

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

Published by Totley Residents Association NO 20 FEBRUARY 1979 10p

TOTLEY UNDER SEIGE!

THE heavy snowfall of Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January virtually cut Totley off from the outside world. No buses ran on Friday evening and after about 10 p.m. on Saturday. Baslow Road was virtually impassable on Saturday and Totley families, with cars blocked in and no buses running, used the normally busy Baslow Road as a footpath. Local shops had a boom in business as everyone was forced to shop locally and queues formed for meat and bread.

Bread deliveries were around two hours late reaching the area. Milk deliveries had difficulty in reaching customers and some people had to go and find their milkman. On Sunday, local milkmen supplying Express milk received no deliveries until the afternoon although S & E Co-op supplies seem to have been normal.

Snow ploughing by local tractors kept Baslow Road more or less open and when the snow eventually stopped it became passable.

Then began the great dig out. Teams of householders began the lengthy process of digging out drives and clearing the roads of mountains of snow; a process that got into full swing on Sunday. It's wonderful how a community spirit develops over such activities.

By late Sunday afternoon, with some help from a snow plough and a gritting lorry, most side roads were passable.

Our milkmen, breadmen, and snow plough drivers certainly deserve a big thank-you for all their hard work in such atrocious weather conditions.

Since then two further heavy snowfalls have led to similar conditions but go-slows and work-

to-rules have left all but main roads in an unbearable condition.

NEW BUS SHELTER

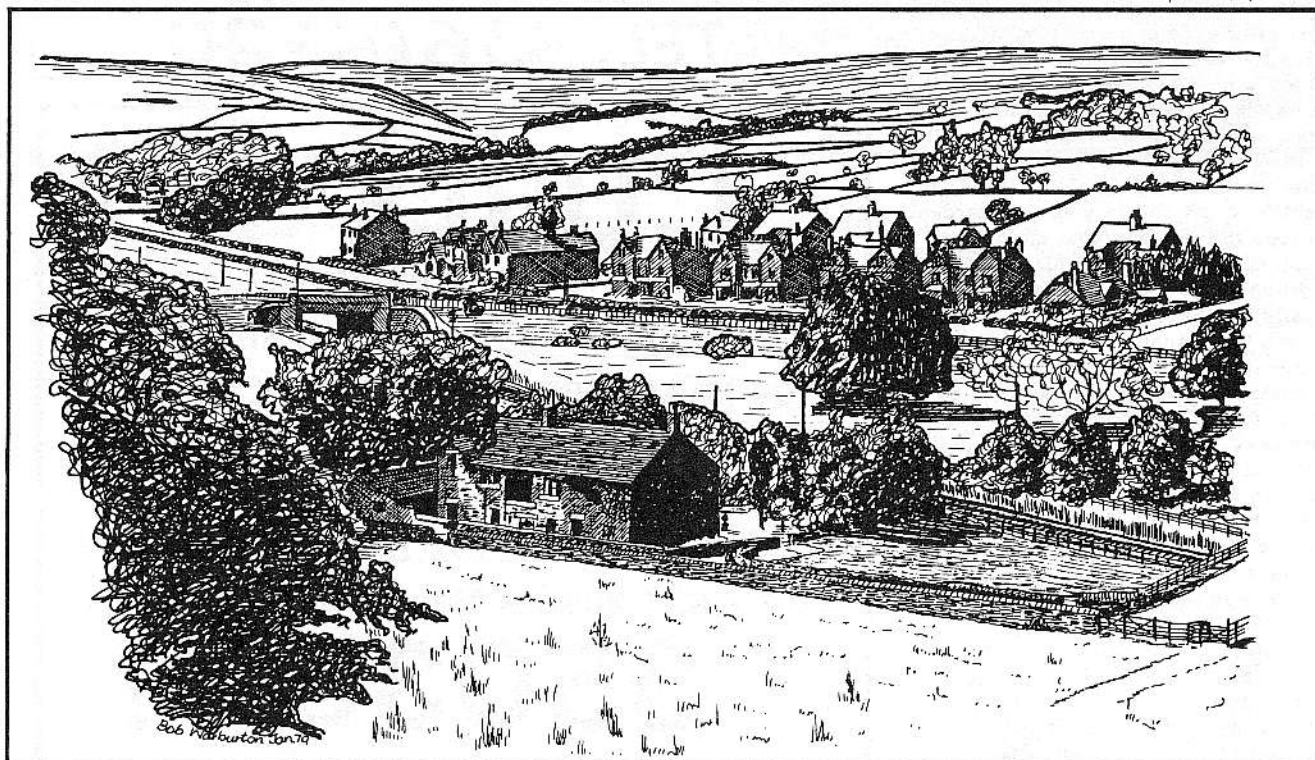
AFTER years of requests, a bus shelter has at last appeared at the top of Main Avenue. The stop is one of the busiest in the area and at the morning rush hour there are always long queues.

