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21 MORE HOUSES TOO!

The council is doing something about the land on Grove Road, where the houses were demolished last year. This land, together with the field beyond, making an area of 5.43 acres in all, is bounded on one side by Old Hay Brook and on the other by the railway. It is to be auctioned by Saxtons in April or May. The Corporate Estates Committee have applied for outline planning permission for residential use, but so far there has been no decision on this. The indicative plan they give with the sales details shows a proposed layout of 21 detached houses, all with reasonably large gardens and retaining much of the surrounding trees and rough land. It will be interesting to see what sort of plans prospective developers may submit.

STOP PRESS

- WORK HAS STARTED ON THE NEW PUB AT THE BOTTOM OF MICKLEY LANE
- ANOTHER STREET LIGHT HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED ON BASLOW, CLOSE TO THE SITE OF THE LAST CRASH. THIS TIME IT IS OPPOSITE THE LIBRARY.
- AN INCREASING NUMBER OF TOTLEY PEOPLE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE POOR TELEPHONE SERVICE WITH LINES NOT WORKING, INEXPLICABLE ENGAGED TONES, INTERMITTENT RINGING ETC. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES THEN COMPLAIN TO THE GPO
- WORK HAS STARTED ON RENOVATING THE TWO OLD COTTAGES AT THE TOP OF CHAPEL LANE. BUILDING SHOULD BE FINISHED IN MAY.

WITH YET MORE SNOW AND SUB-ZERO temperatures, Totley shivered in one of the worst winters in living memory. The strike by road gritters meant that no roads were being cleared of snow. High winds polished the icy road surfaces and made even flat stretches a nightmare journey. National Government was asked to declare Sheffield as a National Disaster Area (something Leeds have been demanding for years) and city centre shops were closed from lack of staff and customers. The phones went on the blink, postal services developed faults, the bank rate went up, a massive rates increase was planned, buses stopped running, polluted water came out of the taps, the building trade was grinding to a halt and there was Jim Callaghan asking "What crisis?" Around Totley, police battled to reach marooned motorists up at Owl Bar, Mickley and Twentywell Lanes were impassable and the journey to town was taking up to three hours. Abbeydale Road was thronged with people making the six mile trek

and one man walked through to work at Brightside. Meanwhile, City Council leader George Wilson was extolling the virtues of Sheffield to Californians. Back home, members of the public made threatening phone calls to the highways depot and perhaps it was the presence of police which prevented a Valentines Day Massacre. British Rail, finding a large and captive audience, even opened the station at Dronfield (an area cut off from Sheffield for several days) and promised trains at Dore every half hour. Just think, a few years ago we looked around the world of violence, poverty and disorder and said "Thank God we live in England". Most of us still want to live here but we live in hope that conditions will improve. As we go to press, Totley is under two feet of snow, much deeper in drifts, and we haven't had a respite from snow since New Years Eve. Strange to think that many years ago, Totley was only one hours pleasant penny farthing ride from Sheffield.

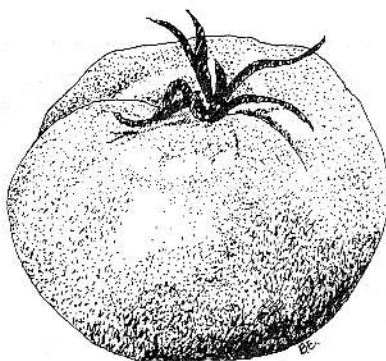
will our roads get back to this?

TOTLEY RISE EARLY THIS CENTURY WAS LITTLE MORE than a dirt track with the railway navvies lodgings built around the curve some 20 years before. With proper road surfacing becoming an expensive and presumably lost art, chances are that our roads will eventually deteriorate back to this state. By then we will probably accept it as being inevitable because standards are declining so rapidly that apathy may yet triumph.



GARDENING

In the age of the gro-bag and cut-price greenhouses, more people than ever before will be trying their hand at growing tomatoes this summer. Yet despite the number of books and periodicals published on the subject, a high proportion of amateur growers will still not bread even at the close of the season. The reason being that at the time when their plants come into heavy bearing, the price of tomatoes in the shops is at rock bottom. This highlights the importance of being able to set the first truss. Having grown tomatoes for four years in the Channel Islands on a commercial nursery, I know just how important the first truss is. So here are just one or two tips that may prove useful in getting that elusive first truss to set. Firstly, never plant your tomato seedling (up to 9" is still a seedling) direct into the growing medium. Instead, leave it in the pot in which it was bought (usually whalehide) and place it on a polythene sheet or similar material to isolate it from the soil. Space your plants far enough apart to prevent touching or mutual shading. At this stage, it is not usually necessary to feed, but simply to water; and only in the morning. They should be kept in this way until at least 75% of the plants have flowers on the first truss. At this stage they may be planted, not too deeply, in their final position. If your plants were grown in whalehide pots, it is not necessary to remove these as tomato roots can easily penetrate this material once it becomes wet. The setting of the fruit may be encouraged by lightly flicking the truss stalk or spraying with a tomato setting compound - I personally prefer the former method but whichever method is used, better results will be obtained if it is carried out on a sunny day. If you are using gro-bags it will not be necessary to feed the plants until much later in the season. If, on the other hand, you use the ring culture method or plant direct into the greenhouse border soil, feeding will be carried out much earlier. One word of caution, a double dilution rate should be the order of the day until the first truss is well set and the second is in flower. Also, a feed with too high a proportion of Nitrogen will cause the plant to bolt; that is, to race away and produce masses of leaves and stem at the expense of fruit.



