

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## TRAINS IN TOTLEY

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### TOTLEY'S MINIATURE RAILWAYS.

Many local residents are aware of the miniature railway track alongside Ecclesall woods which is run by the Sheffield Society of Model and Experimental Engineers. The railway is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month throughout the summer. This railway has been in operation for about ten years but it was not the first in the area.

Some of the largest locomotives and carriages run on tracks which are  $7\frac{1}{4}$ " apart, known as  $7\frac{1}{4}$ " gauge. This gauge was first proposed in the early 1900's by Henry Greenly, an engineer considered to be the founding father of miniature railways, responsible for designing locomotives on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch and Ravenglass and Eskdale Railways for example, although these two railways operate on 15" gauge tracks.

Bassett-Lowke's of Northampton were the first commercial miniature locomotive builders. Working to Greenly's designs they produced a LNWR "Precursor" locomotive, carriages and signals.

### NEW AUTUMN COURSES.

Preliminary details are now available of exciting new courses at Abbeydale Hall Community Education Centre. These include First Aid for All, Dried and Pressed Flowers, Herbs and Natural Healing as well as the usual wide range of subjects. Music appreciation to philosophy or art appreciation to geology are two of the ways this range is expressed.

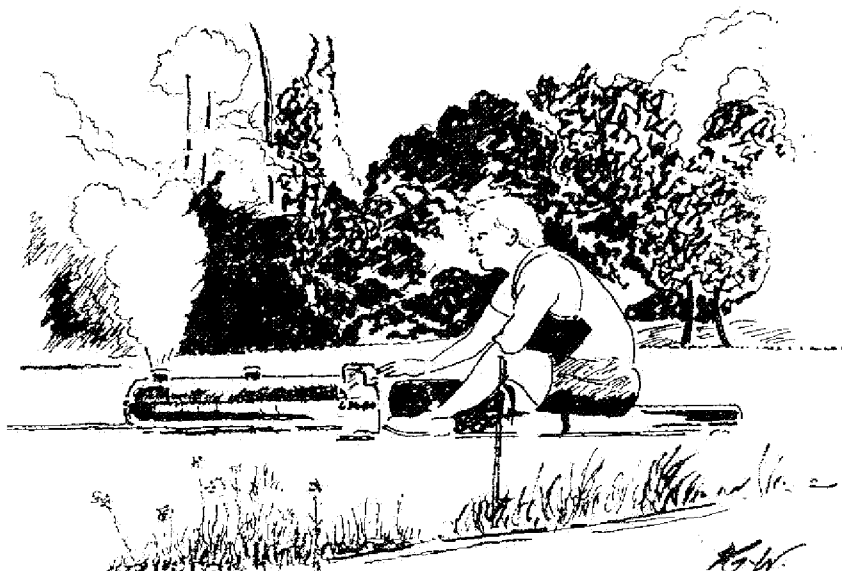
Enrolment is in early September but if you want to know more before that time ring the Centre on 620244. Brochures will be available from late August.

One of their earliest customers was Guy Mitchell of Grove Road, Totley. Mitchell's "Brook House Railway" was built in the garden at the back of his house. It was complete with a station, fencing, signals, bench and appropriate railway signs. Eventually, Mitchell's house and the remains of the railway were taken over by Miss Trott's Girls School and were eventually obliterated. Perhaps Totley residents have some recollections of the "Brook House Model Railway" which they would like to share with us.

And finally - a mystery! Research into Mitchell's miniature railway has unearthed suggestions that there were two railways in Totley. The second railway is said to have been in the grounds of Totley Hall, although, to date, no Totley Resident has been able to confirm this. So! Either confirmation and especially photographs would be welcomed by Society members - equally, anyone who could state categorically that there never was a miniature railway at Totley Hall would lay the rumours to rest once and for all!

Mick Savage.

