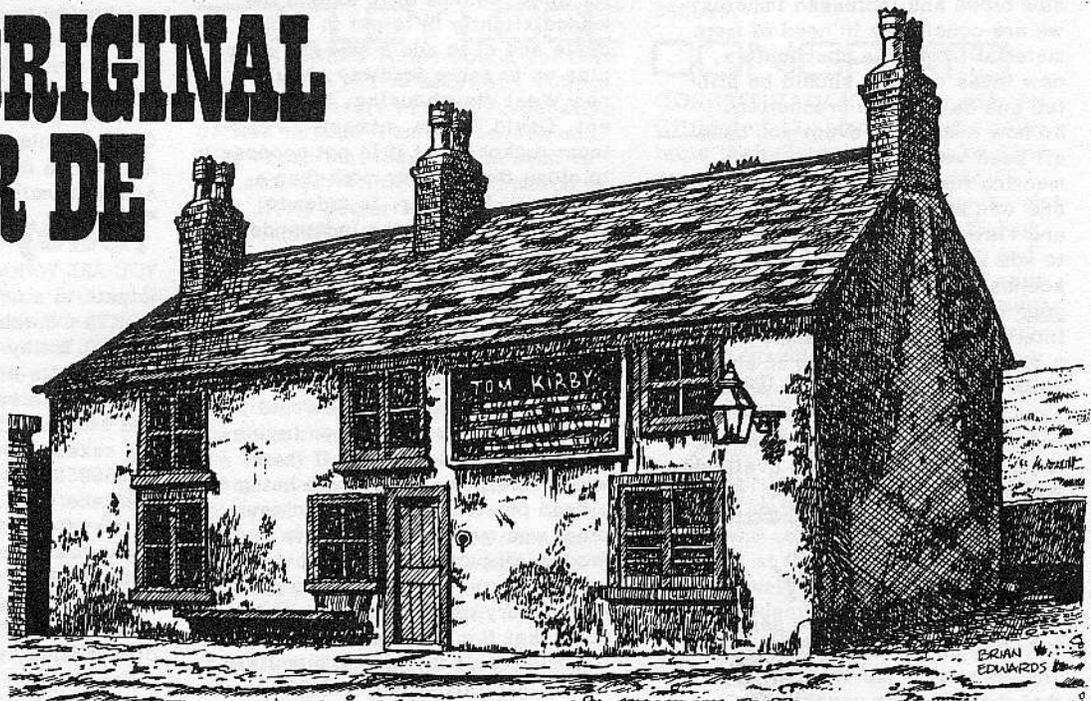


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THE ORIGINAL FLEUR DE LYS

EXACTLY WHEN the first Fleur de Lys was built is not quite certain - it is doubtful that it predated the Crown on Hillfoot Road. However, we do know that a building described as a public house was situated at the top of Totley Hall Lane in 1813 during a Fairbanks survey. The 1833 Directory for Derbyshire gives John Green as victualler at the Fleur de Lys. The pub name could well have been derived from the coat of arms of the Barker family who, long ago, owned Totley Hall. Their arms, too, include a fleur de lys, which is the French phrase for a heraldic lily as used on the royal coat of arms of France. In the early 1800's, the pub would have been at the heart of the old village, standing to the rear of a small green which housed the stocks and on occasions, a small cattle market. This market was still carried on within living memory. Nearby were the village pinfold and well. This first pub, rendered and painted white, was stone built and stood further back from the then Hall Lane. This thoroughfare was the busy link with Dore and Holmesfield. The John Green mentioned above had been born in Totley about 1791 and had married a Buxton girl called Elizabeth. At the time of the 1841 population census, they had a 20 year old



son Edward, a millwright, and a 15 year old boy, Thomas, who was a saw grinders apprentice. They also had a 15 year old daughter, Harriat, who later married John Fearney, a Heeley-born scythe grinder. At the time of the census, the pub was also lodgings for five young agricultural workers - John had 7 acres of land. Totley's population had almost doubled since 1811 and in 1841 there were 83 houses and 408 people living here.

The pub and land were owned by Lord Middleton, then Lord of the Manor. The 1837 and 1846 directories listed John Green as shopkeeper too. As we have mentioned before, there are records of Greens living in Totley in 1327 - William and John being favourite christian names.

