

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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BASLOW ROAD TOTLEY IN 1967 BY JAMES EDWARDS 1990

BASLOW ROAD has changed dramatically over the last hundred years. very little remains of those old days, although further up, opposite Main Avenue, the boundary walls of the houses are, undoubtedly, the remains of old field walls. The butchers and greengrocers' shops opposite Mickley Lane are housed in front of what was The Greenoak Inn, with barn and stables behind; the Inn stood on its own, halfway between Totley Village and the area around the rolling mill at Totley Rise.

Towards the end of the last century, "Bricky Row" was built to house the railway navies and was to become Totley Rise shopping centre! About this time, the Victoria Gardens were closing and the villas were built above the present garage. The road ceased to be a rough way covered in dusty "bird" and was consistently widened until it became the great divide as it now is.

Readers may remember the row of trees shown in the drawing as it was in 1967. Shortly after they were taken up and the dual carriageway driven through. Pity!

A CHANGE FOR THE INDEPENDENT

For the past three and half years the Totley Independent has been most ably edited by Maurice Snowden who has now retired from the position.

In March 1987 Maurice arrived in Totley with his wife Marjorie during the time when the Independent was edited by John Butterwick who unfortunately had to leave the area because of his job.

Mike Williamson once more came to the rescue until a new editor could be found.

With appeals for help in the Independent and suggestions from David Lloyd that Maurice could be interested, contact was made and Maurice stepped

into the job.

His first reaction was to be a little nervous with his new role due to the short time that he had been in the area, he need not have been because under his editorship the Independent continued to be successful.

Maurice has, I know, enjoyed his time with the Independent meeting many people and quickly learning more about our area.

We thank him for an excellent job and on a personal note hope we can successfully follow in his footsteps to maintain the standards he has set.

Les & Dorothy Firth.

Christian Life

One of the achievements of the former Christian Council, now "Churches in S17" has been the holding of ecumenical housegroups, meeting weekly in Lent, to pray and discuss a specific theme. This year we used the Bishop of Sheffield's Lent Book as an aid to our prayer and discussions: an aid which became a stimulus for a wide range of ideas, rather than a blueprint to be followed slavishly. Without being critical of an extremely useful "guide" book, we felt that, although it was natural that the Bishop should draw his contributions from church leaders of his Diocese, it would be more pleasing perhaps if the contributions for any future guide were made on a more ecumenical basis.

In our own group, all local Christian denominations were represented, and we learned so much about each other - and unlearned some traditional beliefs and prejudices about each other. At first, some felt cautious in talking openly about Christianity with members of "strange" churches, but rapidly shed inhibitions and openly shared their views on the changes and problems within their own churches.

From this openness grew the happy understanding that our differences are trivial with the unifying strength arising from a fundamental agreement in attempting to live in imitation of Christ.

Nevertheless, we recognised that nowadays we are speaking as members of a minority, that although the society in which we live has its roots in Christian culture, we are inexorably moving towards a multi-cultural society; we look forward to some ecumenical faulterings where all faiths of our area are represented. But of course, our house meetings were Christian, Lenten meetings and will remain so as re-affirmations of our Christian faith.

Edward Lamb

MID-SUMMER LUNCH

Saturday 22nd. June at Dore and Totley U.R.C Hall, Totley Brook Rd.

You are invited to join us for coffee and cakes from 10 a.m. with light lunches to follow.

There will also be a selection of craft stalls and a "Bring & Buy" stall.

TWO SCHOOLS FOR TOTLEY

Earlier this year the Local Education Authority issued to all schools in Sheffield a document entitled "Schools Review Proposals".

Within these proposals was that our schools in Totley i.e. All Saints and Totley County be amalgamated.

After many meetings with parents and Boards of Governors of each of the two schools neither of the two schools could agree to the proposal for many just reasons.

The Board's of Governors of both schools met and issued to the L.E.A. the following joint statement, as well as their own respective objections to the proposal.

"At a joint meeting of the Boards of Governors of the two schools in Totley, on the 18th April 1991, it was unanimously agreed that there was total opposition to the L.E.A. proposal of an amalgamation as put forward in the Schools Review.

Both sets of Governors were completely satisfied with the quality of education at their respective schools and allied to the projected increase in child intake to full capacity for each school in the very near future and the overwhelming desire for a freedom of choice for parents, it was felt that the "Status Quo" would benefit the whole community.-

We strongly advise that the L.E.A. withdraw its proposal for an amalgamation of the two schools in Totley".

