

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE  
OLD HAY BROOK  
BRIAN EDWARDS 1990

Brian Edwards writes:-

It is quite likely that a bridge existed over the Old Hay Brook in this spot for many centuries. Nowadays it's used by schoolchildren occasionally walking across to King Egbert's although the school bus running from Cross Scythes seems to have a greater attraction. I wonder how many people have picked their way in the dark after a good night's boozing at The Crown!

Old Hay has been written in various ways over the centuries. Oulda, Owdah, Olday, Oldway and so on. The brook is fed by Blacka Dike tumbling down from Blacka Moor and Redcar Brook from Houndkirk. They met above Avenue Farm. The Old Hay Brook is the boundary between Dore and Totley.

**COMPLAINTS.** It seems that the local Council, short of cash as everyone keeps telling us, is now withdrawing some of the routine services that have been provided on an occasional but regular basis. We are therefore asked to notify the appropriate council department of anything untoward which needs attention by telephone or other individual message. We will try and give some telephone numbers and contacts in the next issue of the Independent.

## T. R. A. NEWS

At a recent meeting of the Residents' Association Committee some forthcoming dates were noted. Get your diaries out now! -

T.R.A. A.G.M. - Monday 22nd April.

Totley Produce Show - Saturday 14th Sept.

Senior Citizens' Party - Saturday 30th Nov

Library Talks (venue to be confirmed) on March 25th and April 29th.

Details of all these will be given later but note the dates.

A bottle bank will soon be provided at Totley Rise. The exact date is uncertain but it should help to keep Totley tidy.

### LOST AND FOUND.

A pair of Grey suede gloves with knitted cuffs were left behind at the Senior Citizens' Party. Please enquire of Margaret Coldwell. Phone 367021.

# FARMING SCENE



The almost continuous wind and rain of early January has now given way to a spell of drier, colder weather which makes life more comfortable for both man and beast. I think all animals prefer crisp, dry weather. They certainly look more alert, active and contented on a bright frosty day. There is something pathetic about a bedraggled flock of sheep with their heads down, backsides to the wind, up to their knees in mud and a reproachful look in their eyes that says "Come on! Get us inside away from the wind and rain!"

Our sheep will soon be having their annual pre-lambing dose of Orf Vaccine, (to prevent the ewes and lambs getting an Eczema type of disease) and the nail clip prior to being housed at the farm, ready for lambing to start around 15th March.

Those of you interested in the local wildlife will be interested to know that a pair of hares have taken up residence in one of our strawberry fields; a cock pheasant and his harem are patrolling the raspberry field; a woodcock has taken up residence in Gillfield Wood along with the heron; the various rough banks are inhabited by rabbits and the whole area is patrolled by both foxes and badgers.

We are currently busy pruning, staking and tying up our "new" raspberry canes. These were planted as 6in cuttings 2 years ago and are now sturdy plants with canes up to 6ft tall. These should produce their first really good crop this year. The variety is Glen Moy, a fairly new one, and should produce better flavoured but slightly smaller fruit than our old plantation of Malling Delight.

A lot of work goes into raspberry cane management. It takes one man 7 hours to cut out last years fruiting cane and tie in the new canes on a 50yd row. As soon as the buds burst and every 14 days up to start of picking they have to be sprayed with a fungicide to protect the canes and the fruit from airborne diseases. The roots send up shoots in the alleyways that have to be continually mown down and the new growth in the rows has to be thinned out to allow the pickers to see the fruit, and also supported so that the wind does not break them off.

Like all people with old buildings, we have our fair share of woodworms and one of our next jobs is to renew the floor in our "turkey loft". Due to their work this floor is unsafe and I, for one, have nearly made a quick descent into the farrowing houses below!

Talking of turkeys ours seemed to grow exceptionally well this year making it difficult for us to give everyone the weights they ordered. In one sense this is a "good problem" as fat growth usually means a tender, tasty "bird" and well satisfied customers.