Previous pleas for protection from the elements have always fallen on deaf ears. Now S.Y.P.T.E. seem to have found some spare cash and that long-awaited shelter may make the long wait a little more bearable.

We understand from a Town Hall spokesman that shatterproof, acrylic, vandal-proof windows will be fitted in due course, strikes permitting.

GREEN FIELDS

BELOW BOB WARBURTON SHOWS WHAT THE TOTLEY BROOK ESTATE LOOKED LIKE EARLY THIS CENTURY. THIS VIEW TAKEN FROM AN OLD POST CARD SHOWS THE NOW DEMOLISHED WEST VIEW COTTAGE FROM THE NOW BUILT-UP BRADWAY BANK.



GARDENING

It is once again that time of the year when we huddle close to our firesides and eagerly thumb through holiday brochures and dream of faraway places where the sun is always shining. Some of us, on the other hand, may be anxiously awaiting the arrival of the 1979 seed and shrub catalogues - the gardener's panacea for winter inactivity.

If you count yourself among this latter group, then the chances are that among the many catalogues will be at least one displaying and extolling the virtues of some new hybrid rose, depicted in glorious colour and always perfect.

Before you get too enthusiastic I would ask you to pause for a moment, go to your window and take a look outside. Cold eh - wind that gets right through to the marrow, gardens probably flooded or at least waterlogged. Right, now back to the fire and pick up that catalogue again. Got it? Now, look at the address - to be a gardener is to be a gambler - I'll wager that the nursery is more than thirty miles away from Totley and is in the South of England.

Now ask yourself if your Kodak rose has ever seen the sort of conditions it's likely to experience in this part of the country; I think not. I have just mentioned the gambling side of gardening, with odds heavily stacked against the unwary, but there are ways to reduce the odds. One such way is to let your nurseryman gamble for you. If he is worth his salt he will have tried your Kodak rose under local weather conditions and in soil identical or similar to the soil in your own garden. If the rose thrives then your nurseryman will sell it, confident that his customers are getting value for their money. If the rose fails you have lost nothing.

When you have finally chosen and planted your new rose(s) do not dash out and start buying sprayers and chemicals as if all the forces of nature are now your most bitter enemy, all conspiring on the quickest way to end the life of your roses. Chemicals obviously have their uses in overcoming heavy infestations of pests and diseases, but there are other ways.

One such way was recently brought to my attention. It concerns the control of two problems that often beset roses - i.e. greenfly and blackspot. According to information that I have in front of me, the University of California Entomological Research Station have found that instances of

both greenfly and blackspot are significantly reduced when garlic, onions or any of the Allium family are planted in and around rose beds. The same results were achieved when these plants were grown alongside raspberries and grapes with no detriment to the fruit flavour. Try it - you never know you may win a first prize for rose scented onions.

NEXT MONTH, Tony gives us some tips on tomato growing.

TWO NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

IN RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL to readers for help with the Independent, we have had two new members. They are Tony Eaton-Baudains of the Cottage, Woodthorpe Hall and Julia

Nawen of Grove Road. More details about them in the next issue. If anyone else wants to join us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

EDITORIAL STAFF

FELICITY CROWTHER 34 Rowan Tree Dell
TONY EATON-BAUDAINS The Cottage,
Woodthorpe Hall, Holmesfield 360065
BRIAN EDWARDS Chapel House Chapel
Lane, Hillfoot Road 368213
JULIA NAWEN 11 Grove Road, Totley
JULIA NAWEN 11 Grove Road 363911
CHRISTOPHER WOODHEAD 33 Stonecroft
Road 364821
DISTRIBUTION
JOHN PERKINTON 2 Main Avenue 361601
or at Perkinsons shop top of Main Avenue.

VICTORIA PRIVATE HIRE

Queen Victoria Road, Totley

We specialise in transport to airports & resorts in luxury 6/7 seat estate cars.

CHEAPER THAN THE OTHERS

AS WE HAVE MORE SEATS

ANYWHERE — ANYTIME
TEL. 360320

'CURLY Q,'

IF YOU THINK YOUR HAIR DESERVES MORE

PROFESSIONAL TREATMENT AND

YOU NO LONGER WISH TO TRAVEL TO TOWN

TO FIND IT -

YOU NOW KNOW OUR NAME !!

OUR ADDRESS ? 162, BASLOW ROAD !

THE PHONE NUMBER, MONDAY TO SATURDAY ?

350362 !