On May 15th. it was announced by the L.E.A. that the proposal for amalgamation had been taken out of the review thus leaving our area with the freedom of choice for the education of our children.

Congratulations to all for the effort and time spent in succeeding to maintain the "Status Quo".

TOTLEY & DISTRICT

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Totley and District Community Association are holding the following events in All Saints Church Hall.

Modern Sequence Dancing on Saturday 15th. and 29th. June and 13th. and 27th. July, starting at 7-30 p.m.

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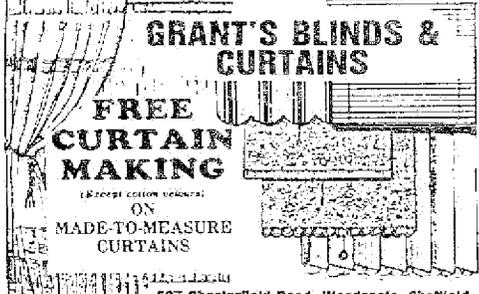
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Please note the Paper collection bins that have appeared on the Rise have nothing to do with the 215th. Totley Scouts. Collections will continue as in the past.

115 th. Dore & Totley U.R.C. Scout Group.

The 115th. Group's A.G.M. held on May 10th., heard the Group Scout Leader report on a highly successful year for all of the sections involved. Some of the highlights outlined were :

Beaver Colony had followed an interesting and varied programme of visits; Cub Pack had had a wonderful year winning the Porter District Orienteering Event, the Portercraft Competition and the Porter District Football League, as well as being fully involved in the new award scheme and activities like the District Cub Camp.

Scout troop had also had an exciting year having camped at Peak '90 last summer (along with 5,000 other Scouts from Britain and abroad) and winning the Telegraph Trophy for Sheffield Scouts for the second successive year.

With numbers within the group on the increase additional leaders are always welcome.

G. Ashmore

KING EGGBERT SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dore and Totley Community Arts Group are organising a music festival on Saturday, June 29th. at King Eggbert School. Our aim is to encourage music and art in the local community. Depending on the response we hope to have sections for Keyboard instruments, strings, brass, and woodwind, with classes for 11 and under, 14 and under, 18 and under and open.

The adjudicator will be John Aran, Professor of Music at Lancaster University and himself a wonderful classical guitarist.

All entrants will receive a certificate and the winners and runners up in each section will give a concert at the end of the festival.

We hope to make this an annual event and we are linking it to the student games festival so we would be happy to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring this event.

We would like to hear from everyone in the region who wishes to take part and in particular from members of our local communities, so come on all you musicians- whatever your age- come along and help us to make this the first of many memorable festivals.

For further details contact Ann Tilly 360268, Margaret Spencer 366212 or Lorraine Cooper 360838

Mrs. J Watson, Chris and Family, of Lemont Rd., wish to thank everyone for their kind messages and sympathy on the death of dear husband and father, Alec.

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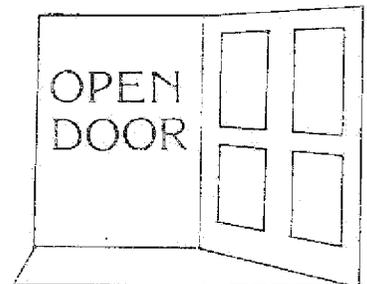
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TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

The torch announcing the opening of the Student Games will soon be proudly burning in Sheffield. The media will be in close attendance, whilst the Games are heralded with a fanfare of trumpets, no doubt brass bands a-playing and royalty in attendance bringing a dignity to the whole proceedings. Now I wish it to be clearly established that I do not object to these Student Games being fully reported, but sometimes the media does not get its priorities right.

In these few lines I shall try to redress the balance, whilst I report on the Real Student Games. We (at the Old School) did not aspire to a custom built stadium, we had about two acres of coarse cinders, which had been raked into something approaching horizontal, where about half a dozen tufts of grass attempted to put a little colour into the scene. There were none of those smart sponsored vests for the athletes, in fact there were so many holes in some of the vests that there would scarcely have been room to emblazon our favourite brand of jelly babies. So to the games themselves on the Annual School Sports Day.

A vast crowd of some seven or eight disinterested parents and a few stray dogs saw the start of the events. Everything was conducted in a proper sporting spirit, that is to say that hacking, tripping, boring etc. were permitted provided that the offence was not spotted by the official.

