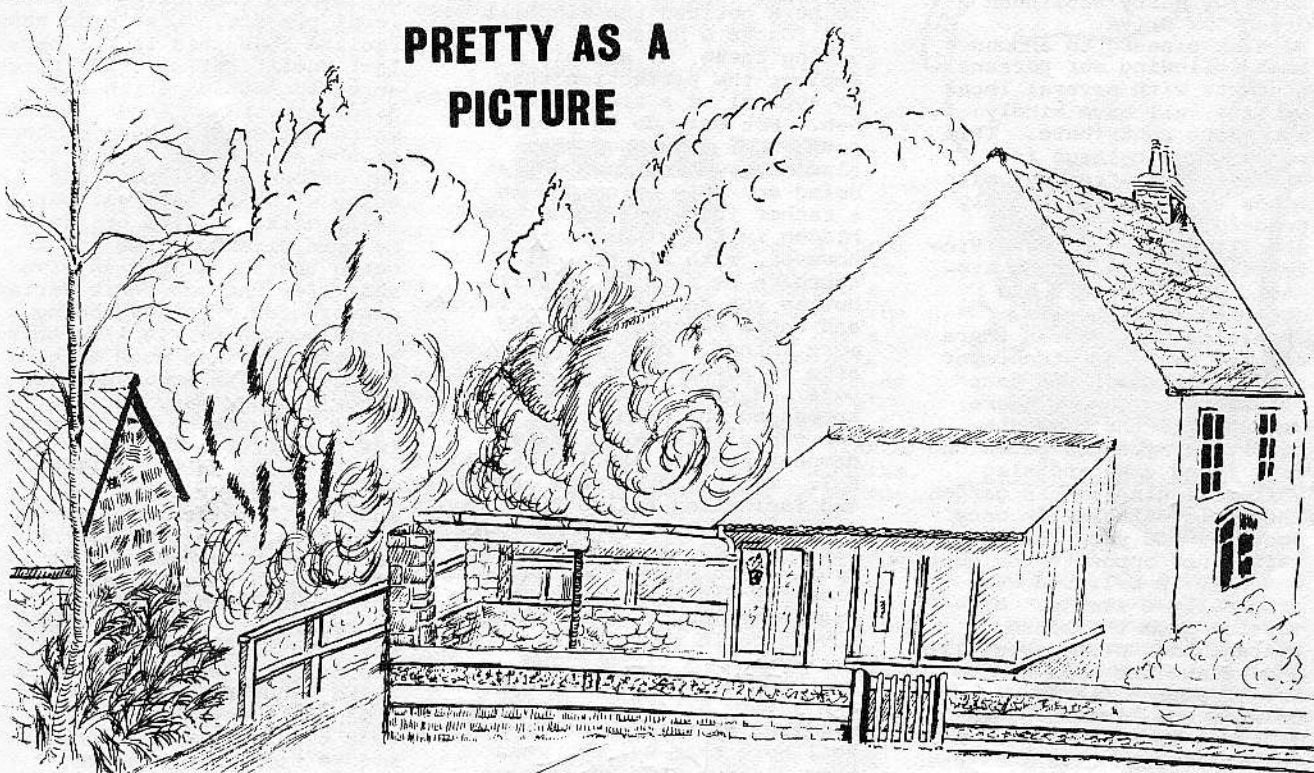


# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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## PRETTY AS A PICTURE



FORD COTTAGE (Chemical Yard) Totley Rise

H. WOOLFINDEN

### FORD COTTAGE Story page 2

### pub names

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**COMPOUND HOUSING FORMULA?**  
An application for planning permission has been made at the chemical yard for 4 No 2 storey town houses & 2 No.2 storey detached houses with integral garaging. A previous application was refused, the property being last used as repair workshops for the by-gone Cross Scythes Motors.

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'ELLO  
'ELLO!  
WHATS GOIN'  
ON INSIDE  
THEN ?



