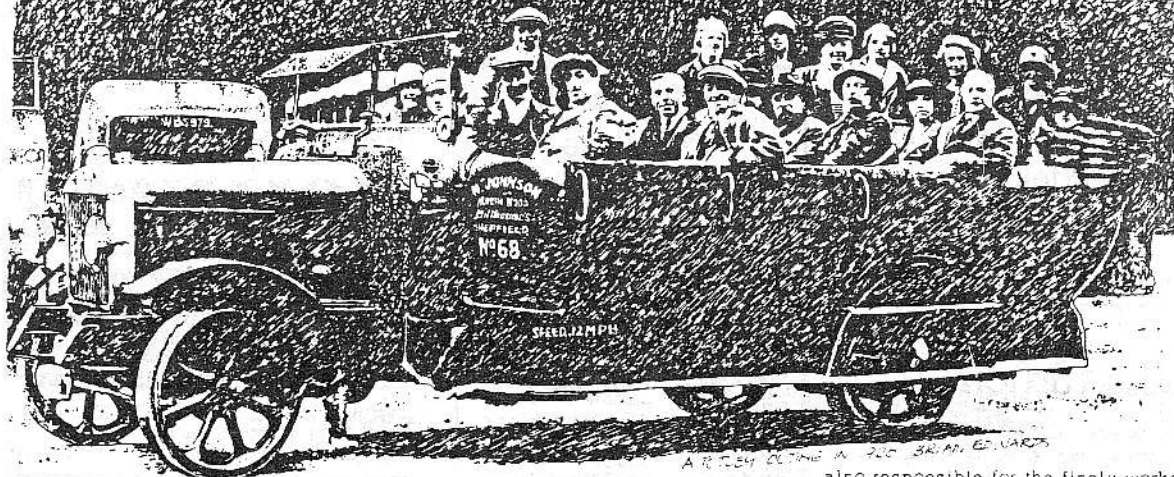


# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT



ARTIST DURING IN OLD BRIAN EDWARDS

## FRANK TAYLOR RIDES AGAIN

Off for a spin in the country in the 1920's, Frank Taylor sits third from the right on the bus which was based at 'The Robin Hood', Millhouses. Frank, one of Totley's most colourful characters, has spent nearly all of his 82 years in the village and throughout that time, has been involved in many activities. His early childhood was spent at Rose Cottage on Hillfoot Road with his grandparents, where his earliest recollection was of leaning too far over a wall and falling into the pig swill - that was at the age of 5. His grandfather was a grinder

and, in the early 1900's, had an apprentice called Doggy, who lived in a cottage at Totley Bents. It was said that Doggy was sometimes late in paying his rent to Mr. Thorpe, the landlord. Apparently, the solution was to remove Doggy's front door. Doggy had an answer to that one - he would remove the outside lavatory door and slip that onto the hinges. The slight snag was that this door was much shorter and, therefore, left a six inch gap below. Frank's father was called Horatio and was a stone mason with his brother, Favell, who lived at Gilleyfield Farm in Dore. He carved a number of gravestones in the local churchyard but, unfortunately, developed the bad chest of a stoneworker. Therefore, he came out of retirement to work on Totley All Saints Church in 1924. Gathering around him all the old masons, Horatio and his team set about carving the many stone details. He was

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also responsible for the finely worked stone on the old Totley Branch Library - a small building next to Totley Bridge Garage.

Frank himself started school at Totley but was soon thrown out for swearing at the teacher - one aspect of his character, he admits, that hasn't changed very much. At Dore School, he got on fairly well, especially at drawing, being chosen to sit for a Fanshawe Scholarship, but having to withdraw because his father had arranged for him to start work at Cannon Hall Farm for old George Creswick. So, a few days after his 13th birthday, Frank started as a milk lad for half-a-crown a week (12½p). Whilst there, he gained a proud 2nd prize in the Milking Competition in the Dore & Totley Ploughing Association's event. After a month at Cannon Hall, he chose his moment, during a milking session in the cowhouse, to ask Fred, Manager and son of George, for a raise. As a result, he gained a sixpence a week increase and went on to work as a milk lad for a further two years until he was given the chance to work with the horses, ploughing and such. After five very happy and contented years, Frank left, earning nine shillings per week, and went to work for Jimmy Gledhill, "A good chap but ree-badly". Mr. Gledhill called him 'Horatio' after his father, shortening