A light overhead spray on warm days will assist setting but do not leave it too late in the day. Finally, for those of you who are really keen for an early set, may I offer the following Jersey method which I once witnessed. This involves wrenching the young tomato plant out of the soil with a fork; that is, nearly out of the soil. This action is designed to break or loosen about half of the fine fibrous roots. The theory is that the tomato gets such a shock to its vascular system that the plant (believing it) "believing it is going to die", immediately concentrates upon fruit production. Obviously this loss of some of its roots causes the plant to wilt badly (surprise, surprise) and overhead spraying and watering must be carried out for two or three days after until the plant recovers. I did say one had to be desperate, but it does seem to work. Either way, the nursery where I saw this carried out on 30,000 plants is still in business! A.E.B.

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Please note that after this issue all letters and correspondence should be addressed to any of the above staff.

Brian Edwards has now stepped down from the editorial staff.

We are always looking for people to help with the magazine and would appreciate help from anyone with experience of preparing finished artwork for the printer. Note: The work is unpaid but very interesting!

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IT COULD SOON BE LIKELY THAT MORE CHILDREN IN TOTLEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, WHEN NEW SCALES RELATED TO THE PARENTS WAGES COME INTO FORCE. MOST PARENTS WILL HAVE EITHER SEEN DETAILS IN THE STAR OR HAVE BEEN CIRCULARISED BY THE SCHOOLS. FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T SEEN DETAILS, WE WILL BE PUBLISHING A TABLE, SHOWING HOW YOU COULD BE AFFECTED, IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

THOUGHTS OF EASTER

AMID THE GLOOM, strife and hardships of a particularly severe winter, most people will undoubtedly be looking forward hopefully to better times in the Spring and Summer, but we all know that these hopes can be all too often dashed! To Christians, however, the arrival of Easter, and reminders of its true significance, should bring the kind of comfort and joy that can override all earthly problems. In an effort to share this great Christian message, a series of four weekly meetings is being planned in a number of homes throughout the area in late March and April. A distribution of leaflets giving all necessary details is being organised by local Christians and anyone will be most welcome to attend.

KING EGBERTS NEWS

On 14th 15th and 16th March, King Egberts are staging their school play. This year they have chosen the acclaimed 'Stirrings in Sheffield on a Saturday night'. Further dates are 4th April for the School Concert and on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm the Parent Teachers Association are organising a talk "Understanding Vandalism - some of the facts."

FRUIT AND VEG

JOHN SCRIVEN

THE SEVERE WEATHER coupled with the lorry drivers strike has led to shortages of certain vegetables, spring greens and cauliflowers have taken the brunt. Farmers report that 50% of crops have been ruined and these losses will be felt right through the month until April, so supplies of spring vegetables will be very limited. On a brighter note, root crops, carrots, parsnips etc., will be in good supply. Recipe time again, and this month's should appeal to everyone particularly slimmers. Grapefruit are of excellent quality and reasonably priced, so why not try a:

Grapefruit salad.

Your require: 1 Grapefruit peeled & segmented.

1 Lettuce shredded

1 Medium onion, peeled and cut into rings.

Sprigs of watercress

Arrange ingredients attractively in a bowl.

As a delicious dressing for your salad

you need: 6 Tablespoons of olive oil

Pinch of English mustard diluted with a few drops of grapefruit juice

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Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste.

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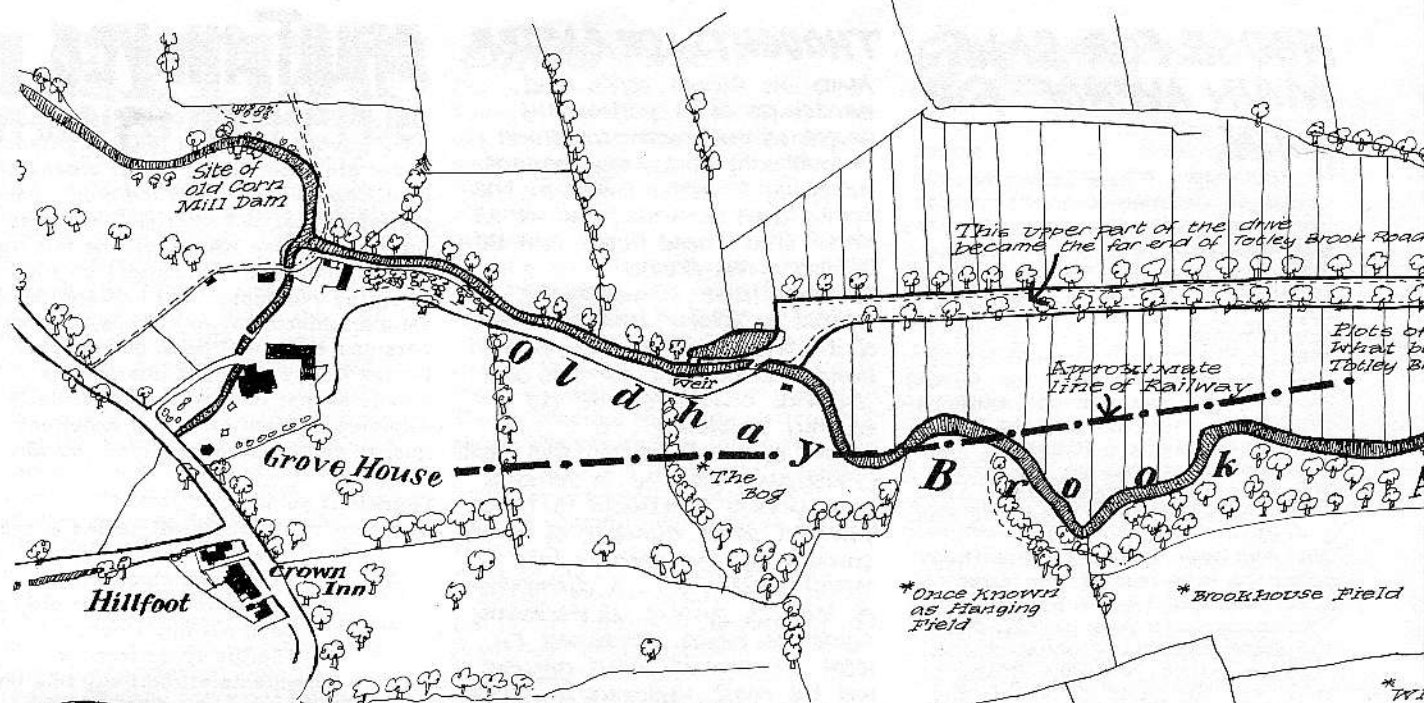
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TOMMY WAS IN TOTLEY TOO