Editor's note: Mick has shown us a photograph of Guy Mitchell's railway at Totley about 1912. This is published in a booklet about Louis Shaw, another pioneer of the  $7\frac{1}{4}$ " Gauge.



# DEAR SIR . . .

## BILL CARTER - WIGG,

An Appreciation from Mike Williamson.

It was following one of our regular appeals for contributions and drawings in the Independent during 1979 that Bill first made his timely entrance into John Perkinson's shop. Handing in drawings over a Greengrocer's counter, almost as a system of barter, would have appealed to Bill's sense of humour.

Following this there was no stopping Bill with his enthusiasm for the magazine and all things Totley, as shown by his voluntary efforts with the Residents' Association, T.O.P.S., and Transport 17.

Visits to my home became regular during my years as editor and Bill's friendship and support was most valuable. He took great interest and largely influenced my daughter's handwriting. Bill's writing, in addition to his drawings, was much admired and in demand at events like Sports Day and the Totley Show where his skills would grace winner's certificates. His signwriting skill is permanently displayed above Totley Post Office.

A self-taught calligrapher and artist, Bill has left a wealth of work for the enjoyment of readers, past and future. He certainly set an enviable example of how to gainfully enjoy retirement to the benefit of others. Totley has lost a true friend and a loyal supporter. Even more, he was modest of all his talents and a true gentleman.

Brian Edwards writes:-

Along with many other people I was sad to learn of the passing away of a gentleman. Bill Carter Wigg was a really nice fellow and an inspiration to retired folk. He did much good work in Totley but for me he will be remembered for his fresh and free use of pen and ink in his sketches of Totley which often featured in the Independent. I am going to find it hard to put pen to paper without remembering Bill. Our sympathy goes out to his family - we were privileged.

## BACK NUMBERS.

The hunt for back numbers of the Totley Independent is not quite over yet. We have had a good response but are still missing numbers 2 and 84. If anyone who has these numbers feels that they can spare them would they please contact the Editor on 362822.

## A FARMER/BUTCHER'S RETORT.

Dear Sir,

I write in reply to a letter in the April issue by Arthur Robinson rebutting my remarks on the high prices in butchers shops.

While I accept that all businesses have overheads to recoup, the multiplication of the price of meat after it leaves the farm can only be attributed to uncontrolled overheads or very high profit margins for butchers or supermarkets alike. While as a fellow butcher, I accept his point that there is a certain amount of "waste" during the preparation of joints for sale, particularly with beef, his comment that wholesalers margins must be well in excess of 10p per lb is a load of rubbish. A local reputable wholesaler who I deal with regularly delivers to Totley at prices on average only 8p/lb over the ex-farm price. Could I ask him to note that, far from farmers being subsidised to export meat, we are having to compete against subsidised imports while our exports are 'taxed' to bring them up to EEC prices. Please also note we are still in the 'freezer meat' business, as even at the low prices we charge, it is to say the least, a "nice little earner".

Edwin Pocock.

P.S. to Arthur. I will give you the name of a good wholesaler if you are paying well above this price.

## Phil Thomson writes:-

The notices saying that Baslow Road is not going to be further widened at present has come too late for the rooks who moved their home from Totley County School's trees. They have mysteriously gone elsewhere taking apparently their nests with them, an incomprehensible if not unusual phenomenon in view of the fact that the nest of the rook is usually so robust in construction that not only is it used year after year but no normal force of nature seems to be capable of removing them without trace. Has someone moved them deliberately, perhaps to save people passing below from inconvenience or is it a portent of impending doom?

Perhaps someone can shed light on the matter? Perhaps we should also ask what will disappear next without comment?

We have an offer from Mr Martin Hawke (now in Wolverhampton) of the following back issues 36-60, 62-65, 70-83, 86-132. He would be happy to send them to anyone for the price of postage. The editor can give you Mr Hawke's address.

