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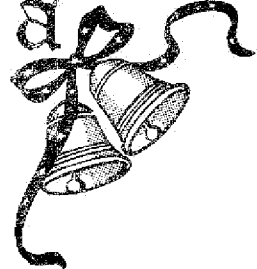
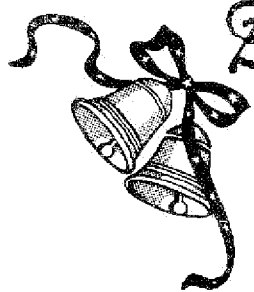
# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



# Missing

(A short series by Rony Robinson on the bits of Totley he can't find any more)

## 3 WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

There are still a lot of Totley people missing. But one of the nice things about getting older is the way people turn up again, isn't it?

Specially Totley people.

About three weeks ago on a Sheffield street for instance I met a woman who'd been confirmed at All Saints by the Bishop of Derby the same day I was. We'd not spoken then (of course) but 35 years later we could. (It turned out we'd not been to church much since mind you.)

And this the summer I met again the only Arlene I've ever known, last seen in Festival of Britain Totley, and campaigning forty years on about a dangerous bus stop in Heeley. I met Nigel Graham Gregory off Laverdene Avenue in an anorak at a railway buff's fair at Hillsborough.

When I knocked and asked to look round our house in Woodland Place to see if we could live there, please, the woman who answered the door was a girl I was at school with, who said "Come in John".

Another kid from Totley's cousin built my study in our roof: a kid whose dad cut my dad's hair now sometimes cuts our hedge (in a similar style)

So ...this list below of the still missing people of my old Totley is only temporary.

We'll all overlap again.

1. Frank Michael Humpherson-Jones, who lived in the hills, had a sister called Paddy and was called Nipper, because he did.

2. Dame Alicia Scaife, who encouraged opera from a bungalow on the Grove (and why not?)(but why was she a dame?).

3. Dame Trott, who ran schoolsful of posh girls, and wasn't really a dame.

4. W H Wesley, who didn't really write hymns.

5. Charlie Linfoot who tried to make us sing hymns to a small harmonium that made him gasp.

6. John Bonner who sang Abide With Me on a 2 " Parlophone when he was a choirboy, before he became a newsagent and spoiled his voice.

7. The Tophams who were newsagents before he was.

8. Julie Frith, who loved me.

9. Janet Smith who loved me before and had to go to the Infirmary for her heart on Fridays.

10. Dr Marshall who once had to prick a boil on my bum in that terrifying house next to Ecclesall woods.

11. Perks who sold the best cocoa and sugar in the history of the world.

12. Mr Shirt who taught the seniors, even though Shirt was a daft name for a teacher (mind you so was S Mellor).

(And what about a vicar called Adam's-son?).

13. And Hewson Charles Thomas Fawcett who had the longest name since the Water Babies, but still lived in a prefab.

14. Christine Stocks from near Graham Gregory, who came home spitting bloody banana milkshake with me under the no spitting sign on the 45 bus, because we'd just had an Extraction By Gas, and then gone on to Marsden's Milk Bar on Pinstone Street after.

15. Gillian Gall and Gillian Hall, who rhymed.

16. And Richard Ogden who didn't, but told me the facts of life up a tree off Old Hay Lane (and got most of them wrong)(I think).

(That's enough Missing -Editor)

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# Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

Being a new boy to Totley Parish, I was "volunteered" to write this Christmas message on behalf of Churches together in Sheffield 17.... and I am honoured to be asked. I see Christmas as essentially a FAMILY occasion.

Jesus was born at this time into an earthly family in very humble circumstances.

He laid great stress on :-

**THE HUMAN FAMILY** Jesus valued His Jewish background, and, as in all good Jewish families today, Jesus found solidarity and loyalty amongst its members. This is perhaps missing from many families today. We have three "grown up" children, so we know how hard it is to preserve family unity and Christian standards. Whenever we can (and especially at Christmas) we try to gather together and thank God for our family. So, whatever your family circumstances, try to do something special for them this Christmas.

**THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY** Jesus knew what His destiny would be, so he trained up a strange group of individuals so that they would pass on the Good News and build up the Christian Family. Today, that family has many branches, but despite our differences we do work together in Sheffield 17. My fellow Ministers and Priests join me in giving you a warm welcome to join in one of our Christmas Services.

**THE COMMUNITY FAMILY.** Totley is a community in which many good things happen for folks of all ages, run by people who give much time and energy to preserve our Community life. In the coming year will you pledge your family to give greater support to our Community activities.

My family joins me in wishing you and your family a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

J. David Benson  
(Vicar of All Saints', Totley)

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1991

### Dore Methodists

Dec.22 10-30 a.m. Christmas Service with King's Club.  
6-00 p.m. Lessons & Carols.