TOTLEY HAS HAD ITS FAIR SHARE OF comings and goings. Even when you have lived here for 30 years or more, you will still be regarded as a 'comer'. Yet only a handful of our old folk were actually born here and then lived here all their lives. One comer we may have forgotten about is Thomas Youdan. Although not so well known here, he acquired quite a reputation in Sheffield. Tommy was born near Doncaster in 1816 and came to Sheffield at the age of 18 as a labourer. Soon he became a silver stamper, later a publican in the Park district. Later he ran the 'Spinks Nest' in West Bar. By that time he must have accumulated quite a lot of money for, after buying the freehold, in 1851 he extended it into what became the Surrey Theatre. It had a spacious ballroom, theatre, concert hall, museum and menagerie. In 1856, Tommy asked George Basset, the confectioner down Haymarket, to make a cake to celebrate the end of the war with Russia. George, who,

incidentally, was one of the early trustees of Totley Methodist Chapel off Hillfoot Road, made a monster cake weighing 9,767 lbs. It was so large that it had to be wheeled through the streets to Tommy's by using three trolleys abreast. The recipe was amusing, to say the least:

1364lbs raw sugar @ 50/- per cwt.
 1364 lbs butter @ 102/- per cwt.
 1705 lbs currants @ 92/- per cwt.
 1705 lbs raisins @ 62/- per cwt.
 2046 lbs flour @ 3/- per stone
 1024 lbs candid lemon @ 74/8 per cwt.
 10208 eggs @ 9/6d per 100
 412½ lbs of icing @ 9d per lb.
 12 lbs coloured icing @ 9d per lb.

The cake was afterwards cut up and sold off for a total of £447.13s.1d. On 25th March 1865, the Surrey Theatre caught fire and was gutted. The building and contents were insured for £13000, probably less than a half of its worth. Members of the Company lost their wardrobes and a subscription was raised for them under the direction of the Mayor. It was said at the time that the theatre had been the finest outside Covent Garden (but then we claim that Sheffield is the cleanest industrial city in Europe, so perhaps we should take it with a pinch of salt), and the "splendid ballroom was surrounded by magnificent pictures and mirrors, lighted with a chandelier of great beauty and cost". Undaunted, and obviously not broke, Tommy bought the Adelphi Circus in Blonk Street and opened it as the Alexandra Music Hall in October 1865. The Adelphi had a 42ft diameter circus ring

and after Youdan enlarged it, was reputed to hold 4000(!) people. Locally it became known as 'Tommy's' and was also the home of Sheffield's Panto. Dan Leno, said to be the greatest pantomime artist of all time - he had the role of Mother Goose written for him - performed there, so too did Lillie Langtry.

Well what's all this to do with Totley? In 1868, Tommy Youdan was living at Totley Dale Cottage according to White's Directory. It is thought that this was the house once known as Totley Dale, the home of the Waterfall family. Nowadays it is called Totley Grove and stands almost opposite the Crown Inn on Hillfoot Road. The previous year, on 22nd November 1867, Tommy had bought for £427 property at Totley Bents together with Lower Hare Croft (near All Saints School) from Lord Middleton (Totley's last Lord of the Manor) and Hon. Digby Willoughby. Two months later, Youdan sold part of this land to Esther Wragg then living on Chapel Lane.

Further traces of Tommy Youdan have not yet been uncovered, but what we do know is that he died in 1876 at the age of 60. The 'Alex' closed down in 1914.

Fishing dates

DESPITE THE CURRENT WEATHER, Totley Sports & Social Club's Fishing Section have finalised their match arrangements. New members are welcome and should contact one of the officials at the end of this article.

