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## TOTLEY INDEPENDENT, TWO HUNDRED NOT OUT.

1997 is an interesting and important year both for the Totley Independent and Totley Residents Association.

This is the 200th issue and in July 1997 both the magazine and the Residents Association will celebrate their 20th birthdays.

Little did any of the founding figures, back in 1977, contemplate or look forward to these events. Keeping voluntary organisations afloat is no easier today than it was 20 years ago, indeed it may be harder as fewer people come forward these days to offer time and energy, and finding key personnel to replace those who initiated the original burst of enthusiasm is quite an onerous task.

However Totley has managed to keep the ball rolling.

The Totley Independent is probably unique in Sheffield, in as much as during its lifetime, every issue has managed to get to the printers consecutively, it is self financing and readers have to make the effort to go into our local shops and purchase a copy. It is possibly read in up

to half the homes in Totley.

It has acted as a mouth piece and focal point and campaigned on many local issues. It is still a servant for the community at large - and long may it be so.

Along the way there have been 5 Editors and support from a small back-up team. Each Editor has managed to maintain the high standard originally set and at the same time left their own mark and yet still managed to allow the magazine to fulfil its original purpose.

A magazine of this type still needs to be a 2-way affair and continues to depend on contributions from its readers. This is of paramount importance if it is to continue to report local news, views, concerns and outlook.

No doubt it will be of interest to see what developments and progress can be achieved in the next 20 years.

In a seemingly high technology society it is a sobering thought that a piece of folded paper can still be useful, interesting, comforting, informative and hopefully a local friend. M.Williamson.

BUMPER TWENTY PAGE ISSUE

# **NEWS FLASH**

## **SHEFFIELD UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**D of E INSPECTOR'S REPORT DUE OUT NOW!**

The latest news from Sheffield City Council is that the long awaited report from the Inspector will be published at the end of January. Totley residents will then know whether their Green Belt land has been saved or lost to the developers.

Green Belt land threatened with development includes the University playing field and extensive agricultural land above that belonging to Hall Lane Farm (Salisbury Family Trust) farmed as a tenancy for over 50 years by the Bramall family. At the time of this article going to press, the outcome was unknown, so we do not know whether there is cause for celebration or despair. If the arable farm land goes for development it will have major implications for the continued existence of Hall Lane Farm as a working unit and the livelihood of its tenants. I have been advised that all residents who made formal objections should receive a notification of the Inspector's decision by post. A notice will be posted in the library as soon as the outcome is known.

### **THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.**

1997 Should prove to be a busy year for Totley residents if, that is, you have an interest in planning issues. Notwithstanding the highly contentious issues described above, Totley residents are now well aware that the two main University sites (Highfield and Lowfield) will be developed for housing and that Stocks Green Drive, Totley Hall Lane and its junction with Baslow Road will bear the burden of the increased traffic flow arising from this major development.

It is likely that planning applications for the campus will follow quickly on the heels of the Inspector's report. If you have strong views on the shape, size and density of this redevelopment and want to comment, remember that the amount of publicity that the Town Hall is legally bound to carry out about planning applications is notoriously low key and consequently some people either miss the opportunity or else are too late submitting objections or comments. Make sure you know of any planning

deadlines, bearing in mind that the timescale is often quite short. Publicity concerning major planning issues affecting Totley will be posted in the library and other prominent places as soon as they are known. If the level of concern is very high amongst residents, some kind of action plan might be worth considering. Watch this space.

KATE BRAMALL. Hall Lane Farm.

### **SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY TOTLEY SITE**

(TOTLEY COLLEGE)

One of the major events in recent Totley history will occur in July 1997 when the Totley College site will be vacated.

The Universities activities will be transferred to the Business Information Technology Centre (BITC) on Arundel Gate or Collegiate Crescent Campus. The Future of the Eric Mensforth Library has not yet been decided.

A certain amount of winding down will take place before July and after that time the full effect will be felt by the local community.

Currently the site is unsold but a number of perspective buyers are thought to be interested.

In terms of size the College Campus is a fair chunk of Totley. Equally important is its position. It occupies a prime site at the very heart of the old village and straggles both sides of Totley Hall Lane.

One of the most important concerns locally should be the fate of Totley Hall itself, for here indeed is history and heritage and maybe to date too little consideration had been given to the future use of this part of Totley. Within a matter of months all will be revealed with little participation or involvement by local residents.

The total lack of students in the area is bound to have an effect, for they have been an integral part of the local population for decades. Local businesses will be affected, through

less trade, as will local employment, for the College has provided numerous jobs for people in the immediate area. There are also those who have been able to provide accommodation for students.

It may be a little easier to make early morning bus journeys but on a more serious note the College closure will indeed be the end of an era.

Until now there has not been spare or available land of this capacity in Totley. At a stroke locals will probably lose what at one time was generous access to the facilities of the College. Perhaps approaches should be made, without delay, to see if any provision for locals can be obtained or included in future plans.

After all the facilities are numerous and first class. Time is running out. It may be the last chance.

Mike Williamson

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17.

Easter is early this year and with it comes an early date for Ash Wednesday (February 12th) and the beginning of Lent. There has been a tradition in the past that the season of Lent should be a time for giving things up. Sweets or cigarettes have been the common targets for these intentions of self-denial. This is a legacy of an understanding of Lent as a time for self-discipline in a very negative way.

Whilst it remains true that giving up some bad habits may be a good idea and result in better health or better temper, it is not the real purpose of Lent. Giving something up may have its origin in the story of Jesus being in the wilderness for forty days and living a very spartan life before his teaching ministry really began. Certainly Jesus' example is getting away from some of the

unwanted pressures of life is very good but the real value of His example is that it was a positive act. It was not escapist so much as a real opportunity for Him to be spiritually refreshed and made ready for the tasks which lay ahead of Him.

To really follow the example which Jesus set before us means that we too should look at Lent in a positive manner. How we do this must be a matter for personal choice, but all the churches will be encouraging their members to mark this special season very deliberately. They will also be encouraging us to participate fully in the worship which takes place in our churches week by week. Over and above that, discussion groups are planned for each of the five full weeks leading up to Easter. These will be in various homes in the area and available most weekday afternoons or evenings. Each church has leaflets giving all the details and all are welcome to join in irrespective of denomination and whether or not you are a currently practising Christian.

All these groups will be working on the theme 'Called to be One' and emphasising the common ground that exists between the different churches. Even though these are different forms of worship and different traditions we have come to understand that there is more common ground shared between the Christian churches than there are differences. In what ways we can or should work together will be explored in these groups. Over and above the specific aim of the groups there will be an opportunity for fellowship and the intention is that they will be very enjoyable as well as informative.

Maurice Snowdon.