PETER SWIFT

15-19 BASLOW ROAD,
TOTLEY RISE

TEL: 364411

**Totley's
independent
newsagent**

**Buffets for all
Occasions**

**phone 366526
after 4.30pm**

PIANO TUITION

LADY GRADUATE OF ESSEN
CONSERVATOIRE & BERLIN MUSIK
KAMMUR, TEACHES PIANO WITH
EMPHASIS ON STYLE, FINGERING
AND INTERPRETATION
TELEPHONE: 366484



Woodthorpe Gardens

**Landscaping
Garden construction
& Garden Maintenance
Tree surgery
Dry stone walling
Rotovating**

ESTIMATES FREE

**Holmesfield
Sheffield**

Tel: Sheffield 360065 & 360134

**COME TO
AVENUE
STORES**
for your pies from
PORK FARMS

**TOTLEY
PRIVATE
HIRE CARS**
Anywhere Anytime
Personal Service
361547

WHITE CARS FOR WEDDINGS

PERKINTONS
251 Baslow Road
for fruit, veg and
pet foods.
and back issues of the
INDEPENDENT

Ken Rawlings
ELECTRICIAN

21 ALDAM WAY TOTLEY
SHEFFIELD S174GD
TELEPHONE 369617

FOR FIVE GENERATIONS


THE LEADING FUNERAL DIRECTORS

John Fleath & Sons

A REVERENT & HELPFUL SERVICE
AT ALL TIMES

☎ 23229

LIMOUSINES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS



FOR NATURAL STONE
FLAGS, KERBS AND
GRANITE SETTS
LIMESTONE CHIPPINGS
3/4" AND 3/8"
SLAG DUST FOR
UNDERPAVING AND
TOP SOIL IN 4 TON LOADS
PLUS A RELIABLE DELIVERY
SERVICE
DENNIS DRURY
122 TADCASTER RD.
WOODSEATS
SHEFFIELD S8 0RB
PHONE: 581517
OFFICE HOURS OR
583287 ANYTIME
(ANSWER SERVICE)

BINGO

COME AND TRY BINGO IN
HOLMESFIELD. Played regularly
the last Monday of each month at
8.00pm in the Holmesfield New
Village Hall.
7 Houses, 2 Flyers, & £10 Snowball
RAFFLES, REFRESHMENTS, SPACIOUS
CAR PARK.

Next session Monday 26th February.

FISH & CHIP SUPPER

ON WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 8pm
ORGANISED BY TOTLEY RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION AT THE HEATHERFIELD
CLUB, BASLOW ROAD
TICKETS FROM PERKINTONS SHOP
FISH & CHIPS • BINGO • ORGANIST

WARBURTONS WORLD



WE are very fortunate, in this district, that we have so many pleasant open fields, streams, and rural walks. One of the most pleasant is along Totley Brook, behind Aldam Road, and moving upstream through Gillfield Woods. The stream is clear, sparkling, relatively unpolluted and contains many fish. Many birds move along its banks, and most of our local wild mammals come to drink and feed. The adjoining wet meadows abound in plants and insects. They have never known fertiliser or weedkiller, so that plant and insect communities are still intact.

A great many people chose to live in Totley because of the walks and rural scenery close at hand. Since I first moved into Totley, some ten years ago, many changes have taken place. Some were inevitable, and have occurred with little damage to the identity of the village. The prefabs of the Green Oak Estate had long outlived their intended life, and were replaced by pleasantly laid-out modern homes. The Totley Grange Estate filled in another area with neat semis. This virtually ended all large-scale development within the 'boundary' of Totley Hall Lane and Hillfoot Road.

Now this has ended - the whole point of the Conservation area (to retain the old part of the village as a relatively unspoilt unit) has been disregarded, and a new estate is to be built to the south-west of Totley Hall Lane, on the hillside. The problem to us, as residents, is that we have no inkling of which area (if any) is next on the list for

development. We need some assurance that Totley will not become another Gosforth Valley.

It would be most reassuring if we could regard our present arrangement of fields, streams and woods as permanent features, as public amenities to be enjoyed by the people of Sheffield and the residents of Totley in particular.

So far as we are concerned, too many buildings simply disfigure a rural environment; but for the wild life involved, they wreak havoc. Most animals do not die out because of the obvious reasons, such as bird-nesting, shooting or collection. They disappear because of loss of their habitat, and some shy species simply by the very nearness of Man's dwellings and movement. We must watch carefully for future designs upon our remaining open spaces. They should remain as a joint amenity for their wild inhabitants and for children and adults to play and walk in.

Just to try to emphasise this point, if the valley of Totley Brook were to be developed for building we may well lose these species from our district: Heron; Kestrel; Jay; Pied Woodpecker; Mallard; Tawny Owl; Badger; Weasel; Water Shrew; Orange Tip Butterfly; Common Blue Butterfly; Flag Iris; Kingcups; and our three local Hornbeam trees.

If the opportunity arises, please cast a vote for those of our community - the natural ones - who can't do it for themselves.

GARDEN SLIDES

On Thursday 22nd March Bill Nelson, Radio Sheffield's gardening expert, will be at the Heatherfield Club on Baslow Road. Totley Residents' Association have arranged for him to give a talk, with slides, on gardening. Details in the next issue.