Dec.25 9-30 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

### Totley Rise Methodists

Dec.22 6-00 p.m. Carol Service.

Dec.24 11-30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Dec.25 9-30 a.m. Christmas Morning Praise at U.R.C.

### United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road

Dec.22 6-30 p.m. Carol Service.

Dec.24 11-30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service at Totley Rise Methodists.

Dec.25 9-30 a.m. Christmas Morning Service.

### Dore and Totley Christian Fellowship

Dec.22 11-00 a.m. Carol Service.

Polytechnic Communal Building.

Dec.25 10-30 a.m. Christmas Praise Conservative Club.

### English Martyrs

Dec.24 5-30 p.m. Crib Service.

Dec.25 9-15 a.m. Christmas Mass

### Christ Church, Dore

Dec.22 6-30 p.m. Carol Service

Dec.24 11-30 p.m. Midnight Communion.

Dec.25 8-00 a.m. Holy Communion

9-30 a.m. Family Communion

11-00 a.m. Matins & Holy Communion

### St. John's, Abbeydale

Dec.22 6-30 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols

Dec.24 11-30 p.m. Parish Communion

Dec.25 8-00 a.m. Holy Communion

10-30 a.m. Shortened Family Service with Communion

### All Saints', Totley

Dec.22 10-00 a.m. Christingle Service

6-30 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols

Dec.24 11-30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas

Dec.25 8-00 a.m. Holy Communion

10-00 a.m. Carols and Family Communion

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# GARDENING TIPS

It's no good just sitting there browsing through those seed catalogues and dreaming about those wonderful borders, and king-sized vegetables, you'll have to wrap up warm and get down to the nitty-gritty if you want to make those dreams come true. It doesn't hurt to plan a bit though, especially if you're planning what to put in the next Totley Show in September.

## FLOWERS

Pick over plants under a frame or cloche and dust with fungicide.  
Check dahlia tubers and dust with sulphur.  
Dig and prepare new beds.  
It's a good time to relay paths.  
Protect tender perennials against frost by covering them with straw or cloches.  
During mild spells, set out perennials such as lupin and michaelmas daisy.  
Early in the month plant out the last of the late tulips.  
Plant alpines and rock plants in raised beds.  
Sow in warmth bedding geraniums and tuberous begonias.  
Prune roses down to hardwood, they will over-winter better and are less likely to rock in the wind.  
Mulch around the flower bed to discourage weed growth and protect roots.  
Put a few slug pellets around.

## VEGETABLES

Prepare ground ready for spring by digging and manuring (you only get out what you put in).  
As you will know by now, onions which win prizes at the show are sown on Boxing Day (or thereabouts). Try Kelseo for the show and Ailsa Craig for the kitchen.  
Watch your onions in store remove any which are not sound.  
Sprouts would enjoy a feed of growmore or similar.  
Earth up spring cabbage.

A well prepared runner bean trench pays dividends, start it now. A bit of frost will be beneficial.

## TREES & SHRUBS

Not much work to be done in the fruit garden now. If you have not finished pruning do it as quickly as possible, it should be done before Christmas.  
Spraying with tar oil winter wash should be done in December or January, pick a calm dry day.

Plant new stock only on good days.

## GREENHOUSE & INDOOR PLANTS

Water sparingly, keep plants away from hot spots - radiators, stoves etc.  
Increase humidity by spraying regularly.  
Watch out for aphids etc. and deal with them straight away before they get a good hold (plant pins are good).  
Cut back old geranium plants and re-pot.  
Clean up seed trays and pots ready for the spring.  
Sow cyclamen geraniums.  
Light is very important in the greenhouse at this time, so make sure the glass is clean and free of leaves etc.  
Fuschias are now dormant and should be inspected now and then, do not allow them to dry out.  
Some of the earlier bulbs can be brought into the warm greenhouse.

## LAWNS

Rake up leaves.  
Sand, spike wet spots.  
Overhaul mowers (it's cheaper at this time of year to have mowers serviced).

A Happy Christmas and a good gardening year to you all.

Cherio for now,

Tom Busy Bee

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## EARLY SCOUTING DAYS

The Girl Guide and Boy Scout movement has always proved to be a great character builder for our youngsters.

The Sheffield areas and notably Dore and Totley have upheld a strong following for the motto of, "Be Prepared". But what ever happened to that once stalwart troop known as the 191st Beauchief Scout Pack? Based in a stone barn (since converted into a fashionable private residence), at the junction of Beauchief Abbey Drive and Abbey Lane, the owner of the property was the late Mr. Crawshaw. During the early 1930's this keen troop was a shining light to the whole scout fraternity, alas disbanded with the passing years.

