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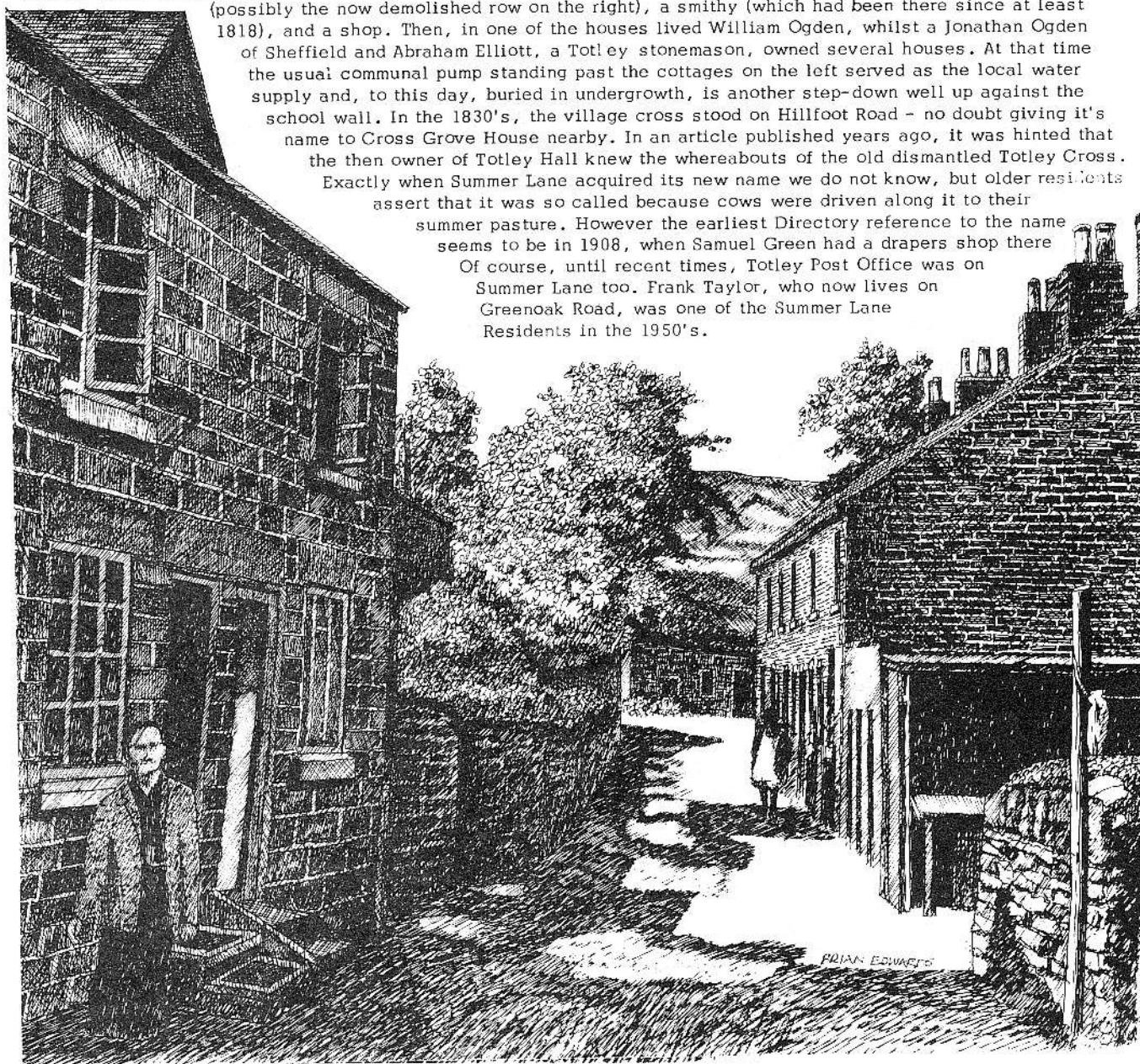
TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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THE SUMMER LANE OF OLD