ALTHOUGH PEOPLE were willing to suggest names for the new pub to us in conversation, not as many as we anticipated were prepared to write and tell us. The most common, for obvious reasons seems to have been the Green Oak, but only one letter to this effect was received. Here is the list we have sent to the brewery for their consideration.  
MICKLEY PIT - there was once a pit in the area, TUNNELERS ARMS - in memory of the men who built Totley Tunnel, THE BRIDGE - speaks for itself, THE DROVERS - cattle and carts were driven along a track (Glover Rd) to the fields beyond, THE GILLEYFIELD because of the surrounding area,

SAINT GEORGE - the nearby farm and patriotism, MICKLEY TAVERN, MICKLEY HOLLOW, WOODTHORPE HOTEL - near to Woodthorpe Hall, BROOK VALE - side of Totley Brook and near Brook Hall, VICTORIA HOTEL & THE NEW VICTORIA - the Dentist in Baslow Rd. was called The Victoria and built for the railway workers, CHERRY TREE - near to childrens home, VICTORIA GARDENS - near former site, BROOK SIDE, ROSE & RAM - to signify the nearby location of Yorkshire/Derbyshire boundary, DERBYSHIRE GATE, YORKSHIRE BOUNDARY, D'EWES COKE - former occupant of Totley Hall also built a school in Totley Hall Lane 1827. As completion of the building is anticipated by christmas, it is assumed the pub will be named without too much delay.

## Pretty as a Picture

IF TOTLEY WAS to have its own postcard for visitors to send home, what more could we ask to create a scenic impression than pretty FORD COTTAGE. Our drawing is the second to be featured on our cover by Harry Woofinden of Green Oak Drive. We also pleased to announce that following our personal contacts with several local artists, all have kindly agreed to contribute. This picturesque cottage is situated away from our main roads in the comparatively peaceful 'Chemical Yard' that lies between Queen Victoria Rd and Laverdine Avenue. When the yard was occupied by factories, chemicles were stored there and the name has stuck ever since. Although the factories are no longer there, Mr. Hanwell, the present owner, says he has occasionally found coke and slag whilst digging in his garden. The Totley Blacksmith once occupied the yard, his forge being just opposite the cottage which it is believed was originally a stable. Conversion from this into a cottage took place about 1918 and became the home of the Wrigglesworth family, (two of whom now live on Queen Victoria Rd and Prospect Rd). It had at that time a kitchen, a living room and three bedrooms. This was altered when the Hanwells moved in, changing one of the bedrooms into a bathroom and by adding a sun lounge onto the front. The walls of each room are 15" thick giving plenty of warmth in winter. They recall that when they first moved in, the fireplace had a 5' 6" oven in it, giving great difficulty when dusting the mantelpiece! There used to be a ford nearby and this gave the cottage its name. To add a finishing touch, a stream (part of the river Sheaf) runs by with a bridge over it. This used to be wooden but was replaced by a stone one. This work was carried out by Mr. Marcroft, who built many houses in Totley and gave parts of his name to various roads, e.g. MARstone stoneCROFT. Ducks often swim by and the Hanwells have also seen the Totley Crane. Living near water has its disadvantages, as

Mr. Hanwell discovered on his 50th birthday when bad weather washed his greenhouse, complete with all his garden tools, down the river.

His car also suffered the same fate and had to have its electrical components attended to. Many readers, having seen the cottage, can't fail to have noticed the windmill and 'Cocks & Horses'. In making these, Mr. Hanwell employs the perfection that is typical of a true craftsman. Not only do they spin round in 2 rows, but they also move up and down whilst doing so, this being due to a rather ingenious mechanism hidden in the windmill roof, however, with his typical approach he says he is still not, as yet, satisfied with it and hopes eventually to add more things. Many people stop to admire them as they pass and they have a special appeal to children. This was exemplified when being demonstrated to the INDEPENDENT. Two children came past and fascination filled their faces as they stopped to look. After a chat their father promised to bring them back when the final improvements have been added. What better advert could there be for Totley than a picturesque cottage, a beautiful setting and a very friendly couple who made your INDEPENDENT staff feel more than welcome when they visited them on a front page assignment?

## uncle sams scout

BRENT DORE OF 3 Quarry Road returned home on Tuesday 7th August after spending three weeks in the U.S.A at the World Jamboree Event. He represented Porter district and is attached to the 115th Dore & Totley U.R.C. where he is now assistant leader. After flying to Dallas he received home hospitality from two scout families in Oklahoma City. Then onto New Mexico to a scout camp called 'PHILMONT' for 12 days. This camp was the size of WALES! This is an experience he will never forget and to help share this enjoyment, he will be visiting, during the winter months, other troops in the district to show souvenirs and slides, whilst talking of this great adventure.