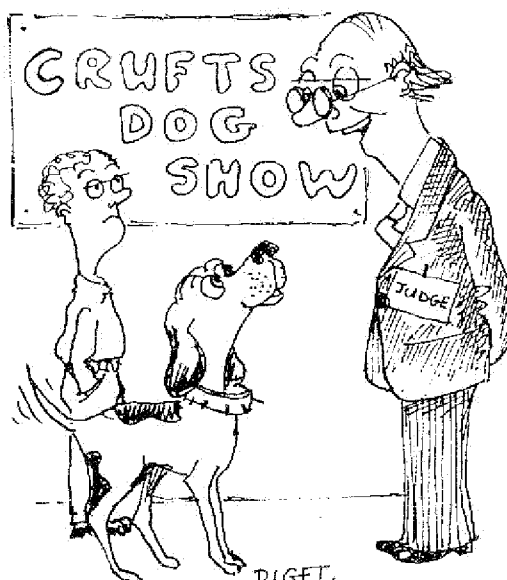
Edwin Pocock.

## THEATRE ROYAL 1922.

Another piece of nostalgia has been lent to us in the shape of a programme for the Sheffield Theatre Royal in 1922. The play in question was "The Wheel" by J.B.Fagan and the star was Phyllis Neilson-Terry. John Gielgud had one of the parts and was also Assistant Stage Manager.

At that time the Theatre Royal was under the same management as The Lyceum so it is particularly appropriate that the programme has come to light just now. The most expensive seat was in a private box at £2.8s and the cheapest in the gallery at 8d

Obviously there were some visitors from Totley but they would have to remember that the last "car" from the City left for the Millhouses Terminus at 11.10 p.m.! Presumably it was a walk from there!



"Sorry young man, we don't recognise the Totley Terrier!"

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## TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE.

I liked the drawing of the signal box in a recent copy of the "Independent". It brought back many memories. They seem lost in the realms of time, the days when we took the children in a push chair to see the steam trains pass under the footbridge. So, just for old time's sake I wandered down to Totley Brook Road and looked over the bridge at the box. After a few minutes the signalman came to the door and between the footbridge and the doorstep we shouted pleasantries to each other. I strolled over to have a better word with him and, as we passed the time of day, he explained how his job had changed from the hard task of pulling heavy levers to operate the old semaphore signals, to the lighter switches which control the coloured lights, but the system still controlled so that two trains cannot be on the same stretch of line at the same time. As we talked it was inevitable that a comment was made of the story by Dickens about the signalman haunted by a ghost train. "Nonsense", said the signalman, "There are no such things as ghost trains, except in the imagination of writers".

I abandoned that subject to speak again of his duties, "So you know exactly when a train will pass and signal accordingly?". "Of course", he answered "and I see that all sections of the line are clear and that there is no other traffic". We talked on, and he told me that had been but one serious accident in this section of line, a train derailment, and the driver, old Tom Hoskins, was killed, but that was over a hundred years ago.

Suddenly there came a shrill whistle from the distance and with a fierce bellowing of smoke and hiss of steam, a magnificent locomotive thundered past the box and

disappeared shrieking down the line and vanished into the tunnel. I looked wonderingly at the signalman, "I thought you said there were no such things as ghost trains".... "That wasn't a ghost train, that was only old Tom Hoskins, he always passes on a Friday about this time".

Anon.

## Dear Sir.....

In the recent past we have published views about Sunday Trading. We now have a letter from Mrs Diana Leach who is one of our representatives on the City Council as well as being one of the representatives of Christ Church Dore on the local Christian Council. She writes:-

From time to time various matters which may be viewed from a Christian viewpoint come before the Sheffield City Council.

Readers will be aware of a number of shops operating illegally on Sundays and a decision has to be made on whether or not to prosecute them, although in many cases this seems to have little effect. A proposal is presently in the pipeline for the city to become "a holiday resort" which it can do by simply declaring itself to be one! Under these circumstances shops would be allowed to open on eighteen Sundays in the year. This would obviously create some welcome employment, but would also necessitate additional back-up services in the form of transport, police, hospital services and other facilities. In the end I think those eighteen Sundays would become like normal weekdays and could set a precedent for changes in our national life-style.

