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Dore Moor Inn, one of the local pubs subjected recently to a refurbishment programme joining the Cricket Inn and the Devonshire Arms in updating their image.

At least the names haven't been changed to "Oyster and Toad" or some other fashionable title.

GARDEN BIRDS

Some of us are bird watchers in that we feel the need to identify every species we see - therefore when we walk in the country, or just look from the comfort of our car, binoculars are essential. But many of us are content just to enjoy birds from our homes - seeing them in our gardens - enticed by the food we put out. When working our gardens we delight when a robin or a blackbird hops to within inches to grab worm or almost invisible grub from our weeding trowel.

So - how many garden residents or visitors do we recognise? Robin is our favourite, but not everyone knows that the similarly-shaped brown bird with the speckled breast is a young robin, only acquiring the red breast after its first moult at the end of the summer. Next favourite is the blackbird: the adult cock is jet black with a yellow bill; the female is brown all over; the juveniles are also brown but with a gingerish-fawn, brown speckled breast. Robins and blackbirds are members of the thrush family - so what about the song thrush? Sadly the numbers of this beautiful bird have dwindled in recent years; the reasons are not clear-cut but the undoubted increase in the numbers of cats may be the main cause.

Reduction in numbers of house sparrows and starlings during recent years is another cause for concern. Again the reasons are not clear because these species enter holes in our houses, building their nests in the eaves; this means that predators like magpies cannot take their eggs or nestlings. However after the youngsters have flown the nest then squat motionless on a lawn, waiting to be fed by a parent, they become "sitting ducks" for predators - a swooping magpie, carrion crow, sparrow hawk, or a stalking puss. Last year on just one day, we saw a magpie kill a young blackbird before we could run outside and save it, then later saw a carrion crow swoop down and immediately fly off with another from the same brood. So - how many times might this happen when we are not looking through the kitchen window?

Forty years ago we would never have seen a magpie in the garden unless we lived immediately adjacent to farmland. Changes in farming methods in recent years have been responsible for the reduction in farmland birds such as skylark, tree sparrow, yellow hammer - therefore magpies moved into the suburbs

(and later even city centres) to find food. Carrion crows started nesting in Dore and Totley as recently as ten years ago.

My wife and I live in King Ecgbert Road with large houses built during the early part of the century as neighbours. These provide even more nesting opportunities for house sparrows and starlings than the more modern methods of construction, but we find that the population of these birds varies annually without apparent reason. For instance the flock of sparrows flying in for an early morning snack of crumbs started at a dozen this summer, but has now dwindled to an average six in early autumn. Another factor governing their appearance; a flock of starlings watching from our TV aerial will descend and devour the first crumbs to appear - put out by a neighbour rather than ourselves. They then move elsewhere for the rest of the day, so we never see them.

Incidentally, thinking about house sparrows, can you identify hedge sparrows, or to give it the correct name; dunnock? The dunnock is not of the same family as house sparrow (the latter being a finch) but an accentor and the only representative of this family in Britain. It has a mottled brown back, with a plain grey breast, but it has the thin beak of a typical insect-eater. You will only ever see dunnocks as lone birds or as a pair in your garden, picking up the tiny crumbs that other birds have left behind. They take no notice of other species and vice versa.

I haven't yet mentioned members of the titmouse family - blue tits and great tits. These are the birds we provide nesting boxes for (more about these in a later issue). We also supply them with nuts. Plastic bags are OK where there are no squirrels, but how many gardens in Totley are immune? The best types are either made of wood with metal grills, or made entirely of metal which means that a squirrel is limited to the quantity it can remove at a session. Of course, you may wish to deny squirrels access completely by buying the more expensive models. However squirrel antics make very amusing watching.

Just a few general tips about food for our feathered friends, particularly as we are nearing the time when they need help most. Don't throw out a complete crust but always break it into

fingernail-sized pieces and then soak them for a minute in water if they are dry. Most items of waste food scraps will be welcomed, although the only vegetables are cooked potato, peas and sweetcorn. The best place for scraps and wild bird food is on a bird table, but if it has to be on the lawn, then throw them well away from a flower border through which a cat could stalk. Don't forget a bowl of water during frosty weather.

In next month's issue, I will write about winter visitors to your garden, and the siting of nest boxes.

Alan Faulkner Taylor

We welcome letters about local affairs and will publish as many as possible. However the views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor, Editorial Staff or Totley Residents Association and must not be imputed to them.

GAS WORKS

British Gas have been working for a while on Baslow Road, Totley Rise and now on the Bridge. The two works are not connected.

The first work at the Governor (sub-station), where larger diameter pipes were laid to cope with the increased local demand for gas.

