

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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Deep Hollow Road runs off to the left at the end of the tarmac surface to Strawberry Lee Lane. The only reference I have ever found to the name is on the Enclosure Award map of 1842 and, perhaps, this was simply a way of identifying this old road. Anyone who runs in the Blackamoor Chase will well remember the clattering dash down this stony and deep-rutted track. Looking up from what the old folk called "the pit gates", you can see where a drift mine has been driven on the hillside. The coal in this area was mined for centuries and transactions on leases between would-be coal tycoons and the Lord of the Manor give some idea of the limited size of the seams. Frank Taylor once told me that earlier this century, a coal mine was still worked by one

man at Strawberry Lee and it was the job of the landlord at The Cross Scythes to go up and lower the miner in a bucket down the shaft each morning. Apparently one day a group of grouse shooters stopped off for a drink at the "Cross" and persuaded the landlord to accompany them. After the "shoot" they retired to another pub and had a very merry evening. They were so "complete" that they decided to stop over for the night in Derbyshire. Of course the poor miner was forgotten and when he didn't return home late that night, a party of searchers was despatched and they found him cold, hungry and exhausted at the bottom of the shaft waiting for a return trip to the surface.

On the right of my drawing is the part of the moor where, supposedly, ammunition was buried in dumps during World War II.

Brian Edwards.



DEEP HOLLOW  
ROAD  
STRAWBERRY  
LEE TOTLEY

## A POEM FOR SPRING !

### OLD RAILWAY CUTTINGS.

No sound stirs the air on a still, still day,  
And in the warm sun comes the scent of the may,  
And I sit here silent in the dry grass  
Drowsily waiting for the next train to pass.

It seems so long since I opened the gate  
And hurried to glimpse the twelve forty-eight  
Push its way gently through shimmering air  
And leave the smell of its smoke hanging there.

Once more I sit up as the wires hum again  
To herald the passing of the next train;  
And the pebbles dance madly between the lines bright  
As wild flowers nod their heads with delight.

The sun is now fading, its splendour forlorn,  
But the pleasure still lingers, in nostalgia born.  
With their memories and silence and occasional train,  
Old railway cuttings, long may they remain.

Graham Thornhill-Smith.

# NOSTALGIA PAGE

## NO MAN'S LAND.

This is a tapering sliver of land at the bottom of Devonshire Road. It's about 100 yds. long and its width at the most 4 or 5 yds.

My story starts in 1875 with an entry in Grandpa's diary that he resolved to keep but sadly didn't. "Sept 25th. - went to the first meeting of the land society". This was concerned with the allotment of plots for the Abbeydale Rise Estate - land bought from the Duke of Devonshire for housing on Devonshire Road as far as the tennis courts and Brinkburn Vale Road.

"No Man's Land" became important in 1929 when residents in Bushey Wood Road first had ideas about making vehicle access to their properties from Devonshire Road. The Devonshire Road watchdogs called a meeting of residents at the Bowling Green and then collected the £41.13.6 that was needed to put a stop to the nonsense. The money was

We were recently passed a letter which had obviously been overlooked. We are pleased to reproduce it here together with the map to which it refers.

"Some years ago I acquired a map of Derbyshire by C.I. Greenwood 1824-25. It is a particularly clear survey in respect of the positions of houses and roads of that time. The late Rev Frank Duckworth kindly produced for me an enlargement of the portion which includes Totley. The enclosed is a photocopy of a tracing of

spent on planting the area with shrubs and erecting a fence. It included £1.1.0. solicitor's fee! Grandpa was the last surviving trustee at that time.

In the 1970's I was highly amused when a notice appeared on the land saying "Whoever belongs to this land - get it tidied up! By order of the City Council". It was not surprising that no one claimed ownership of our bit of land and the City Council eventually had the site trimmed up. There are now several bridges across the tiny stream and ownership of "No Man's Land" is no longer a burning issue.

Bill Glossop.