By 1868, the son-in-law had taken over the Fleur but the 1872 and 1876 entries give Harriat as publican. In 1884, their son Edward had taken over and four years later his wife Martha ran it. Then a George Green kept the Fleur for a short time before his widow, Mary, became landlady. She remarried, to George Creswick of

Cannon Hall, and the new husband's name was on the sign by 1911. As you can see from the drawing above, Tom Kirby later had control. Although at least two earlier photographs exist, this sketch was made from one taken about 1920.

The present Fleur de Lys was built in 1933, in the mock Tudor style beloved by brewery architects of the time, and was featured in our issue no.12.

TWO TOTLEY BENTS TIPS TO BE PLANTED SOON

THE ENVIRONMENT committee of the South Yorkshire County Council have approved the expenditure of £340 for upgrading the 'rural' landscape in Totley. In effect, the County Council plan to spend this princely sum on carrying out dense planting of a variety of trees and shrubs on two tips adjacent to Bank View Farm at Totley Bents. The two 15 metre-high mounds were created during the building of the Totley Tunnel in the period 1888 to 1893. A third tip, at the junction of Penny Lane and Hillfoot Road, has already developed naturally into a fairly dense and pleasant woodland.

MEET YOUR INDEPENDENT ON 20th Sept.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM of the Totley Independent is always in need of new blood and increased impetus; we are constantly in need of more material from more contributors, new ideas on what should be printed and help in the production. So now comes the event you have all been waiting for. A public meeting for all readers where anyone can put forward their ideas and views. This is a chance also to see what goes on behind the scenes. Come on, it won't be your paper if you don't take an interest in it. Just to tempt you a bit more, we are going to show some slides on old Totley which have never had a public show before. And joy of joys, some back issues after no.4 will be available. Wednesday 20th September, 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Totley Rise.

PLAYDAY

THERE'S only one way to describe the TRA play day - highly successful. The organiser, Jill Weston, reports that there was no naughtiness, no nonsense and no raised voices. The children were occupied from the moment they arrived with painting, making puppets, collages, paper play etc. One little girl even found a dead mole on the nature trail. The make-up seemed to be most popular; there were clowns, smurfs, chinese, gypsies, pirates, the lot. At first, the boys were most reluctant to have a go but they were first to ask for a second go. Thanks to all the helpers and to Mr. Walch the headmaster of Totley County School for his support too. It is hoped that we will see more play days in future holidays with additional children from both schools.

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Footpath closed

LOCAL RESIDENTS were up in arms this month over the temporary closure of the footpath leading from West View Close up to Bradway (opposite the bottom of Busheywood Road). Apparently the closure is basically for three reasons a) to extend the bridge slightly b) to put in a YEB cable and c) to add a new gas supply pipe up to serve Bradway and the new West View housing. Local resident, David Downs, himself an engineer reckons that it is not necessary to close the path for more than a few days. However, in order to clarify the matter, the Independent took part in a site visit with the County Council, Contractors, Architects, Developers and East Midlands Gas Board. The Council representative assured us that no permanent closure was envisaged and EMGAS said that they would not be spending so much on laying a pipe under the footpath if there was a likelihood of the path being closed off. A three monthly closure order was made by the County on the grounds of public safety and we were unable to persuade anyone to put in a temporary path. EMGAS made the point that if a new main was delayed, it could result in reduced supplies to Bradway this winter and that it was common practice to lay the pipes under a highway (or footpath) in order to avoid the lengthy and costly use of private land.

The County were already aware of the difficult and long detour caused by the closure and insist they made their decision after exploring many other possibilities. Hopefully the work will be completed within two months, weather permitting. No one is happy about the situation, least of all Mr. Downs who still insists that the work could be carried out in a much less disruptive way. Both he and the Independent have made dozens of phone calls to very many people in an effort to prevent any closure without the provision of some temporary way - all in vain.

MORE NOW

AN APPLICATION has just been submitted to the Sheffield City Council for planning permission for a residential development at Totley Brook Road. The applicants are - yes, you guessed it - Sheffield's very own delectable Corporate Est-

ates Dept. And - yes, you guessed it again - it is a DEPARTURE FROM SHEFFIELD'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN. Details might be seen at the Dept. of Planning and Design in the Town Hall extensions (1st no. 78/4369P).