I would welcome the views of local readers on these matters.

Councillor Mrs Diana Leach.



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# GARDENING TIPS

I hope you all had a good rest over Christmas and are feeling ready to tackle the challenges of the garden in this brand new year ahead. A good resolution for you to make is to participate in the Totley Produce Show so start planning now. This is one resolution I hope you will not break.

**Flowers.** Cut down old perennials and fork round plants. Work in a balanced fertilizer such as Growmore.

- \* Clean up rockeries. Top dress with potting compost and chippings.
- \* Plant out herbaceous perennials. Protect from slugs.
- \* Start dahlia tubers for propagating in warmth.
- \* Later in the month in warmth sow summer bedding plants like snapdragons, begonias, busy lizzie, marigolds and petunias.
- \* Sow sweet peas under glass. Individual sowing in small pots or cells will reduce root disturbance when planting out.
- \* Take chrysanthemum cuttings using the vigorous new shoots being produced from the base of the stools. Root in pots under glass.
- \* Lift and divide snowdrops when the flowers have finished.
- \* Some alpines such as primula denticula, pulsatilla and hardy geranium can be propagated from root cuttings. Insert 1 - 2in portions of roots in boxes of sandy compost in a cold frame.
- \* Re-pot dormant pelargoniums (geraniums) and fuchsias in fresh compost and water sparingly.

**Vegetables.** Light soils can be dug or manured if the soil is not frozen.

- \* Start preparing seed beds. Cover soil with cloches to warm it up.
- \* Add lime to soil at least 2 weeks before sowing or planting. Work in a dressing of balanced fertilizer.
- \* Put potatoes in a light airy frost-free place to sprout.
- \* Broad beans can be sown on well drained soil. A cloche will help these to grow better.
- \* Sow onions under glass if you haven't already done so. Sow in individual pots or on seed trays and prick out into pots or cells before the thin loop straightens.

**Fruit.** Firm in newly planted fruits.

- \* Feed apple, pear and plum trees.
- \* Mulch around young trees and cane fruit

- \* Prick out seedling strawberries indoors and grow on for planting out later.
- \* Apple, pear, gooseberry and red-currant can be pruned now.
- \* Established autumn fruiting raspberries should be pruned. Remove tips of summer fruiting raspberries.

**Trees and Shrubs.** Prepare ground for spring planting of evergreens including azaleas and rhododendrons.

- \* Plant out deciduous shrubs and heathers late in the month.
- \* Prune late summer flowering clematis.
- \* Check tree ties are secure and not chafing the bark.
- \* Tackle overgrown hedges at the end of the month before new growth starts. Cut back so that the top is a foot lower than the height required.

**Greenhouse and Indoor Plants.** Feed plants only if they are flowering and use fertilizer specially formulated for pot plants.

- \* Keep cyclamen cool and well watered. Remove flowers as soon as they go over.
- \* Increase humidity round houseplants in centrally heated rooms. Spray regularly (except hairy leaved plants) and stand in moist gravel.
- \* Forced bulbs need to be kept cool if a longer display is required.
- \* Plant indoor gladioli corms.
- \* Ventilate the greenhouse whenever possible on fine mild days. Remember to close the vents again by dusk.
- \* Prune climbers in the greenhouse and conservatory. Cut out weak and unwanted growth and trim side shoots to within one or two buds from the main stem.
- \* Remove faded leaves and flowers from plants and keep floors and benches tidy.

**Lawns.** Rake, spike and apply top dressing of sand.

- \* Do not walk on grass if it is frosted over.

Cheerio for now.

Tom. Busy Bee.

## BRING AND SING MESSIAH.

The Outreach Group of Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead wish to thank the many readers of the Totley Independent who supported the Bring and Sing Messiah in December. It proved to be quite a success both musically and financially. As a result we were able to send £845 to the fund which helps the Children's Hospital in Brasov, Romania.