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As I write this the rain is pouring down just to remind me that hot, sunny May has passed and we are now near the end of "flaming" June. The rain is having a beneficial effect on most crops but it is a bit frustrating to have a dull, rainy 3 weeks just as we start the strawberry picking and haymaking season. Fortunately we, like most farmers have not cut any grass for hay yet, but the strawberries currently are very slow to ripen and quickly go soft and mouldy. A few very warm days would soon ripen the heavy crops of strawberries and blackcurrants along with a good crop of gooseberries on the autumn planted bushes.

We gave our lambs their monthly dose of wormer this week along with a copper "bullet". This "bullet" is a bundle of copper needles enclosed in a soluble plastic coat that is fired down the lambs throat by a blast of air from a special gun. The needles remain in the rumen (first stomach) for up to 9 months, gradually releasing copper into the stomach to prevent the lambs suffering from the effects of insufficient copper in our grass and therefore in their diet. While doing this we weighed a few of our first lambs and found to our surprise that 14 were ready for sale weighing over 80 lbs at only 12 weeks old.

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The oilseed rape looks likely to be the first crop to harvest this year. Instead of our usual practice of waiting for the crop to fully ripen as it stands, we are having a contractor in to cut and swath (lay in rows) it, so that the crop will ripen quickly and evenly prior to harvesting.

Edwin Pocock.

## **SHORTT MEASURES**

Examiners made an official check on Totley shopkeepers on 10th and 11th February 1797 after a new Act of Parliament was passed relating to weights and measures. The shopkeepers had been given a written warning in the Derby Mercury of 19th and 26th January.

By 1887 the government inspectors were making regular checks on shopkeepers and on 7th September 1887 Eliza Gill, a Totley shopkeeper was summoned at Eckington Petty Sessions for selling adulterated coffee which consisted of 50% coffee and 50% chicory. The government inspector, under the Food and Drugs Act explained to the court that a young boy had served in the shop at the time of the offence.

Shortt was back again to do a thorough job in 1889 when Totley commerce was thriving on the influx of navvies working on the tunnel. He visited the Grouse Inn at Totley Bents where he noted that 4 quart and 8 pint measures were not stamped. Landlord Clement Needham was fined £1 after stating that he hadn't realised that the rules applied to measures over 1 pint, and in any case those particular measures had been in the beerhouse for 30 years. At Dronfield Petty Sessions the landlords of the Crown and the Cricket (Messrs John Eatons and John Alton) were also fined for offences, probably for adding water to gin

Don't forget :-

**TOTLEY PRODUCE SHOW.**

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United News Shop (Totley Rise)  
Shepley Spitfire  
Cricket Inn  
Shape, Abbeydale Road South  
Payne's (Bradway)  
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### LANEHEAD COTTAGES 1913 - 1930.

One of Bill Carter Wigg's last efforts for the Totley Independent was to gather memories of the occupants of Lanehead Cottages from Mrs Nellie Horton (nee Smith) who used to live there. In the lowest house (nearest Totley) lived Mr and Mrs Salt and their four children. Mr Salt was Pit Deputy at the Strawberry Lea mine but was killed in a shot-firing accident in the 1930's.

At first the Puttrell's lived in the second house until Mr and Mrs Smith moved in. Mr Smith worked as a groom at Totley Hall until he began working at the mine. He usually worked 6 - 2. and then did some part time jobs such as haymaking and killing pigs. Mrs Horton remembers him walking to Bakewell Market on Mondays if he wasn't working at the mine. He drove the beasts bought by the butchers back to Totley and was always relieved to get over Baslow Hill before dark. He was also an umpire for the local cricket team who used to travel to away fixtures in the back of a covered lorry. Later Mr Smith worked for Mr Elliott, the builder.

After the Smiths left the third house to move next door, Mr and Mrs Ramsell and their daughter Winnie lived there.

Another worker in the ganister mine, Mr Ward lived in the fourth house with his wife, son and daughter.

Mr and Mrs Jim Green lived in the fifth house. Mr Green was a mason by trade but known locally as both a musician and a cricketer.