TRA PLANS

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION are hoping to hold their Senior Citizens Party on 16th December at Totley College. The date has to be confirmed yet but full details should be published soon. Other events planned by TRA are a disco, a fashion show, a dance and a forum of all Totley societies

Totley Festival

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED to participate in a new venture for ALL SAINTS Church this month. This is the 1st Totley Festival of Flowers, Arts, Crafts and Music. The event will be held between Thursday 21st and Monday 25th September and you are asked to contact Gordon Edwards at 366855 for details on how you can take part. He would be interested to hear from individuals and groups who would like to exhibit their work. Sections for paintings, wood carvings, embroidery, silversmithing, pottery, lacemaking, photography, corn dollies, jewellery, toys and other arts and crafts are envisaged. Mr. Gordon Edwards (no relation) is looking forward to hearing from anyone willing to help in the running of this exciting new venture.

The Festival will open with an inaugural service in the Church on Thursday 21st, and the Church and exhibition will then open daily from Friday 22nd to Monday 25th inclusive. In addition there will be a "Songs of Praise" service on Friday evening, at which the 'Top Ten' favourite hymns, chosen by popular ballot, will be sung, and on Saturday, a concert by the Sheffield Male Voice Choir.

Biking

THE LATEST offshoot of the Totley Residents Association is the Cycling Group, which has now had several trips out into Derbyshire, and is building up its numbers. It will soon be able to call itself a Club and elect leaders. Then it will be wheels in motion for a campaign to boost cycling in Totley, using all sorts of revolutionary tactics. Those who would like to join us should contact: R.Ryalls, 87 Totley Brook Road phone 368936

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LETTERS

New industry for totley

THE STAFF of the Independent are to be congratulated on their first anniversary. They have certainly provided both a voice and a link with the community. Many interesting articles and reminiscences have shown nostalgia and pride for 'Old' Totley and demonstrated how life has centred round individual families and characters and local industries. It has also shown how the village has developed. Unfortunately this only highlights the extent of the change that has already taken place in recent years, and how little influence the existing residents had on that change. When decisions are being made to develop an estate, the dominant consideration is in rehousing and not in the risk of damaging a gradually evolved community. Any large city is only an amalgamation of small communities and the effect of transporting these is bound to be traumatic for both.

The main problem is to accept the fact that the change has already occurred and that the planners have already moved on, leaving only the tidying operations - road crossings, better transport etc., Surely we pay our rates for these and have Councillors - so what remains for any local association to fight for? Common sense? At any one time there are bound to be several local circumstances which appear obviously wrong, but does that mean some evil town planner is deliberately hell-bent on destruction? If so, how they must laugh when various small associations come running with complaints. No, the existing system means that we depend on Councillors, who should have close contact with Totley and if they let us down, we should vote them out of office. The Independent is now asking for comment on its image. However does it consider that it has its own role in re-establishing the identity of Totley? Are they the Great Crusading Journalists of the future, or are they in operation to merely provide entertainment, good value for 10p - and as a by-product, help people to get to know one another. Their first year has raised many questions. Where do they see Totley? If the former, may I suggest one aspect of local life

which has been conveniently ignored and which I submit as a basis for argument?

In the previous issue appeared an article called 'made in Totley' which had been suggested to a somewhat youthful member of your editorial team, seeking inspiration in the Crown Inn. Totley is a commuting suburb of Sheffield and yet the time involved with the journey is equivalent to that between any rural market towns. The cost in money, wasted time and frustration makes a journey from the countryside very expensive, yet the Independent has demonstrated how much local industry there used to be and how we now submerge ourselves in the nostalgia of the Industrial Hamlet and the old forge dams. Improved communications, power resources and building design should mean that the prime consideration can now be the needs of the people and that we do not have to leave the district. It would be interesting to know how many local jobs were available per head of the population 100 years ago. The present ideal of pretty cottages and rows of antique shops for the middle classes is unrealistic in terms of the people who now actually live here. Industry exists in any country or seaside town and is essential for the prosperity of the community, and is itself part of that community. It generally consists of low-key small units which blend with the background. Why not Totley? The time is certainly ripe where central government thinking is concerned and the local council is itself developing several small industrial areas. Small is now beautiful. The small tool and engineering firms, cutlery works etc., which are at present struggling to survive in the centre of Sheffield would be ideal, it would reverse the flow of traffic and even extended grant relief in the form of Rates or Rent-free periods would be minimal against the present enormous cost of subsidising transport. This new industrial revolution would give Totley local employment and provide a 'guts' for the community. I would suggest that the present policy of transporting people from their houses (nice areas) to their works (nasty areas), where Totley is concerned, is too costly. It is also unnecessary and is as contrary to basic human instincts as living in high rise flats. A role for the Independent?

