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TOTLEY SPORTS HERE

**TUESDAY
10TH JULY
GREENOAK
PARK 7PM**

**bring the
whole family**

We will again have childrens sports and all children wishing to take part should be there by 6.00 p.m. in order •

to register for the races, which will include flat racing, sprints, obstacle, sack and middle distance races. In addition to these events, there will be a Senior Citizens Bowls Competition which will start in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. with the finals being played during the evening - this was a

successful formula last year and weather permitting, we hope to repeat it in the same spirit on July 10th. Any male or female who is a member of either the Totley Residents' Association or of Greenoak Bowling Club will be eligible to take part and they should contact Mr. Herbert Ashmore at 96a, Greenoak Rd., Tel: 364580, or alternatively, pop into the bowling hut at Greenoak Park most days.

For the younger children and toddlers we will be having donkeys, Punch and Judy and a magician so all in all, there should be plenty for all the family. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening and we hope to have one or two surprises in store for you, one of which may very well be sunshine!

TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At our recent annual meeting, we decided to change the subscription basis of our membership. We now offer a family (one household) membership for the next three years for 50p. This amount is now due. We hope all our existing members (and many more) will want to share in belonging to the Association, and if you wish to support us, we ask you to bring your subscription along to Green Oak Park when we hold our special event there on the evening of 10th July.

As well as belonging to the Association, this subscription will entitle you to a special numbered edition of some of the

drawings that have appeared in the Totley Independent. That edition is now being prepared, and we hope it will be available at the evening event. However, arrangements depend partly on the printer and partly on the weather, and we may have to distribute copies to members later - as of course, we shall also want to do for those who renew their subscriptions at other times. But we hope that our members will find this a welcome and valuable memento of their membership of the Association. Thank you for your support.

ALAN JOCKEL
Chairman.

Lady Charing is cross!

Success in amateur dramatics, like similar organisations, depends wholly on team work, both on and back stage.

T.O.A.D.S. have an enthusiastic, capable and adaptable team. The success of their production proved it. For this reason it would be unfair to single out anyone from the five basic members of the cast, for they were all excellent.

There was a feeling however, that knowing their own confidence in presenting such a difficult and demanding play, they may have on this occasion become slightly self-indulgent.

Many of the Saturday night audience were regulars and although not quite a full house, they were appreciative although somewhat restless on occasions, perhaps awaiting hearty laughter, that the play did not contain. If they had been let loose on a broader comedy they would have raised the roof.

The costume choice was perfect, the settings cleverly simple but effective and the musical interludes helped relax and set the atmosphere much more than on previous occasions. A lively political theme proved very topical during General Election week.

Locally there must be a large untapped audience, particularly in the newer Totley areas but it is doubtful whether they will be reached without a more obvious or typical play from a suburban company. It seems

a pity that so much effort only results in 4 nights' presentation.

Totley can again be proud of having Toads amongst its assets and at the price you just can't go wrong.

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Saving fuel

The current fuel crisis may make local community participation more desirable or even force it upon us if we are unable to leave our districts by our own transport. There are several readily available economies we can make to help. Lift sharing with neighbours is simple to organise and can help prevent the one person car situation and don't forget that recent alterations in car insurance conditions now allow passengers to pay for their lifts. You can also plan your car journeys for a more efficient route and cut out wasted mileage. Public transport, the subject of many debates, is available in our area, and finally don't forget these feet were made for walking.

On the bottle

Glass bottle manufacturers, hoping to get more use from their bottles, will in future be making clearer the difference between returnable and non-returnable bottles. On this subject Totley Forum have over the last few months been examining the possibility of siting a bottle bank in our

area to collect waste glass for re-cycling. More about this when the details are to hand.

There have been already in the area waste paper collections organised by various groups and we are always pleased to help publicise these. With the amount of free publications currently dropping through our doors, we could be sitting on a paper mountain, a valuable one at that.

Waste of a different kind is also the subject of investigation in Totley. The atmospheric lead content is to be checked. We have no other details of this and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has been contacted or has any knowledge of this.