Editor's Note:- Mr Glossop writes to say that stories of 50 to 100 years ago are omitted from the Totley Independent these days. Whilst helping to correct this imbalance he gives me the opportunity to say that all anecdotes from the past will be welcome. Please write!

this by me. It occurs to me that it might be of interest to your readers since it has a number of interesting features e.g. the road from Totley to Norton via Greenhill before the Baslow Road or Mickley were built, also the track from Totley to Fanshawgate and the stream which originated where the old village well was located.

F. Hubert Scott.

P.S. The road from Totley to Norton is here shown as it was then called Broadway Green and from which Bradway gets its name."



C.I. Greenwood's map 1824-25

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# DEAR SIR...

May I, through your magazine, thank all the many people of Totley who have supported Green Oak View Home for the Elderly and myself over the past 15 years.

I have enjoyed living and working in Totley during this time, the friendly Community, the knowledge that Green Oak View was part of that Community, and the progress made during these years supporting the care of the elderly within the Community make me feel very proud to have been part of this.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts flowers, etc. given to me on my retirement and particularly for all your good wishes.

My best wishes and God bless you all.

Sylvia Eason,  
Retired Principal, Green Oak View.

THANK YOU, on behalf of N.S.P.C.C.

Our grateful thanks are extended to all the very kind and generous residents of this area who in recent weeks have enabled us to raise a very considerable sum of money in support of the work of the Sheffield & Hallamshire Branch of N.S.P.C.C. with neglected and abused children in our city. Our enthusiastic band of house-to-house collectors have brought in the sum of £1512.48 from the residents of Totley and Bradway which, together with the £500 collected in Dore, gives us the record total of over £2,000 from Sheffield 17 area. We try to cover every road but if by any chance you did not receive an envelope this year and would be kind enough to help us by collecting in your road next year I would be delighted to hear from you. (Tel 364837)

We also want to thank John Wade and his Singers for their superb performance of Verdi's Requiem in the Cathedral just before Easter and everyone who supported this event which raised the net proceeds of £2,754.13 (including some very generous sponsorship money).

May I invite our local ladies to share a happy morning with us at our annual Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy and Home-made cakes etc. This will be at 22 The Quadrant on Tuesday 22nd May - 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Joyce Cook, Branch Chairman.

# FAMILY SPORTS

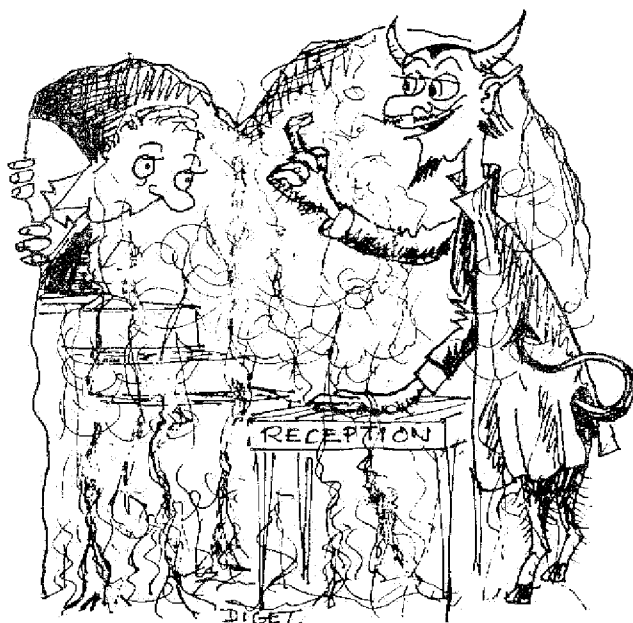
The first meeting of Family Sports 1990 was held at the Cricket Inn on Monday 9th April. It was supported by the usual few enthusiastic volunteers. The next meeting will be on Monday May 14th at 8.30 p.m. Its not too late to join us or pledge your help. Shortly we will be looking for sponsors to finance the races and people to advertise in the programme. Once again we shall be holding a knock-out Tug O War event so it is time for organisations and pubs to get their teams together. The Cross Scythes have held the shield since last year - can the Fleur de Lys take it this year or will Dore village put in a team?