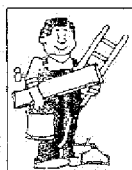
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## MORE ABOUT BIRDS.

By Alan Faulkner Taylor.

In the last issue I'd made a sloppy mistake - maybe some of you noticed the peculiar wording in the first paragraph. It should have read - .....have a pair of binoculars handy by your kitchen window, and if you see a bird that isn't quite like the usual visitors, lift up the binoculars and - well maybe not identify immediately, but quickly memorise certain features until you can consult a book.

An experienced bird watcher will recognise a particular species, without resort to binos, because some have a certain 'jizz' the word used to describe the movements of a bird, which spell out its identity. Take robin - just after a hop, it flicks its wings down and its tail up. A blackbird always elevates its tail slowly after landing. Although difficult to describe, a coal tit flits around in a different way to a blue tit.

Another example of jizz - one bird you may see in winter is that smallest of British species - the goldcrest - particularly if you have conifers in the garden. Goldcrest will often land upside down on a branch.

Most winters we have a heron fly across Baslow Road then follow Totley Brook Road, it commutes between its night roost near Avenue Farm (upstream from Old Hay bottom ) and its feeding ground by the river behind Beauchief Dam. I say heron, but sometimes there have been up to three at the roost. About ten years ago one took the one remaining fish from one of my garden pools - how did I know - one of my neighbours saw it fly up soon after dawn. After that I have covered my pools with plastic netting from autumn until the end of April. For the fishes' benefit I have heaters in each pool to keep 12in free from ice, two years ago I looked out of a window at first light to find snow covering everything except the warm areas of each pool. There was a heron standing

hunchbacked at the edge of the water. It returned for a further two days and at the last visit I had my camera at the ready peeping through a slit in the curtains.

Come to think of it, we haven't seen heron in Totley this season.

Now is the time of year to clean out nesting boxes because soon the tits will be investigating suitable sites for nesting. Remove all the old nesting material and spray the inside of the box with Derris Dust or similar insecticide powder. This will kill off any mites that will emerge when the warmer weather returns.

I have just done so with my blue tit box and found inside that I'd suspected. Inside was a delightful nest of moss, lichens and hairs but no sign whatsoever that the birds had proceeded further. No eggs had been laid. We knew they'd been taking in nesting material, but we also knew that there'd been no chicks. This coincides with reports from other parts of the country - the cold Spring meant fewer insects so the birds knew it would have been pointless trying to raise a family. Having said that, I know of one successful brood of blue tits in Totley.

After my talk 'Birds in a Totley Garden' one question comes up repeatedly: 'I've put up a nesting box, the birds investigated it, but they didn't use it. Why not?' The answer is easy - it is essential to site the box in a place which is shaded from the sun for most of the day.

Looking through my last article I noticed an omission. Bullfinches come into gardens in winter when there are still berries to be had, particularly honeysuckle. They are not so welcome in early spring because then they will eat your apple and pear buds. Mind you - they never get all of them.

Let's hope for a short winter and a good spring.

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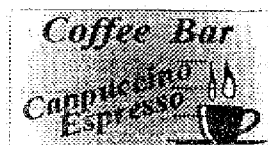


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## FACTS ABOUT the TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

If you live in Totley you are automatically a member of Totley Residents Association (No membership fee!)

The present committee consists of:-

Chairman: Margaret Coldwell.

Vice Chairman: Pauline Perkinson

Secretary: Amanda Hardwick

Treasurer: Maurice Snowdon.

Mike Williamson, Edwin Pocock, Kate Wilson, Jim Eason, Eileen Wood, Ken Coldwell, Les Firth (Editor of Totley Independent), John Perkinson (Distribution and Advertising), Margaret and Harry Woofinden (Hon. Comm. members).

The Committee generally meets each month in Green Oak Day Centre. They organise:- Library talks in the Spring and Autumn, The Annual Sports Day in June/July, The Produce Show in September.

They have agreed donations to local charities, including Transport 17 and more recently to the Totley Youth Football Team and towards new library books. The income mainly coming from the Totley Independent.

In the past the committee has also organised Barn dances, Christmas parties and celebrations to mark the Totley Tunnel Centenary. Held public meetings about planning issues, road safety, traffic problems. Pressed the Council to clear up leaves, litter, sort out signs, street lights etc.

T.R.A. are members of Sheffield Passenger Transport Association and help sort out those problems. T.R.A. also have membership of the Council for Protection of Rural England (C.P.R.E.) to help with environment and planning.

BUT-

The attendance at recent excellent library talks has been poor. Few people

came to help with the Clean up Totley day. The Christmas Concert was cancelled due to lack of support. Very few people bother to turn up for the Annual General Meeting.

There are important issues to be faced in 1997 and afterwards. Totley College will close and the land will be sold to developers. Two farms may be under threat. The Millenium is coming soon, does Totley want to mark this historic occasion in any way?

### DOES TOTLEY WANT A RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION?

If the answer is YES you should-

1. Support the Association by attending the AGM to express your views.
2. Offer your services to the committee to be used as and when needed.
3. Offer to serve a year on the committee.

Without your future COMMITMENT YOU MAY NOT HAVE A RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION TO VOICE YOUR OPINION TO THOSE WHO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT OUR AREA.

Pauline Perkinson. Vice Chairman T.R.A.

### A GOLF COURSE IN TOTLEY

Only recently plans were put forward to Build a Private Golf Course on the Hall Lane Farm land behind the Fleur de Lys. This wasn't the first suggestion for in 1968, the Recreation Committee Chairman proposed a 6000 yard course on 100 acres of the adjoining Totley Hall land. The Totley Hall Estate was by then firmly in Sheffield City Council's hands and they proposed spending £2000 per hole plus the cost of the Club House. This site was the least ridiculous of several others under consideration - Blackamoor, Burbage Moor and Hallam Moor being amongst them.

Brian Edwards

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## A WALK FROM FOX HOUSE

(a circular walk)

Let us enjoy a mid-winters stroll of some 7 miles around the woodland and moor land areas of the Longshaw Estates.