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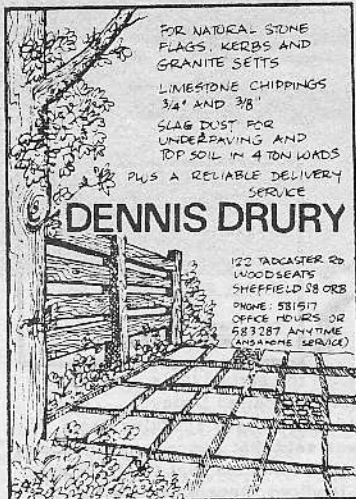
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# LETTERS

## THE PINFOLD AGAIN

There is a small sub-committee of the Totley & District Environment Soc., which for a few years past has been trying very hard to give back to the people of Totley a fragment of their heritage. The fragment in question is called the "Pinfold" and readers of the "Totley Independent" will already know something of its history and of our Society's aspirations. Of course, we have had our opponents. They have not been large in number - but vociferous. Prominent amongst them but singularly silent until your last month's issue, is Mr. Alan Byron of Chapel Lane.

Now it will seem to the uncommitted public of the "Independent" as a result of Mr. Byron's comments, that our organisation lacks just about all of the qualities of a good neighbour. Even worse, they will believe us to be dishonest and not a little attracted to the essential impartiality of the steamroller.

For these reasons, we have chosen to turn aside a moment from things we would rather be doing, because it is important that neither our motives nor our morals are misunderstood.

Firstly a few facts, and if in consequence Mr. Byron emerges somewhat differently from what he would have his readers believe, then some may say that his misfortunes are, in part at least, of his own making. Before the "Pinfold" project was more than a pipedream, it is reported to us as a fact that the residents of Chapel Lane were given an opportunity of buying garage space literally at their backdoor, as a result of a private adjoining development. This Mr. Byron declined. It is difficult to understand why, since any dispensation he believed he would receive as to his right to use the "Pinfold" was a consideration of purchase must have been revealed as unfounded by the simplest of searches before he moved into his property. In spite of Mr. Byron's implications that the Society have recently been guilty of making 'calculated' and 'misleading' statements concerning the contact of affected residents, this is in no way the case. Approaches were, in fact, made direct to himself and others a long time (years) before plans were submitted. Perhaps Mr. Byron has forgotten but, in every case, an excuse was made by the individuals

concerned for not getting round a table with the Society, to see what compromise could be arrived at. Additionally, in our report of 'no objections' in the February 'Independent' we were referring to our formal (Statutory Notice) application for planning permission. We were unaware that Mr. Byron had written to the Planning Dept., since he did not inform us. They, the Planning Dept., apparently considered Mr. Byron's points as of insufficient substance to warrant a refusal of planning permission however, and they too did not indicate that he (and possibly others) had written to them. What we said in the February 'Independent' therefore, was the truth as we then knew it. Accordingly, we feel that we are entitled to resent innuendoes of deceit and can instead point to considerable endeavour on our part over a long period to bring together the parties who had most to gain-or-lose. On a final note, and one that will surely possess discordant overtones for the Editorial Staff of the 'Independent' we raise the question of our formal notice of intent to restore the "Pinfold" by using a solicitor acting in his professional capacity for the Society. This we undertook for purely technical reasons and, quite deliberately, went OUTSIDE our membership for this service.

It may come as a surprise to some readers of this otherwise excellent journal, therefore, that after twenty two successful editions, their Editor has allowed his or her partisanship to over-ride caution and good sense in adding the 'Comment' footnote to Mr. Byron's letter. It might have been a very good idea for instance to check our side of the story before putting the credibility of the 'Totley Independent' at risk.

We, as a Society, certainly find it discouraging to be branded as intimidators by the official broadsheet of an organisation which has presumably the same ideals as ourselves. The services of our members are, after all, offered at no cost and with community interests at heart.

The professional who acted for us, however, may be less inclined to see things so charitably after he has fully reflected upon the implications. On behalf of the committee of Totley & District Environment Society  
C.S. BINGHAM, Chairman

## GOOD BEER

With the publishing of the 1979 "Good Beer Guide" and in the light of the recent price increases of beer, I would like to draw readers' interest to the traditional beer still available in Totley.

Unfortunately, only one public house in Totley still offers 'real' beer that house being the 'Fleur-de-Lys'.

Traditional cask beer in the form of Stones Best Bitter and Draught Bass is available from hand pumps.