The work on Totley Bridge with the chicane around it (quite a challenge for the buses and lorries!) is being carried out because of a gas leak. Apparently the work is difficult because of trying to identify which one of three pipes is leaking, and because of the depth of these pipes, as you will see if you peer down the hole!

It is hoped the work will be concluded shortly.

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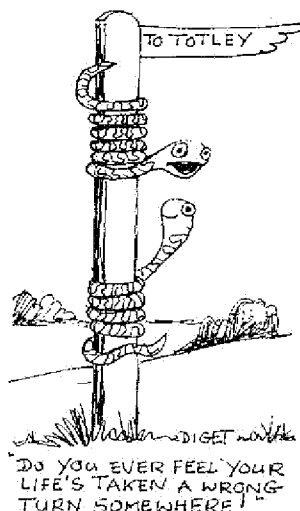
BRADWAY SCOUTS

Plans are well under way for the 12th Annual Bradway Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23rd. The Fair is run by Bradway Scout Group in the Scout Centre in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School, off Prospect Road.

The free admission event will provide a splendid display of hand-crafted quality items. Refreshments will be available all day, with a children's mini indoor gala area. Good car parking is available.

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SCOUT NEWS

SCOUT LOTTERY RESULTS

1st. Prize No. 59 Swan Teesmaid
Mr. & Mrs. Bartholomew, Sunnyvale Rd.
2nd. Prize No. 4 £10 Voucher
Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Haugh Lane.

After many years Mike Stokes retired from running the cubs from mid October. We are desperately seeking help to continue with the cubs and would welcome any offers of help

Peter Casson

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST

As in previous years the local Scout Groups are taking part in the Scout Christmas Post scheme.

From 28th. November to 17th. December 1996 special stamps will be on sale at various outlets in the area. These can be used to post Christmas Greeting cards in the special post boxes for delivery to addresses in the area.

Leaflets will be available and posters displayed with a map of the area to which cards may be sent. This covers all Sheffield, Rotherham, Dronfield and Chesterfield as well as some other outlying areas.

The price of each stamp is 13p., a part of which is retained by the Scout Group for its own funds and therefore for the benefit of youngsters in the area. After running costs the remainder of the profit is distributed to local charities, a list of which will be displayed on the posters.

The main conditions of use of this scheme are :-
Christmas Greeting Cards only, no enclosures.
Post only in special Scout boxes, NOT Royal Mail.
Use only special Scout stamps.
For use in the area on the leaflets and posters.

Last posting date is th. December.

Once again a "Santa Line" will be available where youngsters who would like to write to Santa, can do so. They just need to address the envelope to Santa, it will be sent directly to the North Pole and if they include their name and address they may even get a reply.

For collectors, First Day Covers will be on sale from the same outlets.

We do hope you will support the scheme which has now been running successfully for 14 years, and which continues to grow. Please look out for the distinctive yellow posters which will appear in shops and house windows from the 28th. November. There will also be sales of stamps in the streets, but should you have a problem in obtaining supplies contact any member of the local Scout organisations at 1st. Totley, 85th. St. Johns, Abbeydale, or 115th. URC.

1st TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP

HQ: Aldam Road, Totley, Sheffield. S17

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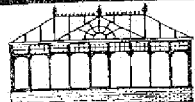
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ORIGIN OF SURNAMES

Its something we all have, and having something to identify individual people goes back beyond recorded history.

At present we have what is usually referred to as a Forename or Christian name followed by a Surname. The Surname is usually the one which our father owns, therefore giving us an hereditary Surname. This has not always been the case, for thousands of years a person was generally given one name only, which usually sufficed in primitive society or where the population lived in small groups or villages. In larger groups where it was possible for two or more people to have the same name, a further indicator was needed to clarify the individual, and this was to state son of, followed by his father's name or by stating his occupation, position, or place of residence.

From the bible we know that Jesus was also referred to as Jesus son of Joseph, and when away from his home town was referred to as Jesus of Nazareth.

About 56 years before the birth of Christ, the Romans landed in Britain, bringing with them a language which forms a great part of our present daily life, they also brought names which are still in use. After the Romans left, about the year 450 AD, further invasions followed by Saxons, Danes and Scandinavians. (Vikings and Norsemen), all leaving their impression upon Britain, all leaving their names. Finally, in 1066 we had the Norman invasion and the introduction of feudalism, which is basically a pyramid society with the King at the top, followed by Dukes, Earls, Counts, Barons, Sheriffs etc. with the rest of society at the bottom, linked with service and taxes flowing from the bottom back up to the King. The Domesday Book of 1086 being the basis of the system. It soon became obvious to make the system work, that it was important to include every taxpayer or potential taxpayer into the system, and that meant being able to identify each individual, bringing us back to where we first started, the Hereditary Surname. The vast majority of Surnames can be placed into about four groups as follows:-

1. From a specific place name of a village, Town, City or County such as Norton, Ashford, York, Essex, or from a general geographical place such as a Bridge, Church, Field, Hill, Wood, Bank, Lea, Lake etc.