TOTLEY CYCLING CLUB MEETS

After the weather played havoc with last year's scheduled cycle trips, the group is re-starting on a more flexible system. From 30th June there will be a meeting at 10 am on every Saturday outside the Cro Cross Scythes, weather permitting. All those who turn up can then decide where to go and pick a leader. Packed lunches are advisable. This year efforts will be made to attract cyclists from a wider area, and establish the 10am Saturday rendezvous as a meeting point for all cyclists on this side of Sheffield.

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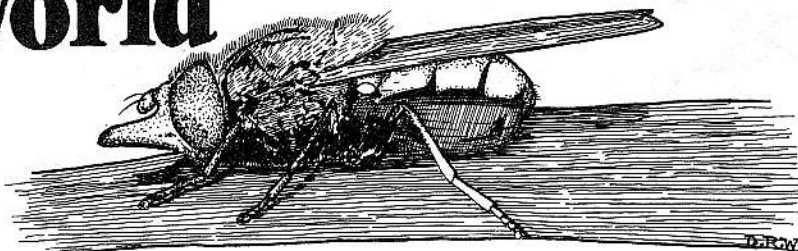
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The recent monsoons have wreaked havoc with human affairs, but so far, the natural world does not seem to have been too badly affected or inconvenienced. In spite of the very late spring, most things seem to have caught up surprisingly well.

The trees are now green over - the beautiful green only seen in springtime. The swifts, swallows and martins have re-joined us from Africa; the early butterflies are out and egg laying, and the fields are dotted with daisies, dandelions and buttercups. The next plant arrivals should be the Kingcups or Marsh Marigolds in the damp meadows.

The bluebells are out, filling the woods with their heavy sweet fragrance. Feeding from them, and simultaneously pollinating them, are many wild bees and flies. The solitary bees, of which there are hundreds of species, probably visit more flowers than the more familiar bumble and hive bees. They build no nest, but make a series of cells which are stocked with pollen to provide a store of food for the single larva which develops in each cell. The commonest family of solitary bees is Andrena, and a species of this genus regularly excavates vertical burrows in dry ground. Locally, it is common on parts of the paths in Gillfield Wood, and may be observed with perfect safety, since its sting is incapable of penetrating human skin. The burrows may be up to a foot deep and are excavated by biting the earth away with the bee's jaws. The female is an attractive furry orange, and the male somewhat darker. Of the flies which visit bluebells at this time of year, one

of the commonest is *Phingia Campestris* (it has no common name!) As you can see from the illustration, it is the possessor of an unusually large nose. This actually houses an extending "tongue" or proboscis which can reach deep into flowers with a long narrow tube. This fly belongs to the great group of hoverflies, many of which mimic bees and wasps. All the flies in this family are quite harmless however, having neither sting nor bite. Their larvae are amongst the most diverse in shape and habits amongst the whole insect kingdom. Some eat greenfly by the dozen, some devour bluebell and narcissus bulbs with great relish, some live in foul stagnant water and breathe through a periscope like tube, some live happily in the piles of cow and horse dung and yet others act as scavengers in the nests of bees, wasps and hornets. The adult flies are remarkable for their marvellous powers of flight and the ability to hover. This huge family of flies is vital for a great proportion of flower pollination and should be recognised as beneficial.

I fully realise that few people share my enthusiasm for this group of insects, but please don't judge them by those two household pests, the Common Housefly and the Bluebottle.

Pleasure and Profit

Those who attended the concert on May 11th, organised by a committee of Totley Rise Methodist Church as part of their efforts for the International Year of the Child, enjoyed a delightful musical evening. The Hoyle family (Roger, Margaret, 13-year-old Christopher and 11-year-old Elaine, of Chatsworth Road) showed their versatility in a

programme which consisted of string quartets, piano trio, piano duet and two outstanding cello solos by Christopher. The children from Lore Junior School sang with enthusiasm and clarity in a suitably "international" programme which included a Jamaican calypso and Scottish, Mexican and Hungarian folk songs.

The evening realised £135, and the Chairman, Mrs Barbara Bullivant, J.P., commented that it was that as well as helping the valuable work done in our own area by the NSPCC and Parent Lifeline, some of this money would be helping children in some of the poorest areas in the world through Action in Distress. Photographs of the Kenyan boy sponsored by Totley Rise Methodist Sunday School and of other children in Africa and India sponsored by Totley people, together with some of the letters received from the children, aroused considerable interest.