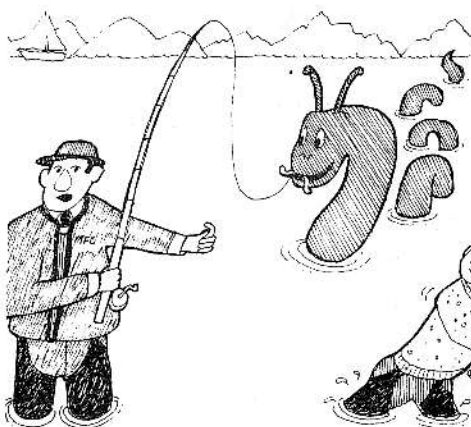
SUNDAY 4th MARCH WITHAM DOGDYKE (Packet Inn Stretch)
Last match of the 1978/79 season
40 pegs booked, Anglian Water Authority (Lincolnshire Rivers Division) licence. £3, bus leaves Totley 6.30am.

PEA & PIE SUPPER AND PRESENTATION EVENING FRIDAY 6th APRIL
AN evening for members and wives. A trophy will be presented to the top aggregate weight with 3 tackle voucher prizes for places. Bar extension until 11.30pm. Cross Scythes Hotel, Totley, 8.30 for 9.00pm. £1 per person.
SUNDAY 8th JULY STAUNTON HAROLD RESERVOIR, near Derby. Important wildfowl nature reserve only open to fishermen 16th June to 30th September. Although the reservoir is large, only 40 tickets issued. Good head of roach and excellent pike. 40 pegs booked. Trent licence or SWTA whole area licence required. £3 bus leaves Totley 6.30am.

8th & 9th SEPTEMBER WEEKEND TRIP
Saturday, Yorkshire Ouse, Lower Dunsforth. Sunday, Yorkshire Ouse Hunters Lodge. Barbel, chub, dace, roach, and shoals of big bream, although they can be patchy feeders. Enormous match catches have been achieved in these stretches, particularly at this time of year. More bream expected to show at Dunsforth than Hunters Lodge. 40 pegs booked each venue. Yorkshire Water Authority Licence required. Overnight accommodation will be in York, not Scarborough as originally intended, owing to the proximity of the water to the city which itself has many attractions, and the travelling costs of a journey to the coast. Price retained at £16 includes travel, water and pegging fees, evening meal on Saturday, bed breakfast and afternoon meal on Sunday. Bus leaves Totley 6.30am.

SUNDAY 9th MARCH 1980 RIVER TRENT, WINTHORPE. The Trent has been a long sought-after venue by the club and this is the best example of advance booking paying dividends.

In addition to the above, a match is being arranged on a private pond at Earls Cement Works at Hope. There will be a limited number of pegs available to regular attenders. Details to be announced later.



HEY JOE, LET'S SEE IF THAT OLD SALMON WILL GO FOR THIS BIG, JUICY WORM."

The club is now in a good position to pick and choose waters for for the following season and any suggestions from members will be welcomed by the committee.
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FASHION SHOW

A FASHION SHOW BY SEASONS of Abbeydale Road will be held on Thursday 24th April, 7.30 at All Saints Church Hall. Admission is 35p, which includes refreshments, and the event is organised by Totley All Saints Church Ladies Club. Tickets from Mrs. Spurr 367007

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Soccer standstill

THE FOOTBALL FIXTURES ARE IN tatters because of the bad weather, none of the Totley teams having played for about two months. An air of lethargy has certainly settled over the soccer fraternity, wives are smiling again and the only things getting potted are snooker balls and paunches. Amidst it all, not one single person has come forward with a nomination for sportsperson of the year. Perhaps it's about time some of Totley's budding 'sportifs' got off their backsides only if it is to venture outside on the ice and end up back on their backsides. Meanwhile thanks for your support.

GLAZED LOOK

THE SHATTERPROOF, ACRYLIC, vandal-proof windows of the new bus shelter on Baslow Road opposite the top of Main Avenue, has now been installed. However since then there have been no buses because industrial action by the gritters have prevented the buses from coming further than Beauchief traffic lights.

FIRST YOUTH DISCO

THE NEW TOTLEY YOUTH CLUB is due to start enrolment after holding a disco at the Church Hall on Saturday 17th February. By all reports, the disco was a swinging success, although limitations on space meant that a number of youngsters were disappointed.

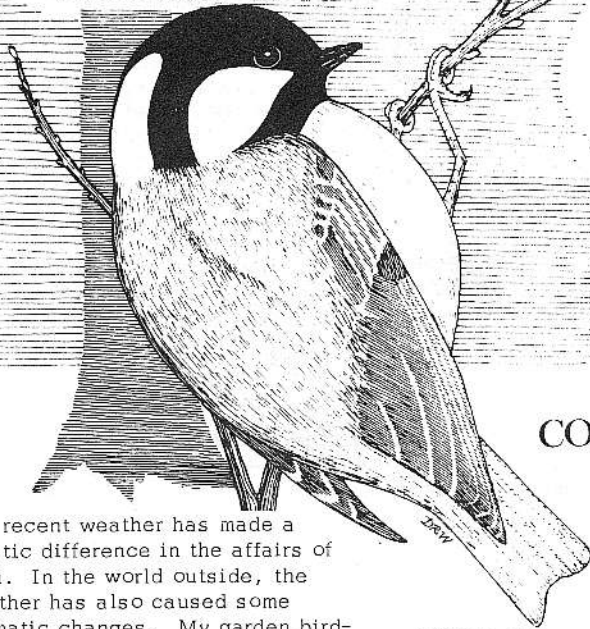
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COAL TIT

The recent weather has made a drastic difference in the affairs of Man. In the world outside, the weather has also caused some dramatic changes. My garden bird-table has provided many instances of this.