2. From an occupation or some form of employment or position such as Farmer, Teacher, Butler, Sargeant, Knight etc.

3. Relationship to Father and Mother such as Williamson, Alison etc.

4. Nickname usually referring to the physical appearance or behaviour of a person and can sometimes be derogatory, such as Long, Short, Broadhead, Redhead, Wild, Lightfoot, Goodfellow, Crow, Twigg etc.

The Surnames in use today have altered somewhat from their origination, particularly in the spelling, although phonetically they remain recognisable.

The name HOWE, meaning a ridge or rise, has over the years been spelt OU, HOU, HOW, HOUGH, yet still retains the original sound. Other distortions include additions to the name such as the nickname BEKET, meaning little beak (small nose) now appears as BECKETT, while others have been abbreviated, such as LINENDRAPER to LINDRAPER, and finally to DRAPER.

It was fashionable at one time to change the I into a Y making such names as DAVI into DAVY and BLITHE into BLYTHE etc.

One of the best ways of knowing the popularity of a specific Surname is of course the telephone directory, with the name SMITH still holding the lead, so it deserves a mention.

Comes from the Old English referring to a worker in metal and in most cases now in an abbreviated form, for the original Surnames usually included the colour or type of metal being worked, or the items being produced as follows:-

GOLDSMITH, SILVERSMITH, BLACKSMITH (Iron), GREENSMITH or COPPERSMITH, WHITESMITH or TINSMITH, ARROWSMITH, GUNSMITH, SWORDSMITH, KNIFESMITH, NAILSMITH (Now spelt NASMITH) etc.

In many cases the first part of the name has been dropped, which accounts for the popularity, but in some cases the latter part was dropped and can account for some of the present day names of GOLD, SILVER, BLACK, GREEN, WHITE, while some have remained complete such as GREENSMITH, ARROWSMITH, KNIFESMITH, NASMITH, and of course JAMES GOLDSMITH the multi-millionaire probably took his work home.

Most readers will know of the origin of their name but any local reader who does not know, and would like to find out, particularly if the name is unusual, can drop me a line to 12, Stocks Green Drive, Totley, S17 4AU. I will attempt to answer all in time, and the interesting ones can be included in future entries in the Independent.

Terry Peckett F.F.A.

Totley Youth FC

Following the success of the Totley Youth U14 in gaining promotion to Division "D" of the GT Sunday League in their first season the Club decided to apply for an U10 place in the same league. Based on the clubs submission and record (the club won the divisional sportsmanship trophy) the application was successful and we now have 2 youth teams in Totley.

The U10 age group is the youngest that a boy can join an FA affiliated team in the 11-a-side game. The teams are randomly put in groups in the first season to grade them into leagues depending on ability next season.

Unfortunately for the U10's they have been grouped with clubs who have been established for a number of years in Barnsley and Chesterfield as well as Sheffield. These teams have played competitive football in mini-soccer leagues from as young as 5 years old and their abilities are well advanced compared to a new club like ours. Therefore, the boys and parents are aware that this year will be a learning experience playing competitive football on a full size pitch in full size goals.

Regardless of the stiff competition we have 16 very enthusiastic boys, an excellent pitch thanks to the Sheffield and Hallam University which is shared with the U14's, a striking black and white kit sponsored by the Totley Residents Association and The Hinckley Group of Companies. Special Thanks go to Margaret Coldwell, Amanda Hardwick, John Warnock, Patricia Ridge and Richard Davis without your support the youth in Totley would not have this excellent opportunity to play football at this level.

So, on to the games played in September. Following the loss of 3 players from last season and no training matches in the closed season the U14's have got off to a mixed start. The first match against Brimwood reflected that both teams had gathered cobwebs through the summer. Tobajh ("T") Brown scored the opener as the game was played out to a 2-2 draw with man-of-the-match (MoM) going to Howard Pearson scoring a later equaliser form a good lay-off from Adam Walker.

The next game was against our arch rivals last season Britannia. Totley lost 5-1 in a game marred with a number of fouls by the opposition one which saw Adam Walker in Hospital for 3 days with concussion, a broken wrist and radius. Mark Hopkinson in net MoM for excellent keeping in net. With the loss of the other players in the closed season this left the

squad depleted and I was forced into the transfer market (only joking) to strengthen the team with Tom Taylor and Sean Gregory.