1. Find out who lives in Totley and the variety of skills available. Are there any prospective employers living here? What does Totley now consist of?
2. Publicise the fact that Totley is 'independent', a working community, and that the Dore & Totley image beloved of the media is not true.
3. Provide a platform for Councillors, Town Planners, local businessmen and residents to argue the above. The aim being to bring the various interests together and at least establish some right to a say in the matter. If the answer is 'leave us in peace' then that is in itself a conclusion worth reaching. At least in future we could not complain about being neglected.
4. Finally, carry on with the present excellent articles etc., and best of luck for the future.

TOTLEY RESIDENT, GREENOAK ROAD
(Name withheld on request)

COMMENT FROM THE INDEPENDENT
Phew. I think on the whole we prefer to stick to suggestion 4 - that takes up enough time.

VANDALS

Since we came to Sheffield three years ago we have been puzzled by the high level of vandalism in the area whose inhabitants are civilised and educated. We have regretfully come to the conclusion, however, (and we shall not be popular for saying this) that the young people are merely following the bad examples set by their elders.

One of the most disgusting examples of adult vandalism we have experienced occurred recently at a party we attended in the local hall. Large 'No smoking' notices were displayed on both sides of the hall, and all the invitations had been similarly inscribed. The party had barely got under way, however, before one of the organisers lit up, while others rushed around with the hall crockery inviting others to use it as ashtrays. No doubt aspects of our own behaviour will be seen as vandalism by others - we are, after all, 'miserable sinners' - but if like the ostrich we stick our heads in the sand, we should not be surprised if the younger and less experienced members of our society mistake the purpose of those parts of us which remain visible.

Dr. and Mrs. H.L. Porteous
115 Wollaton Road

HAZARD?

COUNCILLOR PAT SANTHOUSE has forwarded a copy of the reply she has had concerning two recent accidents on Baslow Road. We quote.

"I refer to your letter of 15th May concerning two recent accidents on Baslow Road which both involved collisions with the same lamp column near the start of the dual carriageway. I have investigated these accidents and have found no evidence to support the theory that drivers are being misled into thinking the bus lay-by is the start of the dual carriageway. Both drivers involved were local people and in neither case was any suggestion of a mis-leading road layout mentioned. Both these accidents were the subject of further police proceedings and therefore I cannot comment on the causes apart from indicating that other factors not concerned with the road layout were involved. However in the circumstances I am arranging for a hazard marker post to be installed in front of the lamp column to ensure that there is warning of the lamp post for approaching traffic, but I do not feel that any other measures can be justified."

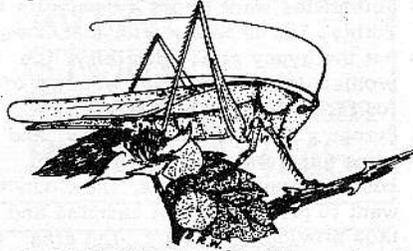
N.G.Ellis, County Engineer.

AS Pat Santhouse points out in her note to us, the County Council are not prepared to accept the theory that the road layout is misleading, and yet they are, on the other hand, prepared to put a hazard marker post there. That seems to be the sort of official answer that nobody can ever make head nor tails of. By the way, that reply from the County Engineer took three months.

BASLOW RD.

THE ROADWORKS on the dangerous bend of Baslow Road at Totley Rise, are likely to be completed soon according to an EMGAS spokesman. The work on replacing the gas governor is designed to increase the capacity, particularly in view of the number of new developments in the area. Completion of this work will be a relief for local people who are worried about the possibility of yet another accident at one of Sheffield's worse black spots. Already one car has collided with unlit warning lamps which are supposed to be checked each night. If you want any more details of the work then ring your friendly local EMGAS man at Sheffield 443344 and ask for the Engineer in charge of the job.