A few weeks ago, a covey of partridges - eight in number, trundled line astern down the garden path. Times must have been very hard indeed for them to come so near to their number one enemy. Many of our common birds are quite adaptable in their diet, taking a variety of food when necessary. The blackbird will take insect or fruit at any time of the year and, at no time so noticeably as in the depths of a very hard winter, when almost any kitchen scraps will suffice. The thrushes are more choosy but they will take fatty scraps when there is

nothing else.

Fat and fatty foods such as peanuts, will keep many birds alive when their natural food, such as insects, becomes unobtainable. Robins and the whole of the tit family, can be easily tempted in this way. Their bird-table manners are quite interesting. The robin will never attempt to feed from the nut container, but the tits, with their superb acrobatic skills, prefer the nuts to all else. Their only competition comes from the greenfinch which is very aggressive. I frequently have four tits in the garden; the Great (very common); Bluetit (even more frequent); Coal tit (probably one pair, but frequently seen) and the Willow tit (everyday,

but far more uncommon). The Great tit is the biggest, bullies the other three, and takes the lion's share. The Bluetit comes second in pecking order, whilst the other two vie for last place - it is difficult to find out who is boss because whatever bird arrives whilst a Coal or Willow Tit is there, the small tit will fly away immediately, regardless of the size of the newcomer. The Coal tit, pictured above, is similar to the Blue tit but much smaller and with no blue colouring. The give-away is the white stripe down the nape of the neck. One mysterious visitor this winter which I am anxious to identify is a predator which has been seen at least twice - each time, it has taken small bird as prey. It is a hawk but has moved so quickly that identification has proved impossible. The kestrel seems to be the most likely answer but if anyone can provide a definite identification, please let me know. Finally, if you can put out some scraps for our wild birds, please do - they really need it. Don't forget the rooks, jackdaws, jays and magpies - they need just as much help as the smaller prettier kinds. Fatty foods, such as old dripping and nuts (not salted ones) are ideal. I usually phase out the feeding as Spring progresses, so that as soon as there is enough food in the wild, the birds no longer rely upon domestic handouts. Spread your scraps over a variety of places, on the bird table, hanging up or spread over the ground. The birds, it seems, are just as choosy in their dining habits as we are.

Bob Warburton would be pleased to hear of any unusual sightings. He is at 22 Rowan Tree Dell Tel. 369125

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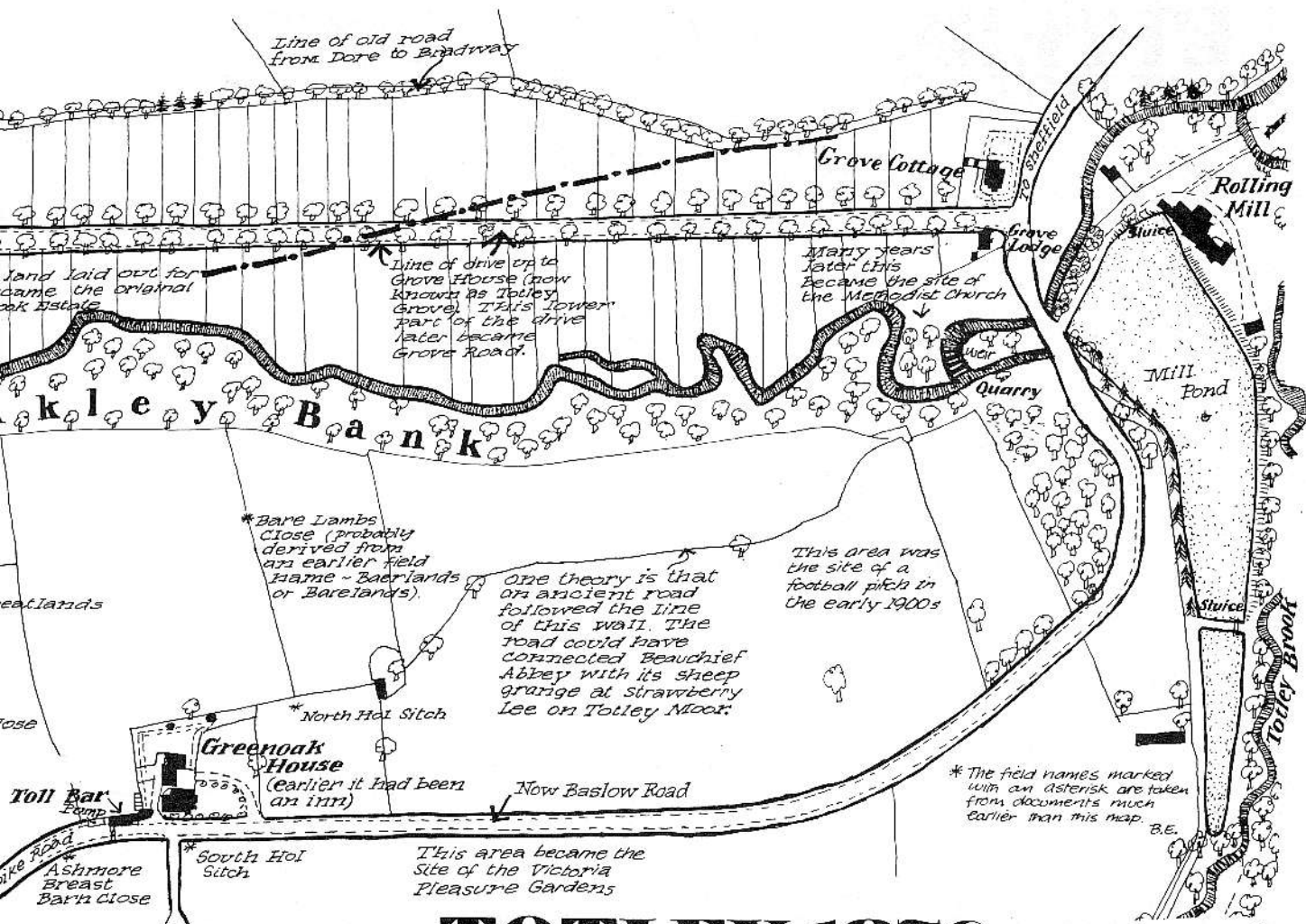
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THE MAP ABOVE SHOWS TOTLEY before the railway (after 1888) divided the Totley Brook Estate from Totley Rise. As you can see, the drive leading from Baslow Rd., up to Totley Grove was laid out with building plots and the Sheffield end was flanked by Grove Cottage and Grove Lodge. The former is now called Bridge House. The Lodge seems to have been built as the gatehouse to Totley Grove and still stands, next to the Methodist Church. The original Totley Brook Estate was never built as envisaged because the railway sliced it neatly in two. Thus the large stone houses on the left of Grove Road now would have been on the same thoroughfare as the houses on the right of Totley Brook Road, past the footbridge. I have indicated the approximate line of the railway. Other interesting items to note on the map are Greenoak House and the Greenoak Toll Bar, which will be featured in the next issue. Also interesting is the Totley