The next game against Creswell was a hard fought exciting match that was an tribute to youth football. Unfortunately, the final score was 5-6 to the visitors with lack of concentration in the last minute missing a point after leading 2-0 in the first half. Things improved with Totley coming out easy victors against Charnock Ridgeway 2-4 with 2 goals from Adam Horton, "T" and Robin Dyche. MoM Steven Wilkinson defending.

U10's played their first ever game against Todwick. Despite a brave effort the other teams experience saw them comfortable winners 12-0. MoM was Ashley Biggs. Although the next game saw the boys go down 8-0 the team playing much better following the opening experience with Richard Crookes MoM. The U10's first home game was against a team who have not lost in 2 years Whitehill, the spectators were treated to 20 goals, unfortunately all against Totley MoM Russell Price. The boys have shown great character in keeping their heads up against such formidable competition and put up much stronger displays against Barnsley Metrodome 0-4 and Ecclesfield Red Rose 5-0 MoM Ashley Biggs.

Without doubt in 5 matches Totley Boys as complete novices have started to develop an understanding of position play and team work. We will continue to improve our performances and enjoy the game of football. Our sights are set on next season when the teams will be graded in leagues against clubs of similar ability, then the sometimes hard experiences will pay dividends.

If anyone would like to come and watch the teams in action we play on the pitch at the side of the Students Halls of Residence down Totley Hall Lane. Home games in November and December are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>U10 vs</u>
3 Nov	Hoyland Falcons
1 Dec	Todwick
8 Dec	Somersall Rgrs

<u>Date</u>	<u>U14 vs</u>
3 Nov	Bramley Jr
24 Nov	Brampton Dyna
1 Dec	Brimwood Utd
8 Dec	Britannia Boys

Alternatively, follow the TYFC boys progress through my regular piece in the Totley Independent.

Kevin Walker

TRANSPORT 17

Our Project Manager, Mike Finn has not been feeling 100%. On the advice of his doctor and with the support of the Management Committee he is taking some time out. Mike is very committed to T17 and "Outward Bound" and has been overdoing it. We hope he will be well again soon.

A General Meeting was held on 21st. October at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Irene Wells told those present that John Savournin would be acting Project Manager. He would be helped by Olive Galton and any other T17 personnel who could give some of their time. A vote of thanks was given to all drivers and escorts especially Tony Bishop.

The Fashion Show proved to be a successful evening. We had well over the 100 in the audience. T17 is better off by £402. We hope to another show in the Spring or Summer of 1997. Many thanks to everyone who sold tickets or helped, especially the people of St. Johns.

The following Sunday saw a group of us at Sir Harold Jackson School, Bradway. This was for a "Fun Run". James Clarke pushed Lilian Holland in her chair for 2.5 miles. Jean Finn went along with them. The rest of us had a stall and promoted T.17. Everyone was very friendly. It was warm and drizzly when they set off. The serious runners were to do 5 miles. The rain got heavier and heavier and our new sweatshirts got a thorough testing. Many thanks to our "intrepid three". We gave £330 to the organisers. When all the moneys are in we will share the proceeds with the Head Injuries Association. Everyone who sponsored Lilian and James or helped in any way did a good job. It was also a way to show off one of our buses.

Our next fund raiser is at 4, The Grove on Saturday 30th. November. This will be a "Mulled Wine and Mince Pie" evening. We will also have a Bring and Buy stall. I am sure Collin will make some non-alcoholic brew for those who prefer it. Tickets will be £2 each available from our office or ring 2362962. Lunch and social chat members could always ask their organisers to get them for them. This way we can keep a check on how many we have to cater for.

Once again many thanks for all your support.

Margaret Barlow

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COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 16th. NOVEMBER,
10am - 12 noon

Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.
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A demonstration of Scottish Dancing will
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Admission 50p. including coffee and
biscuits.

RACE NIGHT

The Outreach Group of English
Martyrs, Totley and Our Lady of St.
Thomas, Woodseats are holding a RACE
NIGHT on Saturday, November 23rd. at 7-
45pm. in the Parish Hall, 34 Meadowhead.

Admission is free, programmes 50p.
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GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER.

I have just come in from a lovely day in the garden, the sun was shining, a lovely breeze blowing 'perfek'. Tidying up was the main job, particularly in the greenhouses. We planted a few pansies and wall flowers. The garden is still very colourful. The penstemon are particularly good and the marigolds, which are self set, give a splash of orange everywhere, the last flowers of the hollyhocks still look good in the autumnal sunshine.