SUMMER LANE was once a thriving community of up to 50 people. In one of those bright moves, the row of five cottages was bulldozed quickly before the conservation area was created. In the early part of the last century, the Lane was known as Ogdens Road, probably after a Samuel Ogden. He was a local gentleman farmer who owned most of the houses there. After he died, in 1839 there were no less than 4 file shops there, converted from houses (possibly the now demolished row on the right), a smithy (which had been there since at least 1818), and a shop. Then, in one of the houses lived William Ogden, whilst a Jonathan Ogden of Sheffield and Abraham Elliott, a Totley stonemason, owned several houses. At that time the usual communal pump standing past the cottages on the left served as the local water supply and, to this day, buried in undergrowth, is another step-down well up against the school wall. In the 1830's, the village cross stood on Hillfoot Road - no doubt giving it's name to Cross Grove House nearby. In an article published years ago, it was hinted that the then owner of Totley Hall knew the whereabouts of the old dismantled Totley Cross. Exactly when Summer Lane acquired its new name we do not know, but older residents assert that it was so called because cows were driven along it to their summer pasture. However the earliest Directory reference to the name seems to be in 1908, when Samuel Green had a drapers shop there. Of course, until recent times, Totley Post Office was on Summer Lane too. Frank Taylor, who now lives on Greenoak Road, was one of the Summer Lane Residents in the 1950's.



WARBURTONS WORLD

WINTER IS A TIME of mixed blessings to us humans - the young look forward eagerly to the snow, and the rest of the population can hardly wait for the return of the spring. We have managed to conquer winter, in that it is no longer a time of survival - freezers, central heating and thermal underwear have seen to that. Out in the countryside, beyond our towns and villages, the battle of winter is fought annually. Most of the trees and plants simply shut up shop and wait for the sunshine of spring to renew their growth. Some more mobile animals follow the sun and migrate - others, which don't have the capability to do this, defeat the winter cold in various ways.

The main problem with most mammals is not the cold, but its effect upon all the other animals and plants. Mammals are warm-blooded and can survive any amount of cold as long as they have sufficient food to last them through the winter. For the large predators such as foxes, weasels and stoats there is usually enough food to go round. They eat other mammals and birds which do not hibernate - rabbits and mice in particular. The badger has more problems because he is not a mobile, agile hunter. His diet is more catholic but a main portion of his food is earthworms. These, of course, go underground in a big way in frosty weather, sometimes two or three feet deep, and consequently old Brock often has little available food. On these occasions he stays snug in his sett and lives off his fat, accumulated during the feast days of autumn. He does not hibernate. The animals which do hibernate are mainly insect and seed eaters. When they sleep, their heart-beat and respiration drop to a level which just permits them to stay alive. They become cold to the touch and seem to be dead. Hedgehogs, bats and dormice belong to this group of mammals which only awaken when there is enough food around for them to survive. The squirrels sleep fitfully and on warm days throughout the winter will be seen scampering through the bare branches or searching for nuts and seeds hidden by them in caches during the autumn. They often forget where these hoards of food are, with the result that all the seeds begin to sprout during the spring. I can remember quite clearly finding such a group, about 30 tiny beech saplings rising from an old tree stump in Holmesfield Park Wood.



All of them were growing from an area about 2" in diameter and probably none of them would survive the over crowding. No cold-blooded animals live through the winter awake. The snails and lizards crowd together to keep warm and remain inactive until the first warm days of March. Frogs and their relations hibernate also, whilst the insects have a choice of how they spend winter. In one group, the butterflies, some spend the cold months as eggs; a few as caterpillars, some as pupae; and some hardy types as adults. There is some consolation to be gained from our present human predicament - we have warm winters snug in our homes, and sufficient clothing to insulate ourselves from all but the most severe weather.

WAR MEMORIAL

THE WAR memorial on Baslow Road, near Lane Head, has a plaque to the memory of the Totley men who gave their lives in the First World War. The Totley Independent has been contacted and asked to sound out your feelings about the possibility of organising a similar plaque for the Second World War. What do you think?