TOTLEY 1876

Rolling Mill and Dam; the mill managers house still stands as the pretty stone cottage down Mill Lane. It is said that the stones from the dam wall were re-used in the building of the Waggon & Horses tea-rooms, adjacent to the pub, at Mill-houses. In a later issue, we hope to write about the several old mills in the area so if you have any details then please contact us.

I have included on the map some ancient field names which may not then have been in use in 1876. Hanging Field was not, I am sure, the local gallows site. More probably it was called thus because of its contours. Corruptions and mis-spellings of words abound throughout history and Bare Lambs close is most likely a corruption of the earlier Baerlands or BARE Lands - an area devoid of trees.



LETTERS THANKS TO THE PUB

MAY I THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF your magazine thank the landlords of the four marvellous pubs in Totley Cross Scythes, Crown, Cricket and Fleur de Lys, for the collections they made during Christmas and the New Year. These were in aid of the SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND, of which I am the Hon. Secretary in Sheffield. I would like to mention particularly the 'Lads of the Snooker Hall' at the Fleur for their generous support. My thanks go to everyone who helped to support this fund which is to aid children all over the world. The grand total collected in Totley was £172.

Whilst I am writing, I feel I must tell you that someone has infiltrated your ranks as I buy my copy of the Totley Independent at Dore Post Office - Shame. I live out 'in the styx' in Long Line, so I can view your rivalry (or jealousy) dispassionately. By the way the pubs in Dore did their share in contributing to the total received. Seriously though, I would like to thank everyone for their generosity, help and friendly reception everywhere. Also many thanks for your very interesting and informative magazine. Long may it continue.

Yours very sincerely

Sadly the signature could not be read
9 Long Line, Sheffield S11 7TX

COMMENT I would have thought it is we who have infiltrated their ranks in whatsitsname. Rivalry disappeared sometime ago when we realised there was no real competition.

FROM OUR MP

ONCE AGAIN I have to thank you for issues of the Totley Independent and I read with interest Totley under seige (!), and your account of the snow in January. I now await your next issue to cover the events of the February snow. It is very good of you to keep me informed of what is going on in Totley.

Yours sincerely

John Osborn, MP, HOUSE OF COMMONS

Baslow Road lighting

COUNCILLOR PAT SANTHOUSE, on receiving her copy of the Independent, has written to say that her County Councillor colleague Frank Brookes is taking up the matter of Baslow Road street lighting.

Cinderella

Our thanks to everyone in and around Totley, including the local groups and associations, who gave our panto such tremendous support in extreme weather conditions. Over 900 turned out including many brave senior citizens.

At our A.G.M. on Jan. 31st., we were able to hand over the facilities recently installed by P.T.A. members in the hall, to the school. These include the stage curtains, lighting, improved re-wiring and power outlets. These, together with the existing public address system and music centre, complete the "Little Theatre" which we hope will provide much future pleasure to the children and Totley.

We hope our success may serve to encourage similar community ventures and further support to the existing ones.

It is hoped to transfer the photo display of this event from the school to Totley Library shortly.

May we also thank the Environment Society for the information concerning the current activities taking place on our school neighbour, the Pinfold.

Mike Williamson,

P.T.A. Chairman,

1, Green Oak Avenue.

p.s. Late nominations for "Totley Sportsperson of the Year", Chrys Ashby and Joan Roberts, two members of the staff who, very sportingly, played Nellie the Elephant.

A CORRECTION

How fashion's change!

It is admittedly a very long time ago now, but when I went to school they used to spell it 'siege'.

Yours faithfully, W. Carter Wigg

Dear W.C.,

Strange! When we went to school, we always spelt it 'S.C.H.O.O.L.' (or 'I.T.' whichever you prefer). Now here's a man/woman who obviously knows his/her siege and onions and we thank him/her and many other readers for pointing out the error on page 1 of the last issue. It wasn't actually a spelling mistake, it was an error in letrasetting the headings.