WARBURTONS WORLD



ANYONE LIVING within 200 yards of my house may have heard the shrill song of insects during the late evening over the last month or so, I hope that it hasn't disturbed their sleep too much. The insects are Bush Crickets which I brought back from my holidays in Dorset at Whit. Bush Crickets are related to Grasshoppers and true Crickets, but are mainly carnivorous in habits, although they will eat vegetation, mainly grasses. There are several kinds, all of which are far more common in the south of the country than here in the north. The largest (and noisiest) is the Great Green Bush Cricket, which is one of our largest insects, growing to a length of almost two inches.

The insects were raised in an old aquarium in my greenhouse, and fed initially on greenfly and lettuce. Lettuce continued to be their salad course as they grew, but the 'meat' had to be larger, and 'daddy-long-legs' became their main diet with occasional Cabbage White butterflies. I was lucky enough to actually watch one moult. It's skin split and the insect drew itself out of it's old skin, which was left hanging, transparent, on the netting over the tank. The seeming miracle was that the insect which emerged was larger than it's cast-off coat. The creature's skin was soft on emerging, but soon hardened down and darkened to become the delicate soft green which is such perfect camouflage. Eventually, three males and three females reached maturity and were released in the brambles near home - hence the noisy evenings. My hope is that they will breed, and then the crux of the experiment is whether the eggs will survive the winter. I shall only know if I find the young nymphs next spring, or hear the adult males next summer. At the moment, the males are audibly in good health, the females are silent and tend to

hide in more dense vegetation. These Bush Crickets have well-developed wings but can only fly a few yards. They are also 'lazy' by our terms, moving only when they have to. In spite of their long and powerful back legs, they jump poorly and usually scramble clumsily away from any danger. I hope that they survive, they will be an interesting addition to our fauna. Besides, it will be pleasant to listen to them and imagine myself in Swanage - in fact I can almost hear the waves.

THE LANE

THE TOTLEY HALL LANE development is now imminent and we understand that that site work is to start shortly despite determined opposition from local residents.

PHOTO SOC.

TOTLEY & DISTRICT Photographic Soc. begin their 1978-79 programme on Wednesday 20th September at 7.30pm in room K16 at Totley College. Ray Thompson will be showing us some glimpses of life in South Korea, with his slides. Anyone will be made welcome for that evening and, hopefully for the season. The second meeting will be held at the same time and place on 4th October and will be the first AGM, when officers for the coming year will be chosen. For further details, ring 369125 or 366824.

PRIZES

THERE WERE a number of raffle prizes unclaimed at the sports evening on 4th July. In the hope that you might still have your ticket, will the holders of numbers 65, 101, 151, 257, 287, 315 please contact Reg Burnand at 48 Greenoak Cres.

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FRUIT AND VEG

JOHN SCRIVEN

A GREENGROCER'S LIFE is not all 'beer and skittles' as some would imagine, brickbats and bouquets are cheerfully accepted. Strangely enough the daily 6am visits to the array of weird and wonderful fruit and veg., on a pleasant summer's morning is an encouraging sight. Did you know that there are currently 105 items of fruit and veg., that can be stocked by your local retailers? Should space permit, I hope one day to describe them all, though not in one issue. The current veg. favourite is beans, the local crop having had little success; parts of central and southern England have had a good supply. The quality is excellent and beans are an ideal veg., to put in the freezer. Many varieties of English apples are now appearing in the shops, and the crop is to be large and of good quality therefore prices should be reasonable. Clean, crunchy celery is another very good buy, supplies are of excellent quality and come mainly from Yorkshire. It is many years, or so it seems, since Victoria plums have been so prolific. This delicious fruit is now in full swing and, judging from sales, they are as popular as ever. There are still some peaches around so before they finish, why not try this recipe?

PEACH BOMBES

For 4 people, skin, halve and stone two large peaches (to skin it, nick the peach at the stalk end with knife or scissors, then plunge it into a bowl of boiling water for 30 seconds, remove and drain and then the skin will peel off easily). Stand on a tray, flat side up, and then top each peach with a generous scoop of ice cream - coffee is ideal - put in the freezer for half an hour. Next spoon melted chocolate over each peach half so that it coats the ice cream thinly. Then return to the freezer until firm. For the weight watchers, there are 140 calories per portion. Hope you enjoy them.