# THE ROAD

## TO FISHGUARD

by C. N. Railton Holden.

Fully qualified saints are never angry. I have always assumed that this was so and I am not intending to dispute such a widely held belief but, in common with all lesser mortals, there are occasions when I give way to displeasure. In particular I am disenchanted by people who, with venom in their hearts, study the words I write, twist their meanings so that intended charm and innocence is trampled underfoot, and thus try to portray me as a knave or a fool. If you cannot yet understand the drift of my lament then let me recount an incident which took place not so very long ago.

One afternoon in early July, with the sun above our heads, a gentle breeze rustling through the elms and chestnuts and a scent of hay in the nostrils, Charles suddenly exclaimed: "Why don't we go across to Brawdy and watch the flying?". Now let me make one thing absolutely plain: I do not blame Charles in the slightest. He is an amiable soul entirely free from sadism and blood lust. Had he visualised the final outcome of his suggestion - and it would have defeated even the sorcery of Gipsy Rose Lee - then straightaway Charles would have shepherded us around the snakes-and-ladders board. Mind you the game of snakes-and-ladders is not without its histrionics and declarations of eternal animosity.

Well, you know already about the sun, the gentle breeze and the smelly hay. All the signs pointed towards a happy and fairly languid afternoon's diversion without the slightest inkling of fate or hint of repercussion, so we left camp: five of us in two cars. It was a matter of three or four miles to the airfield locality where our most immediate concern was to secure a good viewing point. There were fleeting glimpses of the jet fighters as, from behind a grey hangar, they swept upwards in clamorous militant pairs. I felt inordinately proud to be British. Afterwards, having enjoyed this brief impulse of patriotism, I began to feel more like myself: a common or garden taxpayer flushed and agitated at the alarming thought of so much aviation fuel disappearing before my very eyes.

Just as melancholia was on the point of engulfing me a small car approached along the narrow lane. From the driver's window a hand and an arm stretched out and waved dramatically as if to warn the human race the Armageddon had arrived and the Pearly Gates were to be closed in less than ten minutes. I put my foot on the brake. "Take great care!" said the young lady who owned the hand and the arm, "because on the road up ahead of you is a bull running loose - nobody in charge!" Slowly I absorbed the facts. "Dear me! Pamplona come to Pembrokeshire" were my unspoken words. But this was no time for levity - some feckless Welshman had left his gate open and a bull rampaged unchecked on the Queen's highway. So, like a typical true-blue Englishman I kept my head, allayed the misgivings of my companions, gave the situation profound, judicious thought and then despatched my wife to reconnoitre around the bend in case anyone wished to go anywhere in a hurry. It seemed the sensible thing to do, for my wife is very much an animal lover while, in the normal run of things, I prefer to be reading a good book.

The reconnaissance produced a negative report. Enemy not in sight. Then as the two cars, in low gear, advanced into no-man's-land, impressive vigilance was displayed by each member of the platoon. Presently the animal came into view - a small heifer, wild-eyed and hysterical, trotting like the clappers along the road to Fishguard. If you have ever seen clappers trotting along the road to Fishguard you will know exactly what I mean and in a matter of seconds my wife was seized by a compassion of alarming magnitude. "We must do something about it!" she declared, in tones that brooked no contradiction. Our daughter took a deep breath and kept her mouth firmly closed, no doubt apprehensive as to her likely role in the heifer retrieval. Furthermore, knowing full well that the car boot contained a tow rope, I too kept my mouth closed because large animals with horns tend to bring me out in a rash. I have a heart of gold but nevertheless I feel that compassion can be very much overdone if one is not careful. "That last farm!" announced our leader. "Turn the car round! We'll report there!" The farmhouse in question proved to be devoid of life but in due course the owner appeared from out of the west, listened with apparent sympathy to my wife's Mayday call, explained patiently that he had leased out his heifer field to a third party and then

began to make courteous noises to signify that if, ultimately, the heifer jumped into Fishguard harbour and swam across to Ireland, he personally, would still sleep soundly in his bed that night. Here then was a rebuff, a rebuff which raised several crucial issues. Just imagine - if swimming across to the Republic becomes popular amongst Welsh cattle, the price of Irish beef is sure to plummet and then Mr Haughey will speak his mind again. Moreover the question must be asked: are all Welsh farmers aloof, egotistical and therefore so utterly different from we gentlefolk of Totley whose greatest delight is to stick our noses into other people's business? And to summarise: was not Confucius unerringly right when he said: "Heartlessness is an abomination but a good night's sleep is beyond the price of rubies?".