The tomatoes have been a bit erratic in ripening and very late, they are usually ready for clearing out by now, but they need a week or two if we are to have a full crop.

The melons never really got going at all, so we are melon-less this year. Never mind, this is the way it is with gardening. I'm sure the joys out-weigh the disappointments.

Flowers Tidying up is the main job this month, move leaves and debris from all the beds, rake up any vulnerable plants before the frost starts and store them carefully; dust dahlias with flowers of sulphur.

Plant out hardy lilies in mild weather, cover with mulch; also anemones, hyacinth and tulips. Plant herbaceous and moisture-loving plants. You can increase your stock of perennials by digging up, dividing and re-planting plants such as Michaelmas Daisy, Golden Rod, Scabious etc. the young outer portions usually make the best plants. Cover over with straw, leaves or bark chips those plants which may be damaged by frost and cannot be taken indoors.

Vegetables.

Remove yellowing and rotting leaves from around all crops, give brassicas a dressing of Nitro Chalk, dig over any vacant plots, leaving large clumps of soil so that the frost can give it a good nip to break down any clay which may be present and it will also kill off any eggs of some soil pests.

Try some lettuce in the vacant greenhouse (if you have room, I haven't). Choose a rather hardy variety (May Queen or similar).

You should be picking sprouts, spinach, cabbage, savoys and carrots etc. if you have looked after your vegetable plot. If you haven't you don't know what you are missing, there is nothing to beat the flavour of home-grown produce, especially if it's as organic as possible. Try a small plot next year. Watch this space.

Fruit.

Prepare the ground if you are planning to plant trees or bushes, plenty of organic matter dug in, adding some bone meal.

Cover a crown or two of rhubarb with a straw filled bucket to bring it on early.

Give tree, bush and cane fruits a tar oil winter wash to help control pests and diseases.

If you have not given your apples and pears a dressing of super phosphate for a year or two, then give them a treat this year at the manufacturer's recommended dosage.

Prune newly planted apples and pears and bush and cane fruit. Look up the correct procedure in a good gardening book (the library has one or two).

Winter prune apples and pears (it will be in the same book). Don't leave the planting of summer fruiting strawberries any later than November.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants. Water sparingly any plants that are resting or going into that stage. Dry off summer flowering bulb corms and tubers, put into containers (with holes in) in an airy frost-free place.

Move seedlings to obtain as much light as possible, support indoor daffodils, narcissi and freesias. Cut down late chrysanthemums after flowering. Pot on cuttings taken earlier. If you keep a warm greenhouse take more cuttings from fuchsias and geraniums etc. (If you have too many later, they will sell well at the cakes and cutting morning at the R.C.Church, just up from the shop). Prune and tidy up fuchsia, oleander, plumbago etc. Watch the ventilation in greenhouse and conservatory and open up on fine days to prevent moulds and mildew building up.

You should have checked your heater wicks by now and get your store of paraffin in ready (if you use it, that is). Most good DIY stores have wicks and paraffin.

Shrub Trees. Move container-grown trees and shrubs to a sheltered position out of the wind. Protect semi-tender plants with netting or fleece.

When planting shrubs and trees please

bear in mind our hardworking partners (the birds). They keep down garden pests especially if you don't use insecticides. Trees and herbaceous shrubs provide them with food and shelter. You could also provide a feeding station to augment the natural food, you will also have the benefit of watching the different species which visit your garden. If you haven't done it before you will be surprised how many fascinating birds we do have in and around Totley.

Time now to plant out conifers and evergreen shrubs, also roses of all kinds.

Hardwood cuttings can be taken now from shrubs, some of them will take a year or more to root. So be patient.

Lawns Keep them clean, spike and top dress with a good Autumn Fertiliser mixed with peat or coir fibre. Set the mower high if the lawn needs cutting and trim all edges to keep them looking smart. Repair any damaged patches with spare turf. Do not seed at this time.

Cheerio for now.

Tom, Busy Bee.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT

TOTLEY LIBRARY

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Craft Group

Totley Residents Association Talks

Councillors Surgery

Forthcoming attractions:

Abbeydale Wildlife Group 'Bring & Buy'
9.30 - 12.00 Friday 8th November.

Silk Flower Display from 11th Nov - 16th
Dec.

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TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The November "Library Talk" will be by Edwin Pocock on the problems and concerns of fruit growing in the Totley area. It will be held as usual at Totley Library on Monday November 25th. at 7-45 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome, so why not come along and support your Totley Residents Association.