Again we will have our famous grand finale with the SPLASH race.

A new event will be the "Novelty Tote Race", more details of which will be in the programme.

We are in need of old plates and pots for the SMASH A PLATE STALL, books for the BOOK STALL, Raffle prizes and plenty of help. Please contact Barrie or Sue on 369217 with your offers or meet us at the Cricket Inn.

Barrie Catton.



"Come on down, you're the first Totley person we've had!"

# Christian Life

## DECADE OF WHAT....?

For centuries the churches have been renowned for providing centres of prayer and worship. At the same time they have provided some response to social needs, such as the poor box for the needy, an early form of social security; and the beginnings of hospitals and schools. In this they were fulfilling the Lord's command to care for the needy and oppressed, and our modern state is much indebted to the pioneering work of the churches.

**"Go...."** This was not, however, the only command Jesus gave his followers. It is arguable that his chief command was expressed in what were among his last words, "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations".

**Lambeth** Not since the evangelistic work of John Wesley in the eighteenth century have these words been taken as seriously as they are today. At the 1988 Lambeth Conference (Bishops of the Church of England) there was a call for ten years of evangelism starting THIS year and taking up our main efforts until the end of the century: the "DECADE OF EVANGELISM". Furthermore, it was asked for it to be taken up by all the churches, acting together wherever possible. A hard task ahead?

**Each One Bring One** Someone has worked out that if each church member can persuade one person to become a practising christian each year then in three years the whole world will be a christian world! So the task is not really so difficult as it appears at first sight.

**Witnesses** It is sometimes thought that evangelism is an option that some people might take up if they wish. What HERESY! Jesus made it clear it is the PRIME duty of every Christian to extend their faith to others. He trained his disciples to go out visiting in pairs and report back to him on progress, or lack of it, and at the Ascension made it very plain to them what he expected them to do: **"You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"**. If we are committed to Jesus we are committed to evangelism. Its as simple as that.

Jeffrey Froggatt

## TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE.

Newspaper reports do not give happy reading of our endeavours at cricket. Perhaps the dawn of a new season will bring forward a flood of hopefuls who will help to turn the tide in future years. Mind you, it is a long time since I played cricket, even longer since I appeared on Totley Bents. It was way back in those days when they told that would-be funny story about the bowler who made a confident appeal. "Out", said the umpire. "That were niver out" shouted the batsman. "Oh! weren't it" replied the umpire, "Thee look in t'neet's Green 'Un and tha'll see it were out".

In those days, not to put too fine a point on it, I was an indifferent batsman, not only was I amongst the tail-enders, I was the final Number Eleven. Usually beside my name, the scorer recorded "Out 0", on the better days it said "Not out 0". That is how it usually was until one fine day when the form book was put to flight. I could do no wrong, the ball was late cut, driven through the covers, hooked over square leg - all with nonchalant ease. So the score steadily mounted, bowler after bowler failed to halt the procession of runs. In desperation the demon fast bowler, who had been given a rest, was brought back. Half way through his over he pitched a short fast ball. It reared up and hit me right in the middle of the forehead. That was in the days before there were any of the refinements of crash helmets, padded clothing and the like. I went out like a light.

In due course I was carried home, slowly coming round. I could hardly wait to see what the "Green 'Un" had to report. Down the list of batsmen - there it was right at the bottom again - "Retired hurt 0".

Anon.

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# GARDENING TIPS

I hope that you are getting everything organised for your gardens and ready for the Totley Produce Show in September. I am pleased to say that some of the manufacturers that we deal with have donated some prizes - nothing big but well worth having - details later.

The Busy Bee Cup and voucher will be up for grabs so there really is something to go for. It would be good if some beginners could show up the "old timers" - its lots of fun and not all that hard!