Now you might judge this last quotation to be innocuous and secure against malicious distortion - but you would be totally wrong. You see we have now arrived at the crux of my grievance. "The price of rubies?" Thus, with a sharply honed edge to her voice, spoke my dear wife, and the temperature of the room dropped appreciably. "Can't you ever get that Ruby woman out of your mind?"

What a harsh, unjust comment from a lady who once promised to cherish me in sickness and in health. The truth is that I hardly ever think of Ruby Pickersgill these days. I wish other folk could forget her too. And, just for the record, I hardly ever think about Sybil Prendergast, Marilyn Sidesaddle, Felicity Boothroyd, Georgina Pringle or Polly Blenkinsop either. Of course, I shouldn't be boring you with these ripples in my domestic affairs; you have your own problems to cope with. But I can tell you this: I have decided to finish for ever with Confucius - his smart-aleck proverbs cause nothing but trouble.

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## REV. STEWART RAYNER.

News broke just before Christmas that the Reverend Stewart Rayner, vicar of Totley, has been appointed as a Hospital Chaplain to the South Derbyshire Health Authority. Stewart will be leaving during March and in fact his last Sunday services will be on March 3rd.

Stewart has been in Totley just over five years having previously been Rector of Adwick-le-Street. Before that he was at Whiston and Doncaster Parish Church.

There are many people in the area who will be grateful to Stewart for his ministry in which he has always emphasised the care of the individual and the special needs which sickness and loneliness bring. He has also been particularly concerned with young children and has had special responsibility for All Saints' Church School as chairman of the Governors.

He will also be missed by members of other churches for he has been keen on ecumenical activity and served for a time as chairman of the local Christian Council.

We wish him well in this new sphere of activity in which we are sure he will find great fulfilment and a widening of his ministry.

Maurice Snowden.

## PUZZLE CORNER

### EUREKA.

The answer to the puzzle in the December Independent was:-

The bar is to be cut into the following weights:-

11lb, 31lb, 91lb and 271lb.

If you thought that was too easy or if you didn't bother anyway try this one:-

Prof A - I have three female relatives and the product of their ages is 2450 - and the sum of their ages is the same as your age. How old are they?

Prof B - I cannot answer that!

Prof A - Of course not. I should have said that I am a year or two younger than the eldest and then you can tell me exactly how old they are.

Prof B - Yes. It is easy. Their ages are....

How old were they?

Answer next month.



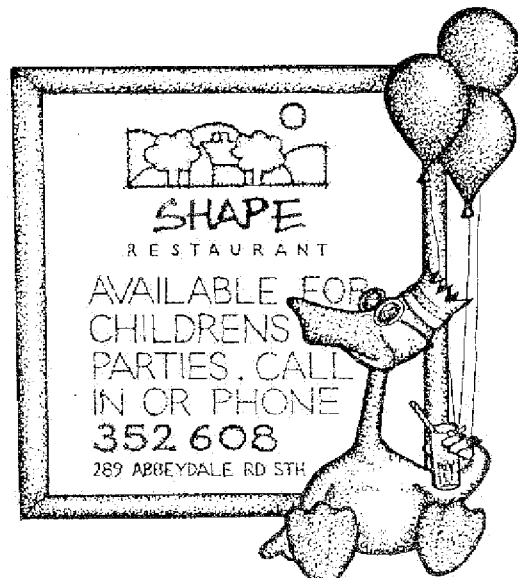
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### Around