As a member of C.A.M.R.A. (Campaign for Real Ale), I appreciate the effort made by the landlord, Mr. Tyler, to retain true draught beer and install hand pumps, at the same time, catering for drinkers with rather different tastes (lager, draught Guinness, Continental type lager and lite lager).

Traditional English beer is unique and it is a heartening thought that it is alive and doing very well in our area because of the enthusiasm of a Totley landlord.

Mr. G.C. Thornton,  
11, Totley Grange Drive,

## YEAR OF THE CHILD

I very much regret to hear that in my letter to you you were unable to decipher my signature and, to make you happy, I shall print it herewith - I.H. ORGILL. Having got that out of the way, may I request your help? As you know, 1979 is the International Year of the Child and the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Save the Children Fund, and to celebrate this, there are quite a number of Special Events. One which will be of special interest to Cub Scouts is (I quote) "Cub Country Nepal". During 1979, Cubs & Scouts will be raising money to help Save the Children work in Nepal and to support Nepal Cubs & Scouts' own "Seeds of Self-Sufficiency" scheme, which will improve domestic food growing. Further details from The Director,

The Scouts' Association,  
Gilwell Park Training Centre,  
Chingford, London E4.7QW.

I have one Cub Country Pack which I shall be pleased to pass on to a Cub leader, if anyone wishes to telephone me.

No-one is under any obligation, of course, but the Pack will be of interest to the boys, containing (I think) games etc.

Mrs. I.H. Orgill (Hon. Sec.)  
Save The Children Fund,  
9, Long Lane, Shefffield S11,  
7TX.





# The view towards Dore, from Chapel House, once described as one of the finest

views from any pulpit. Half of the houses seen here have been built since Totley Methodist Chapel closed its doors in 1967. What they have not changed is the depth and breadth of the panorama enjoyed by those preachers of the last century. The view above links up on the left hand side with the view featured in the second issue of the Totley Independent.

## TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The A.G.M. was held at the Heatherfield Club on Thursday, 26th April, 1979 and was, unfortunately attended by only 25 members. This was a great disappointment to the Committee, who naturally look to members for support and/or comment - criticism is very welcome - on the running of the Association. In the event, the number present did not form a quorum (35 members) laid down in the Constitution and standing orders were suspended in order that the business of the meeting could proceed. The Committee will bring forward proposals to regularise the matters dealt with in due course. The Chairman's report published in the April edition of the Totley Independent was accepted. In the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, Mr. J. Perkinson, the accounts for the year 1978/9 were presented and explained by Mr. B. Edwards. These are published in the May edition of the Totley Independent and take the form of the income and expenditure account. The main source of revenue has been the T.I. The Photography and Badminton sections are self-financing and although the account for the College Gymnasium shows the biggest expense

a good proportion of this sum is expected to be collected. It is hoped that this activity will become completely self supporting in the future. The various social functions met with mixed financial results - some losses wholly due to the appalling weather 'on the night'. As we cannot function without a Committee, the following were elected for 1978/9:-