EXPERTS

AMATEURS

NOVICES

All Welcome at the
KAYGEEBEE
DANCE CENTRE
Abbeydale Ballroom
8pm every evening; bar,
soft drinks, tea & coffee.
Phones 54064 - 50874

CINDERELLA

AFTER THE BALL....

IN A WINTER WEEK-TO-BE-REMEMBERED families donned overcoats, scarves and boots to trudge through deep snow. In dark, cheery groups they descended on All Saints School. If Sheffield couldn't muster a pantomime, then Totleyites were not going to be deterred from seeing their own show. And it was worthwhile making the journey for enjoy the panto they did. An amateur pantomime is a tough objective under any circumstances but on that pocket handkerchief of a stage it called for careful planning and economy of movement. Despite the drawbacks, even Nellie the elephant (in Cinderella?) managed a few acrobatics. The Parent Teachers Association production proved to be a real amateur show. Amateur because here were locals entertaining locals and audience participation is always more spontaneous in such a situation. Trevor Wood's enthusiasm both with the script and on the stage, as Buttons, was infectious. The usual "Oh yes he did" was met with loud "Oh no he didn't"s. "Hello children" was well received and so too was the traditional audience sing-song. A panto, by nature, is full of corn and slapstick but, even allowing for the small stage, most of the cast were too stiff, with humorous lines occasionally falling on stoney ground. Having said that, we must remember that this was their first production, there were tremendous limitations - would Olivier have done any better? One thing is certain. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so did I. Never have I seen Mike Williamson and John Turner look so adorable (they were the sisters), we even asked them to appear on Page Three. but they shyly declined. We simply do not have space to mention everyone who contributed to the success both front and back stage but they may well feel very satisfied with their efforts in keeping the panto tradition alive for another generation. Well done All Saints!

FOUND IN HILLFOOT ROAD

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS PTA have contacted us and asked us to publish a note about lost property still unclaimed after their pantomime. Will any lady who has lost a size 6 glass slipper, embroidered in silver sequins with the letter C, please get in touch with Mr. P. Charming or Mr. Dan Dini at Totley Palace of Further Education. Police are still trying to trace the identities of two suspicious men dressed in ladies ball dresses on the same evening.

Inundated with replies to our Sports person of the year.

Thank you for your nominations for the 'Totley sportsperson of the year' which received a huge response. In fact the response was so tremendous that your letters of nomination are still being sorted out at the G.P.O. and that must be why we haven't received any.

We thought the footballers would be 'heading' for several nominations but we were wrong. The cricketers also seemed 'stumped' for nominations or perhaps they were just 'bowled over' by the sheer thought of the quality of the entrants.

Anyway, unless we receive any different nominations before 25th January, these winners will be named:

- 1st N.E.Body of Dore for sucking the chocolate of 3,757 toffees in 3 hours 45 minutes - a first in this most demanding sport.
- 2nd A.N.Other of Bradway - the South Sheffield Underwater Frog Chasing Champion.
- 3rd All Totley-based Sheffield Utd. supporters for determination in the face of adversity.

THERES SNOW BUSINESS LIKE SNOW...

JANUARY proved to be a good month for Totley Sports because they did not lose a match! Nor did they draw one! Unfortunately they didn't win one either for the referee (he's the one who decides weather the match can be played) called their matches off each Saturday last month.

Leicester City have an underground heating system, Arsenal have an underground heating system called a hot air balloon and Manchester City have just bought a hot air balloon called Malcolm Allison (we put that in for the Rotherham fans) but it's 'snow joke' for Totley Sports who like most other teams in the region have to trust to nature. That's why we've had to print all this in the space where the football results should be because there aren't any and if any of the players' boots glance at this whilst they are placed to dry on discarded copies of the Totley Independent, your owners have not formed a footballers' union (that's only Rugby Union) and gone on strike, so we hope normal play will be resumed next month.

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON... AND OFF....AND....

THE Totley Grange Estate has had considerable trouble with its electricity just recently. Before Christmas half the street lights went out and three holes and four days later came back on again. They were out again for Christmas and then mysteriously returned, seemingly without any attention, when the big freeze began.

Came the night of the big thaw and they were off again and the lights of the houses began to dip in sympathy. On the night of Saturday 6th January a bang blew a telephone cover off. During Sunday 7th January the Y.E.B. telephone was red hot as the power surged back and forth but Y.E.B. engineers could not trace the fault. Then around 11 p.m., there was a frightening dip in the supply followed by a huge bang and a smoking hole appeared in the pavement in Totley Grange Road.

The fire brigade were quickly on the scene, followed closely by off-duty Y.E.B. engineer Martin Harpham who lives in Totley. He duly claimed the hole for the Y.E.B. and the firemen departed when a Y.E.B. team had made the hole safe and turned the power off.

Later on in the night a gang of workmen arrived and after four hours hard work the power was restored at 5 a.m. on Monday morning.