Officialdom being represented by no less a dignitary than the History Master, a man known to have a cane and the skill to apply it as necessary. Now I must freely admit that I was built for comfort rather than speed, and to finish eleventh out of twelve in the hundred yards (no nonsense about metres) dash, represented championship form. So there we were all lined up at the start, possibly some were handicapped by the fact that they were wearing the only footwear they had, in the shape of heavily hob-nailed boots, whilst others had lighter footwear inasmuch as their toes were peeping out of the front end of the boot.

The starting signal went - a blast on the Acme Thunderer Whistle. Now I still had a bit of my "snap" (they call it elevenses now) in my pocket - a bit of bacon sandwich - and it is possible that

one of the wandering dogs must have taken a sniff at this, and he set off after me.

The result was that I won the race for the only time in my career, in fine style. If the rottweiler had been a fashionable dog in those days, I am certain that I would have won the high jump with a record which would have been standing to this day.

Anon.

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The 1991 committee is as follows-

Danny Barlow (365063) Chairman
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Eileen Woods Booking Secretary

Les Firth, Edwin Pocock

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Maurice Snowdon Harry Woofinden

Margaret Woofinden John Perkinson

Tom Steele Pauline Perkinson

RESUME OF MEETING 7th. MAY

Road safety matters included a discussion on Glover Rd. and the problems of motorists turning illegally right into Baslow Rd. Would some form of one system solve some problems, would traffic lights at the top of Mickley Lane help to ease the amount of traffic on Glover Rd., would Traffic lights at the bottom of Twentywell Lane encourage motorists to use this route instead of Glover Rd. Bushy Wood Rd. /Baslow Rd. junction still causing concern.

Points raised to be sent to P.C.J. West and the Highways Dept.

Bottle bank to come to Totley, time scale not fully known but could be soon. Polytechnic to written to regarding litter on the college pathway.

Tenants section have written to the Works Dept. complaining about Street Light not working on Green Oak Drive, state of the pavements and overhanging bushes on pavements.

Future library talks to be arranged for the Autumn.

New Welcome to Totley leaflet to be printed.

System of distribution of Common Market surplus food to be investigated.

Don't forget the Totley Residents Association is free membership to all who live and work in Totley so if you have any problems let one of the committee know perhaps they may be able to help.



prevent further damage a thorough post harvest drenching with chlorpirofoss is recommended.

The pig industry is currently in a state of jitters for two reasons. Firstly a new law is going through parliament which will effectively ban sow stalls. Although it would seem to be cruel to restrain or separate pigs in any way, there are good animal welfare reasons for this practice. Anyone who has seen pigs fight to the death purely and simply because they don't get on, or have an argument about who should get the most food or warmest lying area, realise that partition is a means of protecting pigs from injuring one another, allows individual sows to get their fair share of food and an uncontested bed. It is much safer for the stockman to tend the sow as anyone who has been at the business end when a sow gets upset will tell you! I know of someone whose leg was bitten by a sow, the injury was infected with gangrene, his leg was amputated, but he still died as the poison invaded his body. he would still be alive if the sow had been housed in a stall.

Here we are , nearly the end of May, and still the weather is dominated by a cool, moist, northerly wind. This is delaying the growth of all crops, particularly those that like warm weather like potatoes, sugerbeet, linseed, fruit etc. This time last year the soil was bone dry as the exceptionally warm weather created early drought conditions and encouraged crops to develop quickly. Our strawberries are just beginning to flower, a fortnight behind last years start, given the recognised interval of 6 weeks between full flower and a ripe crop, this means we shall not be opening our P Y O unit till the very end of June. Apart from our annual struggle with a perennial problem i.e. preseason weed control/removal, the majority of the crops look very well. A word of warning to all strawberry and blackcurrent growers in the area, beware of the dreaded 'Wingels Weevil'. This pest has invaded one of our strawberry fields causing considerable damage to approx. half an acre of the crop, which is unlikely to recover. The adult lays it's eggs in the crop during the early summer, and the larvae which hatch late in summer/autumn feed on the crop roots until they get big enough to literally hollow out the crowns of the plant by tunnelling through them during the winter/early spring. the first signs of real trouble can be easily seen in late spring, as the crop fails to grow and on inspection the crowns will be seen to be really severed from the roots. To

The other problem is a new disease called after the symptom "Blue Ear Virus"

This disease is spreading on the European continent causing large numbers of abortions, still births and early deaths, and is typified by blue ears on those affected. Farmers are now calling for a ban on imports to prevent the pigs in this country becoming infected. The one good thing coming out of this is a rise in pig prices as less European pork is available for export to this country, and large numbers of young pigs are getting a free trip to the continent as their producers " Buy British" to bolster falling pig numbers.

