESSAGE

## "ALL HUMAN LIFE IS THERE"

The above phrase coined by a particular Sunday newspaper is an apt caption for the story of Holy Week. The characters and events reveal many aspects of human emotions and behaviour we find today.

The fickle crowd are swayed from enthusiastic support to hostile rejection. The disciples assert their commitment and love but in the event are overcome by fear. They promise devotion but practice desertion. The politicians act to protect themselves and their own position, resorting to injustice and cruelty. All that is weak and evil in our human nature is highlighted in the drama of the Crucifixion.

Yet God is in the midst and is fulfilling His purpose in the seeming failure, defeat and suffering of Good Friday.

This Easter, as we experience once more the new life of Spring, let us seek to realise more clearly the presence of God among us in all the darkness and confusion of the world's life. Let us share something of the wonder and joy of the disciples at the Resurrection. Although at times we may find it hard to believe as they did on that first Easter morning, we must remember that God can transform even the darkest situation into one of light and hope. Happy Easter.

Stewart Rayner.

### ROMANIA.

I am sure many of you will have been shocked and distressed at the television images of suffering children in Romania. First the babies with AIDS and then the mentally handicapped children kept naked and hungry in institutions. Happily some help is being found to ease the situation. A shipment of clothes and food will have been sent by Easter, along with doctors, nurses, psychiatrists and other experts.

Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Totley collection and for those of you who missed it there will be another shipment going in the summer. Please start collecting now. An extra tin of meat or fish or a packet of rice each week will not make much difference to your weekly shopping bill but it could mean a very great deal to the children of Romania. Please watch for details in future issues of the Independent.

Sue Wright.

# Scouts

## 215th Sheffield (1st Totley) Scout Group.

The February Draw for the Totley Scout Lottery was won by No 147, Mr S. Ashmore of Green Oak Road. 1st Prize was a Canterbury Carriage Clock plus a mahogany framed Barometer. The 2nd prize - a £10 voucher was won by No 161, Mr Clare of The Grove.

1st Totley Scout Troop at the North Pole!

Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Mike Stroud are at this very moment trekking with sledges loaded with 260 lbs of equipment, 525 miles across Northern Siberia to the North Pole. This is both a unique expedition and a fund raiser to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

The 1st Totley Scout Troop intend to support this cause as part of their "Going for a Million" challenge as reported last issue. Cubs, Scouts and Leaders will attempt a similar trek with sledges loaded with 260 lbs of supplies on Saturday 28th April.

Our route will be the ascent of Baslow Road from Totley Rise to Totley Moss starting at approximately 11.30 a.m. We hope to return by 3.30 p.m. All money raised by sponsorship will go to the M.S. Society, so please sponsor a cub or a scout or make a donation on the day. You are welcome to come to our "Parent Open Evening" on Wednesday 16th May at 8.00 p.m. to find out how successful we were. Thank you.

John Lawry, Scout Leader.

### TOTLEY ATHLETIC CLUB.

You can't miss us! Green shirts with a white stripe, running round the streets and moors of Totley.

Quite a rowdy shower! Between 30 and 50 people meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Cricket Field, Penny Lane and afterwards for a refreshing glass in "The Cricket" pub.

Several social events keep us busy over the year including an Easter Run, the Blackmoor Chase, a Summer barbeque and finishing the year off with a Fancy Dress Run on Boxing Day.

Come along and give us a try; beginners always welcome. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Sunday meeting places vary (to give us a change of scenery around Derbyshire) Enquiries Phone 749195.

Pat Corrigan (Club Captain).



# EASTER SERVICES

**MAUNDY THURSDAY.....12th APRIL.**

Services of Holy Communion at:-

Totley All Saints 8.00 p.m.  
St John's Abbeydale 7.30 p.m.

Christ Church Dore 8.00 p.m.  
Totley Rise Methodist Church 8.00 p.m.  
jointly with Dore and Totley U.R.C.

**GOOD FRIDAY.....13th APRIL**

**ALL SAINTS, TOTLEY.**

12 noon 3-hour Devotional Service

**CHRIST CHURCH, DORE.**

10.30 a.m. Matins and Dramatic Reading.  
2.00 p.m. One Hour Devotion.  
8.00 p.m. Readings and Music

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**DORE & TOTLEY U.R.C.**

9.30 a.m. United Service with  
Totley Rise Methodist Church  
8.00 p.m. Tenebrae

**ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH.**

Good Friday services at Our Lady  
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**DORE METHODIST CHURCH.**

10.30 a.m. Good Friday Service

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABBEYDALE.**

9.30 a.m. Family Service.  
2.00 p.m. An hour by the Cross

**TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH.**

9.30 a.m. United Service at Dore &  
Totley U.R.C.