Travel by Bus or car to the popular Fox House Inn. Proceed along main path to the Longshaw Lodge through a gate to the right and passing the Longshaw Lake (was always a popular venue for ice skating, high in elevation but safe shallow waters). Cross the Grindleford Road to path leading to the start of Padley Gorge (National Trust). Head left through lovely wooded track above the tumbling waters of the Burbage Brook (Feeder of the River Derwent). After one mile we join a bridle track adjacent to the Grindleford Railway Station. Turn right passing the imposing Padley chapel and the enclosure behind of ancient ruins. It was here that the Catholic martyrs suffered persecution from the Roundheads back in the 17th Century. Hereabouts you will note the Peak National Park Rangers centre at Brunt's Barn (named after the memory of the late Harry Brunt, Deputy Planning Officer to the Peak National Park). Pass a few fashionable residences as we continue along the lane. To our right the steep slopes of Bolehill Quarry (now disused) here stone was dug for the building of the Derwent Dams and the entire hillside has now reverted back to nature. One can still trace the old rail tracks around the woodland scene. Pass a cottage and Greenwood Farm, home of the Elliott family. Note a strange carving on a rock to the right just before the farm. (I would love to know the story of this carved figurehead)/ A final gate to open and we join the main Hathersage A625 road. Maybe at this halfway stage we could stroll a few yards down the road for a welcome bar lunch at the popular Millstone Inn. Retrace our steps along a track behind the Inn, known as Booth's Edge to the side road that leads to Ringinglow. After 250 yards and on our left a track points a marked route to the most impressive homestead of Scraperlow, shaped almost like a turreted castle. Yellow markers show the route across an open moor and stiles to climb to the next residence of Mitchellfield. This once moorland working farm was the home of John Robinson, one of the real characters of the Hope Valley. I used to enjoy his tales, alas no more. From this now

fashionable residence the path swings to the right across a steep bank with views towards Hathersage and the Hope Valley. A shame that the homestead of Callow Farm under the shadow of the CUPOLA\* has fallen into ruin. A stile takes us across the Ringinglow Road. Join an adjacent track directly under the bulk of Higger Tor and crest the slopes of Hathersage Moor. The ruined base stones of Higger Lodge must tell a story of early hardships on these wild hills. Pass a large sheep pen on our left and continue on a ridge line and rock strewn edge to the cleft of Win Yards Nick and highlight of the entire walk to over Owler Tor, taking in the breathtaking views around Millstone Edge and the Surprise. Our next objective is the dominant grit stone block known as The Mother Cap. Linger awhile before descending the well worn track to the new extended car park along the A625 road. Cross over to the escarpment of Lower Owler Tor, note the plaque built into the rock enclosure (memories of an early walker). Head slightly left to a main track leading back to the Burbage Brook, follow the stream towards the popular Toad's Mouth Rock and Burbage Bridge. Turn right over a foot bridge and back into the Longshaw woodlands to our final venue of Fox House, where maybe we could enjoy further refreshments at the popular Inn. This walk is teeming with interest and another grand outing on our local hills.

JOHN C. BARROWS.

\* The Cupola - local name for track leading under Callow Bank Route from the Ringinglow Road to Hathersage.

## SCOUT LOTTERY

Winners of the 1st. Totley Scout Lottery

### Draw for November

1st. Prize:- 6 Crystal Wine Glasses  
No. 91 Mrs. Harrop, Green Oak Avenue  
2nd. Prize:- £10 Voucher  
No. 60 Mrs. Harrison, Meadow Grove.

### Draw for December

1st. Prize:- Christmas Hamper  
No. 5 Mr. & Mrs. Greenhoff, The Quadrant  
2nd. Prize:- £10 Voucher  
No. 22 Mr. & Mrs. Brook, Northern Common

Peter Cassin



## TRANSPORT 17

I hope that it is not too late to wish you all a Very Happy 1997. At the end of last year we received a cheque for £1,250 from Bradway Community Association. This was half the proceeds of the 'Fun Run' in September. The other half went to the Head Injuries Unit. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Our G registered bus had to have some parts replaced so it was goodbye to a lot of that cheque. Mike Finn and all at T17 do everything to look after and maintain our buses but we are looking now to replace our oldest. Fund raising is off with a vengeance. There will be various events but two to note are:-  
Friday 14th March - Coffee Morning run by T.17 in Totley Library 10.00 to 12 Noon. Refreshments, bric-a-brac and raffle.

Friday 13th June. Fashion Show/Sale of Ladies clothes, St.John's Church Hall. 7.30p.m. Tickets £2.50 each.

There will be other events by and for us during the year. Keep reading Totley Independent for details. If you need any advice or help, ring us on 2362962.

I would like to thank David Hewett for stepping into the breach so many times for us in 1996, and look forward to working with and for all the T.17ers in 1997.

P.S. We did not get any money from the Lottery but good luck to S.C.T. and Dial-a-ride, who did!

Tony Bishop, one of our volunteer drivers, has since Monday 13th. January taken on a full time job as a driver. I know that everyone at Transport 17, and especially all the passengers, wish him well.

Tony drove 5 days a week plus extras

for us for nearly 2 years, he will be very much missed.

We look forward to seeing him back as a guest at some of our fund raising.

We urgently require another driver or two, can you help?

Best Wishes, Margaret Barlow.

## LOOK AFRESH with ALPHA

The Alpha Course is a nationwide initiative co-ordinated by Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London, to encourage people to look afresh at the Christian faith, and consider the truth of the various claims made by Christians. Over a quarter of a million people have already completed the course! Locally, Totley Rise Methodist Church have been running the Alpha course for over two years. Course members are committed to attending ten weekly sessions which cover common questions about who Jesus really is, the bible, praying, guidance, healing. Each meeting offers ample opportunity for course members to ask their own questions, and contribute to discussion - but nobody is obliged to join in - listeners are just as welcome! This informality gives it a wide appeal. The course has been equally appreciated by committed Christians and by those who are just curious. March 2nd is being marked this year as 'National Alpha Day', and the services at Totley Rise Methodist Church, particularly the 6.30pm service, will seek to serve as an introduction to the ideas behind the Alpha Course.

Further details about Alpha can be obtained from Mr. Peter Holmes (235 1897) or Rev. John Thompson (2363157), or by attending either of the Alpha Day services.

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## GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY.

This time of year can seem a bit miserable in the garden, especially if you have not tidied up yet, but as you go around (hopefully to tidy up) you will see the signs of growth starting, bulbs sprouting, buds starting to swell and we will get the odd day or two of brightness. Enjoy these whilst they last, very often the month returns to its more sombre ways. This is the month to brace yourself for the activity to come. There are no routine jobs that threaten peace of mind, so sit back, relax and read up and plan your schemes for the coming season.

**FLOWERS.** Clean up borders, work in a balanced fertiliser such as Growmore. Clean up rockery and add a topping of potting compost and chippings. Plant out herbaceous perennials if the weather permits. Plant out (again if the weather is kind) anemones and ranunculuses about 4 to 5cm deep and about 15cm apart. Prune back hard hydrangea paniculata similar to the way you prune buddlia, this will encourage strong growth and larger flower heads. Remove any rose leaves which may be lying about and burn them, especially if they had a touch of black spot. Spray the areas around them with fungicide. Fill in any gaps in the wallflower beds before the plants begin to grow more actively, and firm in any which have been loosened by frost. Check dahlia tubers in store, for signs of mould, treat with flowers of sulphur if mould is seen. Trim back winter flowering heathers and jasmine as soon as flowers have finished.