ROADWORKS AGAIN

TOTLEY BROOK ROAD is again under siege from road diggers and traffic lights are now controlling traffic for at least three weeks. Residents are advised to use alternative routes wherever possible.

CARAVANS

SURPRISE, SURPRISE. Now the local authorities want to put a camp site in Totley. Let us be thankful that it was not the gypsy site. Officially, the problem is simple. There are lots of tourists attracted to Sheffield, Europe's dirtiest cleanest city, and some apparently want to stop the odd night on camp sites. The Council want to prevent illegal camping and thus provide a tidy site. The area indicated on a map of this area shows a position off Baslow Road between Totley and Owlbar although no specific site is pinpointed. As the plan provides for static caravans as well as tourers, there could be a serious blot on the landscape. The ultimate joke is that if more development takes place in Totley, the camp site could very well be in a built-up area. The Council could just be barking up the wrong tree, as a caravan site on the outskirts effectively slices a bit off the green fringe that makes life bearable for the half a million people living inside. If it was just tents it wouldn't be so bad, but caravans are ugly things, and they shouldn't be allowed in places where even houses are said to be undesirable.

WHAT A NAME!

TRAVELLERS to Totley might have been amused to see the marvellously original house name opposite Millhouses Park. The owners, who overlook the main railway line, have called the house 'Inter-City Glimpse'.

ENTERTAINER

LOCAL Panto organiser, Trevor Wood, of The Grove, tells us that he is carrying on in Totley where he left off in Halifax. Trevor, a relative newcomer to Totley, has been in the entertainment business for some 20 years and is now offering his services for Charity functions, OAP events, private parties for all ages, including children. Apart from conjuring, he tells clean jokes, plays an electric organ and also operates a disco. If you want to hear about his full repertoire, why not give him a ring at 360602?

ELECTRICAL SERVICE

KENNY RAWLINGS, the popular winger for Totley Sports football team, has just branched out on his own. Not as a freelance soccer player, but to follow his trade as an electrician. If you have any electrical work, you might be interested to know that he can be contacted at 21 Aldam Way, telephone 369617.

CHEAP PEARL

TOTLEY (EVENING) Townswomen's Guild hold their meetings at Abbeydale Hall on the second Friday in each month at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome, entry is only 5p with a further 5p for tea and biscuits. That sounds like a bargain too good to miss. Next meeting is on 13th October and is a talk and slide show by Dr. D. Clover titled 'Pearl of the Orient'

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SPORTS

U15 SOCCER

TOTLEY UNDER 14 Football have stayed together to field a team in the Under 15 Sheffield & District Junior Sunday League. Manager John Scriven is looking forward to a successful season after a good finish last year. One decided advantage is that, for the first time, they will play home matches at Greenoak Park. Most matches will be played on Sunday afternoons with an occasional game on Sunday mornings when Greenoak F.C. are away. Fixtures are as follows:

17th Sept. v Sheffield Utd. Juniors (H)
24th Sept. v Grimesthorpe Boys (A)
8th Oct. v Leeds Arms Juniors (H)
15th Oct. v Hillsboro Boys (A)
29th Oct. v Anston Rangers (H)
12th Nov. v Brunsmear Juniors (H)
19th Nov. v Spartan Rovers (H)
26th Nov. v Chantrey Juniors (A)
10th Dec. v Sheffield Utd. Jun. (A)
17th Dec. v Grimesthorpe Boys (H)
31st Dec. v Leeds Arms Juniors (A)
7th January v Hillsboro Boys (H)
14th Jan. v Anston Rangers (A)
4th Feb. v Brunsmear Juniors (A)
18th Feb. v Spartan Rovers (A)
25th Feb. v Chantrey Juniors (H)

Details of postponements and Cup matches will be published later.

MAKING HIS MARK AGAIN!

Last month, fourteen year-old Mark Hudson of Greenoak Road became champion for the third time, when he won the George Turner Shield in the Sheffield Park's Bowling Association's Junior Merit. Mark won in 1975 and 1976, and was runner-up last year, but he hardly put a foot wrong in beating Peter Ross (one of the younger members of a famous bowling family) 15-1 in the Meersbrook Park Finals.

YOGA

KING ECBERT YOGA evening class is now run as a club and is hoping to start a beginners section. Anyone interested should urgently contact one of the three officials.