YET MORE GLOOM.

YOU know that hoary old question; where do flies go in the wintertime? The same question could well be asked of the street lighting engineers. Lights in Baslow Road have stayed unlit for weeks now and only telephone calls from residents seem to stir anyone into action. At this time of the year, the time clocks that control the switching of the lights don't need altering and that seems to mean that no one ventures out from Olive Grove Road except in response to a telephone call. Or are they too busy with the Christmas illuminations?

SHUT THAT DORE!

Dore climatological station reported a 15.5 inch snowfall in one weekend in January, the heaviest fall for many years. Incidentally, the hottest day of 1978 was May 1st with 70°F (25.7°C) whilst February 11th had the year's lowest figure of -7°C (21.4°F) recorded.

TOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL P.F.A.

The highlights of the autumn Term of 1978 were the Bonfire and Christmas Coffee Morning. For the second successive year a Bonfire was built in the School Grounds and after being ignited with due ceremony by the Headmaster, Mr Harry Walch, it blazed into the night sky singeing most of the grass around it and some of the more adventurous spectators. There followed a magnificent display of fireworks expertly co-ordinated by Mike Minifie and his team of helpers, who are now old hands at the task and whose expertise can be hired out for a small fee payable to the Association. Throughout the evening a continuous supply of hot dogs and beverages was maintained by the Norton Scouts and the Committee would like to acknowledge the help, not only of the Scouts, but also of all those ladies who brought along bonfire toffee and jacket potatoes.

The Jumble Sale was held later in November and on Saturday 9th December the School was opened for a Coffee Morning to allow parents and friends the opportunity of inspecting the Christmas decorations which were again of a very high standard. Music was provided by the School Orchestra and there was a splendid raffle with numerous prizes many of which were donated by local shopkeepers, to all of whom the Committee are indebted for their generosity. Thanks are also due to those ladies who baked the cakes and mince pies which were sold throughout the morning.

The success of this event boosted the funds of the Association in no small measure and these funds will be put to good purpose.

However, the Association does not exist primarily as a fund-raising organisation, but as a medium through which parents, children and teachers can meet to promote the best interests of the School and its pupils. Thus this year the Committee hope to organise a number of new events involving both parents and children. These will be in addition to the traditional Spring Fair, which will be held on the 19th May and the Band Concert to be held on the 29th June.

A. SWIFT

Chairman.

**TRA Fish + Chip Supper
28th Feb. See Page 3.**

BE A TOADIE

PERHAPS readers may be interested to learn that the well-known local dramatic society "The Toads" has just entered its 29th year of activity. Obviously, over this period many new members have joined, but unfortunately, many others have left as they moved to other towns, districts, and even overseas.

In fact, there are only two of the original group still taking an active part, the Chairman, S. Gethin Robinson and his wife Lily, with Don Chambers running a close third.

The enthusiasm of this small group has enabled it to achieve a high standard of production, and, we hope, an added social amenity to Totley. This has been reflected in growing and appreciative audiences.

The Society endeavours to select plays to satisfy all tastes, but because of the small membership, choice is somewhat limited.

Meetings are held almost every Tuesday evening from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the St. John's Church Hall, and anyone who is interested in acting, producing, lighting, designing or in general helping would be warmly welcomed by all. Any one of the undermentioned Officers will gladly supply further details. The cost of membership is negligible, only enthusiasm is essential.

Chairman; S. G. Robinson 364365

Hon. Sec. K. Walker 364749

Hon. Treas. D. Hollis 362938

G&S Concert

Local G. & S. enthusiasts may be interested to know of a charity concert being given by Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society in aid of the League of Friends Weston Park Hospital. It will be at the Montgomery Hall on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30, and tickets, price £1 (75p pensioners) are available from the people below.

Mr T Hayes 36 School Lane 746483

Mrs W Cairns 77 Bents Drive 367188

LETTER GREENOAK MEMORIES

I WONDER if it may be of any interest to your readers to know that March 23rd this year marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Totley Recreation Ground (Green Oak Park).

How do I know? Because I've got a little blue pot which was presented to all the children at Totley C. of E. School at the time. That's a big giveaway to my age of course! This pot lay in my mother's cellar kitchen at Brook Vale Cottage (the Chemical Yard) for years; she always kept her "dolly-dye" in it, but it now has pride of place in my own kitchen and sparks off a bit of nostalgia every time I look at it. Like the day of the opening of the ground - this was celebrated by having 'races', and although I considered myself a pretty good runner, I could only achieve second best to Elsie Moffatt of Cherry Tree Orphanage, who'd calves like pumpkins and could race the legs off any of us.

It was the same with the children's section of the Annual Flower Shows which were held in the Green Oak Labour Hall (now the Conservative Club). My vase, crammed to the hilt with Marguerites, Golden Rod, Love-lies-bleeding etc., always came second to Joan Nunn's dainty arrangement of six carnations and a bit of fern, although I thought I'd got the world with my one shilling prize.