### Totley

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Start in Hilltop Rd. Proceed along Chapel Lane, cross sports field (Cricket Inn) to Lanehead Rd. Ascend Totley Moss via Moss Rd. Field path adjacent to tunnel air shaft onto main track under Brown Edge. Keep to the left hand path that follows the gas line markers. Note the huge stone cairn that dominates Brown Edge to our left. After 1½ miles across the moorland we emerge onto the Owlter Bar - Fox House road by the gas terminal sheds. Walk parallel to the right by wallside for 250 yds to a wooden kissing gate (Please replace chain by stone pillar) and head for another 150 yds in the direction of Fox House. Enter Big Moor by a stone stile at the side of a gate. Markers point the way forward along a pleasant green track. After ½ mile cross the drive that leads to Barbrook Lodge and reservoir.

Concessionary footpath sign still keeps forward across the moor for another ½ mile and we join the busy A621 road via Car Top. Cross the road with care and head back left for 200 yds to the bridle track known as Car Lane. Soon we enter the delights of Smeekley Woods on our left after fringing Ramsley Moor. Join the woodland glade by footpath sign directly at the base of Car Lane. (Note the old water works depot of the Severn Trent Authority, now derelict, on our right). The path skirts the side of the bubbling Millthorpe Brook for ½ mile. As we leave the woodland scene swing hard left across a field to stone stile. Watch for traffic on the road bend. Cross the lane to another wooden stile. Footpath sign above field to Horsleygate Lane. Ascend the lane to Horsleygate Hall - 300 yds. Enter field path by wooden stile on our left. That points directly to Lidgate and Totley. Cross the B6054 Holmesfield Rd and a further footpath sign takes us across the fields to Fanshawe Gate Hall (lovely views all round). From here all paths lead to Gillfield Woods and back home via Totley Hall Lane.

John C. Barrows.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The 14th Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, organised by the Totley Residents Association was held at the United Reformed Church Hall on Saturday Dec. 1st. An early December date and the uncertainty of wintry weather may have accounted for lower numbers than usual but nevertheless a good time was had by all.

What was on offer? Good food - the tables took on a very picturesque appearance. Our willing helpers are once again to be congratulated. Excellent entertainment - the formula this year being varied slightly. Jimmy McWilliams, his family and city wide friends opened up the show. Their enthusiasm was infectious and the quality first class.

After the interval break during which more cups of tea were efficiently dispensed and a deluge of raffle prizes awarded, the curtain went up to reveal more than twenty young ladies from the Sylvaine School of Dance. Their tap, modern and ballet sequences entranced the audience and kept their toes joining in. This entertainment was a floor display as the stage proved to be too small to cope and this was not the full complement.

Other musical items were provided by T.R.A. Chairman Les "Phantom" Firth, whose keyboards, along with compere Mike Williamson, linked the afternoon to early evening. With the help of a shoe horn this just squeezed in a very packed programme.

Incidentally, the Sylvaine School of Dance, based on Meersbrook Vestry and Church Hall, will be presenting a full evening's entertainment in their show at the Montgomery Theatre for three nights from Feb. 14th. Several enquiries for tickets were received as our party-goers made their way home by minibus, courtesy of the Transport 17 fleet.

Mike Williamson.



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## "PACK OF LIES"

T.O.A.D.S. presentation of this sombre and moving play by Hugh Whitmore now seems to have been a long time ago but in reality was only the end of November and the beginning of December. It was quite different from recent productions being a representation of the real-life story of the Krogers who were arrested as spies in the early 1960's. The impact of their friendship on an ordinary suburban family was devastating and splendidly portrayed by all the members of the cast. The deep emotions involved were shared by the audience and that speaks volumes for the quality of the acting. Well done TOADS - keep on offering us goodies like this for years to come!

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

The Shelter for unwanted animals, 83, Spring St., have been extremely grateful for the support from Dore and Totley for the Christmas Food Appeal. Many thanks to all those who contributed tins of food, biscuits or donations. Also many thanks to "Valerie of Dore", Totley Library, Oldales Estate Agency, Anne's Dress Shop and Mr & Mrs S. Raikescroft for their assistance.