PHOTO SOCIETY

Meetings for March:

14th: Competition on 'Wild Life'.

28th: Inter-club competition with

Low Edges;

The last meeting in February was, unfortunately, cancelled because of the atrocious weather.

GREENOAK PARK 50 YEARS AGO

I read with much pleasure in the February issue of The Totley Independent, a letter from Mrs. Peace (Joan Ramsel) about an event 50 yrs. ago, when the sports were held to mark the opening of the Green Oak Park by the Norton District Council. I remember it well for I was the handicapper, having been asked along with Mr. A. J. Foulstone to advise the Council on how to run the sports, as we had much experience having served on the Totley Village Sports Committee for several years and knew most of the children. I remember Elsie Moffatt well and what a wonderful athlete she might have been had there been more opportunities in the village at that time. Apart from Moffatt, I remember several more who I have always thought were brilliant, namely the Hill girls from Totley Bents and also the Glossop girls who could not only run but represented their country at cricket and hockey. I am sure Joan's letter will be read with much interest by many of her contemporaries as there are quite a few of them still around, and the event was one of the milestones in our village history.

Yours,

Frank Taylor.

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LETTER: TOTLEY BROOK ESTATE

I TAKE EXCEPTION TO BOB WARBURTON'S PICTURE OF THE SO CALLED 'TOTLEY BROOK ESTATE', AND WOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS DID NOT EXIST IN THE EARLY 1900'S, THE NAME OF THE LOCATION, CONSISTING OF ONLY A FEW HOUSES, WAS TOTLEY BROOK ROAD.

MY FATHER COUNCILLOR EDGAR WOSTENHOLME, THE LONGEST SERVING HEADMASTER IN SHEFFIELD, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WHO OPPOSED THE TAKE OVER BY SHEFFIELD IN 1929.

IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR MY FATHER WAS FOOD CONTROLLER FOR THIS AREA, EXTENDING RIGHT UP TO WOODSEATS.

AS FOR MYSELF, I WAS BORN IN DEVONSHIRE ROAD IN 1905 AND, OF COURSE, HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF HOUSES BUILT IN DORE AND TOTLEY. I AM AFRAID MANY OF YOUR READERS HAVE NO CONCEPTION WHAT THIS DISTRICT LOOKED LIKE BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR. ABOUT 1902 TOTLEY RISE WAS KNOWN AS ABBEYDALE RISE. I HAVE A VISITING CARD OF MY MOTHER'S SHOWING OUR ADDRESS: MOORLANDS, DEVONSHIRE ROAD, ABBEYDALE RISE.

MY FATHER WAS AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FOR OVER 50 YEARS, BEING ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER AND FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS CHURCH WARDEN. I MYSELF HAVE BEEN AT ST. JOHN'S FOR NEARLY 14 YEARS.

WHEN THIS AREA WAS UNDER DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL THE ROADS WERE VERY WELL MAINTAINED. EVEN THE PATHS WERE SWEEPED IN THOSE DAYS - WHAT A CONTRAST TO TO-DAY WHEN EVEN THE ROADS WERE NOT GRITTED DURING THE ICH SPELL.

R.B. WOSTENHOLME IS MILDALE RD.

WAS HELD IN JUNE 1873. THE ESTATE WAS NEVER QUITE BUILT AS INTENDED AND SOME OF THE HOUSES ON BOB'S PICTURE WERE PART OF THE ORIGINAL TOTLEY BROOK ESTATE. WE HAVE MORE DETAILS FOR FUTURE ISSUES.

HOWEVER WE DO THANK MR. WOSTENHOLME FOR MAKING THIS POINT AND FOR HIS INTERESTED DETAILS OF THE PAST.

THE PINFOLD

FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF A LETTER FROM THE TOTLEY AND DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY, WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS THAT THE LETTER WAS MISLEADING. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MOST OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES DENY THAT THEY WERE ADEQUATELY CONSULTED (AS WAS

SUGGESTED IN TADES LETTER. JULIA NAYEN HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THE SUBJECT AND A NUMBER OF LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TOGETHER WITH A REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT.

BOOK THIS DATE NOW!

On Friday 11th May, at 7.30pm, in King Egbert Lower School Hall, there will be a Concert given by the Dore Junior School and the Hoyle Family Quartet. This event is being organised by the Totley Rise Methodist Church, to mark the International Year of the Child.

Proceeds will go to three charities concerned with the welfare of children. Programmes 50p (30p for children and OAPs) Telephone 367763 or 369318.