**Flowers.** Leave foliage on bulbs as long as possible when flowers have finished.

This gives better flowers next year.

Give them a feed as they die back.

- \* Towards the end of the month harden bedding plants as weather permits.
- \* Keep watering newly planted plants and liquid feed container plants.
- \* Stake, tie and train sweet peas and keep them mulched.
- \* Trim aubretia. This will prolong the flowering period.
- \* Deadhead bulbs.
- \* Control slugs round tender plants.
- \* Plant containers and hanging baskets in frost-free places or wait until frosts are gone.
- \* Sow hardy annuals, clarkia, cornflower, calandula, candytuft and godetia.
- \* Anemones and Pasque flowers grow easily from seed. Collect seed heads as they ripen. Sow immediately in seed compost in a cold frame.

**Greenhouse.** Shade most plants from strong sunlight except some cacti. Remember to ventilate.

- \* Sow flowering pot plants like browallia, indoor primula, calceolarias, cinerarias etc.
- \* Pot up or pot on seedlings, cuttings of begonias, gloxinias, fuchsias and late chrysanthemums.
- \* Keep close control of whitefly aphids and scab insects with insecticide sprays. I have found the yellow sticky boards are very effective against flying pests.
- \* Tie in and train tomatoes. Pinch out side shoots as they form.

- \* Pinch out cucumber plants when they reach the roof.
- \* Make sure ventilation is adequate on warm days. Provide shade in the form of blinds or use coolglass or similar.

**Fruit.** Keep all fruit well watered and feed when they swell up.

- \* Keep spraying against pests and diseases but not just before picking or when the flowers are fully open.
- \* Tie in new growth of blackberry and loganberry.
- \* Prune overcrowded raspberry shoots then mulch.

**Vegetables.** Earth up potatoes, support peas and runner beans, complete the planting of main crop potatoes.

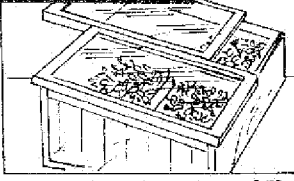
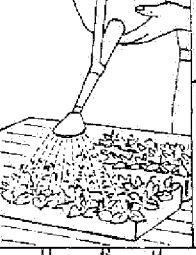
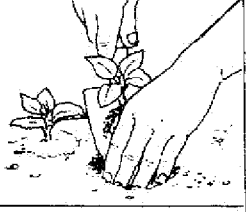
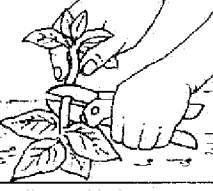
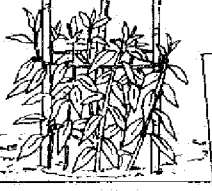

- \* Keep all crops well watered.
- \* Harden off indoor raised vegetables and salad crops (see illustration).
- \* Prepare mounds for planting out marrows, courgettes, pumpkins and squashes.
- \* All vegetables can be sown now. Leave intervals to avoid glut.
- \* Dip roots of cabbage type plants in fungicide to counter club-root disease.

**Trees and Shrubs.** Pull off suckers from all roses, remove them as near to the main plant as possible.

- \* Top dress heathers with a good layer of peat.
- \* Keep hedges trimmed.

**House Plants.** Spray all but hairy leaved plants regularly with tepid water to increase humidity.

- \* The greenfly are here! Inspect regularly and spray if necessary.
- \* Continue propagating plants that root easily from cuttings.
- \* Water regularly. Do not leave plants standing in water.