**VEGETABLES.** Firm in spring cabbage which may have been loosened by frost and give them a quick acting fertiliser, such as Nitrate of Soda. Slugs are starting to get active this month, so watch out for them and deal with them in your favoured way - I use beer traps, if you use slug pellets use them sparingly, and pick up dead slugs as soon as possible, before the birds get them. Autumn sown onions should be transplanted carefully to the place where they are to mature, this should be in an open position, in well manured ground. Later in the month shallots and garlic cloves can be planted. Divide and re-plant chives.

**TREES SHRUBS AND FRUIT** If pruning has not been completed, do so now. Fruit trees grown in grass can be starved of nitrogen. This can be remedied by feeding now with sulphate of ammonia or Nitro chalk, use about half an ounce per square yard. Planting of fruit trees and bushes is best completed by the end

of February if they are to get a good start. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries.

### GREENHOUSE AND INDOOR PLANTS.

Ventilation needs careful attention, February can see warm bright days and cold frosty nights, extremes which the majority of plants hate, so its up to you to balance these temperature changes by ventilation etc. Bear in mind also that fresh air is a vital factor in the health of your over-wintering plants, especially if they are heated by paraffin. Gradually increase watering, increase humidity by standing plants on moist pebbles or grit.

Start planting seeds of summer bedding plants, snapdragons, fibrous rooted begonias, busy lizzie, verbenas in warmth, water seedlings with Cheshunt compound to prevent damping off. Plant indoor gladioli corms.

All the above should be maintained at a minimum temperature of 50-55F. If you can't do this then wait a few weeks.

Prick out those onion seedlings which were sown earlier if you are showing at any of the shows, then they should be planted into two and a half inch pots at this stage (I use fibre pots) this helps to prevent any check in growth, and will give a fine healthy large onion ready for the Totley Show in September.

Make ready chrysanthemum stools for cuttings. Re-pot Fuchsia, shake away all the soil from the roots, then place them in the smallest pot that will take all the roots comfortably, they can be

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**HARVEST EARLIES AFTER FLOWERS HAVE OPENED.... MAINCROPS CAN BE LEFT UNTIL HAULM HAS DIED BACK.**

**TIP**  
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potted on later as growth develops. Plant sweet pea seed for a show in late summer.

Pot up rhizomes of achemenes which have over-wintered in dry soil, six or eight to a 5 inch pot, place them in the warmest spot in your greenhouse. Dahlia roots from which cuttings are to be taken should be started now. They need a warm humid atmosphere. Although I like to keep my greenhouses reasonably tidy most of the time, they do need an extra fettling now and again, February is a good time to tackle this job before they get too overcrowded with new vulnerable seedlings.

**LAWNS** Tidy up any leaves and debris that may be on your lawns - weather permitting. Keep off when frost is on the grass, you could apply a top dressing of sand if you haven't done this earlier.

Cheerio for now.

Tom. **BUSY BEE:**



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IDEAS ABOVE YOUR  
STATION."

## WHISPERER

At the start of the new year there seems to be things happening around the college site, Surveyors have been in action around the site measuring up etc. to value the area for the builders who may be going to develop the land, As it is only about six months before the college finally closes a close watch must be kept as to what is happening around there.

Work is taking place around Totley Bents by the Yorkshire electricity board putting new cables and sub station etc., Penny lane has been closed as a result of work there.

What about the state of the roads and footpaths during the recent bad weather, They used to get better looked after when Arthur Kirby and his gang did the job with the horse and cart and they kept the verges and gutters clear as well.

Work is also being carried out near the sub station at the back of West view close, Work is being done on the bridge that carries the railway over the river.

This does not involve the road bridge over the railway that has been dug up for so long and has become an eyesore will it ever get done.

We would be grateful to any odd snippets of interest to include in the whisperer column either anonymous or otherwise, It was suggested at a recent party that the writer of this column must be a female who stands around in local shops waiting to be served and listening to all the local gossip.

It was also suggested that we could have a page three girl we think we have a likely candidate who has been in Totley quite some time.

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## BLACK SANDS AND DINKY BANANAS.

Well, these flamenco dancers were rampaging to and fro like infant tornadoes, heads and arms jerking frenziedly, castanets and heels clacking, skirts pirouetting, scarves lashing their vivid hues in every direction, and all this accompanied by one heck of a noise. Just about bearable - when both my hearing aids were switched off. Suddenly, in the middle of it all, the lights went out! This was an overwhelming disaster for not only do lights require electricity but so also do elevators - and our bedroom was situated on the twelfth floor.

Tenerife - you cannot be serious man! The fate of withered British lungs is now balanced on a knife edge. There are legs at risk - legs that creak with a noble antiquity. Man - we are here to be rejuvenated not exterminated!

Now it came to pass, in the fullness of time (about five seconds, actually) that the hotel's emergency generator awoke from its slumbers and hearts were straightaway uplifted. Thus, after the last of the flamenco high kicks, we were able to ascend restfully to our eyrie and look down upon blacked-out street lights and into apartment windows where candles glowed like palsied fireflies. I relate this story for no other reason than to explain to Phyllis Cowlshaw, our local ballerina (ex ballerina, actually - retired forty years ago) why flamenco dancing has been prohibited in Totley. Yorkshire Electricity are anxious to avoid power cuts. Quite a logical decision when you think about it - if you have an open mind, that is.

Most of us can remember happy childhood summer holidays with buckets spades and small paper flags. On Tenerife those genial recollections take an emotional battering, for the island is copiously fringed with black volcanic sand. Black sand castles are utterly devoid of romance, there are no two ways about it, but of course if you have a kinky personality then there is little more to be said. Godfrey Shorthouse, possibly Totley's greatest entrepreneur, who last year tried to sell Blackpool Tower to Fidel Castro, has a scheme for exporting Skegness beach out to the Canary Islands, thereby re-kindling the romance of sand-castling. Like so many wonderful British projects this one is too late off the drawing-board; some Tenerife resorts are already importing yellow sand - from the Sahara.

Puerto de la Cruz is a pleasant enough holiday centre but it is as well to be circumspect, prudent and cool-headed. Remember - this is where our Horatio Nelson lost his arm and where, in the local Casino, patrons quite frequently lose 'an arm and a leg'. And here is another piece of good advice from me - if you hesitate in the proximity of a street photographer, then before you can say 'Lord Lichfield' the former will have placed a parrot on your shoulder and a second bird on your head. This is the moment to clutch your wallet with both hands and think of England.