**EASTER DAY.....15th APRIL**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
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11.00 a.m. Family Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

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10.30 a.m. Easter Celebration.

10.30 a.m. Family Service & Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Easter Evening Service &  
Communion

9.15 a.m. Mass at Baslow Road.

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Morning Service.  
6.30 p.m. Easter Praise with Holy  
Communion.

At 8.00 p.m. on Good Friday a United Service of Tenebrae will be held at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church - all are very welcome.



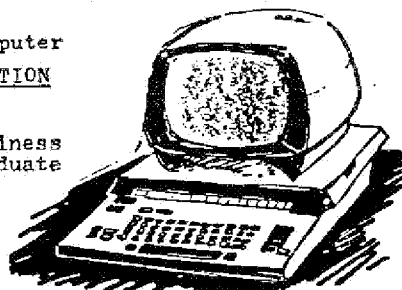
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## LETTER FROM SCOTLAND

### POLL TAX REVISITED.

There's just a chance you'll have noticed the arrival of Poll Tax with the daffodils - if you live in Totley, or nearby England, that is. North of the Border we're all veterans of twelve months of the Westminster Experiment and its interesting to see the difference a year makes. According to which politician is lying through his teeth to you, non-payment of Poll Tax in Scotland varies from 10% to 60% including the Lord Provost of Edinburgh who is reputed to be a bit miffed in having to fork out £2000 on top of her council house rent. It's a bit difficult deciding between those who are not paying because they can get away with it and those who are defaulting politically, but it's quite clear the overwhelming administrative machinery is seizing up and funny stories of mistakes are legion. I myself have had two red final demands for wrong amounts for tax I've already paid! All the same I believe most people have paid up, because it's not all that different from paying rates, but some pretty close scrutiny of Council and Regional spending is rearing its welcome head. Strathclyde is much like Sheffield politically, and people have been asking why it's been prudent to spend £9 million on image advertising to ourselves when we've no choice which region we're in anyway, and there's still a hefty crop of potholes (and underpaid teachers) about, or why a crofter deprived of every council service should have to fork out to promote Glasgow's "City of Culture" junketing. We haggis hunters are also wondering why those MP's who gleefully voted for Poll Tax in Scotland have suddenly gone bananas now that England has joined the club, and have suddenly thought of "alternatives" like property tax (formerly called "rates") and local income tax (formerly called impractical!) In fact, the alternatives have been met with guffaws, so, despite the reality that Scotland does not vote Conservative, it looks as though Poll Tax is here to stay in the absence of anything better. So just be very careful how you let them spend yours.

Adrian Schofield.

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## MRS SYLVIA EASON

Mrs Sylvia Eason, Principal at Green Oak View home for the elderly for the past 16 years, is retiring at the end of March 1990. Mrs Eason has been Principal at the home ever since it opened and she has built up an excellent reputation for a high standard of service and care. Many elderly people and their relatives have good reason to be grateful for her ministrations.

She is experienced in the care of the elderly and has always shown a good understanding of their needs. Residents are encouraged to make Green Oak View their "home" in the truest sense of the word. Short term residents and day care people are also treated with courtesy and respect.

The devotion of her staff and the esteem in which she is held by them was shown last year when they nominated her for one of Esther Rantzen's Hearts of Gold awards. It has been a privilege to have known Sylvia and to have worked as a volunteer in a happy and caring home where people matter and are given a good quality of life in their later years.

She will be greatly missed by many; the work load has been heavy and demanding and although she has recovered well from her serious illness of 18 months ago she feels that the time has come to lead a less busy life. She has every reason to be proud of the home she is passing to another's leadership.

We wish her, and Jim, her husband, every happiness in the future and good health to enjoy a well earned rest. It is hoped she will not live too far away after she retires so that we can keep in touch.

Anna Baldry.

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# Weather Up-date

What an incredible year for weather last year was, but wasn't the summer beautiful?

Over the year Totley had 6 inches more rain than Weston Park (February producing over 1 inch more) - 5 months being above average and 6 below. No, there's nothing wrong with my mates - one month achieved the average - all but! December and April were double the average, but by contrast in September (average 63 mm) we struggled to 26 mm in Totley (still slightly above Weston Park) and this made it the driest

## FAMILY SPORTS

THE ALTERNATIVE MARATHON.