100 AT CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Day it was a time of double celebration for former Totley resident, Miss Isabella Jepson, who lived in Sunnyvale Road with her sister and nephew. For Miss Jepson, who now lives at the Old People's Home in Stannington was 100 years of age too. She came to live in Totley after spending many years in the licensing trade in Sheffield.

MERRIED CHRISTMAS

THE SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY organised by the Totley Residents Association at Totley College, turned out to be even more successful than last year. This was very much due to the helpfulness of the Polytechnic in letting us have the use of the dining room, kitchens and the auditorium. Apart from an appetising tea prepared by Jill Weston and her kind helpers, there was bingo, a prize draw, raffle and then monologues from the deep rich voice of George Dungworth from Greenoak Avenue. George is an absolute master of the dying art of telling a good yarn and his appearance sparks off a spontaneous round of laughter and applause. Added entertainment was provided by Trevor Wood, a newcomer to Totley and organiser of the All Saints School Panto (coming shortly), who sang, told jokes and played the electronic organ. He also brought along his little daughter who captivated the audience with her delightful dancing. But the greatest surprise was the singing of Howard Walker from Rowan Tree Dell. At short notice, Howard had offered to bring along the Trevor Peat Trio and then he had asked Len Stewart from Greenoak Drive to join in. Len is an accomplished base guitarist and together with Trevor Peat on the piano and Brian Brooks on drums, they provided an impressive and professional backing to Howard's fine voice. The group played modern and Christmas songs in which the audience joined. The prizes for the TRA gardening competition were also awarded during the evening (see last issue for results). Earlier, Mr. Douglas Thacker, Vice-principal at Sheffield Polytechnic had extended a warm welcome to everyone, pointing out how delighted the college was to be able to participate in the local community. Totley Residents Association would like to thank the performers and the many people who worked behind the scenes in making this such an enjoyable event; also to local traders who donated prizes. Lastly we would wish to thank all the senior citizens who came along (over 150 turned up), making the evening enjoyable for the organisers too.

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WINNERS

WINNER OF THE TOTLEY INDEPENDENT CHILDRENS COLOURING COMPETITION was 8 year old Corinne Tolson of 35 Rowan Tree Dell. Second was 8 year old Fiona Gelsthorpe of Brinkburn Drive and third place went to Andrew Edwards, also 8, of Chapel House, Hillfoot Road. Judge, Rod Kay himself an accomplished artist, gave much thought to deciding on the winner because the three winners were all very close. However Corinne's crayon colouring of the little deer was finally chosen because of it's clarity of detail, as was Fiona's. Andrew's, whilst being the neatest, did not quite have the same contrast between deer and background. The entries will be on display in the window of the Heatherfield Club on Baslow Road from the 8th January and prizes of Caran d'Ache fibre tipped pens will be given to the first three. Small consolation prizes will be given to the other entrants: Sarah Hodges, James Weston, Clive Walton, Adrian Chapman and Helen Taylor. Adrian has written this months story on page 8.

Sad news

THE DEATH occurred last week of Totley's oldest resident, Mr Sharp of Chatsworth Road. In our Christmas issue last year, we reported on some of his memories. Then in March we sent Felicity Crowther along to talk to him. Mr. Sharp recalled coming to Totley as a 'young man' of 73; he would have been 104 next month.

JUMBLE SALE

All Saints Church Sunday School are holding a Jumble Sale in the Church Hall on Saturday 3rd February at 2.00pm. If you have any jumble please contact Pat West at 366478 or Annette Job at 360122.

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LETTERS

Frank Taylor and I had a chat about the lady who wrote in the December issue, trying to trace her grandfather. As a result of our talk and after some hard thinking by Frank, I have written the following to the lady.

Dear Mrs. Murfin

I read your letter in the Totley Independent, and I showed it to a Mr. Frank Taylor who is about the oldest Totleyite living. Now Mr. Taylor was born in Dore but his grandparents lived in Totley, and he remembers being taken, by his parents to a wedding in Totley about the year 1905, at this wedding was a chap named William Rodgers, who would be about 22 or 24 at that time. Mr Taylor remembers him because he sang all about a fish, he says that Mr. Rodgers lived in Shrewsbury Terrace and was a gardener at Totley Grange, which was then a large house in Totley. Some four years later Mr Taylor came to work at Cannon Hall Farm, just behind Totley Grange, but by that time Mr. Rodgers had moved on and his place had been taken by someone else.