The power drunk agricultural mandarins of Brussels are held in exceedingly low esteem by the Canary Islanders. An embargo has been placed on the import into Europe of Canarian bananas, the pretext being that these bananas are too small and not straight enough. But of course that will not surprise you in the least. A young lady guide, with a delightful lilting Welsh voice, told us how the mere reference to Brussels would provoke vilification on a grand scale; battle cries, sabre rattling and curses that would wither the paper on which I wrote them if I were of an irresponsible nature.

Yet there was also banana news in a more agreeable vein. We must never, so the little Welsh girl said, throw away banana skins, instead they should be buried under our rose bushes. Why? Because the skins possess exotic chemicals which make rose bushes sit up and sparkle. Cyanide, arsenic or prussic acid - I cannot for the moment remember which. Check with Tom at the Busy Bee, unless he is allergic to bananas.

The coach conveying us and our Welsh botanist had been engaged for a free scenic tour - free because the final destination was a wool shop into which, ultimately, we were delivered. Now if ever Atkinsons or Cole Brothers decide to run free coach trips from Totley to the city centre there may be no sinister implications whatever - but do be vigilant! It transpired that a dynamic sales lady presided over our tropical wool shop, a lady whose cheerful voice reverberated with expensive overtones and who, as a tranquillising measure, handed round free drinks, but nothing potent enough to induce a gin-crazed abandonment. Next we were given an impassioned and alarming lecture on the prevalence in the United Kingdom, to

which we would presently return, of rheumatics and arthritis. Then a set of merino wool bedding was unfurled along with a casual, hardly worth mentioning, price of about £600.00. The audience took deep breaths and looked glassily at the ceiling. Here was a bizarre episode whichever way you looked at it, for at the time I was wet through with Canary Island perspiration, while outside in the streets the natives had begun to fry eggs on the pavement. One visitor purchased a merino cushion - for sitting upon apparently. I never before realised that rheumatism and arthritis could strike in that quarter. Well, once we were outside the shop again, I was overcome by a spasm of hollow laughter, though in the normal course of events I am renowned throughout Totley for my impeccable self-control. Alas, a few days later this scene came back to haunt me. Tenerife Airport roasted at 28 degrees Celsius as our plane climbed above the cloud layer, whereupon the pilot announced, rather gleefully I thought, that at the East Midlands Airport the temperature had fallen to zero Celsius. Devastating news! The feel-good factor gone for a Burton. I remembered learning about a no-nonsense time in history when a bearer of bad news was either strangled or beheaded. They knew how to run a country in the good old days, but here in the twentieth century, dealing with an airline pilot at 30,000 feet creates one or two glaring snags. Obviously the procedure needs to be thought through rather carefully.

However, before taking that departure flight we visited Loro Parque where some imaginative soul had created a dazzling, first-rate zoo which offered us entertainment for a whole day. Who would expect to be confronted by three life-sized green elephants, the brain children of a clever, patient topiary artist. My Uncle Nicholas used to see those other more conventional elephants, the pink ones, but only when Aunt Marigold was spending a weekend with her widowed sister, whereas in my own case, I always seem to fall asleep before the pink elephant stage.

Among Loro Parque's splendid assortment of zoo creatures, were the dolphins which rewarded us with some delightful entertainment as well-trained dolphins always do, and then the sealions appeared with their equally

incredible performance. The latter show came to a climax when one trainer gave his favourite a lingering kiss on a spluttering crop of wet fishy whiskers. Chacun à son goût, as the Chinese say, but far too unhygienic for Totley. Over the years I have strolled regularly around Marstone Crescent and never ever seen a resident kissing his or her sealion. Of course what they do in Milldale or Queen Victoria Road is a different matter altogether.

C.N. Railton Holden.

## DORE TOTLEY AND BEYOND.

A new book by Brian Edwards.

What a pity this book wasn't received in time for review prior to Christmas, for it is the ideal present.

However, for those with a deep-seated involvement in their local area, or those with only a passing interest, this is a book that should be in everyone's collection. Particularly as Brian's previous books are now out of print.

This new book, with over 150 drawings and illustrations in the usual fluent style, sees the start of a new chapter in Brian's versatile career, in that he is now concentrating on publishing full time with more books to follow in 1997.

Brian has the knack of making even the most commonplace local scene or feature of interest merely by reproducing only what is there without embellishment and the results are excellent.

Many locals will want to add this book to their collection as a source of reference or purely for the pleasure and enjoyment to be gained by browsing at leisure and digesting both the drawings and highly informative text.

This book is on sale now, in several local shops.

Brian is also starting a series of courses dealing with the basics of drawing. Further information is available from Shape Design Shop, Abbeydale Road. Tel:- 2620476.

M.W.

Gossip grows like a snowball, but it is not so easily melted away. Anon

## LURCHING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

A large question mark hangs over Totley with regard to several possible new developments in the next few years.

The first issue concerns the future of the vast Totley Hall site which the Sheffield Hallam University will be closing shortly. I quote from their Bulletin of November 1996:- It's farewell to Totley in Estates strategy - - - Totley is to be vacated next year (i.e. 1997)- - - Totley is being sold.

So many scenarios present themselves that raise urgent issues, amongst which not least are:-

1. When will it be sold, and to whom?
2. For what purpose?
3. Will it remain empty and unsold for a long period?
4. How much demolition will occur?
5. What large or small scale developments are planned?

What is certain is that Totley will never be the same again following closure of this institution.

This whole issue is something far too large for the Totley Residents' Association to handle, although obviously they will be very concerned and want to be involved in discussions and future planning at every stage.

I suggest a city-wide initiative and approach will be needed here, with watchdogs of every kind involved in decision making and in every detailed planning initiative. It is very similar to the Lodge Moor sell-off situation. Everything is at stake here for the future of Totley and its beautiful surroundings.

Which brings me to my next hobby-horse, namely the future of Baslow Road/Abbeydale Road South.

Will any progress ever be detected on the railway bridge by the start of the new millennium? Whatever work has occurred to date has been nothing short of a shambles, whether it be railway work or gas work. And the road signing and safety measures have been almost non-existent. Several accidents have occurred, and more will occur.

Progress to date:-

1. The only positive step taken has been to show 'Speed Cameras in operation'

2. The state of the road signs, keep left signs (mostly unlit), bollards and bases, shows continuing neglect on the part of the authorities.
3. Some pedestrian crossing facility is desperately needed at the highly dangerous junction of Baslow Road/Abbeydale Road South/Totley Brook Road/Busheywood Road/Devonshire Road, where so many children and old folk are forced to cross with no adequate safeguards.
4. What is to become of the filling station site (eyesore) at the junction of Baslow Road and Glover Road/
5. Parking/access to the Totley Rise shops continues to be as congested and hazardous as ever.