PLANTING OUT TIME			
<p>AFTER THE LAST FROST MOVE BEDDING PLANTS OUT-DOORS DURING DAYTIME TO HARDEN OFF....</p> <p>....A COLD FRAME WHICH CAN BE CLOSED AT NIGHT GIVES IDEAL CONDITIONS.</p> 	<p>.... FEW DAYS LATER, WATER TRAYS WELL BEFORE CAREFULLY SEPARATING YOUNG PLANTS....</p> 		
 <p>.... AND FIRING INTO PREPARED HOLES. WATER WELL.</p>	 <p>TRIM BACK STRAGGLY PLANTS TO ENCOURAGE BUSHY GROWTH....</p>	 <p>.... AND SUPPORT ANY IN EXPOSED CONDITIONS OR THAT GROW TO OVER 3 FT.</p>	 <p><b>SPECIAL TIP</b></p> <p>A regular feed with a liquid fertiliser such as Phostrogen will turn good plants into super plants!</p> <p><b>Mr. Fothergill's Seeds</b> NEWMARKET - SUFFOLK</p>

- \* Keep feeding houseplant fertilizer. Follow instructions carefully.

**Lawns.** Gradually lower the height of cut on mower blades but not below  $\frac{1}{2}$  in (13mm). Make sure they are sharp.

- \* Spring feed the lawn if not done last month.
- \* Watch out for and deal with weeds early

Don't forget there are prizes for this years show so lets see some of your produce on the benches in September.

Cheerio for now. Tom, Busy Bee.

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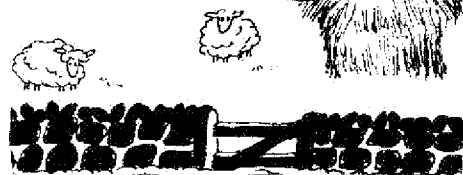
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# FARMING SCENE



Do you know what a blackthorn winter is? You should do, as this occurs every year usually towards the end of April. One of the first bushes to blossom is the blackthorn. This is easy to pick out in the hedgerows during April as its very prickly branches are covered in a white blossom while all the other hedgerow species are just breaking bud. Without fail the weather turns colder with blustery rain/hail/snow showers as soon as the blackthorn starts to blossom, usually after a period of warm spring weather, giving rise to a second or "Blackthorn Winter".

The warm dry days and cold nights have put many crops under stress. Plums, I am told, will be very short this year due to frost damaged blossom. Our raspberries have suffered frost damage to the leaves of the main stems and spawn, hopefully this will not affect the fruit yield.

We have nearly finished lambing now. Our average this year is around 1.8 lambs reared per ewe and by the time you read this all the sheep should be out in the fields mowing the grass.

Our next job is to get this year's "tatties" planted before we start the really boring jobs of weeding the soft fruit area and strawing the strawberries. We seem to be gradually getting on top of this "fruit job" and anticipate that this year we shall be able to get our crops neat, tidy and as near as possible disease and weed free.

Finally, could I appeal to those dog owners who think it is "Macho" to walk their unleashed dog through a field of ewes and lambs, or those who simply let their dog roam unsupervised. Please act in a more responsible manner as more than 10,000 farm animals, mainly sheep, are killed every year by dog attacks. Remember that your dog could be shot or have to be put down as a result of sheep-worrying while you would be sued for compensation. Could I extend a warm "thank-you" to all the people who do go out of their way to abide by the "country code". By respecting each others interests, farmers and country lovers can and must "get on" to the benefit of all concerned.

Edwin Pocock.



# cheshire home

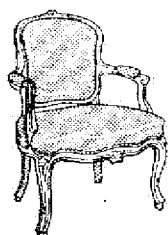
Many thanks to all those who supported the Spring Coffee Morning. This raised over £550 (which includes £90 from the sponsored "Fun Run" organised by the physiotherapists, in which seven of the staff took part). Our next event will be the annual Garden Party in the grounds on Saturday, 23rd June.

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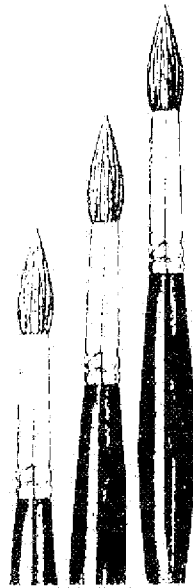
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"Hail to thee, blithe spirit! Bird thou never wert, That from heaven, or near it, Pourest thy full heart In profuse strains of unpremeditated art" wrote Shelley in his "To a Skylark". Presumably Noel Coward was inspired by this verse for the title of his play which the Dramatic Society of the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church presented to us at the end of March. It is a far cry from the wonders of the natural world to suppositions of the life hereafter which are so necessary to the plot.