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Edwin Pocock

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GARDENING TIPS

June a very fulfilling month if you have put the necessary work in.

Strawberries should be coming to fruition, if the vegetable plot has been carefully planned you should have your first taste of french beans by the end of the month and a steady supply of lettuce, some tiny carrots to pull and one of the real treats you might have your first boiling of new potatoes and possibly some broad beans to go with them "Perfek" as Mr. Larkin would say.

*Feed flowering plants, especially sweet peas

*Keep plants well watered giving more attention to newly set out plants.

*Lift and clean up spring bulbs and store in a light airy place.

*Keep an eye out for blackfly aphids etc. and deal with them

*Spray perennials against mildew at first signs.

*If you raised biennials from seed prick out those sown last month into seed beds.

*Lift divide and re plant polyanthus, primroses and flag irises.

Greenhouse and indoor plants

*Continue to feed flowering and fruiting plants.

*Stand pots on damp pebbles to maintain humidity.

*Look out for White fly, red spider mite on your houseplants and treat by using plantpins or spraying with a systemic insecticide.

*Take cuttings from Geraniums, busy lizzie, fuchsia, etc.

*Take leaf cuttings from African violets, and rex begonias

Vegetables

*Keep all your vegetable plot well watered.

*Liquid feed onions, shallots and leeks, especially the ones you are nurturing for the show.

*Thin out rows of vegetables if getting overcrowded.

*Sow leaf chicory, endive, spinach, and leaf beet for use in Autumn and Winter.

*Sow Chervil and dill in a sunny spot to be ready late summer.

*Take cuttings from rosemary and sage and root in pots on a windowsill.

*Start picking herbs for drying and freezing.

FRUIT

*Keep fruit tree trunks free of weeds and grass.

*Train and tie in new stems of blackberry and loganberry.

*Remove surplus or weak raspberry suckers.

*Continue to spray against aphids blackfly etc.

*Cut out badly cankered apple branches.

*Stop lifting rhubarb so that the plant will recover for next year.

TREES AND SHRUBS

*Pick the poisonous seeds of Laburnum especially if there are children around.

*Apply Sequestrene to camellias rhododendrons and hydrangeas.

*Remove suckers from roses and give them a feed after the first flush of flowers.

*IT's a good time to take cuttings of most shrubs and trees, root in a frame or on a windowsill.

*Prune deciduous shrubs.

LAWNS

*As last month Water, Cut regularly.

*Apply lawn feed now unless you have already done so.

*Prepare ground for new lawn areas, to be laid in early autumn.

Don't forget the Topley Show lets make it the best yet.

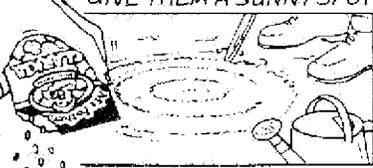
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Tom Busy Bee

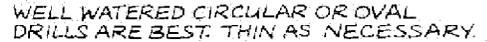
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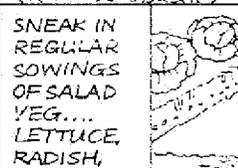
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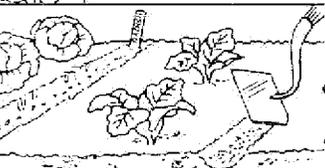
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The slides ranged from the oldest known Bridge called Tower Steps in Somerset to the latest suspension bridges in the British Isles.

We were shown the various masonry bridge designs from the older pointed arches to the newer elliptical arches, Fortified bridges for defence, Chapel bridges where tolls were collected by Monks and bridges with buildings where the rent from the buildings paid for the bridge.

We moved through the ages from views of Pack horse bridges to more modern iron bridges designed to move in a variety of ways to allow for shipping.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening well presented and informative.

As soon as a Winter season of talks have been arranged, the Independent will publish the details.

UP AND AWAY

A small nursery/playgroup is now open in Dore Road, organised by Mrs. Lynn Gurr. "Up and Away" Nursery offers children a fun, creative environment in which to play and learn. Offering places for eight children a warm, caring atmosphere is created, and the children's individual needs closely attended to.

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Meanwhile any help, ideas or offers to Barrie Catton (369217) or Tony D'Arcy at the Cricket Inn.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES

The following pupils of Elizabeth Bowring were successful at the recent Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music pianoforte examinations.