# THUNDER

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

"I DON'T KNOW anything about it", is a reply often heard when people are asked to join or involve themselves in a local project. Little do they realise that this is the perfect qualification. The pleasures in investigation and discovery are numerous, (just watch children). Many members of the successful, local organisations meet, share and enjoy a common interest but their walks of life couldn't be more diverse. The point being they have much to give and offer through their varied experiences. Totley, being a mixed community, is like this and everyone has much to contribute to the area and each other through many outlets. It is encouraging to see residents, private and tenants taking pride in the welfare of the locality that they share. These are good foundations on which to build our future joint ventures. It is pleasing to report that our neighbours in Greystones are to regain their local cinema which is to revert back to its original status and once again show films. Maybe in some small way this points to a turn of the tide and not before time. Perhaps we should also consider as food for thought, that whilst our second local supermarket failed, our local "corner shops" continue to thrive and provide a continuing service. On the other hand, trying to prevent a continuing service are our friends in the Common Market, who would like us to give up our daily pinta service, in favour of imported long life milk to be sold through supermarkets, in the new year. Although prices may be lower, it is worth 15p a day for our friendly early morning callers to continue the operation of their voluntary care code, whereby they report any concern about our senior citizens. Not only should we make our voice heard at community level, but communities should unite to make their feelings felt nationally. In no way is this Community Spirit - Euro or otherwise.





## HELP WANTED

WE WOULD LIKE to make a final appeal for help in production of the Independent. The monthly appearance is proving difficult, due to lack of helping hands and it would be a pity if we have to temporarily suspend publication, as many of the residents eagerly await its arrival - we know as you have told us so in no uncertain terms. Anyone able to help in any capacity will make a worthwhile contribution.

ALTERATIONS ARE shortly planned at the Five Ways Motel, Owlbar Bar. Apart from improvements to the disco facilities, there are plans to develop the restaurant and motel side of the business. The Beauchief Hotel should also re-open in early October, after redevelopments have given it a new concept.

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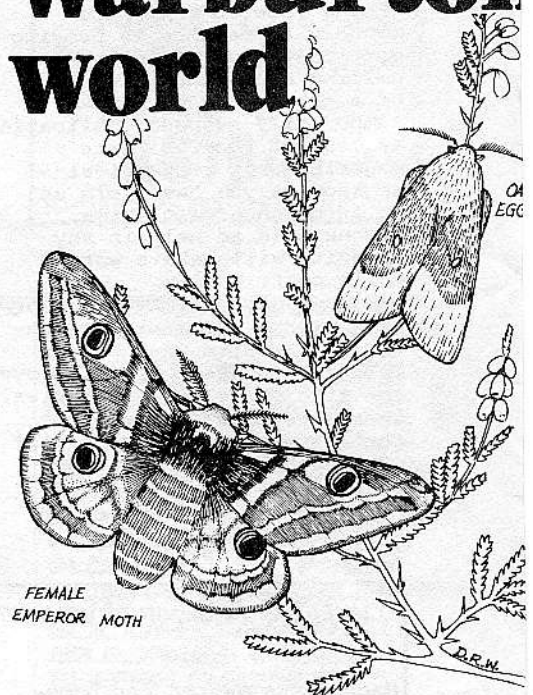
## GEORGE OF ALL TRADES