The sixth house was occupied by the Johnson family who had some connections with the caretakers at the Officers Mess at the Rifle Range.

At the top house lived the Gascoigne family. Mr Gascoigne is particularly remembered because he had a traction engine which he kept near the house.

Thank you Bill and Mrs Nellie Horton for giving us these memories of bygone Totley.

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### MORE CRICKET NEWS - GAY CRICKET!

Perhaps someone can tell us when cricket was first played in Totley? It is thought that the game originated in the 12th century and by 1748 it became the subject of so much betting that Parliament tried to ban it. They didn't and by the early 1800's matches were being played for up to 1000 guineas per side.

It was a much more modest game on a remarkably fine day at the beginning of August 1834 when a team from Dore and Totley played Baslow at Chatsworth. The Derbyshire Courier reported "the playing of the Baslow Band added much to the gaiety of the scene and the spectators were abundantly gratified."

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This is Brian Edwards' first record of cricket played by a Totley side - does David Holding remember any earlier ones?

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## DORE AND TOTLEY STATION.

(The first part of an article by Glyn Waite)

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In subsequent years, several proposals were made for constructing a more direct line to the city, but it was not until 1st February 1870 that this finally reached fruition. The new line diverged from the original North Midland route about 1 mile north of Chesterfield and joined with the former Sheffield & Rotherham Railway at what became known as Grimesthorpe Junction. Stations were provided at Sheepbridge (not actually ready until 1st August), Unston (note original spelling), Dronfield, Abbey Houses (which became Beauchief after three earlier re-namings), Ecclesall (later Millhouses & Ecclesall), Heeley, Sheffield Pond Street (replacing the S&R's Wicker station) and Attercliffe Road.

The provision of a station at Dore and Totley was not considered until a few months before the line was opened and it was February 1871 before plans were produced for its construction. A tender of £1,355 was subsequently accepted and the station was opened to traffic on 1st February 1872, exactly 2 years after the opening of the line.

(to be continued)



# Midland Railway.

## OPENING

OF THE

# DORE & TOTLEY STATION.

The DORE and TOTLEY STATION, between Dronfield and Beauchief, on the SHEFFIELD and CHESTERFIELD LINE, will be opened for Passenger Traffic on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, and on and from that date Trains will call there until further notice as under:---

STATIONS.	WEEK-DAYS.								SUNDAYS.			
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Leeds.....dep.	5.40	9.47	1.20	2.45	5.20	7.36	8.20	9.3	2.15	4.17	7.0	8.35
Sheffield.....	8.5	11.10	4.10	2.42	4.30	7.36	8.20	9.3	2.15	4.17	7.0	8.35
Dore and Totley	8.23	11.28	1.28	2.59	4.48	7.54	8.38	9.22	2.33	4.35	7.15	8.50
Dronfield....arr.	8.28	11.33	1.33	3.4	4.53	8.0	8.43	9.27	2.40	4.40	7.20	8.55
Chesterfield..	8.44	11.50	1.50	3.20	5.10	8.17	9.0	9.44	2.58	4.58	7.35	9.10
Nottingham "	10.55	1.15	3.55	5.20	7.0	10.30	11.15	11.45	2.15	4.15	7.45	9.20
Derby.....	9.55	12.50	4.25	7.35	9.25	10.55	11.55	10.55	2.15	4.15	7.45	9.20
Derby.....dep.	6.0	7.30	10.20	1.30	3.0	5.40	7.0	8.35	2.15	4.17	7.0	8.35
Nottingham "	7.5	9.25	12.40	2.40	3.20	4.55	6.25	7.55	2.40	4.40	7.20	8.55
Chesterfield..	7.3	8.43	11.7	2.35	5.5	6.51	8.3	9.55	2.58	4.58	7.35	9.10
Dronfield....	7.19	9.0	11.24	2.30	2.51	5.22	7.9	8.20	2.58	4.58	7.35	9.10
Dore and Totley	7.24	9.6	11.29	2.35	2.56	5.27	7.14	8.25	2.58	4.58	7.35	9.10
Sheffield.....arr.	7.42	9.25	11.46	2.53	3.15	5.45	7.33	8.43	2.58	4.58	7.35	9.10
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It was interesting to read the Summer Newsletter distributed to parents, governors and friends of the school. Those directly concerned will have seen it but it is good to know that the school seems to be as active as ever in many aspects of education including academic success as well as broader issues. Some dates are included in the diary but anyone wanting more information about the school is invited to contact Ruth Richardson, Senior Teacher on 369931.

## TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH EXTENSION.

The builders will soon be moving on to the site and as a preliminary to the extension and improvement of the church building and car park it will be necessary to remove a small number of dead and damaged trees. The plans for landscaping the area however include the planting of new trees. If anyone would like to donate a tree or contribute in any way towards this exciting development please contact Revd. George Palmer (363157) or any of the Church Stewards.

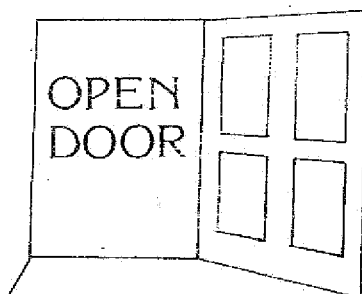
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## ANOTHER MEMORY.....

As a girl I lived in Totley from 1912-1922 and my mother (Mrs Parker) was very interested in the people around. Joe Green had very poor sight and so found it difficult to get work. One odd job he did was to post up bills for our church and mother always made the paste for him so I quote from her jottings:-

**March 1912.** Joe settled himself against the door post and I could see by his face that he was bursting to unfold a tale. So while the water was heating for the paste I listened "I've been minin', we've found a good seam underground just at foot o't Moss - not far from 't keepers cottage. We 'as to lay on us sides to pick at coal that road; it's only 3' 6" from floor to roof but a good long seam 18" thick. But roof's shale an' dirt - 4' 6" afore you come to stone so you see it needs a deal o' proppin'. Me an two other chaps went o' Wednesday mornin' wi bags; my, didn't we sweat afore we got em full! At one o'clock we took a bag apiece 'ome an left us tools an plenty o' coal picked ready, and would you think it, while we was gettin' our bite o'dinner some chaps in our lane went an snaked all us coal an even used our shovels to fill their hand-cart. Next day there were three real miner chaps from t' Brick Yard. My! those chaps showed us how to do it; they got a ton or more in no time, but there's plenty for all on us. You see its on parish land so we can't be interfered with unless there's a mishap an one of us gets buried. I think I shall go in for minin' when strikes o'er, it doesn't 'urt me eyes as much bein' all dark underground. Well I'd best be goin' an postin' up these bills. Good Mornin'."

Flo Hartley.

## TALES OF THE (UN)BELIEVABLE.

I get along very nicely with dogs, and dogs, usually, seem friendly disposed towards me. Dogs of all shapes and sizes equally welcomed. When I pass one sitting by its garden gate I am apt to pat it on the head or tickle it behind the ears and the animal is likely to roll over onto its back to have its tummy rubbed. So you see I like dogs and dogs like me. So if a large animal comes bounding up and plants its muddy paws on a nice clean shirt, well, these new washing powders take care of that - they remove all the dirt, and these days, even the smell.

I am happy with dogs, but the other day I was rather discomforted to come across an unattended animal leaving its calling card on the pavement. I must have made some involuntary sound of disgust, because the dog looked up and said, "I beg your pardon". "If I made any comment", I replied, "It was because I was annoyed to see a dog behaving so badly". "What have I done wrong?" the dog asked. "Why," I said, "you have left this filthy mess on the pavement. Have you not seen all the little signs fastened to the lamp-posts, which say that it is a punishable offence for a dog to foul the pavement?" "I am sorry," acknowledged the dog, "but you must understand that whilst I have learned how to speak, I do not yet know how to read!"