I am sorry I cannot sound a more positive note on any of the above issues, but look forward to a lively and ongoing correspondence and discussion on all issued raised.

Richard Lamb.

## OBITUARIES

Mr. Don Clare, formerly of The Grove.

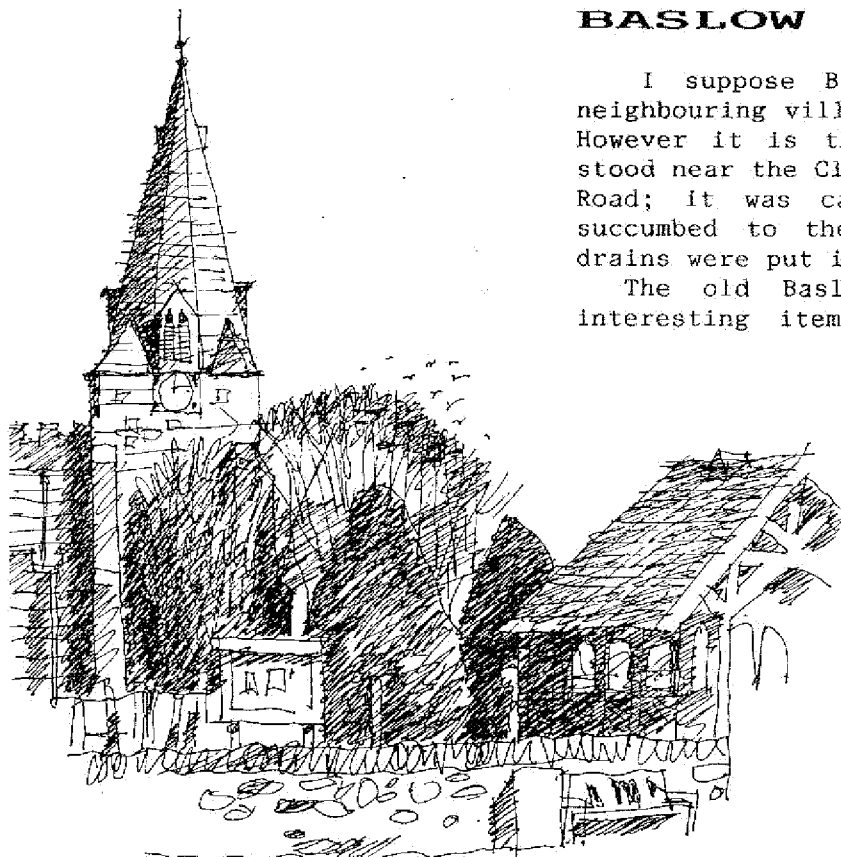
Don, who until two years ago was the Deputy Chairman of the Totley Residents Association for many years, died on Monday the 30th. December 1996.

His contribution to the T.R.A and the Totley area was invaluable by his pursuing of points of road safety with councillors and Town Hall officials.

Alf Crofts, of the Totley Fruit Stores, passed away on 16th. January at the Chesterfield Royal Hospital after a long illness. Alf has been a part of Totley life for many years since taking over the shop, he was also a keen member of Hallam Football Club. We would like to pass on our condolences Beverley and the rest of his family.

John Harrop passed away peacefully in Playa Mojacar, Almeria, Spain, on November 18th.

John, previously the Landlord of the Crown for many years left for Spain two years ago this February but unfortunately had to bravely fight a years illness.



BASLOW CHURCH 1993  
BRIAN EDWARDS

## BASLOW CHURCH.

I suppose Baslow can be regarded as our neighbouring village although it is 6 miles away. However it is thought that a mediaeval village stood near the Clod Hall Lane junction with Baslow Road; it was called Leashfield and eventually succumbed to the bog of Leash Fen before the drains were put in.

The old Baslow Court records contain some interesting items. In 1483 Richard Ragge 'Had gurgit at Ffroggote,' in other words he had built an illegal weir at Froggatt! In 1500 Edward Fox Chaplain 'placed a leppe in the Lords water'- Leppes were baskets placed under the weir to catch fish which failed to leap the fall. Thomas Harrison incurred a pain when in 1500 he carried millstones over Basselow (Baslow) Bridge. In this case the pain was the term for a fine and in this case it was painful to the tune of a few shillings. Presumably the bridge was made from timber and had restricted loading.

Brian Edwards.

## THE SURVIVORS

(To those born before 1940)

Contributed by Mrs.S.B.Davey.

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, videos, frisbees and The Pill.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens; before dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes....and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea.

We existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual cars and when a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting along with cousins, and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt or young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece

of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts, and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did your exams, and 'stud' was something that fastened a collar or shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker to the bus depot. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock music' was a fond mother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble. We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap to-day - - but - - -

By the grace of God, we have survived. Hallelujah!!!!

## ORIGIN OR SURNAMES.

Many surnames originate from Trades or Occupations, such are obvious as Carpenter, Thatcher, Farmer etc., however some are not quite so obvious as the following may show. I also give an early date and remind you that all of these are currently in use today in the Sheffield area.

ACKERMAN a man who was granted land in return for ploughing services, a ploughman, The Acreman 1389.  
ARBLASTER A crossbowman 1086 also a maker of cross-bows.  
ARMIGER An armour-bearer (Squire) 1279.  
BALMER A dealer or seller of spices and ointments 1305  
BASSNETT A maker of helmets from Basinet (Meaning little basin) a close fitting light steel helmet 1350.  
BENBOW A nickname for an Archer 1349.  
BAXTER From Bakester, Bakestre, a baker 1093.  
BERNER A keeper of the hounds 1086.  
BLAKER A bleacher 1047.  
BOSHER From old French Buschier, a woodmonger 1205.  
BRADER A maker of cords (To braid) 1286  
BROWSE A brewer an abbreviation of brewhouse 1302 also believed to be from a placename Briouze 1080.  
BUCKMAN From Old English Bucca (Goat) a goat-keeper 1278.  
BURLES A cup-bearer, Butler 1327.  
BYERS A worker in a cow-house, cowman from Old English byre 1301  
CAIRD Originally makers of broaches and brassware from the Irish cerdd but later popular in Scotland as a travelling smith or tinker 1275.  
CALLANDER)  
CALLENDER) A cloth worker who smoothes cloth with rollers 1311 also from a place name in Scotland 1248.  
CANNELL A seller of cinnamon, a spicer 1314.  
CATCHPOLE A collector of poultry in lieu of money, a local tax collector (from