Mr. J. Earl Chairman 361391
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CUB SCOUTS

TOTLEY CUB SCOUT football team managed by Moke Geering of Totley Grange Drive, fought a close battle

with Batemoor last Sunday. This first match of the new season saw our team fall 3-2 to a team who had luck on their side. The winning goal came from no less than three rebounds from the referee alone. Totley scorers were Robert Peat, who had an industrious match, and man of the match David Midgley.

TOTLEY LOSE

LAST SATURDAY Totley Sports 1st team lost at home 2-1 to Bakewell. Totley had three players serving suspensions carried through from last season and it is hoped that they will be back to full strength within the next match or two. Home scorer was Brent Marsh who, incidentally finished as top sporting South Yorkshire fireman for the second year running just recently.

GOOD COMPANIONS

IF YOU'VE BEEN ON HOLIDAY near Taunton, Windsor or Scarborough, there's a chance you might have seen the Totley Good Companions, for these have been some of the venues this year for their coach trips. Mr. Coates of Lemont Road has been on all the trips with his wife and says they have all been very enjoyable and highly successful. Mrs. Hammond organises the trips, and about fifty Good Companions have been on them so far.

The group started the season in Scarborough - always a popular trip. In Windsor, the travellers were asked by a Canadian boy if the guards were mounted police on foot. On the outing to Taunton, the coach had to stop at Exmoor to allow them to finish the journey via the Lorna Doone railway. The Good Companions always vote on where to go and the amazing thing is that these senior citizens do the journey in only one day. However a week-long holiday in Margate is planned for this month but, whatever the weather, they always seem to enjoy themselves immensely.

LIBRARY

TOTLEY BRANCH LIBRARY have arranged their Listening Group Programme. The evenings which start at 8pm are free and anyone will be made welcome. The first meeting on 10th October will be on Derbyshire and the Lake District by Mrs. V. Wibberley. On 14th November, Mr. E.L. Vernon will give his Old Sheffield Part 2 talk and on 12th December the title is Music for Christmas.

BADMINTON

A BADMINTON COURT has been obtained at King Ecgberts School again this year by the TRA badminton section. If you wish to join, the annual fee is £14 which includes all games, net and shuttlecocks. For further details contact Jill Weston at Toft House, Totley Hall Lane, phone 350546.

CONGRATS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford of 72 Aldam Way who celebrate their Golden Wedding on 22nd September. They were married 50 years ago at St. Philips Church, and lived in Millhouse Road, Firth Park, until they moved to Totley two and a half years ago. Mrs Clifford says she likes living in Totley very much and has found the people very helpful and friendly. They are having a small family party at the Peacock, Owlbar to celebrate the happy event.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. William Mather of Mill Lane, Totley Rise, who celebrated their Golden Wedding at the end of August. The couple, well known amongst Totley's older residents, have a daughter, Pam, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

BEST WISHES FOR the future to Lemont Road's Lynne Richmond who married Christopher Hamilton of Dronfield Woodhouse at All Saints Church last month.

NOT SUGH GOOD WISHES to the Leeds antique dealer accused of stealing a brooch and cigarette lighter from an elderly lady on Busheywood Road last month.

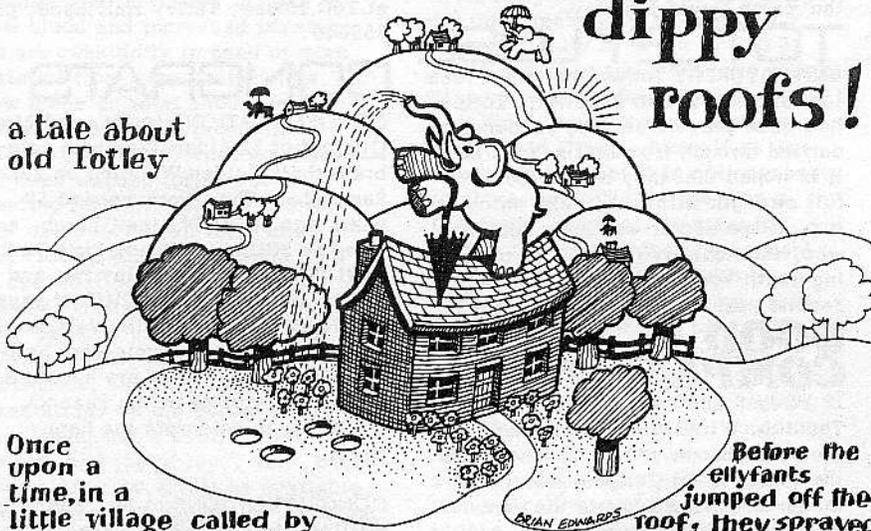
THE REVEREND Hubert John Spalding retired on 3rd September after 13 years as vicar of St. Johns Church, Abbeydale. Mr. Spalding was born in Norfolk and studied theology at King's College, London. He moved to this area after 6 years as vicar of Parson's Cross (no pun), and has been chaplain to three Lord Mayor's and once to the High Sheriff of Nottingham.