Please remember that Mrs D.Styles, 10, The Quadrant, Totley is always glad of clean old blankets, flannelette sheets, old towels and candlewick bedspreads for bedding for the animals, particularly these cold days, but not jumble, please.

## cheshire home

The festive season was soon upon us at Mickley Hall. Residents invited relatives and friends to take part in a Christmas Party when Mr Andrew Nimmo and a quartet sang old favourite ballads and Christmas carols. Mrs Christine Greenhoff very kindly organised a post-Christmas party thus keeping the festive spirit going.

Several residents visited the City Hall to see the Manor Operatics Society's production of Robinson Crusoe. Fiona especially enjoyed this as she was given a "ring side seat" and at the end of the performance was presented with flowers and chocolates.

Mid-January will have seen other residents going to the newly refurbished Lyceum to see Paul Nicholas in The Pirates of Penzance"



It's named after the editor of the Totley Independent!

I hope readers will excuse this personal reference but I was reflecting on the contribution that Bill Carter Wigg made to the Independent over the years. It was quite a while before his death that he dared me to print this cartoon and I never did. Perhaps I can do so now in gratitude for the fun and humour which Bill shared with us in so many different ways.

Maurice Snowden.



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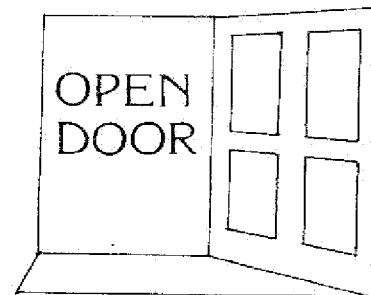
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Fri. Feb. 8th Ladies Evening Guild. "The Countryside Explained". Mr Chris Tomson.  
Abbeydale Hall 7.30. p.m.

Sat. 9th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park.

Tues. 12th All Saints Mens Fellowship. Rev Grant McIntosh. 8.00. p.m. Church Hall

Tues. 19th Townswomens Guild. Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m.

Weds. 20th Copy Date for February Independent.

Sat. Mar. 2nd Craft Fair and Nearly New Toy Sale. Dore Junior School,  
Furness Avenue. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mon. 4th United Nations Association. "Whither Europe?" with Frank Hoolley.  
130, Westwick Road. 8.0.p.m.

## ARTHUR BIRLEY. R. I. P.

We regret to report the death of Arthur Birley on 19th January. Arthur had been Sacristan at All Saints' Totley from 1948 until his death. He had been a server in Bamford and continued in Totley when he moved. He was a member of the P.C.C. for many years. He was educated at New Mills Grammar School and then worked for Samuel Osborn Ltd. until his retirement.

Arthur served in the R.A.F. during the war as a Flt.Lt. Navigator and most of his service was in India. He had to bale out over enemy occupied Burma on one of his many bombing missions.

He was involved with the Scout movement for most of his adult life being a Rover Scout leader and later Group Scout Leader with All Saints', Totley Scout Group (now 215th Sheffield, 1st Totley). He was then Assistant District Commissioner for Chesterfield and later Assistant County Commissioner for Derbyshire being responsible for Adult Leader Training. He was awarded the Silver Acorn for outstanding services to Scouting.

## CANON EMIL PUTTMANN. R. I. P.

Many people in our area will be saddened to know that Canon Puttmann died on 20th January after a long illness. He came to Sheffield 32 years ago as Parish Priest of Our Lady and Saint Thomas, Meadowhead and the chapel of English Martyr's, Totley. He had served in the area for all his 50 years of ministry having been ordained in Nottingham in 1940.

A devoted, well-read and loving man he was very popular in his parish and further afield. Ill-health forced his retirement 2 months ago but readers of the Independent will remember his Christmas Message to all of us in the December issue.

He is succeeded by Father Gerry Burke from Doncaster.

## THE INDEPENDENT FOR MARCH.

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