Now it could be that this Mr. Rodgers was your grandfather and if your Aunt can can remember when they moved to Blackpool, you may find this to be the case.

I hope the information is of some

use to you.

Yours etc. Mr. H. Ashmore
76a Green Oak Road

On behalf of the Totley All Saints Church of England School Parent-Teachers Association I am writing to thank you for your support at our recent events including the Christmas Fayre which, despite the seasonal weather conditions, raised £200 for equipment in the school. Santa enjoyed his visit to Totley and we hope to arrange for a return trip sometime in 1979. We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. With best wishes, Ray Atkin PTA Chairman
150 Totley Brook Road.

Urgent! Help!

The Independent is looking for more help still. Because of a very much increased work load at my business, I will be unable to devote quite so much time to the production of the magazine, during the next few months at least. We could really do with someone to take on editorial responsibility but any offer of work would be welcomed.
Brian Edwards, Chapel House, 368213

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SPORTS

TOTLEY SPORTS FOOTBALL

DECEMBER proved to be the month when Totley beat Dove Holes but the weather beat everyone. The bleak and wet period meant that many matches were cancelled and the 1st and 2nd teams played only three matches in total. The result of the Dore Shield replay again proved indecisive but the second team scored a comfortable victory against Dove Holes at Totley Bents.

9th December v Dronfield Woodhouse (Away) 0-0 after extra time. (Dore Shield).

2nd Team v Buxton Eagle (A) Lost 5-2
16th December 2nd Team v Dove Holes (H) Won 3-2

Under 15 Soccer

TOTLEY UNDER 15 football team continued their good run with 6 points out of the last four games. Spartan Rovers were beaten 7-2 at Greenock Park, followed by a disappointing 2-2 draw away against Chantry. The away match against Sheffield United Juniors produced a 1-1 result, Totley conceding a point in the closing seconds. In the last match, against Grimesthorpe Juniors at Greenock Park, we played only moderately but still managed to win 3-1. For a team who finished bottom of the table last season with only 3 points, Totley have done well to raise 11 points at the half-way stage so far. They have yet to lose away from home, and currently hold fourth position.

MR. TOMMY SAMPY

TOMMY SAMPY, of Main Avenue, a former Sheffield United half-back died at Christmas, aged 79. He joined United in the 1920-21 season and, after 20 years in the sport, he moved into engineering.

PHOTO SOCIETY NEWS

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S last meeting of the old year was on 13th December when there was a competition on 'Totley'. There were few photographs presented for judging, which was disappointing since we had arranged for Brian Edwards to judge the photos for us. It proved to be an interesting evening for those who did turn out. The Junior Section was won by Ian Bottom, Slides by Paul Cutts, colour prints by Don Bellamy and colour slides by Don Toothill. Our next meetings are an open members meeting on 3rd January followed by a very interesting evening with Hector Kyme from Dronfield, who apart from being Dronfield's most famous walker, is an expert (not to misuse the word) on black and white photography.

PLAYGROUP VACANCIES

TWO PLAYGROUPS in the district are advertising vacancies. St. John's Abbeydale Road South, have places available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 - 12.00, details from 363029.

At Dore & Totley United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road, we believe that there are also vacancies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.15 - 12.00. Telephone 369268 for information.

FRUIT AND VEG

JOHN SCRIVEN

AT THE TIME of writing, the weather is very grim indeed and, as most of us are aware, weather conditions can have a significant effect on the supply of vegetables. Shortages are created and prices rise and this is beginning to show in the shops. The early months of the year are usually very uninteresting in the fruit and veg. world; in fact this is usually a 'Taters and Turnips' period. Christmas supplies proved to be fairly adequate with the notable exception of caulifloers. Here the Cornish crop was severely affected by frost so that poor quality and high prices made traders think twice before buying. The French caulis arrived too late to satisfy the Christmas demand. Happy eating in the New Year.