GEORGE CLARK OF 22 Green Oak Drive retired on 18th. Aug. and he couldn't be more ready to start work - at his hobbies that is; Surrounded by his many cards, it may be a long while before he has time to stop and talk to us again, if he manages to sustain all his leisure interests. His employer, who lived in Whirlow Park Road, died recently and it was there that his last 25 years employment began, firstly whilst a self employed gardener, then gradually moving into the delivery side of the wholesale toys and fancy goods trade. During the last three years, when the business changed over to watches and jewellery he became somewhat unwillingly involved in clock repairs, however, he soon became interested and adaptable, dealing mainly in 400 day clocks, but this he does not intend to carry on with - other than mending his own. His many house plants are now all that remains of his one time gardening obsession. Until nine years ago he had a thriving allotment on Mill-houses freehold, off Archer Road, which housed 2 - 30ft. & 1 - 25ft. greenhouses and his brick built living quarters. This he made his home on many a night in order to start work with the dawn chorus, his wife frequently joining him at weekends. Major thefts, including one of the greenhouses, piping, boilers and benches, along with the take over of land for a new Laycock Engineering factory eventually persuaded him that he was fighting a losing battle. He moved to Totley in 1953 where he lived in a prefab in Green Oak Road. "How we loved to step into the garden and do all those little odd jobs". This is one thing he misses since moving into his flat. "It wouldn't be so bad if we had a balcony, but you tend to feel cut off after closing your door, even more so if you live alone. I think people are just as friendly as they were in the prefabs, they are just not so readily available to each other".

Many of his former neighbours still live around him. He was the first to move out of the prefabs and went to Bradway on condition that he could return to Totley on completion of new buildings. "I was very pleased to come back, although the panoramic view from our window at Bradway, was nothing short of fantastic". One hobby he will return to shortly is tailoring and dressmaking. The night school classes he attended for several years came to an abrupt ending when the teacher suddenly became unavailable; he still gained enough know-how to have made dresses and skirts for his wife and trousers and waist coats for himself. News that a day time course at Abbeydale Hall (Adult Education Centre) is soon to start thoroughly pleased him. Another interest to start by accident is stamp collecting. When his mother died in 1967, he acquired a collection that had belonged to his step sister, although a varied one he has continued collecting mainly British first day covers. Expense has mainly put a stop to wider purchases. His photographs cover an enjoyable range of subjects and now that time permits he is considering joining our local society. Walking has long been another source of enjoyment, but since his wife stumbled in a pot hole on a walk to Fox House, they have decided to stick to their frequent, tried and tested routes to Whirlow, Dore and along Strawberry Lee Lane to the moors. It is on some of these walks that the natural ingredients for his many home made wines are collected. "I prefer to use things that grow in the hedgerows, rather than the many others that you can buy". One new interest he looks forward to starting is painting and drawing. "It's something I've felt I would like to have a go at for a long time - but I will have to give careful thought to the subjects I choose". He thought the suggestion of an INDEPENDENT cover a little too ambitious at this early stage - but who knows? Whilst he has completed some very neat joinery jobs around the home recently, his wife is patiently waiting for him to fit some decorating into his schedule.



## Warburton world



FEMALE  
EMPEROR MOTH

A VERY SPECIAL part of Totley is our moorland. We tend to take it and its annual harvest of bilberries for granted, for there are many parts of the country which are not so ideally situated. A recent walk from Totley to Fox House reminded me that much of our moorland is not natural, but is mainly due to the presence of man and his domestic animals. Sheep are the main cause and it is noticeable that when they are removed from a moor, trees very soon begin to take over. The first species is always Silver Birch, which is closely followed usually by Mountain Ash and Oak. During the takeover, the Heather and Bilberry decline and Bracken becomes dominant. This process can be seen now on parts of Totley Moss. Possibly the only areas to remain open, if the trend continues, will be the permanently marshy areas, where the trees cannot grow. The animals and plants of moorland are rather special and peculiar to this kind of habitat. During spring, two large and beautiful moths may be found: the Emperor and the Oak Eggar. Both of these are figured above. The larvae feed upon Heather. The Green Hairstreak



IS butterfly is common locally on parts of the moor. This is a beautiful little insect which has iridescent green underwings which provide it with superb camouflage. It flies in May, but if you do try to find it, don't expect to see a green insect flying. In flight it appears to be dusky brown. The common Lizard is also present on Totley Moss - I saw one a couple of weeks ago. They don't seem to be very common, but then there is a lot of cover and they are very inconspicuous. Following last month's article about Jasper the wayward jackdaw, I thought I would update the information. Jasper has gained his Airworthiness Certificate and is now a superb flyer. He still is reluctant to feed himself and still visits us regularly, making a tremendous din, demanding to be fed.