Summer Gala

The Cheshire Home on Mickley Lane is holding its Summer Garden Party on Saturday 23rd June. It starts at 2.15 pm and will be opened by singer Tony Christie. Admission is 10p adults 5p children. Car parking will be available at a small fee. There will be many stalls and sideshows; a pleasant way of spending an afternoon, or perhaps one stop in a local patriotic tour of the three garden parties in our area that day.

Aunt Mary's Cooking Tips

When you have bought those rather appetising croquette potatoes, do they disintegrate when you have deep fried them or are they a little too greasy? Try this method and they will turn out golden brown restaurant style; place foil on the bottom of a baking tin and at the same time melt a little butter in a dish. place the croquettes in rows on the foil and lightly brush them with the melted butter. Bake in a medium oven, turning from time to time for about 20 mins. You will find them crisp, firm, non-greasy and tasty.

If you have any similar tips or a quick or inexpensive recipe, write to Aunt Mary and we will print them.

LETTERS

Old Totley

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere and grateful thanks to all those persons who so very kindly loaned me material for use in the recent exhibition of old photographs etc. of Totley, Totley Rise & Sheffield, for their contributions helped to make the exhibition both a private and communal exercise and I hope a successful one.

I would also like to thank all those people who spared the time, and defied mother nature's latest attack, to come and visit the branch during the week and hope that they enjoyed some rare moments of nostalgia and were able to take away a few fond memories of bygone days, thereby making the efforts of those concerned all the more worthwhile.

Thank you all again.

Peter Hanson (Sub- Manager),
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Totley Rise,
Sheffield S17.4DQ.

Pinfold

In reply to the letter from Alan Byron re the Pinfold. I read with great interest and a little annoyance your letter to the Independent. I am sorry that you are in danger of losing your FREE CAR PARKING facility in favour of green grass, flowers and a seat for the elderly to admire our little corner of the world. It must have occurred to you at some stage that you were lucky to have such a gift - just far enough away not to be an eyesore (no matter how many more residents were compelled to admire your motor car) - some of us have paid very dearly for this same privilege. When all the shouting is over, all of us in the area have a great deal to gain from this project and all that can possibly be lost is FREE PARKING FOR TWO OR THREE CARS!

Mrs W Pigott
Lower Hare Croft
1a Chapel Lane

Baslow Rd. lights

Back in February we sent a copy of the 'Independent' to District Councillor Pat Santhouse and asked her to look into the matter of the Baslow Road street lighting. As this is

a County Council matter, she asked County Councillor Frank Brookes to take it up, and she has now received a letter from the County Council Engineer which we reproduce here. It seems that the Yorkshire Electricity Board are doing their best to improve matters; we shall have to await further developments.

Dear Madam,

STREET LIGHTING BASLOW ROAD, TOTLEY

Your letter dated the 26th February, 1979, addressed to County Councillor Brookes, has been investigated and the facts of the case are as follows:-

In December 1978, seven of the street lights in Baslow Road failed through a fault on the Yorkshire Electricity Board's supply cable. This fault was reported to the Y.E.B. who have since then, repeatedly attempted to locate the fault. Difficulties however have been experienced through the fault being intermittent and their investigations are still continuing.

Consequently, the lamps in question have been left permanently lit in an attempt to force the fault to become apparent and I trust that the problem will be resolved in the near future.

Yours faithfully,
COUNTY ENGINEER

MICKLEY PUB

Work on the new pub at the bottom of Mickley Lane goes on apace. We are writing to the brewery concerned to try and find out a little more about the envisaged building; in the meantime, we have found out a few details about the brewers. With the valuable assistance of Mr G. C. Thornton, a local member of the Campaign for Real Ale, our fearless investigative reporting has uncovered the following facts.

Hardy and Hanson are what is popularly known as "real ale" brewers. Their trademark is a hop, and they produce three traditional beers. Their Best Bitter is described by CAMRA as sweet and characterful; in addition to this they produce a Best Mild - getting to be quite a rarity in this area - and a beer called P&A, which we think is a light mild. If you would like a preview of the beer they are going to be selling, the George at Tideswell sell Kimberley Ales - Hardy and Hanson's trade name.

Totley Rover

I must admit I started my May Day quest somewhat later than friends across the city, say in Todwick where they began celebrating at 5.30 am.