SUNDAY JULY 1st.

Subject to final confirmation from the Sheffield Recreation Department, Family Sports Day will be held on Sunday 1st July at the Totley Bents Recreation Field, Penny Lane behind the Cricket Inn.

This date clashes with the Sheffield Marathon. We can stand the competition. The point is - can they?

Once again St Luke's Hospice will benefit from profits made on the day.

We need fresh blood and new ideas on the workforce of Family Sports - people who will be willing to give physical help on the day, especially as one of our most willing helpers, John Jenkins, will no doubt be taking part in the Sheffield Marathon. Last year John raised £100 by taking part in the Marathon and presented the cheque to Family Sports. Thank you once again to John!

Family Sports would like to thank everyone who was involved in Family Sports Day 1989 and hope that we will see them involved again this year so that we can beat last years donation of £1000 to St Luke's. At the same time we do not wish to lose the main aim of Family Sports Day which is to entertain the children and families of Totley and District.

There will be meetings at the Cricket Inn on the second Monday of each month - April 9th, May 14th, June 11th starting at 8.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcome to arrange as necessary for the big day.

Barrie Catton.

month of the year. The week of 11-17th December produced just over 100 mm against a monthly average of 82 mm. The average for the year is 808 mm and our total for last year 885 mm.

Unfortunately I have no means of checking on the hours the sun shone in Totley but assume that it is less than Weston Park (1724.9 hrs recorded) owing to the hills not breaking the cloud up sufficiently in time for us to benefit as much. Nor can I compare wind speed which I would suspect would have made interesting reading especially during the start of this year. The highest wind speed recorded at Weston last year was 54 m.p.h.

There are times when our cloud cover is a blessing sheltering us from the freezing lower temperatures of Weston Park although it can all work the other way round. Coldest night of the year was -7°C during the last week of November, when below freezing temperatures were the norm. The biggest temperature difference between Totley and Weston Park was as much as 7°C (lower in Totley). June produced its coldest night recorded for this month: 1.4°C for Weston Park while 1°C was recorded in Totley. Day temperatures are in general within two degrees of Weston Park, with just an odd instance of bigger difference (6 C being the maximum). On the whole Totley temperatures were lower but not always. May temperatures reached 25°C where the average is 18.4°C. July produced the hottest day 30.5°C; just 1°C below Weston Park, (23°C being the average) and this was preceded by the warmest night 15.5°C (13°C average) again 1°C below Weston Park.

Since the beginning of this year (up to 3th March) there have been only 6 nights below freezing recorded, contrasting with 15°C recorded during the day of 24th Feb.

In a few years time there should be enough readings to have averages for Totley instead of having to use Weston Park's - then a computer will be needed to sort them out!

Viv Filleul.

## cheshire home

The residents at Mickley Hall, Totley, are hoping for a fine day for their Easter Coffee Morning to be held at the Home on Wednesday, 4th April, 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon Admission 50p including coffee. There will be several stalls and hot cross buns will be on sale. Please come and bring your friends.

### COFFEE CAKES & CUTTINGS.

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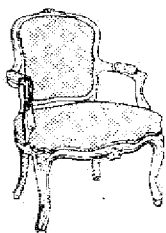
This year's Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings morning is to be held on May 12th from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Proceeds this year are for Transport 17 Ltd. Keep the date free and get your cuttings in good shape!

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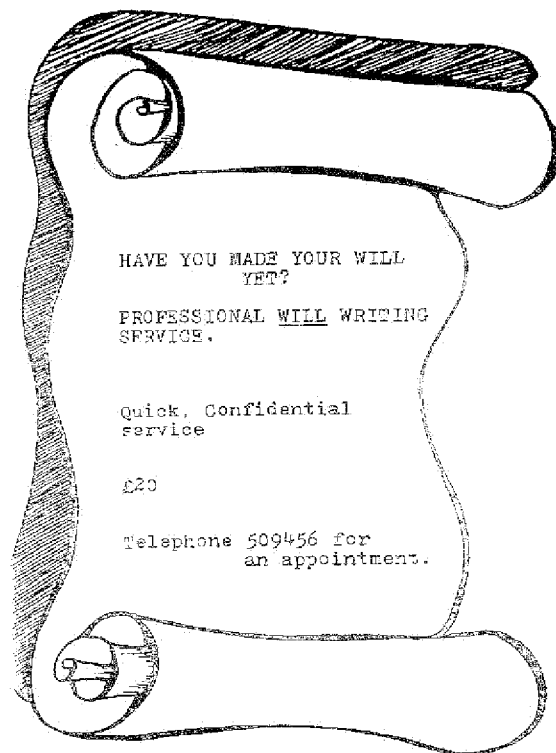
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### THESE I HAVE LOVED.