At present he has no fear of people and often visits us for a chat, sitting on our shoulders, nibbling an ear, rearranging hair and making affectionate croaking noises. Thankfully, he now sleeps outside, so that my garage no longer receives its regular whitewash. The local cats eye him with relish but he has avoided them easily - so far! My neighbours have been made aware of his presence in many ways and I thank them for their kindness and forbearance. Another bulletin about our rascally friend in the next Independent.

## new talk on old

ALL SAINTS P.T.A. Have arranged for Reg Atkinson (of MARGARETS VICTORIANA) to give an illustrated talk at the school on Thurs. 11th Oct at 7.30pm on aspects of the popular subject of antiques. It will cover mainly collectable items of China, Porcelain & Sheffield Plate. Everyone is welcome to attend. The talk will be of general interest. Reg who lives locally has children at the school and is past PTA treasurer.

## JOIN A RACKET !

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED for the badminton section at King Ecgberts Lower School on Wednesday nights 7.30 - 10pm. Ring 368213.

## TOTLEY ROVER

### RAMBLING NEAR A CITY

When friends moved to Totley, on the outskirts of Sheffield, they invited me to visit their hidden glen near Blacka Moor. Leaving Totley old village we turned right at the Cross Scythes Hotel then descended the steep road past the modernised Crown Inn. Here the road twists left through Totley Bents with its isolated cottages and the redecorated Cricket Inn. Strawberry Lee Lane led us away from houses past deserted fields; ahead could be seen the dark moorland rising on the left side. Here were the air-shafts for the Dore & Totley railway tunnel, which is  $3\frac{3}{4}$  miles long and took 20 years to build in the late 19th century. The second longest tunnel in Britain, it commences at Totley Grove, runs under Hillfoot Road, the Rifle Range, Moss Road and Totley Moor, the Longshaw Estate and Padley Woods, terminating at Grindleford Station. A foot-path leads down to the right to Hallfield Farm and the village of Dore, but we continued until the road ends abruptly at the entrance to Totley Moss. Before us stretched a panorama of wild beauty. Beech and elegant birch trees overhang the rough pathway but the delightful wood stretching down to the stream, is marked 'Private'. Pausing at the picturesque bridge we marvelled that such solitude and peace exists within six miles of the busy city centre. Above us rose the heathery slopes of Bole Hill and Brown Edge, while overhead the solitary curlew called. Bilberries grow luxuriously here on the high banks, encouraging some visitors in July. Hoofmarks show that this path is popular with riders. Mountain ash trees edge the cascading stream, making a scene of enchantment. After climbing steeply for a hundred feet the path circles round into another glen. This can be reached from Dore, which was known as the eastern 'Gateway to the Peak' in earlier times, before it became one of Sheffield's garden suburbs.

Our path skirts the lonely Sheaf but we are tempted to explore its many 'feeders' criss-crossing the moor. Bolehill Lodge, a strong building made of local stone, capable of withstanding the wild elements, stands high on the steep slopes of Bole Hill. This area lies to the south-west of Sheffield and lies just inside boundaries of the Peak District National Park, Blacka Moor, purchased by Sheffield Corporation on March 30th 1933, covers 448 acres and is one of the largest areas of open country belonging to the city. A park-keeper patrols this area. Brown Edge, 1,296 ft, with Flask Edge beyond, rises gloomily above Totley Moor as we turn the corner. Here we inspected the ruins of Strawberry Lee Farm with considerable interest. How lonely life must have been for its previous occupants! A superb view can be obtained here at about 1,000ft. High flats in the distant city contrast strangely with the silent hills. Young people fly model gliders in this area where winds whistle at all times. We headed over to the Foxhouse Road, passing a larch, beech and fir plantation bounded with glorious rhododendrons. Walking down to the famous Foxhouse Inn for refreshments, we noted the endless stream of pleasure-bound motorists going to popular Hathersage, Hope Valley and Castleton. Many motorists miss the beauty on their own doorstep, for this secluded valley can be reached easily from Totley and Dore, providing colourful scenic attractions at every season, for anyone willing to walk. Barlow Village was a hive of activity on Sunday 19th August when its Carnival took place, as well as a funfair and activities on the sports field, which included six a side football match and pets competition, three very attractive Well Dressings were to be seen, all displaying the Year of the Child emblem and the Derbyshire Festival Dragon. The New Inn at Barlow is also the home on Friday nights of the Cartwheel folk club.