Chairman:	Rev. A. Jockel
Vice Chairman:	A. Milnes
Treasurer:	J. Perkinson
Secretary:	Eileen Wood
Committee:	Margaret Seddon Barbara Shales Len Stewart H. Woofinden Brian Bezant E. Taylor John Turner A. Herbert
Rep. of Badminton:	Pat Edwards
Rep. of Photography:	Bob Warburton
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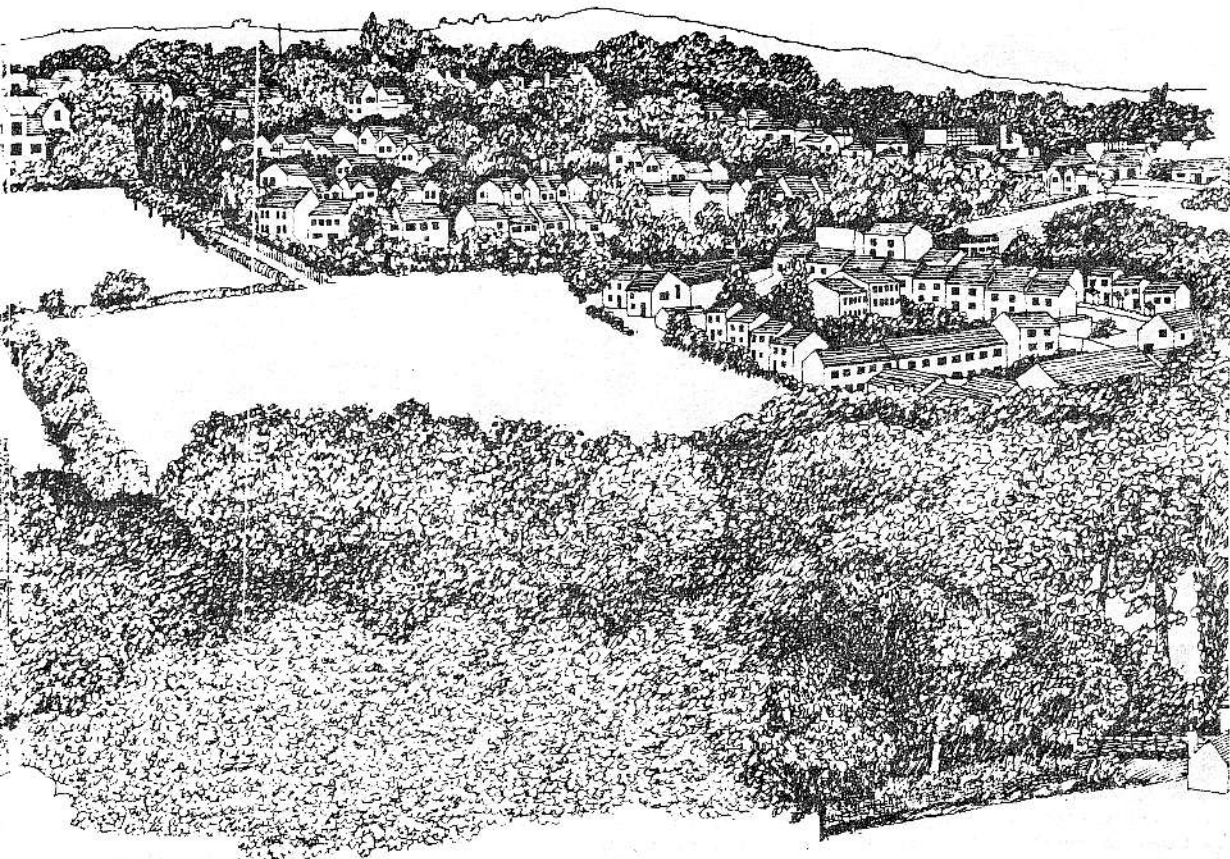
The Chairman brought two proposals for a revision to the arrangements for paying and collecting subscriptions. It is important that we maintain a registered list of paid up members so that the formal standing of the Assocn. can be maintained. This is particularly important when renting college and school premises. More information will be given about this subject in the T.I.

One of the major causes of dry stone wall collapse can be through animals rubbing against them. This is made much worse by people encouraging animals to come up to the walls and reach across for titbits. Dry stone walling is a very hard and difficult task and is also a dying craft. Just think carefully before clambering over or leaning against them. Remember the stone wall is there for some purpose often to keep animals in. The land behind is usually private - to the farmer it's just like someone trampling over his front garden. Once the top stones fall off then the wall will gradually begin to crumble. Let's help to conserve our countryside by taking care too when walking home from the pub with crisp packets and cans. Take them home with you and do not throw litter into the countryside. Worst offenders are the customers of "The Cricket Inn" who often leave a trail of litter in their wake on returning back to Totley.

In particular, broken glass and polystyrene can be extremely dangerous to both domestic and wild animals.

## CUB SCOUTS SECOND

Sheffield Cub Scout Football team, under Mike Geering, were awarded the runners-up shield in the League Championship of the Sheaf Valley District - the winners were Batemoor.



## HIGHLAND CATTLE

The Highland cattle to be seen in the fields between Avenue Farm and Hallfield Farm have given birth to a number of calves. These dumpy and furry creatures look like a cross between a bear and a monkey. If you want to see them, please keep to the public footpath which runs from Avenue Farm up to Shorts Lane.

## HEAVY VEHICLES

The Totley Independent has received a complaint about the number of heavy goods vehicles which are using Queen Victoria Rd. The ordinary drivers may have experienced difficulty in travelling on Queen-Victoria Rd., especially where the road narrows above Mickley Lane and, therefore, will appreciate the complaint that lorries weighing considerably more and bearing very heavy loads, cannot continue to use this road without risk of accident. Added to this is the difficult camber where Woodlands Place joins Queen Victoria

Rd., and further congestion is certain when the pub on Mickley Lane at the end of Queen Victoria Rd. is completed. Furthermore, children play on the road and in the woods nearby and a lorry, bearing a heavy load, coming down a hill of such gradient is not likely to be guaranteed to stop suddenly. The Totley Independent would like to protect the people of Totley but it cannot do so without public support. We have received a complaint on which we should like to act - if you would like to back us or have any views on the subject, write to or ring, one of the staff and we will try to get things done.