Can any readers recall those early days, with the skilful guidance of leaders Bill Otley, Del Strother and Mr. Beaumont, who kept a sweet shop on Hutcliffe Wood Road. Happy days with pleasures of weekend camping and the outdoor life. Long trousers were strictly taboo, shorts were the order of the day.

Pulling and tugging the trek cart loaded with kit bags and tents to the regular camp site at Hollin Wood nearby to Barlow Woodseats Hall, in the lovely Cordwell Valley was our after school Friday summer treat. The distance was approx. 6 miles and followed a route via the golf courses to Bradway, Northern Common, Holmesfield, Millthorpe, Cordwell Lane to Johnnygate and final destination where we pitched our storm haven tents on the grassy slopes below Rumbling Street. Imagine taking such a trip today, the mind boggles at the chaos it would cause, traffic jams would stretch back to Meadowhead.

We built cooking shelters, cleaned out the stream bed to make a swimming pool, drew our drinking water from a well, went tracking around Rumbling Street, Morehall and Meekfield Wood and finished an evenings delight with a sing song around a roaring camp fire. None-camping weekends we held cycling trips around Baslow and Fox Lane winding up with a real speciality, rabbit pie suppers for the costly sum of one shilling and three old pence at the little grocer's shop in Millthorpe Hamlet, (since converted to a high class restaurant and bistro). Can anyone recall the thatched roofed outbuilding where they catered for hiking parties. Another treat was afternoon tea and scones for one shilling at the historical Barlow Woodseats Hall. In

residence at that time was the Botham Family. Mr. Botham passed away only just this year.

What a shame to gaze at the old camp site nowadays. Nature has played the final hand, bog, scrub and gorse has taken over and left a wilderness on the landscape.

Still they were never to be forgotten great camping days.

A final chapter for the 191st Beauchief Scouts, they took part in leaving quite a musical legacy along with other Sheffield troops with performances of Ralph Readers' Gang Show, "Shorts" at the old Sheffield Empire Theatre.

Long may the scouting movement still prosper.

JOHN C. BARROWS

## WHEELY BINS.

The use of wheely bins in our area prompted a tale by a visitor who has recently been in Australia. They have wheely bins there but they also have lots of land so the houses mostly have long drives.

The bin men were on their rounds when they came to a house which had not put its bin near the gate. Coming down the drive they saw an aborigine and called to out to him:- "Where's ya bin?".

The reply came back:- "Ah've been to Queensland".

"Nah, nah," said the bin man, "Where's ya wheely bin?"

The aborigine looked glum "Ah tell 'em ah've bin to Queensland, but Ah've really bin to jail!"

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That the total area farmed in England and Wales exceeds 23 million acres.

That the average farm size is 140 acres.

That there are 119,000 full time farmers.

That 436,000 people are directly employed either full time, part time or on a casual basis.

That 5% of the population, or 1.25 million people are employed in producing, processing or supplying food.

That there are nearly 2 million milk cows in England and Wales, producing 2,560 million gallons of milk per year.

That 1,278 million gallons are supplied direct to consumers, 500 million gallons to make cheese, 109 million gallons to make cream, with the rest used in the manufacture of skim milk powder, chocolate etc.

That 677,500 cows are kept purely to produce calves for the Beef Industry.

That nearly 2 million beef cattle are produced each year.

That approximately 20 million ewes, producing nearly 400,000 tonnes of sheepmeat and 52,000 tonnes of wool, reside in the U.K.

That the 769,000 Breeding pigs kept in England and Wales produce 14 million pigs which are sold for Pork, Bacon or manufacturing into pies, etc. each year.

That 46,160,000 laying hens produce 920,000,000 Dozen eggs per year.

That 520 million Broiler fowl are reared each year to meet the demand for fresh or frozen chickens.

That 36 million Turkeys are produced each year, the highest proportion for the Christmas trade.

That 17,000 farmers grow in total 378,000 acres of potatoes, producing approximately 6 million tonnes, 75% of which are used directly by consumers whilst 25% are processed into frozen chips, crisps and other potato based snacks i.e. dried potato products and starch.

That Agricultural production has doubled since 1945 and this coupled with a 60% reduction in the workforce, gives farming the top place in the increased productivity league at twice the national average.

That although we have the biggest crop yield in the world, we are still only 75% self sufficient in food with a 6 Billion pound trade deficit.

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## Dore & Totley Guild

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We urgently require some younger members to join our 40 year old guild ( 60 is young).

We meet at the Heatherfield Club at 2-00 p.m. on the second Thursday in the month and are entertained by various speakers. Outings are held throughout the summer and we give a fair amount to charity each Christmas, but we really need some new blood to boost an ageing membership. For further details ring 368470 or just turn up and introduce yourselves.