Baslow Road was deserted and the Park Gates were locked. As I plodded through the snow I began to wonder if I was searching for the North Pole rather than the Maypole.

The Main Avenue tree directed me to the schools, but again no success. Later I was given to understand the schools Maypole wouldn't be launched until July (better late than never!).

Perhaps there was a misunderstanding over the date - how can Mayday be on the 7th? Will I be lucky enough to find the famous Totley Maypole next year?

The weather also stopped me visiting Eyam that night where I would have been very surprised if Chesterfield Morris Men had staged their planned appearance at 3 pm. outside. However, I have since learned that the only family to turn out, who were as it happens from Totley, were treated to a performance in the pub purely for them. Derby Morris Men did turn out on Spring Bank Holiday Monday at Tideswell and danced in the pouring rain; only their spirits remained undampened.

During the coming months I hope to keep you informed of traditional events around our area that will not only be enjoyable but may also encourage us to start a few of our own. We need them!

If this is what you like, and were unfortunate enough to miss the magnificent Morris display last month in the Cathedral forecourt, organised by Handsworth Sword Team, you may be interested to know that Lord Conyers Morris men are holding their Midsummer Morris, which again brings from all over the country, on June 23rd. Timings are 3.45 in Rotherham and 6pm. at Wales Comprehensive School. (near Kiveton) Perhaps you visited the Craftsman's Fair at Abbeydale Hamlet last week - very interesting, on our doorstep and plenty of entertainment in the open.



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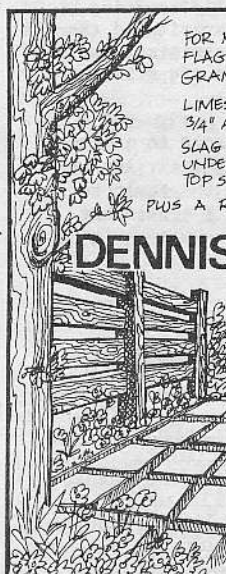
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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As mentioned in the May issue, it could be likely that more children in Totley will be eligible for free school meals

when new scales come into force. Work out if you are eligible using the table below.

Number of dependent children

Number of children eligible for free school meals when net weekly income is below the sum shown below

	1 £	2 £	3 £	4 £	5 £	6 £
1	40.15					
2	46.00	46.75				
3	55.35	54.60	53.35			
4	63.70	62.45	61.20	59.95		
5	71.55	70.30	69.05	67.80	66.55	
6	79.40	78.15	76.90	75.65	74.40	73.15

For each additional child in the family add £7.85 (reading down). For each additional child eligible for free school meals deduct £1.25 (reading across)

STOP PRESS

WEATHER PERMITTING, WE WILL BE HAVING ONE OR PERHAPS TWO HOT AIR BALLOONS AT THE SPORTS EVENING ON TUESDAY 10TH JULY.

IN ADDITION ONE OR TWO PLANES FROM THE NOW FAMOUS TOTLEY AIR FORCE WILL BE FLYING OVER GIVING YOU YET ANOTHER CHANCE OF TAKING PART IN THE 'GUESS THE HEIGHT' COMPETITION.

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DIARY

Saturday 30th June

King Egbert School Summer Fair 2 pm Admission 10p

JULY

Saturday 7th All Saints P.T.A.

Summer Gala 2 pm

Tuesday 10th Totley Residents Association Sports Night Green Oak Park

SEEING RED?

The question of council house sales in Sheffield is likely to be the subject of much debate. In the meantime the council has recently introduced a scheme for tenants to choose the colour or their exterior paintwork. There are twelve basic colours from which to choose. Unfortunately Totley will miss out this time round having only recently been repainted.

CROWN GREEN

Bowls - Herbert Ashmore of Greenoak Bowling Club informs us that they are urgently wanting new members to play in competition, particularly for next season. Whilst any age would be welcome, it would be particularly nice to see younger people between the ages of, say 15 and 45. If you are interested pop along to the bowling green and see one of the members or contact Bert himself at 96a, Greenoak Road, Tel: 364580 and you will be made most welcome in this happy and friendly atmosphere.