Old Norman French cachepol) chase fowl 1086  
CONNAH)  
CONNER) An examiner, inspector, sometimes known as an ale conner 1297.  
COPESTAKE Means 'cut steak' a wood cutter in a coppice 1295.  
CORDON A ribbon maker 1327.  
CORKER A seller of dye-stuff 1297.  
CROCKER)  
CROKER ) A maker of pots, jars, vessels 1275.  
CROWTHER )  
CROWDER ) A fiddler who played to the crowd at fairs, weddings and feasts etc. 1273.  
CRERAR A sievewright also in Scotland a sifter of flour 13-1  
DAWBBER One who filled in the gaps in a wattle wall with clay known as wattle and daub) a rough kind of plastering 1219.  
DOWER A maker of dough, a baker 1332  
DUNGER One who manures the ground 1221.  
ELLIMAN A seller of oil 1377  
FARMERY A worker at the monastic infirmary 1203.  
FEWSTER A saddle tree maker 1179.  
FIRMINGER A maker and seller of cheese 1198.  
FLETCHER A maker and fitter of flights to arrows known as feathering 1203.  
FLESHER A flesh hewer a butcher 1268.  
FOERS A hearth-keeper, a furnace man 1084  
FRATER One in charge of the refectory of a monastery 1301.  
FULLER A cloth worker who treated it by trampling and walking pulling over it in a wooden water trough 1303. this process also gave rise to the name Walker 1248. Process later called (Tucking) from which the name Tucker 1273 originates.  
FURNER From Old French Fournier, Furnier, a baker 1203.  
GALPIN From Old French Galoper, a

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 HODDER A maker of Hoods 1220.  
 HOMER A maker of helmets 1220.  
 HORSNAIL A maker of horse shoe nails 1221.  
 IMAGE A carver, sculptor, maker of images 1305.  
 JAGGER A pedlar, hawker, carrier, carter with draught horses 1379.  
 JENNER An engineer originally with military machines such as a catapult but later included other machines and constructions 1191.

Terry Peckett F.F.A.

P.S. Correction to omission in last article, should read, CRENSHAW, CRANKSHAW, CRONSHAW (Twisting, winding, turning, crooked etc.)  
 CROWNSHAW a circular wood around a hill giving a crowning effect, also possibly of royal ownership.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

For the first time since 1977 the Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party had to be cancelled in December 1996, due to lack of support.

The venue, time and format was changed in what was thought to be in line with the wishes of those who had attended on a regular basis. Maybe these changes have caused some confusion.

The time was changed to the afternoon to avoid the dark evenings and the name was changed from party to concert in an effort to broaden the appeal and hopefully attract residents of any age to a mid-afternoon function.

What is required now is feed-back from anyone, who was disappointed with the cancellation and thoughts for its future.

The T.R.A. will obviously discuss this at their next monthly meeting to decide if it is worthwhile organising again for December 1997.

The party itself has a long and enjoyable history, with the first class standard of refreshments and entertainment amongst its highlights. Also it has offered a source of friendship and community spirit.

Originally the party was held at Totley College. Without the help of the College staff and catering students it would not have been possible to launch it. The event attracts upwards of 150 senior citizens, The T.R.A. Committee were always closely involved and after the College became autonomous and detached from the Local Education Authority, they took over the organisation and workload completely with the necessity to re-locate to the local Church Halls.

It has to be accepted that times and values change. What was in tune with the times of 20 years ago may not be so today, but the event continues as the provision of a seasonal get-together, at a very moderate cost, and always seemed a reasonable event to continue.

There are probably still locals who would enjoy an occasion such as this. Perhaps a little oil is required on the publicity machine or maybe a complete re-think is the order of the day.

Mike Williamson

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## CAN YOU BEAT THIS

As I write we are (I hope) coming to the end of the long cold 'snap' around New Year. The ground still has a good covering of snow (why does the snow stay so much longer in Sheffield than everywhere else on my travels?) and icicles hang from the eaves. The garden is now full of birds - in contrast to earlier hard weather before Christmas, when birds were conspicuously absent. This, and some recent articles in The Independent, set me thinking - just how many species have we seen from in our garden, or at least from the house? Our garden backs on to fields overlooking Totley Brook and birds are encouraged with a variety of foods.

So here is our Totley garden bird list (55) - can you improve on it?

Heron - Mallard - Sparrowhawk - Buzzard  
Kestrel - Pheasant - Woodcock - Snipe  
Herring Gull - Black Headed Gull - Wood Pigeon - Collared Dove - Tawny Owl - Swift - Great Spotted Woodpecker - Swallow - House Martin - Pied Wagtail - Wren - Hedge Sparrow - Blackcap - Chiffchaff - Willow Warbler - Goldcrest - Spotted Flycatcher - Redstart - Robin - Redwing - Blackbird - Song Thrush - Fieldfare - Mistle Thrush - Long Tailed Tit - Coal Tit - Blue Tit - Great Tit - Willow Tit - Nuthatch - Treecreeper - Reed Bunting - Chaffinch - Brambling - Goldfinch - Greenfinch - Siskin - Bullfinch - House Sparrow - Starling - Jay - Magpie - Carrion Crow - Rook - and a Jackdaw.

Glyn Foley.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17.

All the Churches in S17 wish to offer congratulations to the Totley Independent on the occasion of its 200th edition. We are aware that there have been many contributions over the years both from the churches and about the churches. Thus individual members of these churches have played quite a part in keeping 'the show on the road'.

However it is mainly for the part which the Totley Independent has played in building up and encouraging the community spirit of the area that we wish to express our thanks. To a greater or lesser extent we all depend on each other either for practical help or for encouragement. The human race is essentially gregarious and it is no surprise that we all feel more comfortable living in familiar surroundings and amongst people whom we know. Since time began we have mostly lived in groups such as families, extended families and communities. One of the aims of the churches is to build up on these relationships so that the individuals involved can benefit and lead fuller lives.

So the Totley Independent has also played an important role in building up the local community. It is not only with news as to what is going on but also with views and opinions that we have been able to share. Long may it continue to be a source of interest and entertainment for the benefit of us all.

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## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Maurice and Marjorie Snowden who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 11th. January.

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## GUIDE STOOPS

Totley Hikers will be interested in a new book 'The Guide Stoops of Derbyshire' by Howard Smith assisted by the energetic Stephen Penny and with pen and ink sketches by Chris Bilton.

Of course many local stoops were described by G.H.B.Ward in the Clarion Ramblers handbooks particularly in the 1920's. These articles led me to explore the local moors in search of stoops and other items of historical interest and I have been measuring, photographing and sketching them over the past few years - some drawings have appeared from time to time in The Independent.