Best wishes to all my contemporaries from 1926-1935. How many of you have still got your pots?

JOAN PEACE (nee Ramsell)

3 Longford Close, Bradway.

**More letters on Page 7
Don't forget the supper P.3**

Post-christmas Nature Quiz

BY BOB WARBURTON

1. What is the smallest member of the thrush family?
2. What is our largest native land mammal?
3. What is our largest resident wild bird?
4. What is our smallest resident wild bird?
5. When was Britain's last wolf killed?
a) 1250AD b) 1700 AD c) 55BC d) 1876AD
6. Which of these trees are true natives of the British Isles?
Alder, Beech, Sycamore, Rowan, Oak, Larch, Spruce, Birch.
7. From which wild plant have we developed our cabbage, kale, savoy, and cauliflowers?
8. Name all our resident members of the Crow family.
9. Which is our smallest native butterfly?
10. Which is our largest native butterfly?



11. Identify the caterpillar above.
 12. What is our largest freshwater crustacean?
 13. What are: Melick, Bent, Darrel and Doddering Dillies?
 14. What feature is peculiar to fish of the salmon and trout family?
 15. What is a very young frog called?
 16. What does the word 'amphibian' mean?
 17. Why are rowan trees planted in Scotland, around many crofts?
 18. Why are sexton beetles so called?
 19. What different kinds of bees are there in a hive?
 20. What are the correct names for a male and a female ferret?
- THE REAL ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTHS ISSUE, however the editorial staff decided to have a try.

THUS OUR ANSWERS: 1. A NEWLY BORN ONE. 2. CYRIL SMITH 3. DIANA DORS 4. DICKEMERY 5. ON 3rd FEBRUARY 1979 WHEN AN IRATE LADY SHOT ONE AT THE TRA DANCE. 6. 9. & 10. ALL CONTRAVENE THE RACE RELATIONS ACT. 'NATIVE' IS NOW A NAUGHTY WORD. WE REFUSE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. 7. CACTUS 8. BOB CROW, JILL CROW AND ENOCH POWELL CROWS. 11. NASTY NELLIE. 12. THIS IS A TRICK QUESTION, BOB. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT BREAD GOES SOFT IN WATER. 13. MEMBERS OF SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL? 14. THEY BOTH SWIM 15. NAUGHTY 16. SELF CONFESSED LIAR. 17. AS THE CROFTS ARE NEAR LOCHS, THE TREES ARE FOLLOWED OUT AND MADE INTO ROWAN BOATS. 18. BECAUSE THEY PRODUCE SO MANY OFFSPRING. 19. THEY ARE ALL SILLY BEES. 20. MISTER AND MISSUS. (WERE NOT SURE ABOUT OUR ANSWER TO NO. 19.)

Book keeping services

ARE YOU IN BUSINESS....DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING BOOKS...IS VAT CAUSING YOU SLEEPLESS NIGHTS?

IF SO WE CAN HELP YOU

OUR SWIFT, EFFICIENT, CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES WILL BRING YOUR ACCOUNTS UP TO DATE AND KEEP THEM THAT WAY. Value added Tax is our speciality.