Congratulations to the pupils of Trudi Morton - Hall who were successful in the Autumn practical pianoforte examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of

MR. ARTHUR TURNER

MR. ARTHUR TURNER of The Cottage, Hillfoot Road, died on the 17th of December in Blenheim Nursing Home. Mr. Turner was born in Townhead Road, Dore but came to Totley as a boy. His mother died when he was quite young and he lost two brothers in the first world war. He himself was a prisoner -of-war and, on returning to Totley worked at the Brickyard then later for Sheffield Cleansing Department. At one time, Mr. Turner was an umpire for Totley Cricket Club and, until recently, often appeared down at the Bents to watch both cricket and football teams. Mr. Turner also had a sister, Francis, who died in 1938 and another brother is still living, outside the area.

The funeral service was held at Dore Church where Mr. Turner was buried in the same grave as his father, Charlie.

Arthur Turner had been ill for some months and was 88 when he died.

WATER, WATER

JUST AS though we haven't had enough rain lately, we can expect to hear about more soon. On Tuesday 9th January, Mr. J. Howe of the Yorkshire Water Authority, will be at Totley Branch Library talking about his work. He will also show two films, 'Yorkshire Water' and 'Yorkshire Grid', on some present and future water projects. Everybody is welcome, admission is free and the evening starts at 8.00pm.

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BRIAN EDWARDS

LIBRARY MEETINGS

TOTLEY BRANCH LIBRARY reports that attendances for their monthly evenings are generally well attended. Often about 50 residents turn up and the series is seen as a most justifiable one. Details are published in the Independent and are also displayed on the notice board at the Library.

MR. BEN SNEATH

BEN SNEATH, of The Quadrant, who passed away in September, was well known throughout motor and motor cycle racing. He was probably best remembered as the first Sheffield Speedway manager at Owlerton when the sport first started here in 1928.

PINFOLD GARDEN

THERE HAS BEEN some doubt as to the intentions of the Totley & District Environment Society's plans for the pinfold garden on Hillfoot Road. In next month's issue, we will be publishing an article by TADES explaining the present position.

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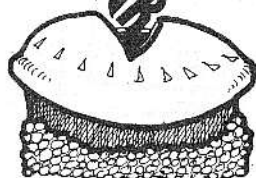
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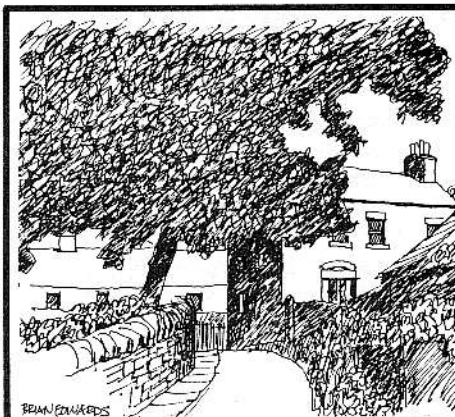
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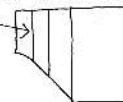
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A SCENE WHICH HASN'T CHANGED MUCH FOR MANY YEARS IS THIS ONE AT BUTTS HILL. THAT QUIET BACKWATER OF TOTLEY OFF HILL - FOOT ROAD. ALONG THE LANE ARE TWO OF TOTLEY'S OLDEST BUILDINGS - ASH COTTAGE AND BEYOND - CANNON HALL WITH ITS ANCIENT CRUCK BARN. BOTH OF THESE ARE OFF TO THE LEFT OF THE DRAWING. THE ROW OF HOUSES SHOWN IS SHREWSBURY TERRACE. IN 1842 BUTTS HILL WAS KNOWN AS GREENS ROAD MOST PROBABLY AFTER THE TOTLEY FAMILY OF THAT NAME.