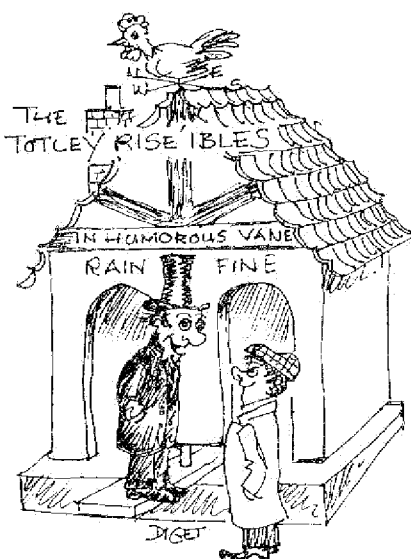
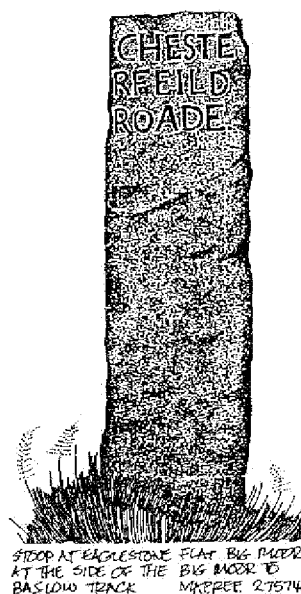
This new book however, admirably presents a guide with useful background information to the stoops, illustrations, locations, sizes and inscriptions.

The introduction reminds us that early travellers in the Peak District often hired local guides to take them across these inhospitable moors and that in winter many routes were almost impassable. During the reign of William and Mary an Act was passed directing that all crossings of two or more roads should have a stone with the names of market towns to which the way led.

Big Moor, to the right of the Owlcr Bar to Baslow Road, contains a huge number of stoops, markers and other historical features. One of them stands within sight of the road just 50 yards or so beyond the white gate leading to the Barbrook Reservoir. This and many other stoops are described in detail.

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Brian Edwards.



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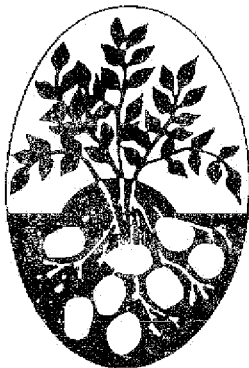
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## TOTLEY YOUTH FC

The weather has decimated the fixtures during December and the start of January. However, as I write this newsletter the snow has melted but the pitch is waterlogged. I will be asking dads to lend a hand to fetch and spread some sand in the goal mouths during the next 2 weeks before we are due to play another home match.

In addition to the postponed matches training has been hit with the break and the gym being closed due to a leaking roof. This means the intake of subs has also been hit which means I have not been able to raise enough money for track suits as yet. On a better note I have sourced an independent supplier who can make cotton drill/training suits within our budget. Subject to seeing a sample I intend ordering RED drill suits for both the U10's and U14's with a black chevron on the top and zipped trousers. These will give much needed protection from the cold and wind but be easily removed before kick off.

### U14's

November was a disaster for the team, we suffered our 2 biggest defeats since the club was formed, 3-8 to Redmires and 3-7 to Britannia in the cup. Although it is no excuse the squad has been hit by injuries and unavailable players with the disastrous news that Mark Hopkinson is the latest long term casualty with broken growth plates in his wrist that are likely to keep him out for the rest of the season.

On a positive note we have had permission from the league registrar to sign Michael Parkin after the deadline to cover for Mark until next season. Additionally Adam (Spike) Walker returns from long term injury and George Smith has signed as cover for injuries and during Jo's extended trip abroad at the end of January.

December saw the grit and character return and with only 10 men available we went out and beat Brimwood convincingly 10-0. Or next encounter was with Creswell and against my wishes the game did not kick off until 2.30pm which meant we were playing in near darkness at 3.50pm. The game was as expected very physical, we lost 5-3 and had 3 players carried off after studding incidents and had to finish the game with 9 men. I have written to the league and will be attending a disciplinary hearing on the 12 January to protest the booking of George Smith and the referees failure to protect our players.

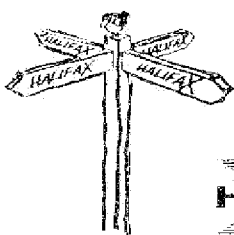
### U10's

The under 10's continue to battle on and show improvement. The team only played one more game in November and went out of the cup 1-6 after a close match until late into the game where once again experience and fitness proved our downfall. In December we lost to Todwick 0-14 and Scarsall 2-11 but only just lost to Britannia 2-4 after leading 2-1 with only 10 minutes to go.

We have started the Star Soccer training scheme for assessment of skills in running with the ball, turning, shooting, heading and passing. The first assessments will take place in spring and the boys will win their stars and certificates before the start of next season.

I have said before and make no apologies for restating the under 10's have been drawn in the hardest group out of 10 but are gaining valuable experience for next season when they will be put into leagues with clubs of a similar ability. Additionally, the determination and support that the boys and parents continue to give the club is a credit. Kevin Walker

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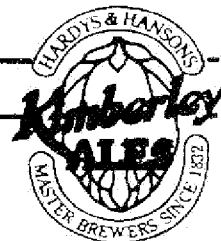
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 THURSDAYS PUSHCHAIR CLUB, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1-30 to 3-00 Telephone  
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### FEBRUARY

SAT. 8th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR 7-00pm. Christ Church, Dore  
 WED. 12th. THE DENBY DALE PIES, by Mrs. Julia Hatfield, Totley Rise Methodist Church  
 Hall, 8pm. Anyone Welcome  
 FRI. 14th. IN THE NEWS a discussion on various topical concerns. Open meeting of  
 local U.N.A. group. 8-00pm. 130, Westwick Road.  
 FRI. 14th. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, 7-30pm. Abbeydale Hall  
 TUES. 18th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00 am.  
 WED. 19th. COFFEE MORNING TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
 11am. 4, Grove Road, Totley. Speaker Kathy McGraph of the Cairns Home Sheffield  
 WED. 26th. A GLIMPSE of CHATSWORTH by Judy Coggins, a member of the household staff.  
 8-00pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.  
 THUR. 27th. "SOUTH WEST SHEFFIELD" An illustrated talk by J.M. Olive, Dore Village  
 Society Spring meeting, 8pm. Dore Methodist Church Hall.

### MARCH

SAT. 1st. JUMBLE SALE, Totley All Saints' School, 9-30 onwards. Admission 10p.  
 SAT. 1st. NEARLY NEW SALE 2-00pm. United Reformed Church Hall, on behalf of Acorn  
 Play Group.  
 SAT. 8th. JUMBLE SALE, Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, 11am - 12 noon admission £2  
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 SAT. 8th. DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR 7-00pm. Saint John's, Ranmoor.

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