JULIE MARSHALL of Totley Grange Road married Gordon Taylor of Bradway at All Saints Church on Saturday 2nd September. After a honeymoon in Majorca, the couple will settle in Dronfield. Best wishes to them both.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Why old cottages have dippy roofs!

a tale about
old Totley



Once upon a time, in a little village called by the funny name of Totley, every old cottage had a cockerel. Every morning, when the sun came up, the cock would crow 'Cockle doodle doo' - which is fowl language for 'Good morning'. They crowed and they crowed until they crowded into an ellyfant. Now these ellyfants were very heavy and their weight pressed on the roofs and made them dip. The roofs with baby ellyfants got off lightly - a sort of lucky dip! So that the ellyfants didn't make big holes in the garden when they jumped off, they were given 'Humberellers'. Thus, they floated gently down to earth.

Before the ellyfants jumped off the roof, they sprayed the garden with water from their trunks - a sort of Jumbo jet! When it was very windy, the poor ellyfants were blown for miles and miles. Sometimes they blew over a country pub and when all the very fat boozers looked up and saw them, the ellyfants blushed all over. So now you know your Dad could be telling the truth when he says he saw a pink ellyfant on the way home from the pub. Of course some 'ellys' drifted to the seaside but they were happy because they had their trunks!

...And that's why cottages have dippy roofs.

Why don't you write us a fairy story, with a nice picture so we can print it in our little magazine - it would be very nice if it could be about Totley!

TOTLEY QUIZ

- A. Re-arrange the letters to form the names of five Totley roads.
1. ORNAW REET LELED
 2. NESMATRO RSECNETC
 3. YCIEMLK NALE
 4. NAVYNELUS DORA
 5. TRAWSYRRBE EEL ENAL

- B. What time is the last post collection on Mondays from Totley Rise?
- C. What time is the first bus to Sheffield from Totley on Saturday?
- D. How many football pitches in Totley?

(ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S INDEPENDENT)

PLAY DAY

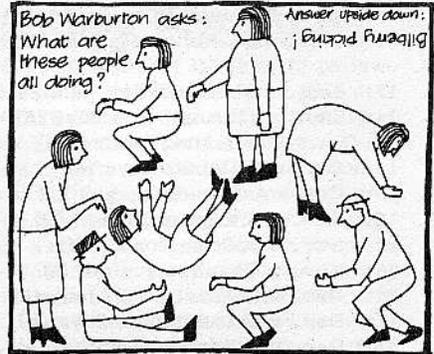
On the 7th of August I went to a fun day at school. There we could do stage make up, painting, needlework, collages and go on a nature trail.

Best of all I liked the make up. With the make up we made clowns faces and then I did a gypsy.

I also liked the needlework. I made a spider.

From Jackie Perriam age 10
95 Totley Brook Road.

Jackie is referring to the Totley Residents Association playday mentioned on Page 2 of this issue.



YOUNG MUSICIANS

Congratulations to Totley County School young musicians who were successful in the Summer examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music.

Violin: Diana Rodford (Distinction)
Alison Saville (Merit)
Rachel Swift (Merit)
Emma Towler (Merit)

Flute: Paula Drewery (Distinction)
Julie Simpson

Trumpet: Paul Bezant (Merit)

Piano: Andrew Towler
Ian Brown (Distinction)

JOKES

Who walks down Coronation Street laughing?

Answer: Hyena Sharples

What game do spacemen play?

Answer: Astronauts and Crosses

Why did the biscuit cry?

Answer: Because its mother was a wafer so long.