The last event of the year will be the Christmas party and will be held at All Saints' Church Hall, at 2-00 pm. till 5-00 pm. on Saturday 7th. December (note the new times & venue) when entertainment will be provided with tea and cakes served at the interval.

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This year they are raising money to keep child victims of the world's worst nuclear disaster, when on April 26th 1986, a nuclear reactor at Chernobyl exploded, throwing into the air three hundred times the amount of radioactivity released by the Hiroshima bomb. Although the fall-out spread around the world, (parts of the UK are still contaminated) most of it fell on the Ukraine and Belarus, poisoning thousands of square miles, with horrendous and long-lasting effect.

Among the victims have been thousands of children, born with deformities or developing cancer (especially of the thyroid) and other serious diseases. Little practical help has been given by governments, partly because the true extent of the tragedy was deliberately concealed by the Soviet authorities.

In 1995 a UN report said that conditions in the affected areas will deteriorate further for the next 10 years. About 3 million children live in the radio-active zones. They are not allowed to walk in forests, go out in the rain, play in parks, pick wild flowers or berries, and parents must check local radiation levels before allowing their children out to school.

The Chernobyl Children's Project seeks to help by delivering medical supplies and by taking children out of the area for recuperative holidays e.g. last year 550 went to Ireland, while nearer home the Glossop and New Mills

area received groups of children as well as sending 2 ambulances and a truck of medical aid, schools equipment, clothes and toys.

The project has a target for 1996 of £100,000 with which 160 children, with 16 interpreters could be brought for holidays in a healthy environment, and 10 ambulances and 2 large trucks of medical aid could be sent to the afflicted area.

Please support the local UNA's effort to help. Come to the Coffee Morning and if you could donate anything to the stalls, please contact A & D Simpson (Tel: 236 6668).

ORGANIST WANTED

"All Saints' Church are looking for an assistant organist following the departure of Brian Ruthven to University. This might suit a younger person since there is an Organ Scholarship available for approved cases.

Enquiries should be made in the first instance to the Vicar, Rev. David Benson, All Saints' Vicarage, 37, Sunnyvale Road, Tel. no. 236 2322

DORE & TOTLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th.

Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Hall 10 am. to 12-30 pm., Cakes, Gifts, Glass, China, Children's Games, Refreshments.

SHEFFIELD HARMONY, LADIES BARBERSHOP CHORUS, SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th.

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Thanks For Your Support.

On behalf of my wife and our team I would like to thank everybody that helped support our charity challenge.

Over a very wet 48 hr period in late June, 40 teams of 4, from across the UK, completed the Wooden Spoon Society Vauxhall 4 Peaks Challenge.

We had to run up Ben Nevis, Sca Fell Pike, Snowdon and Carantau hill in under 48 hrs.

In addition to this we all had to raise £3000, which the Wooden Spoon Society have pledged to the Teenage Cancer Trust. The money raised will help towards opening a teenage cancer ward. Sadly there are only a few across the UK.

A sum of £500,000 is required to open such a ward. The hard work of all 40 teams raised in excess of £220,000. The Wooden Spoon Society, delighted with this achievement, have decided to run the event again in 1997, hoping to raise the remaining money.

Totley friends and businesses helped raise over £400 as our personal figure reached the £3000 target. This kind of help was never expected but greatly appreciated. That help enabled us to fulfil our ambition of running up the 4 highest peaks in the UK and Ireland. Needless to say we have decided to run the 97 challenge.

All our thanks

Matt & Sue Schofield, Craig Mulder & Richard Cooper.

Anyone wanting to know more about the challenge or is interested in supporting our efforts in '97, please contact: Matt or Sue at 58, Main Avenue, Phone 2368626.

ABBEYDALE WRITERS

DO YOU ENJOY WRITING?

If the answer is yes then Tuesday evenings may never be the same again. Abbeydale writers, a group established for over a decade, meet on Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm at the 'United Reformed Church' on Totley Brook Road.

We adopt a relaxed approach drawing mainly on writing from within the group under the guidance of a professional tutor.

So, if you have a manuscript under the mattress or notepads full of poems, or, if you would just like to come along to hear and discuss other peoples work then contact:

Bob - 274 6895
or Peter - 236 7351

Alternatively, just come along on any Tuesday night.

KING ECGBERT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NOV. 9th. TABLE TOP SALE
Wessex Hall, King Egbert School
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Asked, at school, to give her ideas about the Holocaust Helen-Marielle Williams (aged 12) wrote the following poem.

BETRAYED

Partners, partners for life.
Or so you told me.
So where were you?
Where were you when I needed you most?
You left me, betrayed me, left me all alone.
You lied. You said you'd be there for me.
Reaching higher, trying to find something,
Anything.
Hope.