Anon.

P.S. Perhaps the dog's owners cannot read either!

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### PROMOTION FOR THE SECOND.

Totley Sports Football Club have two teams playing in the Hope Valley League in the Peak District. This allegiance harks back to the days prior to 1935 when Totley was in Derbyshire. 10 or 15 years ago, ours was a club to be reckoned with, competing keenly for Cup and League. Recently success has been limited, but this year the second team finished in third place to gain promotion to 'A' division.

In a fiercely fought cup final they came from 2-0 down at half time to lead 3-2 with seconds to go when a most unfortunate own-goal led to extra time. Sadly their opponents scored the winner and it was a disappointed Totley who went up to collect their medals. For the large crowd in Bakewell Park it was a thrilling match with both teams deserving a win.

The first team play in the premier division and started out well with 4 draws and 1 win. Then came the bad news with Totley throwing away advantages, often conceding the lead in the last few minutes. Lack of concentration and determination pointed the way to relegation. However, in the last 7 games, after a reshuffle of the team, a marked improvement began. During this period, Totley played with the skill and enthusiasm we knew they possessed. The goalkeeper gained much confidence behind an improved defence and those last games yielded 5 wins and 2 draws. Top goalscorers this season were Andy Edwards (1st team), Dave Atkinson (2nd team).

### GREAT SHEFFIELD ART SHOW.

We don't often plug events outside our area but this one is special. Bill Carter Wigg had drawn attention to it before he died and he had prepared the numbering for the pictures in his own special writing. Also, of course, we have many people in this area with artistic talent and we are glad to encourage them and others who might be interested.

The Show is in the University Octagon Centre and open Friday and Saturday July 20th and 21st 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Sunday July 22nd it is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Over 1,300 pictures by local artists will be on show and there will be trade stands and demonstrations as well. A children's mural will be painted during the show. Further details from Isabel Blincow on 304108.

### S. O. S. FOR GUIDERS.

All over Sheffield a big appeal is now under way for more guiders or helpers with the guide movement. Previous experience is not essential and there are many slots into which volunteers can be fitted. We are assured and can well believe that guiding is fun for all concerned and certainly it is a worth while opportunity even if only a small amount of time is available. If you would like to know more about it (without commitment, of course) ask Mavis Kirton on 351286 as soon as you can.

### OPEN DOOR.

"Open Door" can be found in the Junior Church Hall, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, each Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

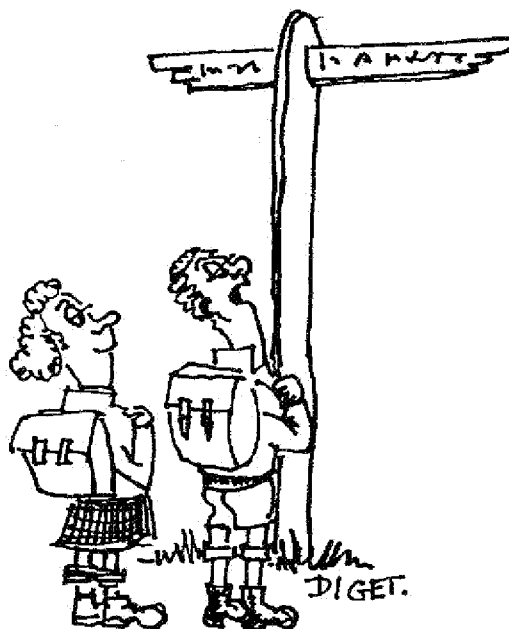
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A wide range of moderately priced beverages is available and there are friendly helpers to talk to, as well as either a doctor or a nurse.

Cathy Watson, the District Health Visitor, is present on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month to give health checks and offer advice on keeping well.