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The Dore and Totley Guild celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. The Guild left the Federation of Townswomen's Guilds in 1950 after being a member since 1941. It wasn't expected to survive as a private guild, but 40 years on it is still going strong. There are between 60 and 70 members and, over the years, well over £4,000 has been donated to various local charities including £1,000 for a special bed for the Hallamshire Hospital in 1984. Considering that the subscription was only around half a crown per annum in the early days this is quite an achievement.

The Guild now meets at the Conservative Club in Baslow Road on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) when we are entertained by speakers on a variety of topics. Outings and visits to places of interest are also popular in the summer months.

This year's celebrations begin with an anniversary lunch in May, afternoon tea will follow in August, ending with sherry and mince pies at the December meeting. Donations will be given to local charities including the Heart/Stroke Unit at Nether Edge Hospital and the McMillan nurses.

If any past members wish to join us in our celebrations we shall be pleased to see them. For further details contact J. Gray (368470).

### T.O.A.D.S.

T.O.A.D.S. next production is a comedy-thriller, "The Cat and the Canary" by John Willard, set in the 1920's. It is a first production for Tracey Cross, who made her debut with T.O.A.D.S. in the November production. Tracey appeared in "The Cat and the Canary" some years ago and has been keen to produce it ever since.

The play also heralds the return of Richard Sawtell, whose job has brought him back to Sheffield and to T.O.A.D.S.

The play will be presented at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 9th to 12th May, 1990 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £1, Children and Senior Citizens 70p, available from Kate Reynolds - 366891 or any other member.

### TOTLEY LADIES EVENING GUILD OUTINGS.

30th May (½ day) Lea Gardens, Dethyck.

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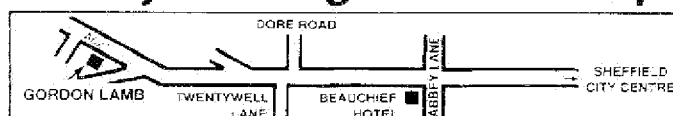
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**Enrolment for all these courses is on Tuesday 24rd April 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.**

In conjunction with the WEA (Workers Educational Association) we also hope to offer courses on philosophy, dried and pressed flower arranging, English Literature, dressmaking and dayschools on painting and drawing and cookery demonstration.

**Enrolment for these courses is on Wednesday 25th April 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.**

Please note that all these courses are subject to confirmation and that further information can be obtained on tel: 620244 or 372741.

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John Scriven.



# APRIL DIARY

Mon. Apr 2nd "16th Century Totley". Brian Edwards. Totley Library. 7.30.p.m.  
Admission Free.

Weds. 4th Cheshire Home Coffee Morning. 10.00 to noon.

Sat. 7th Jumble Sale U.R.C. Church Hall. 11.00 a.m. Abbeydale Badminton Club.

Mon. 9th Family Sports Day 1990 meeting. The Cricket Inn. 8.30. p.m.

Sat. 14th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.

Tues. 17th Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m.

Sat. 21st Copy Date for May Independent.

Sat. 21st R.S.P.C.A. Open Day at Spring St Shelter.(see notice)

Mon. 23rd T.R.A. A.G.M. Totley Library 7.45 p.m.

Tues. 24th "These I have Loved". All Saints Church Hall. 7.30 p.m.  
Admission Free.

Tues. 24th LEA courses registration at Abbeydale Hall. 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Weds. 25th Day Centre and Luncheon Club A.G.M. U.R.C. Church Hall 10 a.m.

Weds. 25th WEA courses registration at Abbeydale Hall. 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Weds. 25th (and for five weeks) Ladies Keep Fit. King Ecgbert's 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 27th Nearly New Sale. 2.30 p.m. All Saints Church School.

Fri-Sat 27th-28th. Abbeydale Art Group Annual Exhibition. Times see notice.

Sat. 28th Book, Tape & Record Sale. St John's Church Hall. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sat. 28th Scout Trek to Totley Moss. From Totley Rise 11.30 a.m.

Sat.- Mon 28th - May 7th. Sheffield Environment Week.

Fri. May 4th Jumble Sale. 2.30 p.m. All Saints Church School.

## ABBEYDALE ART GROUP.

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## THE INDEPENDENT FOR MAY.

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