telephone 362837

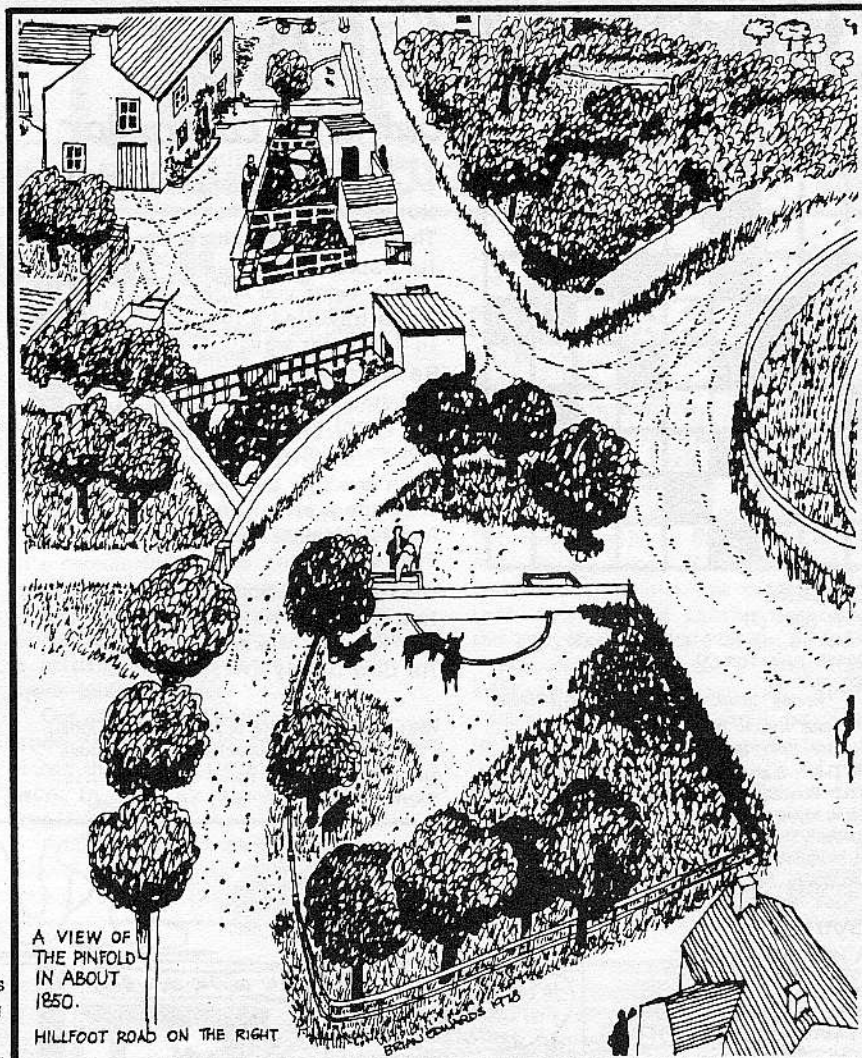
LETTERS THE PINFOLD

As various rumours, some genuinely mistaken, some not merely untrue but which must be known by those uttering them to be untrue, have been circulating about what is happening to the piece of land at the junction of Hillfoot Road and Chapel Lane, the Committee would like to make members and others aware of what is really happening.

As long ago as 1975 one of our members pointed out that this piece of land had a history. According to maps and documents of well over a hundred years ago it was a public watering place for cattle and a Pinfold for (stray) cattle, and had been handed over to the Surveyors of Highways for the Township of Totley. Old citizens of Totley have since told us that they remember the old water trough and that it is still on the site though now buried. The Committee determined to rescue this old part of Totley and to make it, instead of an eyesore, a small public garden, with bushes, shrubs, a seat etc., that could be enjoyed by all.

It has taken us a long time to get down to actual work on the site. However Planning Permission was sought from Sheffield Corporation in November 1976 and a notice saying that we had done this and asking anyone wanting to make representations to do so was published in the Morning Telegraph. Nobody objected and a little later the planning permission was granted. Since that date all who had been using the land for car parking - in one case for a vehicle that cannot be moved under its own power - have been contacted. Some have been contacted several times both personally by members and by letter. At the end of the summer we took the first steps to try to find the trough and to make the garden.

We would like to emphasise that we are not trying to take anything away from the people of Totley. We hope to add to their enjoyment by giving them a little public garden in which they can safely sit, talk and enjoy the view - at the same time perhaps remembering that this land has for long been used by the people of Totley as a whole; it is part of their history. To achieve all this will mean much hard work. The Society would welcome any offers of help.



If you are willing to help, please contact the Chairman or Secretary.
Chairman: Stan Bingham, Rose Cottage
Hillfoot Road 366526
Secretary: Shirley Howarth, 10 The
Grove 361379

SHOCKED

I was shocked to see ploughs and grit waggons parading up and down Baslow Road AFTER it was clear, a tractor, with plough raised going to clear the school drive, and a caterpillar bulldozer flattening the snow to thin ice instead of moving it. What a waste of manpower; so I rang the Beauchief depot. I was told that they were concerned only with main roads and were not allowed to clear side roads. They gave me the number of a Mr Robinson in charge of side roads. When I explained about the state of Main Avenue and the

surrounding roads, he said "Is it as bad as that? I'll send someone to look." But of course nothing came of it.

Visitors to Holmesfield would have found full width, cleared, main roads and side roads. Why not us? Should we indeed become Independent and buy our own snow plough and grit? What do the other residents and local councillors think?

Yours sincerely
PAULINE PERKINTON
2 Main Avenue.

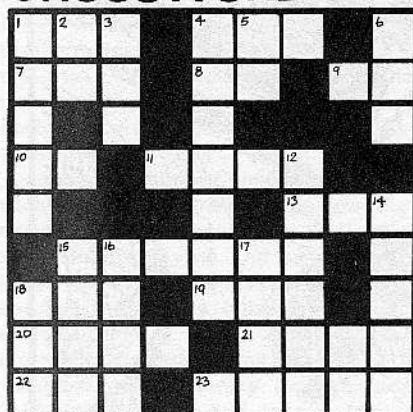
JUMBLE

DORE & TOTLEY United Reformed Church are holding their Jumble Sale at 2pm on Saturday 24th February, in the Church Hall on Totley Brook Road.