## Cheshire Home

The Home's Activities Organiser, Mrs Airtton and her husband have participated in a Beaujolais Run during November the finale of which was French Night with the Jazz band "Late Arrivals" providing the music and an auction of items donated by sponsors, the auctioneer being Rony Robinson of Radio Sheffield fame. All proceeds have been donated to the Sheffield Cheshire Home.

The Christmas Coffee Morning in the craft room is to be held on the 4 th. December, 10-00 a.m. to 12-00 noon, entrance fee £1-00 which includes coffee and biscuits. There will be a cake stall, bric-a-brac, games and jigsaw puzzles as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper etc. We hope you can all come along to make this a super morning. Just a note for next years diary; 1992 is the Silver Jubilee Year for the Sheffield Cheshire Home. Celebrations commence in March 1992 so keep an eye on the Totley Independent for special events throughout the year.

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## PUZZLE CORNER

### FISHERMEN'S TALES

Andy, Tony & Mick, went on a fishing trip. On their return they had each caught a different number of fish. They made the following statements:

Andy said "I caught the most fish"

Tony said "I caught the biggest fish"

Mick said "I caught more fish than Tony"

Andy said "The person that caught the biggest fish also caught the smallest number of fish"

Mick said "Andy didn't catch the biggest fish"

Who caught the biggest fish?

#### ANSWER

Call the 5 statements S1,S2,S3,S4,S5 respectively, from the first 3 statements we can draw the following conclusions:

If Andy caught the biggest fish, then Andy also caught the most (S1 is true).

If Tony caught the biggest fish, then Mick caught less fish than Tony (S3 is false) and Andy did not catch the most (S1 is false). Therefore Tony caught the most.

If Mick caught the the biggest, then Mick caught more than Tony (S3 is true, and Andy did not catch the most (S1 is false). therefor Mick caught the most.

In each case, the one who caught the biggest also caught the most.

Therefore, S4 is false, Andy is a liar, and Andy did not catch the biggest fish. S5 is therefore true, and Mick caught the biggest fish.

For this month:-

The Editorial staff of the Independent were given a tin of biscuits costing £2-00.

Each of the 4 took one biscuit. Then they shared as follows:-

The Editor had twice as many as the printer but only half as many as the distributor - whereby the distributor and the artist had three-quarters of the share out.

The printer had 4 biscuits altogether - so how much each were the biscuits ???

*The road to independence is paved with what you've saved.*

*Never be ashamed of not knowing a thing, be ashamed of not wanting to know.*

## THE HERITAGE OF HATHERSAGE

(A Look at some of the fine old halls around Hathersage)

Hathersage is a village with an air of prosperity and attracts many tourists from the near-by cities. Offering fine hotels and inns surrounded by glorious scenery. This is surely the perfect base to explore the hills and dales above the Derwent Valley.

Many visitors associate Hathersage with the legend of Robin Hood and his merry men and the grave of the immortal Little John fits snugly into pattern, but the real character and legacy of the district is in the name of the Eyre family, builders of fine mansions. Their family tree goes back to Norman times, the original Eyre fought with distinction and valour at the Battle of Hastings. His reward was land ownership around the Hope Valley.

In the early 15th Century one Robert Eyre who lived at Highlow Hall had many sons, for whom he built residences within viewing distance from his abode, namely Offerton Hall, Hazelford, North Lees, Moorseats and Shatton Halls. Most certainly a very industrious gentleman, for he even built Hathersage Church and was laid to rest there in 1459. It is recorded that members of the Eyre family have occupied nearly every principal manor house in the entire district. Leam Hall, Brookfield, Crookhill, Bubnell and Upper and Nether Padley (scene of the massacred Catholics during the 17th Century) to name but a few.

The famous novelist Charlotte Bronte visited Hathersage in the year 1845 and based the fictional story of Jane Eyre around the area. Thornfield Hall home of the hero Mr. Rochester was modelled on North Lees Hall (now owned and administered by the Peak Park planning Board). There are ruins of a chapel in the estate grounds with reputed secret passages where the oppressed Catholics escaped from persecution by the Protestant mob back in the 17th Century. Let us select just a short stroll of around 5 miles to sample the delights of a few of the old homesteads, for to explore the vicinity of all the halls around Hathersage would take many a day. Park the car at Hathersage centre. Leaving Hathersage Hall on the corner and head up the lane from Dale Bottom, passing the "Scotsman's Pack" Inn on our right, and locate the imposing Hathersage church on the hill.

Tarry awhile with reverence and view Little John's grave, the fable story of this mate of Robin Hood may only be a myth, but he was certainly a very tall local lad. The legend is told in verse:-

"His bow was in the chancel hung,  
His last good belt they drave,  
Down to the notch, its measured length,  
Westward from the grave.  
And rest and bud this shaft put forth,  
When spring returned anon,  
It grew a tree and threw a shade,  
Where slept staunch Little John."