What's happening?
What's happening to me?
I must be going mad.
The walls are closing in.
I'm trapped.
I need to get out.
I have to get out.
I was once free and happy,
But now..

What happened?
What happened, please tell me.
I need to know.
I know now.
You're not there for me.
You never really were.

Beaten, beaten physically, emotionally, mentally.
In a game with no rules, no thoughts,
Just fears and tears.
Over and over again.
Again.
Replaying it in time.
But the time just doesn't go.
They must be evil,
How else could they do this to me.

Trying to sort these fears out.
Box them, bury them, hide them away.
Anything, just let it be something,
Please.

Voices.
Voices cut through the air.
Me. They've come for me. Stretching something.
Pulling a trigger inside me.
Bang! Gone!
It's all over.
The torture is over.
I thought they would see.

Wrong. My life's over.
The days are gone.
Now I am free.

CALLED TO BE SAINTS!

November 1st. is All Saints' Day. A popular view of a saint is of someone, often depicted in coloured glass in cathedrals and ancient churches, wearing a halo, and looking rather pious and holy! We don't have any such windows in our church here, yet we have saints.

In my experience, saints are very ordinary folk who have done their best to serve God and their fellow human beings to the best of their ability, and put themselves last. Of course there have been special Saints, like St. Peter or St. John, whom we can read about in our Bibles. They were people who spent every hour of their lives close to God. Most of us have other work to do, and yet we can (and must) strive to become more saintly.

Many of the "famous" Saints did not always put God first. St. Paul, for example, spent a good deal of his life persecuting Christians, yet God turned his life upside down. Paul therefore knew all about God's forgiveness for his past feelings. That then seems to be the key to saintliness - acknowledging our sins and failings; asking for and receiving God's forgiveness; then re-dedicating our lives to put God and the needs of others before our own. In short - God first; others next; me last.

J. David Benson
Vicar of All Saints' Totley

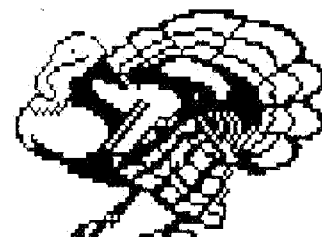
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THE WELSH MATTERHORN

The most popular mountain in Great Britain for the tourist to climb is without doubt Snowdon.

With its easy access by the Rack Railway from Llanberis or, for the more adventurous walker the harder routes of the miners track from Pen-y-Pass and the Watkin path from Nant Gwynant. The complete marathon man would even tackle the Horseshoe Ridge over Crib-Goch. The routes to the summit of this fine mountain are almost unlimited.

Continuing with the Welsh scene the next in line would be Cader Idris with its fine ridges and maybe everyone favourite the shapely peak of Tryfan which dominates the Ogwen valley. Who would fail to glance at those sugar loaf rock scape as they drive along the busy A5 highway. Many guide books quote Tryfan as the Welsh Matterhorn. Some other books state Cnicht has that claim to fame. This grand little mountain situated to the south of the area in the Muelwyn range, although only at 2265 feet, when viewed from the Portmadoc area is often mistaken as the peak of Snowdon.

Without a doubt Tryfan and Cnicht are two of the finest peaks in the whole of Snowdonia, but I still dispute their

claim as the Welsh Matterhorn. I give this credit to Yr Aran 2451 feet. View this lesser known mountain from near the head of the lovely Nant Gwynant Pass and the final fluted summit shows a definite twist as compared to the real Matterhorn or would even be likened to the Chesterfield crooked spire.

Yr Aran hardly ever gets visited by the walker for everyone gets drawn by the magnet of Snowdon.

The helicopter that patrols the area often lands on the flat southern slopes of this mountain. On the screes facing north, traces of a Spitfire aircraft can still be found, this crashed into the mountainside back in 1940. Yr Aran can be climbed from Hafod-y-Llan Farm, midway along the Nant Gwynant Road between Beddgelert and the Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel.

This area was where they filmed the scenes for "Inn of the Sixth Happiness" featuring Ingrid Bergman, also the earlier film "Caravan" starring Jean Kent and Stewart Granger.

Try the quiet slopes when next you visit North Wales and you will have truly climbed the real Welsh Matterhorn.

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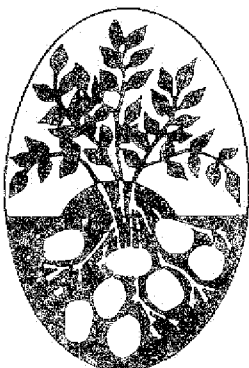
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The fruit shop at Green Oak is now under new management due to the early retirement of Alf Crofts due to ill health. The new owners are Steve and Denise Potter who will be pleased to welcome both old and new customers.