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REV. DAVID BENSON.

A warm welcome awaits the Reverend David Benson when he is inducted as vicar of All Saints' Totley on June 14th. He has already been seen around Totley several times and in particular met many of his future parishioners at the very successful Country Fayre on May 11th. He and his wife Margaret will be living in the Vicarage, 37 Sunnyvale Road before the induction but he does not take up his duties as Vicar until the formal service on June 14th.

As we noted previously, David is no stranger to Sheffield having served as Diocesan Youth Officer from 1972 to 1978. Railway buffs in the area will also be interested to know that this is one of his hobbies and he has been heard to refer to Totley as being just down the line from Thorne (his previous parish)!

NATIONAL CANINE DEFENCE LEAGUE

Many, many thanks to all our friends who gave their time, baked cakes and generally collected items for our coffee evening on Wednesday 15th. May.

Thank you to all those who generously supported us in raising a total of £263 towards a new rescue centre for the League.

Pauline, Marlene and Judy

PUZZLE CORNER

Answer to last months puzzle
342.....171.....114

What about

John Barrow's friend went walking at 3 m.p.h. Half an hour later John set off after him walking at 4 m.p.h.

How long did John take to catch up his friend.

(and who got tired first)

whisperer...

The tree opposite Milldale road which was storm damaged has been removed at last. We no sooner get the holes filled in front of the Totley Rise shops when another one appears and seems to have been forgotten. The old Victoria pleasure gardens which was situated on the now Laverdene estate was originally opened in May 1883.

The Dore & Totley- Chinley railway line was opened to passengers in May 1894.

Waste paper containers have suddenly appeared on the Totley Rise shops area.

What has happened to the grass cutters the gardens opposite the Totley Post Office have never been touched this year, what a disgrace for for anyone entering Totley from Derbyshire.

LOCAL GARDEN OPEN DAY

The garden of 9, Mountford Croft, (off Grove Road, Totley) will be open to the public on Sunday, 16th. June from 10-00 am. until 5-00 pm.

The admission fee of 50 pence (including a cup of tea or coffee) and the profits from the sale of plants, books and crafts will go to the Sheffield Friends of A.R.M.S branch.

A.R.M.S. (Action for Research into Multiple Schlerosis) is based at Unit 9, Amos Road, Meadowhall Industrial Estate, S9 1EX and offers advice and support to local M.S. patients.

COFFEE, CAKES and CUTTINGS ENGLISH MARTYRS' CHURCH

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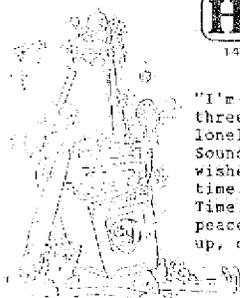
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JUNE DIARY

- SAT. JUNE 8th. Totley & District Community Association Whist Drive
All Saints Church Hall 7-30 p.m.
- SAT. 9th. Scouts Paper Collection . Skip at College Car Park
- FRI. 14th. Totley Evening Guild Village Fairs by Mr. J. Castle
Abbeydale Hall 7-30 p.m.
- SAT. 15th. Green Oak Old Peoples Home Strawberry Cream Tea 2-30 p.m.
- SAT. 15th. Totley & District Community Association Modern Sequence Dancing
All Saints Church Hall 7-30 p.m.
- SUN. 16th. St. Johns Scouts Antique Fayre St. Johns 10-00 a.m. to 5-00 p.m.
- SUN. 16th. Local Garden Open Day in Aid Of A.R.M.S. (see inside for details)
- MON. 17th. Totley Residents Committee Meeting Green Oak Day Centre 7-30 p.m.
- TUES. 18th. Totley Townswoman's Guild Methodist Church Hall 10-00 a.m.
- FRI. 21st. Copy Date for July/August Independant
- SAT. 22nd. Dore & Totley U.R.C. Mid-Summer Lunch From 10-00 a.m.
- SAT. 22nd. Totley & District Community Association Whist Drive
All Saints Church Hall 7-30 p.m.
- SAT. 22nd. Sheffield Cheshire Home Fete Day, Mickley Lane 2-00 p.m.
- SAT. 22nd. Totley & District Community Association Whist Drive
All Saints Church Hall 7-30 p.m.
- SAT. 22nd. Dore & Totley Community Arts Group Music Festival
King Egbert School (see inside for details)
- SAT. 29nd. Totley & District Community Association Modern Sequence Dancing
All Saints Church Hall 7-30 p.m.

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