Nearby the adjacent vicarage, note the strange mounds of "Camp Green", former site of an ancient burial ground. Follow the winding brindle track upwards to Carr Head Farm and Mansion House. From here a steep field path, (yellow markers), swings across to a moorland scene below Carr Head Rocks. Proceed left along a lane close to Leveret Croft. Hereabouts this residence must have the finest view across the Derwent Valley. The lane descends slightly to Kimber Court and farmstead and through the grounds of Moorseats Hall, once the home of the Eyres and featured in the classic story when Jane fled across the wild moor and fell fainting at the door step of St. John Rivers. Yellow markers point the way down through delightful Moorseats Wood and we join a series of high level field paths on our right which lead through Cow Close Farm and to a road. Locate a lane just below the entrance to North Lees Camp Site and head direct to North Lees Hall. The original Hall dates back to early 15th Century and the lofty three storey tower was built around the year 1590.

It was allowed to deteriorate over the years, but since, has been remodelled and returned to its former glory. Just above the Hall a moorland path strikes towards the ruins of the 17th Century Chapel and view the pond above the infant Hood Brook. Here once stood the site of Greenhouse Paper Mill, where the soft water that drained off the gritstone moors around Stanage Edge was most suitable for paper manufacture. This mill served many of Sheffield's early industries. Follow the Hood Brook down through Heald Wood and we rejoin the road via a stone stile. Cross the road and enter more field paths directly above Brookfield Manor. This stately hall dates back to the period of the mid 17th Century and was once part of the North Lees Estate, now used as conference centre by the British Steel Corporation.



A well defined path skirts the edge of lush green pastures and broad trees as we head parallel to the bubbling Hood Brook and we are seen back to the hub of traffic in the centre of Hathersage. Maybe the next time we visit the district, we will explore the halls of Leam, Highlow Hazelford and Offerton, for history knows no bounds around the heritage of Hathersage.

J. C. BARROWS

### PEOPLES DISPENSARY FOR SICK ANIMALS (P.D.S.A.)

The Charity Shop on Cumberland St. (Bottom of the Moor, near the Totley bus stop) sells men's and women's "Nearly New" clothes, books, bric-a-brac etc., to support the Napier Street Animal Clinic. Christmas Cards and Calendars are now in stock.

There will be a Christmas Fayre in the Victoria Hall on Saturday, 14 th. December, 10-00 a.m. to 12-00 noon. Please call in if you are in town.

Hand knitted goods, refreshments, books, raffle, bric-a-brac will be on sale, and it all helps the animals.

Good quality items to sell in the shop are always needed and gratefully received.

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### Yorkshire's "National Anthem"

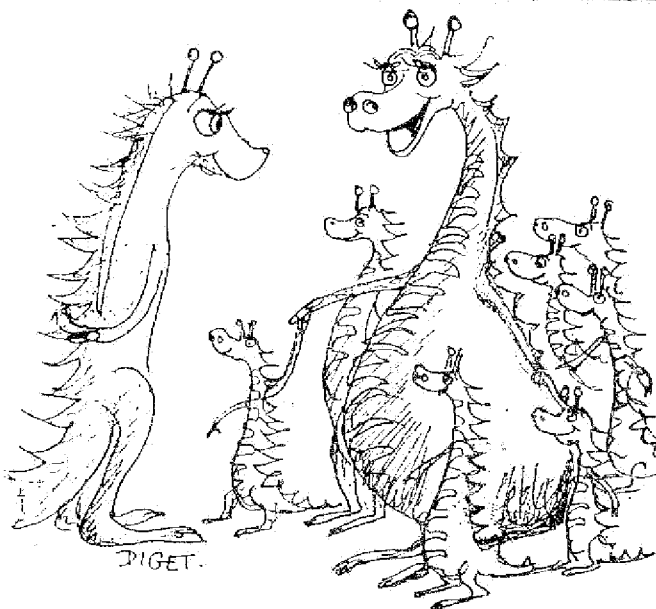
The famous Yorkshire song, "On Ilkka Moor Baht'At" is said to have been written in 1886, when a Halifax Church Choir had a summer picnic on Ilkley moor. During the picnic, a courting couple wandered away from the group- the girl's Christian names were Mary Jane. On their return to the party, the famous song originated with the words of the first verse, "Wheear 'as ta been sin' Ah saw thee?" On that first occasion, the song was sung to the hymn tune Cranbrook, the tune still used today.

### FRISKIES PETCARE HELPLINE

The local "Friskies Petcare Helpline" is organised by Mrs.M.Marshall who provides a friendly listening ear and can offer practical advice for pet owners.