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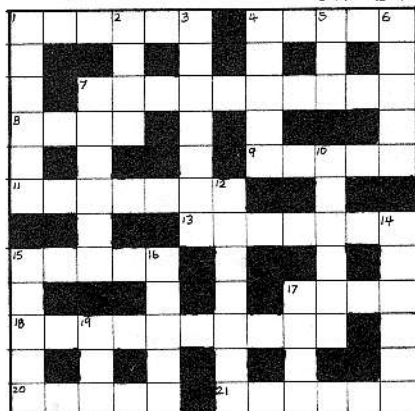
COMMENT:

WE CONFESS TO ADDING THE SUBTITLE TO BOB'S PICTURE. HOWEVER WE REFERRED TO THE GENERAL AREA FOR THE ORIGINAL TOTLEY BROOK ESTATE PLANNED AS A VILLA SUBURB BEFORE THE RAILWAY CAME TO TOTLEY. THE MINUTE BOOK OF THE ESTATE IS NOW IN THE SHEFFIELD LIBRARY ARCHIVES AND THE FIRST MEETING

CHILDREN'S PAGE

CROSSWORD

THIS MONTH FOR
OLDER
CHILDREN



ACROSS

1. Local Derbyshire dale (6)
- 4, 8. & 17. Totley Street (5, 4, 4)
7. Busy insects (6, 4).
9. Support the meeting (5)
11. The hammer falls after this (4, 3)
13. Haulage track (7)
15. Summer dish (5)
18. Teacher of skills (10)
20. Portable homes (5)
21. Earth movement (6)

DOWN

1. To do with the mind (6)
2. Horses throw one now & again (4)
3. He applauds because he does this (5, 2).
4. Even more scarce (5)
5. The object of competition (3)
6. Unpleasant tennis player (5)
7. Local wild animal (6)
10. The one to follow (6)
12. Pigeons play-pen? (7)
14. The cup winner is this for a year (6)
15. Totley's flying news bearer (5)

ANSWERS FROM FEBRUARY

ACROSS

1. OWL
4. BAR
7. PEA
8. IN
9. OX
10. NO
11. TEDS
13. ENT
15. SPARTA
18. TWO
19. SOS
20. WASP
21. NOSE
22. APT
23. TENTS

DOWN

1. OPENS
2. WE
3. LAD
4. BIG EARS
5. AN
6. AXE
12. SEASON
14. TAKES
15. SWAP
16. POST
17. TONE
18. TWA

THE TWO SMALL DRAWINGS WERE OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, TOTLEY HALL LANE. THERE WERE NO THINGS MISSING OFF THE DRAWING ON THE RIGHT. THERE WERE HOWEVER THIRTEEN THINGS ADDED TO IT! WE HAVE NUMBERED THESE FOR YOU.

DOWN CLUES (CONTINUED)

16. Derbyshire's latest World Champion uses these (5)
17. Nearly as nice as Totley (4)
19. The Empire never saw this set (3)

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S NATURE QUIZ

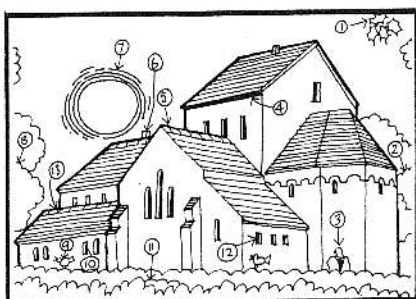
1. Robin - smallest Thrush
2. Red Deer - largest land mammal.
3. Mute Swan - largest native bird.
4. Goldcrest - smallest native bird.
5. The last wolf was killed about 1700 A.D. (probably in Ireland).
6. Alder Birch, Rowan, Oak, Birch are native trees.
7. Wild cabbage.
8. Raven, Carrion Crow, Hooded Crow, Magpie, Jay, Jackdaw, Chough.
9. Small Blue - smallest butterfly.
10. Swallowtail - largest butterfly.
11. Small Elephant Hawk Moth
12. Crayfish is our largest freshwater crustacean.
13. Grasses. ('Darrel' should read 'Darnel').
14. An extra Nasal fin - called the adipose fin.
15. Tadpole.
16. Living on both land & water.
17. Rowan trees were supposed to be able to counteract magic.
18. Sexton Beetles bury dead animals for their larvae to feed upon.
19. Queen, drone, worker.
20. Male ferret - hob, female - jill.

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BEVERLEY SHALE OF GREENOAK RD. - TOTLEY SPORTSPERSON 1978?

After being placed 3rd in the Javelin at the English Schools Athletic Championships in 1977, Beverley was one of about 60 competitors selected from England to attend a week's athletic course at Lilleshall during Easter 1978 for national coaching.

Although 1978 was her first year as a senior competitor, she was 2nd in the Yorkshire, Cleveland & Humberside County Championships and was placed 1st in the Northern Counties Championships.

As a result of her performances in these Championships, she was selected to represent Yorkshire in subsequent inter-county competitions. Whilst athletics is her main summer activity, her winter sport is hockey.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

On Thursday, 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. the Totley All Saints School P.T.A. have arranged for a visit of David Greenlees, Head of the Langsett Music and Drama Centre (Education Dept.), who will give an illustrated talk on the instrumental music service in schools. There will be a short recital and a questions session. Older junior children as well as adults are welcome to attend.

BROWNIES THINK-IN

On February 22nd., St. Oswald's Church, Bannerdale Rd., was filled with Brownies to commemorate "Thinking Day"; when all members of the Guide Organisation think of others around the world. Abbey District has 91 Brownies and 60 Guides, all enjoying various activities within their packs and companies; but we do need more help. If you feel you could help, please get in touch with me or go to any meeting; the Guider there will be delighted to see you. Don't be put off by thinking "I know nothing of guiding". We have our own training within the District. Totley Methodist Guides require a Guider to help on a regular basis as the Guider is involved in extra studies and examinations.

Totley United Reform Brownies require a Guider to help; the Guider is a student and is not available during holidays and when college work becomes a priority.

A District Group of Rangers have been meeting at St. John's and a Ranger Guider is required to lead this small but very enthusiastic group.

Guider

M. Bellamy,
132, Green Oak Rd.