Childrens Page

MUSICAL SUCCESS

Trumpet Grade 4
Paul Bezzant (Merit)
French Horn Grade 4
Philip Latham
Piano Grade 4
Paula Drewery
Violin Grade 2
Rachel Swift
Alison Saville (Merit)
Emma Towler (Merit)
Piona Crookes (Distinction)
Violin Grade 1
Penny Capper (Merit)
Corinne Tolson (Merit)
Alex Whitehouse (Distinction)
Violin Grade 3
Rachel Capper (Merit)

Congratulations to the above pupils of Totley County School successful in the Spring examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Discovery Trail

Is anyone willing to take groups of residents or children on a guided tour of Totley in the near future? The first tour could be from the Crown Inn, at the bottom of Hillfoot Road down to the bottom of Totley Hall Lane past the College, pointing out interesting facts of village history. Alternatively perhaps someone may be prepared to make a cassette recording for the use of interested parties or novice, less knowledgeable guides. Should this prove possible I will as usual provide the follow up.

Majorettes

The highlight for many of the children at the recent County School spring fair were the Chesterfield Squadronairs, a display group of majorettes formed in 1977. We were treated before the event to a march past around the estates, much to the delight of residents young and old alike.

You may be interested to know that not much escapes the eagle eye of the TRA committee and even last year at this time the subject of majorettes was being discussed and they have in

their possession information and ideas for a group in our area. Girls in particular may be pleased to hear this, you may have seen other outfits in the Lord Mayors Parade.

CAR GAMES

With holidays coming up, do you easily get bored when travelling? If so are there any games that you play to amuse yourselves? Why not write and tell us about them? Here are a couple for you to try out. These are car number plate games. Take the letters of a passing car, write them down and make a word out of them. For example, LTR could make Letter. The next game you play with someone else in the car. You take say all the white cars that pass and the other person takes a different colour or you can both take a different make of car, if you can recognise them easily. You then take in turn the last number on the plate, add them up and the first one to pass one hundred is the winner.

Summer gala

All Saints School will be holding their annual Summer Gala on Sat. July 7th. Main attractions will be Sheffield City Morris Men and the Boys Brigade band. As usual, stalls and cream teas should add up to a full afternoon of entertainment and enjoyment. Tickets for the grand draw will be onsale before and on the day.

Trophy for 366 Squadron

Sheffield's 366 (King Egbert) Air Training Corps Squadron has won the intermediate trophy in the South Yorkshire Wing ATC athletics competition, and was placed in three other categories. Ashley Frost, one of the squadron's ex-cadet flight sergeants, has been commissioned as a pilot officer and is now training to be a pilot at RAF Cranwell.

Rowan school

In June 1976 Miss Margaret Harvey brought her staff and pupils from old buildings near the centre of Sheffield to a new specially designed school in Furniss Avenue, Dore. At that time the Rowan was a

primary school for mentally handicapped children drawn from many parts of the city. The school still has some of its original pupils but its role is changing now to take children who have specific learning difficulties. These children are referred to the rowan from other schools so that they can be given specialised help, and stay for short periods - anything from one term to two years - before moving on to other schools. Some of the pupils have handicaps such as epilepsy, mongolism, emotional retardation and social deprivation. A feature of the school is its Communication Unit staffed by speech therapists and teachers.

As well as covering the basic skills of literacy and numeracy, the staff try to give the children the same educational and social opportunities as they would be likely to get in any other primary school in Sheffield. Because they feel it will be a valuable and enjoyable experience, the staff are taking a group of juniors on an outdoor activities holiday in North Wales during the Whit half-term break. In July the whole school will be involved in an environmental studies week based at the Whiteley Woods Girl Guides Centre. Many of the staff and children will be staying there for the week and others will be bussed out day by day to work in and around the area.

In order to raise money for these ventures, the staff, governors and parents are holding a Summer Fair at the school on Saturday June 23rd starting at 2 pm. There will be many attractions - sideshows, stalls, displays etc., and local firms, shops, theatres, cinemas and restaurants have been very generous in donating prizes and goods for sale at the fair. The Rowan School is hoping that the public will be equally generous in its support.

WHY DON'T WE?

Organise jogging nights for individuals or groups who are too shy or cannot be bothered to keep fit by themselves.

Organise a BIKERAMA in the district for anyone who would like to sell, buy or exchange a bike that for any reason is of no further use.

If either of these ideas appeal, write in and let us know.