The Friskies Petcare Helpline is staffed by volunteers across Britain and supported by a panel of leading industrial representatives including the National Canine Defence League and Cats Protection League.

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McLures fruit shop takes on a new look inside with a new self service display.

Is it true the Senior Citizens Christmas party lasted all night as the time on the tickets read 4-0 pm to 8-0 am, what did they get up to all that time?

Halifax Building Society branch at Totley Rise recently broken into and the safe stolen.

It is about time something was done about the state of the footpath which runs from Green Oak Road up to the lane by the college. Apart from the condition of the surface the fence by the college needs either repairing or taking down as there are bits of wire sticking out which is both dangerous to pedestrians and animals.

John and Jackie Butterwick would like to pass on their best best wishes to all their old friends in and around the area, John was at one time editor of the Independent before moving on to Lincoln and more recently to Tadcaster.

Remember the size 10 brown shoes found on Main Avenue as reported in the last issue of the Independent, well success at last someone read the item and the shoes were reclaimed.

Congratulations to Sarah Chatterton, aged 24, of Vernon Road, Totley Rise who has gained a Master of Science Degree from Nottingham University in Human Factors in Manufacturing Systems.

This follows on from her B.A. at Lancaster University two years ago in Organisation studies. She is now looking for an opportunity in Production Management.

Well done Mr. Ted Ellerton, a pensioner, of Greenoak Oak Road who raised £70 sponsorship money by abseiling (descending by a rope) 120 feet off the top of the Grosvenor Hotel, Sheffield.

In the early hours of the morning on Saturday 23rd., smash and grab thieves broke into the display window of Precision Cameras on Totley Rise taking valuable old cameras.

The registration of the stolen car used was noted by staff of the Indian Restaurant and reported to the Police who found the car abandoned.

Accident on Mickley Lane Saturday 23rd. Nov. caused by Narrow road, parked cars and a "skip" jumping out opposite the parked cars.

## A NIGHT OF OVINE 'ORRORS

Recently I suffered a sleepless night. Now this in itself is a rare occurrence for me, in fact, my Husband insists that it must have been easier to raise Lazarus than to raise me on an average morning. Indeed, this particular night I had fallen asleep as usual about ten seconds after retiring to bed, but I awoke at the witching hour and continued to toss and turn well into the wee small hours. I tried the relaxing technique, tensing and relaxing each part of my body in turn. If you start with your toes you are usually asleep long before you reach your head, but I was still wide awake after relaxing both eyebrows alternately, and even after trying to relax each hair follicle individually.

So it was that I resorted to counting sheep. This was okay for a while until one poor creature hobbled up to the gate and hesitated before taking off uncertainly and landing in an ungainly heap on the other side. "It must have a severe case of foot rot," I thought, and wondered how it could best be treated. "Best left to the farmer and the vet," I told myself and returned to my counting. By now, however, the rhythm had been upset and I found myself picking out the rams from the ewes, and trying to keep count of them separately. Then there were the yearling lambs and older sheep. I could not count them all in one block, but keeping separate tallies was getting quite confusing.

I began to pride myself on recognising the blackfaces from the cheviots and noticed how their body weights differed, but then began to puzzle over how many lamb chops came from each sheep. This was particularly stressful as I am a strict vegetarian!

However, it was when the Merinos appeared on the scene that I really had trouble. They would insist on muttering "G'day, sport" as they approached the gate, and I kept seeing faces from "Neighbours," superimposed on sheep bodies. I noted Madge and Harold, and Charlene and Scott, and Paul, Jim and Helen. By now, I was afraid to fall asleep for fear of having a full blown Australian nightmare, but sleep I eventually did.

I awoke in the morning being nudged and shaken by Hubby who informed me "It's freezing out, better put on a thick woolly jumper."

"No thanks" I replied, "I've seen enough woolly Jumpers to last me a lifetime, and by the way they are all thick!"

Scribbella

# Totley Residents Association

As we approach the end of 1991, it is time to look back on the events of the past year.

The Residents' Association has been particularly busy.

The Family Sports Day enjoyed better weather than last year and, thanks to Barry Catton and his team, a lot of money was raised for St. Lukas.

Totley Show attracted more entries than 1990, despite competition from other events on the same day. The photographic, arts and handicraft sections were particularly good but we need more cooking, baking and garden produce for next years' show.

By the time you read this, the Christmas Party for Senior Citizens will have taken place. Hard work and planning will have ensured that it was a great success. Special thanks to Transport 17 for their help transporting guests to and from the party and all their work during the year.

A full programme of library talks have been well attended and these will continue in 1992.

When I was elected Chairman of TRA, in the spring, I said that environmental matters were likely to dominate the year ahead. Events of the summer showed this to be an understatement.