The other shops at Green Oak are now taking shape, with one now open under the name of Peter Hamlett, Financial Advisers and also a branch of the Bradford and Bingley Building Society. The other shop will hopefully soon be open.

Raikenscrofts the Chemists have retired. We wish them well in their new ventures to the south. The new owner is Mr Taj Singh.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Have been applied for at the following place Totley All Saints Church of England G.M. Primary School Hillfoot Road, for the erection of a building for use by Totley All Saints Playgroup.

And for an extension to form a double garage and construction of a means of vehicular access at 259, Baslow Road, for Mr Eaton.

TOTLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Under 14s are this year sponsored by Totley Residents association and our chairman Mrs Coldwell received the following letters from members of the team:-

Mrs Coldwell.

Thank you for supporting Totley youth football club ,We are enjoying our matches very much even though we haven't won yet.

Jonathan Davies.

I am writing to thank you very much for sponsoring Totley youth under 14s football team.

Yours Sincerely, Adam Horton.

I play for Totley youth under 14's and I am writing to say thank you for your sponsorship this year, I really appreciate it. Yours Sincerely, Ian Nelson.

Thank you for the money ,It will help us in several different ways, so far we have played 5 matches and lost all of them 0-12, 0-8, 0-10, 0-4, and 0-5 and we are going to play again today against Barnsley West End and they are one of the best teams in all the league ,So we know the score is going to be about 0-18 ,next season we will be in an easier league so we might score or even win a game.
From Mark Hardwick.

I am goalkeeper for Totley Youth and I am thanking you for sponsoring us this season. Thank you From Russell Price

Could you please thank all the people from the Totley Residents Association who have sponsored Totley Youth U10's football team. We all thank you very much.

Yours sincerely Martyn Jones

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NOVEMBER

WED. 6th. IMPRESSIONS of BAHREIN, by Sister Ann Ellenor Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8pm. All Welcome.
 FRI. 8th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, QUIZ, "You really know Sheffield" by Mr. H. Smith 7-30pm. Abbeydale Hall
 FRI. 8th. COFFEE MORNING, Totley Library 10 to 12 noon. Friends of Abbeydale Wildlife Garden. Details inside.
 FRI. 8th. CHESHIRE HOME DANCE NIGHT 7-30pm.-10-30pm. Tickets £1. Bar & Refreshments
 SAT. 9th. TABLE TOP SALE, King Egbert School, 10am. Details inside.
 SAT. 16th. COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 10 to 12 noon, NCH Action for children. Details inside.
 SAT. 16th. CHRISTMAS FAIR, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Hall. 10am. to 12-30pm. Cakes, sweets, gifts, preserves, knitted goods etc. Details inside.
 SAT. 16th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR, Firth Hall, Sheffield University. 7-30pm. Annual Concert.
 TUES. 19th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-30 am.
 WED. to SAT. 20th.- 23rd. PARTY TO MURDER, by TOADS. St. Johns Church Hall. Details last issue.
 SAT. 23rd. RACE NIGHT, 7-45pm. St. Thomas Parish Hall, 3-, Meadowhead, Woodseats, Details inside
 SAT. 23rd. CRAFT FAIR, Sir Harold Jackson School, Off Prospect Rd. Free Admission. Details inside.
 MON. 25th. FRUIT GROWING by Edwin Pocock, Library Talk, 7-45pm. Details inside.
 WED. 27th. The WORK of SHEFFIELD CHURCHES COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY CARE. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 8-00 pm. All welcome.
 SAT. 30th. CRAFT FAIR & VALUATION DAY, King Egbert School, 10am. Details inside.
 SAT. 30th. CHRISTMAS FAIR, St. Johns Abbeydale Rd. 2-00pm to 4-00pm.

DECEMBER

WED. 4th. CHESHIRE HOME CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING 10-00am. to 11 noon.
 SAT. 7th. TOTLEY RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY, All Saints' Church Hall. 2-00 pm. Details inside.
 SAT. 7th. LADIES BARBERSHOP CHORUS, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 7-30pm. Details inside.
 SAT. 7th. COFFEE MORNING & MARKET, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 10 am to 12. Arranged by the U.N.A. for Chernobyl Children's Project (see article inside)
 FRI/SAT. 6th./7th. GRAND CONCERT PERFORMANCE, John Wade Singers, St. Johns' Church. 7-30pm. Details inside.

THE INDEPENDENT FOR NOVEMBER

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