Nevertheless the cast of this amateur society did extremely well as usual with a very difficult and long play. There were laughs in abundance (intended, of course!) as the spirits of Elvira and later Ruth flitted across the stage to the consternation of the survivors. It is

always very difficult to single out individuals for special mention and should not be held to be a reflection on the other members of the cast but Lesley Rowntree as the medium, Madame Arcati was superb. We shall certainly be keeping an eye open for the next production in the autumn.

### 16th CENTURY TOTLEY.

Who would be interested in 16th Century Totley? A fair question! A fair answer might be at least half the residents of Totley, judging by the number of people turned away from Totley Library when Brian Edwards gave his talk last month.

Again the mix-up with advertised starting times didn't help, but those of the "wall-to-wall" audience lucky enough to grab a seat thoroughly enjoyed their ride in Brian's time capsule.

Many and varied aspects of this period of Totley's history were covered with equal interest and entertainment value - all delivered in Brian's usual jovial style.

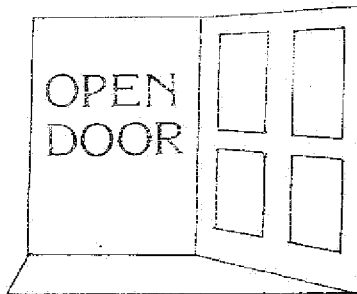
Towards the end the talk developed into an interesting, light-hearted question and answer session. This format could quite easily prove to be popular for a future "talk". Afterwards, Brian expressed concern with regard to the number of people who were unable to get in. So much so that he has offered to repeat his talk later in the year for those who had been disappointed.

Mike Williamson.

### THE MOHUL

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This was the final draw of the 1989-1990 lottery and we would like to thank all who entered. We have now paid off 6 years of our Scout H/Q Building Loan and with 4 more to pay we hope a new lottery will be starting by June 1990.

**Scout A.G.M.**

The Totley Scout A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 16th May at H/Q on Aldam Road. The scouts will be supplying coffee, tea and biscuits for visitors to come down and see what the 215th Scouts are doing. Keep-fit and Dancing classes, Scout lottery members, the many people who save paper for us..... You will all be most welcome. 8 p.m. on May 16th.

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

Weds to Sat 9-12th T.O.A.D.S. "The Cat and the Canary".  
St John's Church Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 11th Abbeydale Singers at Dore & Totley U.R.C. 7.30 p.m. (see notice).

Fri. 11th "South West Sheffield" Mr Martin Olive. Totley Evening Guild  
Abbeydale Hall 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 12th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.

Sat. 12th Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings. English Martyrs Church. 10 a.m. to noon.

Mon. 14th Family Sports Day 1990 meeting. The Cricket Inn. 8.30. p.m.

Tues. 15th Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m.

Tues. 15th Liaison Lunch. All Saints Church Hall. 12.15 p.m.

Wed. 21st Copy Date for June Independent.

Thurs. 22nd N.S.P.C.C. Coffee Morning. 22, The Quadrant. 10 a.m. to noon.

Fri. 30th Ladies Evening Guild Outing to Lea Gardens, Dethyck.

## SPRING CONCERT.

A Spring Concert by the Abbeydale Singers is to be held at Dore And Totley United Reformed Church on Friday 11th May at 7.30 p.m. This is a concert of light classical and popular music and there will be a retiring collection in aid of Church Funds.

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There will be demonstrations of various crafts such as embroidery, crochet, spinning, weaving, cake decorating, painting on material, lace and soft toy making. The full programme will be available shortly.

Enquire at the Library for details.  
Tel: 363067.

## THE INDEPENDENT FOR JUNE.

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