THE WORD 'BUTTS', ACCORDING TO S.O. ADDY'S SHEFFIELD GLOSSARY, REFERS TO THE SHORT PIECES OF PLOUGH LAND IN THE CORNER OF IRREGULAR SHAPED FIELDS



ONE THEORY IS THAT BUTTS HILL WAS THE COURSE OF AN ANCIENT PATH WHICH LED FROM BEAUCHEF ABBEY TO THE MONKS SHEEP GRANGE WHICH WAS IN USE IN THE 12TH CENTURY. ANOTHER SUGGESTION (BY BESSIE BUNKER) IS THAT CANNON HALL WAS THE SITE OF AN 'AULA' IN 829.

Wilson of the Wizard

AT THE TIME OF WRITING, Totley is under 3 or 4 inches of snow. Some sort of unoriginal 'industrial action' seems to have prevented the clearing of roads, tanker drivers have threatened, so have the hauliers, Scargills not being left out, the social services aren't being too social, the hallowed Times is threatened with closure etc. Go-slows and strikes are such a common problem that the public is growing more and more immune to them. YTV's blackout over Christmas was the brightest news but the hoped-for strike of some of our city leaders never took place. On that subject, we have nominated City Council's leader as recipient of the year for his work as star of stage, screen and radio. Full of praise for gypsies and immigrants, wee georgie has hardly been the public relations exercise Sheffield needed. Take heart however, he does disappear to Tokyo and other exotic places, although it is hardly likely that there will be a coup d'etat whilst he's away. But one wonders what words of praise he will have for the immigrant Japanese management people when they arrive in such vast hordes. It seems significant that we pay sums of money to a man in the USA to help us promote Sheffield in Japan. After all it WAS Sheffield cutlers who spread our name far and wide. Since we paid outsiders to do it for us, sales of Sheffield goods have hardly rocketed. And where are all the extra jobs which have resulted from the various trips aboard and the thousands of pounds expended on them? No, lad, if you want foreign investment in this town, you might just have to put up with a few immigrants too. So to G. Wilson we award the Totley Independent 'Ambassador of Goodwill for 1978' together with the Redmires Romany Ribbons and Bar.

CUBS LOSE

December was a little bit like an old joke for the Totley Cubs football team - a case of bad news and good news. First the bad news. Playing at Lowedges they lost by 4 - 2. There could be no grumbles at the result. On the day, Lowedges were the better team and deserved their win. Consolation goals were scored by David Midgley and Stephen Nettleton but the opposition were never in danger of losing. Totley boy of the match was Robert Peat. Secondly, the good news - playing St. Pauls Cubs at Graves Park, Totley won easily by 10 - 1. Scorers for Totley were Robert Peat 3, Ashley Dickinson

3, Stephen Geering 2, David Midgley 2, Ian Brownhill, the goalkeeper, was Totley boy of the match.

WHO IS TOTLEY'S SPORTING PERSONALITY OF 1978?

The Independent is starting its search for Totley's outstanding sports personality and we want nominations from you. If you know someone who has achieved success in any sport during 1978 we want you to write and let us know. However it's not just trophies we're counting - courage, determination and effort are as important as talent. Two categories - Under 18 and over 18 - nominations by 20th January.

NEW TOTLEY YOUTH CLUB

AS REPORTED in the last issue, a TOTLEY YOUTH CLUB is in the process of being formed and is to be held in All Saints Church Hall on Friday evenings. This club will cater for the 14 to 17 age group. If you are of this age and wish to join then please fill in the slip below - however because of limited facilities, this would be no guarantee of membership. If you are an adult and wish to help on the occasional Friday evening, in a supervisory role or, alternatively, play a more active role then please fill in the slip below. When completed, the slip should be returned to 130 Green Oak Road, Totley, as soon as possible. Already a sponsored 12 hour five-a-side football match held in the Sheffield Polytechnic Sports Hall in Collegiate Crescent, has raised about £150 for this venture. The Totley Independent is pleased to be able to support this initiative by Totley Youth and we hope that you will do so too. Already, Totley Residents Association committee has agreed to make a small grant towards the Club.