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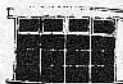
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## GARDENING COMPETITION

AS THIS YEARS GARDENING season draws to a close, our local competition for the best kept garden was held during early September. Following our successful first year in 1978 we had hoped for a larger response but unfortunately this was not to be, this was a pity as after looking round the district there are many gardens worthy of entry. Also this does seem an obvious and painless method of local participation. Once again, we had the pleasure of MR. BILL NELSON, the gardening correspondent from BBC Radio Sheffield to judge for us.

MR. C. ATTLESLEY of Aldam Road was to repeat his success from last year by winning first prize, this he added to several cups and prizes recently in the Sheffield Estates Garden Competition. BILL NELSON was later to comment that this garden was a credit to Totley. Second prize was awarded to Mr. Tomlinson of Stonecroft Road and Mr. Broomhead of Mickley Lane took third prize. The winner will keep the cup for a further year and all three will receive prizes of garden tools. Our thanks to those who entered and hope they and many more will take part next year. Our friends in the Photographic Society are making a record of the three winners to display at a future date.

## boys brigade

**FIRST FOR BOYS**  
The Boys Brigade have existed in Totley since December 1952 and many residents have praised their band as it marches to church on a Sunday morning. A recent publicity handout has stated that a local company is the most important unit of the Boys Brigade. Our local company (the 22nd Sheffield) was founded at Totley Rise Methodist Church on 18th December 1952. The first Captain was Tom Wragg, who lived in Chatsworth Rd. He was succeeded by John Davies of Grove Rd, who has now left Totley. From 1954 until his death in January in 1978, Fred Savage of Green Oak Avenue held post of Captain. The Company, which enjoys camping, have been to camp annually since 1956 and this year they went to Pwllheli. Structurally

the company is organised into two sections and this year a pre-junior section is being formed. Company section 11-16yrs meet 7.30pm Fridays 8pm Mondays. Junior section 8-11yrs meet 6.45pm on Friday. Pre-juniors 5½-8yrs meet 5.30pm Friday. Mr. Savage also started a platoon for deaf boys at Maud Maxfield School, Ringinglow Rd in 1966 and this is now run by Brian Savage who is himself deaf.

## NEARBY NOSH

THIS MONTH we look at a local venue for that special dinner out, perhaps to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. The Hare & Hounds in Dore has a very attractive restaurant, offering a large selection as can be seen on the table d'hôte menu, priced at £4.95. You have a choice of 6 starters, 6 main courses and 5 desserts. The a la carte menu is extensive with varying prices. Starters from 30p to £2.75. Fish courses & entrees from £3.75. to £4.95, with a vegetable selection at £1. Special veg available from 50p and side salad at 80p. To finish, your choice is desserts 86p, cheese 78p and coffee 36p. There is a good choice of wines from £3 - £17 a bottle. The restaurant is open at lunch and evenings (except Sat lunch & Sun evening), last orders being 10pm. Mon-Fri and 10.30pm Sat. A very pleasant atmosphere can be enjoyed and recent reports confirm good food and excellent service.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The 'NEW TOTLEY' sign was to be found at the top of Main Avenue on Avenue Stores.
2. Totley Tunnel is 3 miles 950 yards long and was opened for passengers in 1894.
3. Totley Lane runs from the end of Bradway Road.
4. The building used as a hospital in the Great War is situated between St. Johns Church and Abbey Garage and its present use is a Post Office sorting depot.

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TUESDAY 12th. JUNE 1979 proved to be a memorable day, in more ways than one for our local policeman GEOFF THORP. Firstly, it was his wife's birthday and secondly it was his presentation day at South Yorkshire Police Headquarters, where he received his long service and good conduct medal, for 22 years. It was presented to him by the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, "a very distinguished looking old gentleman" and was a very proud moment for Geoff and his family. At the present time he has served just over 23 years in the police force and for the last five years has been in our area. His beat, which he covers on foot, (although one of his hobbies is cycling), consists of the Totley and Bradway area. He finds that Totley is quite a pleasant place to work and that the residents are friendly. He is, however, aware of the current motor cycle problem in the village and is endeavouring to solve this along with his colleagues in the 'Panda' car patrols. When he is not looking after our interests, he enjoys in his time off duty, gardening, swimming and sailing.