Over 600 people signed the petition urging changes to the layout of the Baslow Road/Glover Road junction. The Council is committed to making changes as soon as money is available!

Soon after, we were faced with a planning application to build, "Totley Green Village" on Green Belt land.

According to the developer it would "unite" Totley. He was right about that - and only that. Over 300 people attended the meeting in a barn at Totley Hall Farm and it made it very clear that they were totally opposed to the planned village. More than 200 people went to the Town Hall to attend the hearing of the planning application. Although the Planning Department knew that there was to be a big attendance, they only provided space for 60. Many were packed into the corridors and we not able to hear the rejection of the application. Such large numbers of people from such a relatively small part of Sheffield left the authorities in no doubt about what the people of Totley felt about the proposal. We await the next move. If the developer decides to appeal against the decision, he will find that the opposition to his plans is still there. My thanks, and those of the whole TRA Committee, to all those people who have organised, taken part in, and supported the events, to the staff at the two Post Offices and other shops who display our notices and issue forms and tickets, to the library staff for their help with the talks and to Green Oak Day Centre for letting us hold our meetings there. Last, but not least, our sincere thanks to you, the Totley Residents for coming to the events and attending the meetings.

I hope that, for all of you, Christmas and the New Year will be peaceful and happy.

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You are likely to feel very confused and shocked when you're first told you have epilepsy, but it's not a disaster by any means. Unfortunately, doctors and specialists don't always have all the answers to your many questions, and neither the time too. That's where we come in.

We've helped many people already not only from Sheffield, but Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley too. We have details on various medications, their uses, possible side-effects and how they work, what epilepsy actually is and what to do if someone has a seizure, from both a suffers and carers point of view. We've also got an enormous range of BEAS literature with titles ranging from "Getting A Job", "Photosensitivity", and "Living with Epilepsy", which we can give you as well as ID Cards and special diaries which many people and specialists have found extremely interesting and useful.

We can also tell you about accident insurance, video-hire service and things like SOS Talismans and Medic-Alert bracelets; there's information on BEA Membership and all the advantages of joining such an organisation.

Travel is an important issue and we've got details on cheap travel in South Yorkshire and rail travel nationwide as well as how to go about getting your driving licence back, (which you

automatically lose once it has been shown you have epilepsy). And lastly, there's our fund raising and social side to enjoy. The list of things we can help you with is endless, so if you think you'd like to visit our group, we meet every 2nd Thursday in the month, Room 40 Victoria Hall, George Street entrance only, Sheffield at 7.00 - 7.30 p.m. and we aim to finish at 9.30 p.m. If you'd like any more information on either the group or on epilepsy don't hesitate to contact us on any of these numbers;-

Helen Kirkham (Sheffield Action for Epilepsy Group) 310564

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### 1st. TOTLEY SCOUT DRAW FOR OCTOBER

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1st. Prize Swan Teasmade No. 117  
Mr. & Mrs. Beeley, Greenoak Road  
2nd. Prize £10-00 Voucher No. 61  
Mr. & Mrs. Cooke, Milldale Road.

### 85th. SCOUT GROUP, St. JOHN'S

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Santa arrived to open the fayre on a trek cart pulled by the cubs and scouts. It was a very well attended event with lots of money raised for the group. Many thanks to all who came along or helped with the fayre in any way.

#### GRAND RAFFLE

Drawn at the Christmas fayre. A list of prize winners is displayed at Late Shopper, Bushey Wood, and Abbeyfriar Millhouses. Thanks to all who contributed either by buying a ticket or donating prizes. Congratulations to all the winners.

### CHRISTMAS STAMPS

On sale until 16th December. Look out for special posters or accost anyone you know who is involved with scouting.

### BEAVERS

After a lean spell the membership is now growing fast although with some spaces still available. Contact Ruth Charles, 362339, for information. For a Christmas treat the Beavers are going to visit Santa - down a coal mine.

### CUBS

Have just finished working for the local historian badge, which included a visit to Abbeydale Hamlet, research into Heraldry and historical attractions for this region. At present working for the astronomy badge and wishing for clear skies to put their binoculars and telescopes to use. 14th December is party day for Cubs Nationally to celebrate the 75th Anniversary and we will be joining other local cubs in a monster party at Silverdale School.