## MRS BARBARA JOCKEL

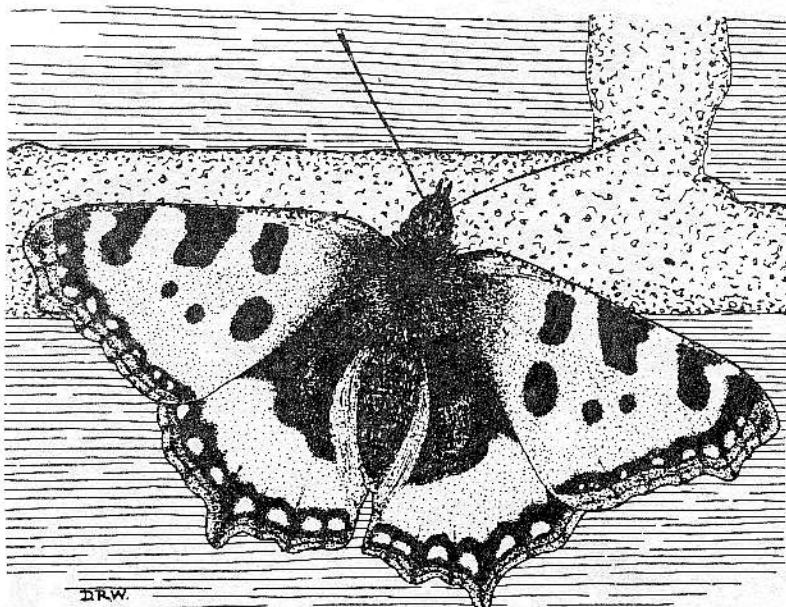
It was sad news in Totley to hear of the death of Mrs. Barbara Jockel, wife of Vicar Alan Jockel and mother of Catherine, Deborah and David. Barbara had suffered a long illness and was aged 50.

A native of Erith, Kent, Barbara gained a degree in Economics & Sociology at

University College, Exeter and later took an Education Diploma at Oxford. A year after their marriage, in 1952, the couple moved to Sheffield and Mrs. Jockel became one of the first staff members of the pre-nursing centre, which later became part of the Health and Welfare Department at Granville College. She was a lecturer there until illness forced her early retirement two years ago. Last year, Barbara was to have been appointed a Magistrate. Her loss will be deeply felt by the people of Totley and, particularly, the congregation of All Saints Church, who will remember her bravery and calmness during her difficult times.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday evening, 16th May, at All Saints Church and the Funeral service the following day.

It was requested that flowers not be sent but donations in thanksgiving for Barbara's life may be sent to The Vicarage, Sunnyvale Road, and will be shared between the Sheffield Family Service Unit, Christian Aid and St. Luke's Nursing Home.



# Warburtons world

The recent (and long overdue) spell of good weather over the Easter holidays has, at last, triggered the countryside into some kind of positive reaction. Many of our hibernating insects have begun to flutter and buzz about and the first buds have begun to break on the trees.

Whilst shopping in Chesterfield over the Easter break, a Peacock butterfly flew strongly over the town centre and back in Totley, several small Tortoiseshells have been busy around the emerging nettle-beds. Both of these species hibernate through the Winter months and emerge with the warming of the Spring air. Normally, I have seen both during March and the earliest record I have is a small Tortoiseshell on February 21st. The two species choose to mimic dead leaves when their wings are closed and the smaller Tortoiseshell often finds its way into bedrooms outbuildings and garages during the Winter months. The Peacock, which is never very common around Sheffield, is more likely to hibernate in a more natural place, such as a hollow tree trunk. Both of these very attractive butterflies lay their eggs on nettle and in some