If you have any jumble and you wish it to be collected, please contact Ken Doré, 3 Quarry Road telephone 362998.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. NIGHT BIRD (3)
4. OWLER ---- IS JUST UP THE HILL (3)
7. GROWS IN A POD (3)
8. NOT OUT (2)
9. F-- HOUSE IS ON THE WAY TO HATHERSAGE (2)
10. IS MORE NICER THAN TOTLEY? (2)
11. SHORT FOR TEDDY BOYS (4)
13. TOTLEY B-----S HAS A CRICKET PITCH (3)
15. OLD PLACE IN GREEK HISTORY (6)
18. HOW MANY CHEMIST SHOPS IN TOTLEY (2)
19. URGENT MESSAGE (3)
20. STINGER (4)
21. ALWAYS IN FRONT (4)
22. JUST RIGHT (3) 23. CANVAS (5)

DOWN

1. A KEY DOES THIS (5)
2. YOU AND I (2)
3. YOUNG MAN (3)
4. NODDY'S RABBIT? (7)
5. SMALLER THAN ANT (2)
6. CHOPS (3)
12. WINTER IS ONE (6)
14. A THIEF DOES THIS (5)
15. NOEL EDMONDS SHOP (4)
16. TOP OFFICE IN TOTLEY? (4)
17. THAT ---- OF VOICE (4)
18. TOTLEY WINS ALL (3)

Cedric the caterpillar

Cedric the Caterpillar
Was a very funny sort.
He had too many legs,
That were far too short.
He walked very strange,
with a twist you might say,
So he travelled a lot
In a circular way.
He ate all day
And grew terribly fat,
And spent all his time
Not walking; just sat.
Then one fine day
He made a silver cocoon,
And fell fast asleep
Ever so soon.



He slept for a month
In a beautiful way.
And when he woke up
He flew lightly away.

Why don't you write a poem for the Totley Independent? It would be nice if it was all about Totley. It could even start....
"There once was a lady from Totley"

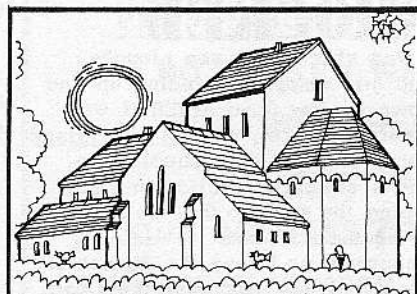
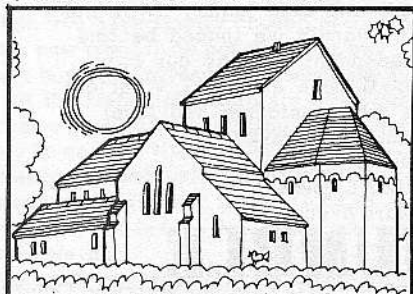
Or even draw a picture or make up a strip cartoon like this very funny one from Stephen Perkinson of Main Ave.

STUMP

BY
STEPHEN
PERKINTON



ANSWERS NEXT MONTH



LOOK AT THE TWO PICTURES ABOVE VERY CAREFULLY. SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO. SOME THINGS ARE MISSING OFF THE DRAWING ON THE RIGHT. HOW MANY? AND WHAT IS THE BUILDING? ANSWERS NEXT MONTH. IF YOU CAN THINK OF ANY PUZZLES, WHY NOT SEND THEM TO US. ANY MORE TOTLEY TALES?

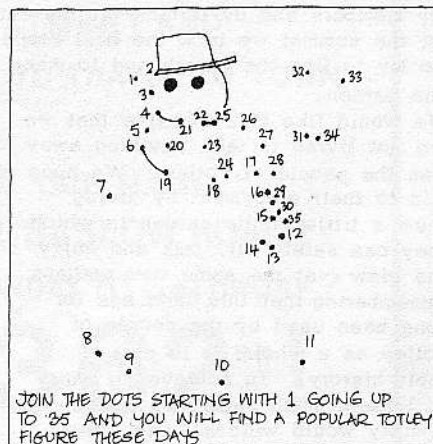
County school orchestra

On Saturday 10th February, the Totley County School Orchestra, leader Rachel Capper, under their conductor Beryl Drury are taking part in a concert at the Salvation Army Citadel, Woodhouse. The concert, which starts at 7.00 p.m. also includes items by the salvation Army Band and choir.

It's good to see young musicians being given the opportunity of playing together like this. Music is a social activity and schools do it a great service by forming orchestras and bands where children can really get enjoyment from their playing. It makes all the practising seem worthwhile.

Calling all schools!

WOULD ANY OF THE 3 LOCAL SCHOOLS like to undertake a live project, monitoring the weather or stream pollution? Here's a chance for pupils to play an active role in the community. We would be happy to produce the results on a monthly basis to provide a lasting record of our district.



JOIN THE DOTS STARTING WITH 1 GOING UP TO 35 AND YOU WILL FIND A POPULAR TOTLEY FIGURE THESE DAYS