### SCOUTS

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## TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

It has been a busy year - but that's just about it. The evening is getting on, but we are almost ready to go. The Little People have worked extra hard this year, we have packed everything up, and wrapped where necessary. I am sure that every order is complete. One or two of the sacks were ripped last year on a Television Aerial, but these patched up quite nicely. Even the paperwork, which is always a problem has been done. The new VAT charge was fed into the computer at the right time. Perhaps next year when the 1992 Common Market regulations come in, we might have to rewrite the programme. We might have to change our internal arrangements, can you imagine our S. Claus PLC complete with our own accountant, solicitor and auditor just to keep us on the right lines. It has been bad enough working out a computer programme for production control without adding to our difficulties. Never mind, as I say, we are right up to date. The reindeer have been examined by the Vet, and are sound in wind and limb, at least they are showing no sign of age. Not like the sleigh which had to have its' M.O.T., new runners have been fitted and the glow-worms put on double charge for the night ride. The sleigh bells are approved for giving warning of approach. The Sky Fund Licence is paid, and fortunately there is a bit of no claim bonus from last year's insurance. If we run into more expense in the future we shall have to think about a sponsor, and put banners with their names down the side of the sleigh, and float balloons with a Building Society name on. Still, we are alright up to now, the new safety belt regulations gave us a bit of trouble with the harness, but that now shines as good as new. All I have to do is to watch the

Low Flying Regulations, although I do have a special permit to fly above towns after 12 midnight. So that's it - my cloak has come back from the cleaners - I shall look quite smart - and the hole in the pocket is only big enough to let moonbeams and starlight through. Yes - all here - passport, travel insurance. No need to cancel the papers and milk, I shall be back before morning. Just a quick look at the weather forecast before I leave. It is just after full moon, so it should be quite bright. Anything else before I go - Oh yes! yes, yes ..... MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Anon

### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

The coffee morning held at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Saturday 16th. November, in aid of the National Children's Home raised the magnificent sum of £303.50.

Thank you to all who supported the event.

Audrey Buchan

### TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Minister the Reverend George Palmer is away for a period of three months Sabbatical.

For most of this time he has been in Israel, where he has been working in a Hospital.

On his return he will conduct morning service on Sunday 15th. December at 10-30 a.m. and a warm invitation is extended to all who wish to come and welcome him back.

Mr. Palmer will also lead our Family Carol Service on Sunday 22nd. December at 6-00 p.m.

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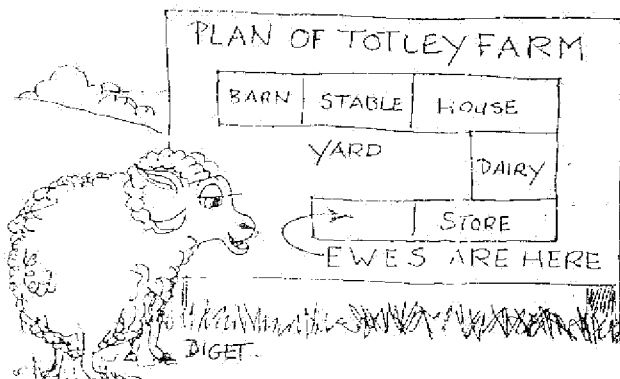
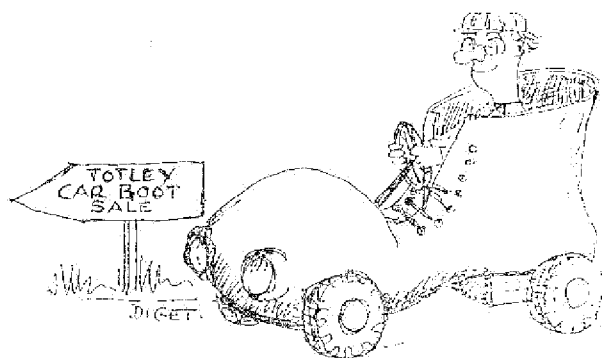
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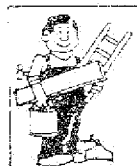
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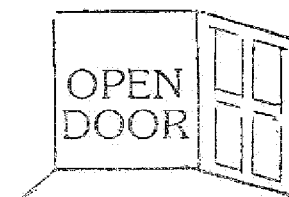
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SUN. DEC. 8th. CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH THE ABBEYDALE SINGERS, DORE AND TOTLEY UNITED  
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WED. DEC. 11th. "CAROLS BY CANDLE-LIGHT" TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH HALL 8-00 pm.

FRI. DEC. 13th. CHRISTMAS PARTY TOTLEY EVENING GUILD ABBEYDALE HALL 7-30 p.m.

SAT. DEC. 14th. SCOUTS PAPER COLLECTION

SAT. DEC. 14th. CHRISTMAS FAYRE, VICTORIA HALL, SHEFFIELD 10-00 a.m. to 12 noon in  
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TUES. DEC. 17th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD METHODIST CHURCH HALL 10-00 am.

FRI. DEC. 20th. CAROL CONCERT, TOTLEY LIBRARY PLUS REFRESHMENTS 10-00 a.m.

DEC. 22nd. to DEC. 25th. CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE PAGE THREE FOR DETAILS

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