years, their caterpillars can be seen quite easily on clumps of this plant. They tend to gather together in large groups in their early stages and then split up and lead more solitary lives as they approach full size. They then usually leave the nettles and find a sheltered spot to pupate. The butterfly emerges in about a fortnight. Many of the caterpillars fail to arrive at the adult stages. They have many enemies but perhaps the most persistent is a group of small wasps which control the numbers in a most macabre way. The female wasp stings the caterpillar and injects not poison but an egg. The egg develops into a tiny white grub which begins to live inside the caterpillar, eating the non-vital parts of its body. Only when the parasite reaches almost full size does it kill off the unfortunate caterpillar. It can then either spin a cocoon or stay in the dead skin of its host, eventually changing into a pupa itself and then into an adult wasp. This process seems very complex but there are, incredibly, insects which actually lay eggs into the parasites already in the caterpillar, which will thus be carrying two most unwelcome visitors around inside it. Nothing is ever as simple as it seems but it usually suffices for me to see our early butterflies - they really do

indicate that fine weather may be on the way - but just remember, there's no guarantee!

## PHOTO SOCIETY

The Photographic Society has come to the end of its first year's programme. We have had a number of meetings with a wide range of activities; talks; competitions; practical evenings and all conducted in a most relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. The very severe Winter has meant greatly reduced attendances on occasions but only one meeting had to be cancelled. The winners of our competitions were announced at our last meeting on April 25th, when Ian Bottom was presented with his prize as our best junior member, and Paul Rudkin was runner up. In the senior section, Don Toothill ran out an easy winner and was presented with the trophy to commemorate this. Next year's programme is already in a state of quite advanced organisation, and is due to commence on Wednesday, 19th September. This has been a most pleasing start to a new society. We have had the support of the membership for all our events but special thanks must be accorded to the Polytechnic staff at Totley for making us feel most welcome and to Totley Residents' Association for making the whole venture possible. Finally, may I make a plea for more members? The more members we have the more we can seek to achieve. Anyone with an interest in photography or photographs is welcome. We are not bothered what camera you have, whether you are an absolute beginner or a professional, whether you are twelve or seventy. If you don't want to commit yourself to joining immediately, come along for a few evenings first and then make up your mind. There are several months before our next meeting so ample time to contact our Secretary, Don Bellamy or myself (369125). Bob Warburton, (Chairman, Totley & District Photographic Society)

## THANK YOU LETTER

I would like to thank all the people from the boys and girls to our senior citizens, who very kindly waved to Harry every time they passed as he sat in his chair through his long illness - who says that the community spirit is dead?

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## Where is it? What was it?

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it to 'Raysher'. The wage was top money in Totley, for man or lad, and the young teenager took home 24 shillings. Frank remembers his mother's astonishment and was more than pleased when, with two outstretched fingers, she pushed two two-bob pieces back across the table, keeping the sovereign for his contribution to the household. Whereas Cannon Hall had three working horses on ploughing, Mr. Gledhill had only one old horse. He grew rhubarb and cauliflowers on part of the Monkey Gardens, named after the menagerie at the Victoria Gardens, which stood on the area between Mickley Lane, Glover Rd., and Baslow Rd., late in the 19th century. One of Frank's jobs was to clear manure from under the Wicker Arches, the welcome produce of the many

Duncan Gilmour brewery horses. It took just an hour to the Wicker from Totley, by four-wheel dray. There, the young lad would pick up a mug of tea and a sandwich for sixpence at Kidders Cafe in the Market. When the manure was brought to Totley, Frank would drive slowly down Mickley Lane, throwing the manure over the hedge as he went. Often, there was as much as 6" depth of manure - "No wonder we had such wonderful stuff". The farm produced huge Autumn Giant cauliflowers which mostly went to Castlefields Market. Frank gave up the work to go down the 4ft. high workings of the ganister mine in Shorts Lane. Later, he worked down the coal pit at Hurst Hollow Holmesfield. Frank says he gave up Gledhills because he wanted Saturday afternoons off to play cricket. He had, by now, made the Totley first team, under "that fine player, Jim Green", and remained in that team for a long time, helping them win the League Championship and, eventually, representing

the League itself.

Later, Frank helped to form a branch of Sheffield United Harriers, which went on to win the Branch Championship. One of the athletes under Frank's care was the local champion, Archie Thomas, who still often recalls Frank's coaching with fondness.

In the 1920's, after his marriage, Frank went to work in Totley Tunnel. At that time, he lived on Summer Lane. To add to his sporting record, he took up training of the Totley Football Club and, later, raced pigeons, but more of that in our next issue.

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## WE ARE LATE

Apologies for being late again due this month to production difficulties. The only way we could publish this time was by slightly reducing the size, sorry!