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## RUN TO THE TOP

Totley Athletic Club runs on. July 8th is the date for the Blackmoor Chase and Fun Run which is the biggest event in Totley's calendar. Over the years this event is the best in South Yorkshire and attracts runners from far and wide, whilst the fun run is very popular with children and adults alike.

The "Blackmoor" starts from the field behind the Totley Brook Estate and during the afternoon there are other events, sideshows and stalls. Posters will be appearing locally soon.

If you want to start jogging in company with a group of friendly folk of all standards why not pop down to the Totley Bents sports ground Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30 p.m. or Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. There is also an organised training session for juniors and this year has seen a great improvement in this section, finishing 6th out of 20 clubs in the South Yorks Cross Country Championship.

For further details of Totley A.C. contact the secretary, Geoff Gallantree. 350786.

## a refreshing break

In 1831 three men were brought before a court in Totley. They were committed to Quarter Sessions on a charge of stealing lead from Totley Rolling Mill. The property was located near the present Milldale Road and then belonged to the colourful George Bustard Greaves. The Totley constable took the prisoners to Chesterfield for the trial and called into the Wheatsheaf for some refreshment! Unfortunately William Stanley escaped and hasn't been seen since!

Perhaps the escape would not have happened if he'd worn the handcuffs purchased 18 years earlier for 3 shillings!

On another occasion 7 years earlier the constable had to visit that town under more tragic circumstances to report the death of little James Hopkinson who was killed when he fell from a horse. The young lad was son of the publican from the Cross Scythes.

# JULY - AUGUST DIARY

Sun. July 1st Family Sports Day. Totley Bents Cricket Field.  
 Weds. 4th Mosaic Unveiling. King Egbert's School 7.30 p.m.  
 Sun. 8th Blackamoor Chase and Fun Run  
 Weds. 11th King Egbert's Sports Day.  
 Sat. 14th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.  
 Tues. 17th Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m.  
 Tues. 17th Liaison Lunch. All Saints' Hall. 12.15 p.m.  
 Fri-Sun 20th-21st Great Sheffield Art Show. Octagon Centre.(see notice)  
 Weds. August 8th Ladies Evening Guild Outing to Stapeley Water Gardens.  
 Sat. 11th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.  
 Mon. 20th Copy Date for July/August Independent.

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

Recently I helped at the "Open Day" at Spring Street Shelter and was saddened to see there were **NINETEEN** puppies waiting for adoption. These were in addition to the full-grown dogs - the kennels take about 60 cats and 100 dogs at any one time. Some months previously when I visited there were **SIXTEEN** puppies - 35 puppies waiting for homes on just two visits! The R.S.P.C.A. now spay all female dogs and cats, and neuter tomcats before adoption. In time this should help reduce unwanted litters and save some suffering.

Perhaps dog-haters and dog/cat lovers could unite to help reduce this awful over-production of cats and dogs by donating to the R.S.P.C.A. Neutering Fund (Mrs Helen Laver, R.S.P.C.A., 83 Spring St., Sheffield S3 8PB.

Mrs D.E. Styles.

## TELETHON '90.

Entertainer, Jimmy McWilliams wishes to thank all who supported him in his recent successful "Sing-along-athon" for the I.T.V. Telethon '90. His event featured a bumper medley of songs and was held in the grounds of St Oswald's, with the audience of all ages sitting comfortably at tables enjoying afternoon teas and joining in the choruses.

The weather could not have been kinder and the amount raised totalled £450.00. The money goes to severely handicapped people.

Jimmy also wishes to thank Elizabeth Bowring who excelled at the piano with husband Joe assisting and John Marshall who was the ideal compere. Jimmy made three appearances on T.V. during Telethon and presented the cash 'live' with Jean Rogers ("Dolly" of Ennerdale Farm) joining in a song.

## THE INDEPENDENT FOR SEPTEMBER.

The NEXT issue of Totley Independent will be available from the usual distribution points on Saturday 1st September. Copy date for this issue will be Monday 20th August 1990.

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