AS AN ADULT, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO HELP RUN OR OCCASIONALLY SUPERVISE THE YOUTH CLUB? YES / NO (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)

IF YOU ARE 14 TO 17 YEARS OLD, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN JOINING

THE YOUTH CLUB? YES / NO

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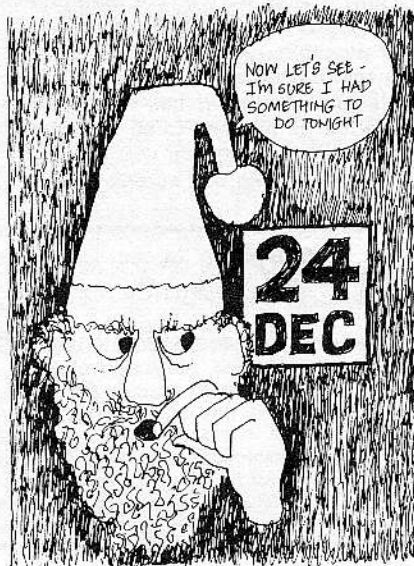
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Totleys Big Hole

by Adrian Chapman age 7½ years
50 Chatsworth Road Totley Rise

Once there was a man who owned a field on Hill Foot Road. There was a hole in that field. About 60 Feet deep! He had dream that if He dug and dug in the direction of the moors. He would find gold. Next morning he got his Spade and he climbed down the hole and dug and dug and he did not find any gold so he dug and dug and dug until he came out in the open. He thought "I know where this is its Grindelpord." He still had not found any gold. So he went home. A few days later a man came to call. He said "I am from the railway company and please can we buy your hole. The man sold his hole and he got his gold after all and Totley got its tunnel.



SANTA SEEN IN TOTLEY

FATHER CHRISTMAS WAS SEEN ON BRINKBURN DRIVE AND ON SUNNYVALE AVENUE AT ABOUT 8 O'CLOCK ON CHRISTMAS EVE. AN INDEPENDENT STAFF MEMBER WAS ATTENDING A PARTY ON BRINKBURN AND WITNESSED THE EVENT FIRSTHAND. A LARGE RED-CLOAKED FIGURE WITH FLOWING WHITE BEARD, SACK AND CLANGING BELL APPEARED AT THE FRENCH WINDOW AND GAVE A CHEERY WAVE. MUCH TO EVERYONES ASTONISHMENT HE STAYED A FEW MINUTES, PAUSING TO RAISE HIS BEARD AND DOWN A QUICK TOT. FURTHER SIGHTINGS WERE WITNESSED BY DAVID WHITTAKER, A RESPECTED TOWN HALL ARCHITECT, FURTHER UP BRINKBURN DRIVE. LATER REPORTS PLACED SANTA ON SUNNYVALE WHERE HE WAS SEEN EMERGING FROM A VW (VERY WHITE) CAR. TALK IS THAT HE WILL PAY US A VISIT AGAIN NEXT YEAR ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL VICAR DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE THEORY THAT FATHER CHRISTMAS IS A LOCAL PARISHIONER.

CINDERELLA

A Family pantomime ~

As reported in the earlier issues of the Independent, Totley All Saints Church of England School Parent Teachers Association are presenting the family panto 'Cinderella' at the end of January, in the School Hall. The performances are on the 19th, 20th (matinee only), 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th (matinee and evening). They start at 2pm (matinees on 20th and 27th) and 7.15pm. The tickets are selling well although there are still seats available particularly on the 19th and 27th (matinee).

Tickets price 50p adults, and 30p children and senior citizens, can be obtained by ringing Andrea Turner at 367544. This is the first amateur production and the cast, which includes parents teachers and eight children from the school, are currently rehearsing under the direction of Trevor Wood, who has also written the panto.

The P.T.A. hope that their efforts will give enjoyment to the Totley community so do not miss this opportunity of seeing Totley's own pantomime.

The Independent wishes the P.T.A. a successful show and hope our readers will support this ambitious show by the liveliest group in the district.

Hope to see you all there!

SAD NEWS ON HORSE

The horse injured last month in the barn blaze behind the Fleur de Lys has had to be put down because of the extensive burns it suffered during the blaze reported in our December issue.