# SKUMF

BY

S. PERKINSON



## PETS



## CORNER

### DORE AND TOTLEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY GROUP

THIS GROUP OF LOCAL people was formed a few years ago, mainly to look into leisure and recreational activities for adults and young people, broadly within this district. It tries to co-ordinate with other associations and societies in the area, some of which are represented in its membership. Some of its successes have been the broadening of the range of evening classes at King Ecgberts School. The establishing of a youth club, using the old Dore Village school premises, which is now self sufficient and runs successfully. A childrens play week in the summer holidays, which accommodates 150 children each year. Also as a result of the groups initiative the Dore & Totley Community Arts Group was formed and has been responsible for a series of successful professional concerts and other events held at King Ecgberts. The group meets three times a year. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the upper school on the 4th.Oct. 1979 at 7.30pm. Those interested are most welcome to attend and further information can be obtained from Richard Newsam 41 Newfield Crescent, Dore. 363106.

### DIARY

Sept 20 Thurs St.Johns Church Hall Childrens nearly new sale 2pm-4.30pm (Bradway Discussion Group)  
Sept 27 Thurs St.Johns Church Hall Ladies nearly new sale 2pm-4.30pm (Bradway Discussion Group)  
Sept 29 Sat King Ecgbert School 7.30pm Dore Male Voice Choir with guests 75p  
Sept 27 County School P.F.A. Annual General Meeting  
Oct. 2nd.Tues. 7.30pm. King Ecgbert Association A.G.M. Upper school dining hall.

### MURDER IN COMPANY

T.O.A.D.S. One of our local drama groups will be in action again soon. Their next production is a fairly new "who dunnit" by Philip King and John Boland, entitled 'MURDER IN COMPANY'. It is being presented, as usual, at St. Johns Church Hall - Abbeydale Rd.South from Wed to Sat inclusive, Oct.31st, Nov.1st, 2nd & 3rd at 7.30pm. This play should suit most tastes and contains a sprinkling of comedy. Tickets will be available in early October from Chambers Fish Shop, Totley Rise. Adults 45p, Senior Citizens and Children 30p.

TOADS meet every Tuesday evening in St.Johns and are anxious to attract new members, particularly males. Two new female recruits will be participating in the forthcoming play. Anyone interested in joining should contact Kate Walker on 364749. The Independent thoroughly recommends anyone who has not previously enjoyed a TOADS evening to go along and do so, we also wish Kate every success in her first production.

### SPORTS

TOTLEY SPORTS have started the season on the goal trail with the A team netting successes in their first three matches, all of them played away. Their first win was against Chapelton, they were then 6-3 winners to Dronfield Woodhouse and they continued with a 4-3 victory on Sat. 8th at Tideswell. The B team have not been quite so lucky as they have had both Saturday matches cancelled and then lost 6-1 to Dronfield at home in midweek. We wish both teams good luck during the season.

In the first few weeks of life, a puppy is protected from infections by antibodies in the mothers milk. However, this immunity wears off quite soon and from then your dog is threatened by four especially serious diseases - distemper, hepatitis and two kinds of lepospirosis. It is simple to vaccinate against these. Usually two injections given when the dog is between 6 & 12 wks of age is the course advised.

The puppy should be kept away from other dogs and not allowed out in the streets until about 10 days after vaccination. Cats can also be vaccinated against feline enteritis, a very serious disease, also against cat flu but as this is so expensive at present, its general use is mainly for pedigree cats. It is worth checking well in advance with any kennels you intend to use whether vaccinations are required. Most do and wish to see a valid certificate to this effect from your vet. The above vaccines do not last indefinitely and "booster" doses should be given as recommended.

### SMALL TIME

MINIS HAVE BEEN the target for attack on several occasions in the area recently. One of them in Sunnyvale where the petrol tank was emptied and another in Green Oak where the attempt to remove a rear wheel failed when a securing stud was broken by the culprits, a note to this effect was left on the windscreen by them, following the incident. We wonder if these are isolated occurrences or if anyone else has suffered car vandalism. STOP PRESS. One of these minis has since been stolen & found abandoned in Mickley Lane. Drivers be on your guard.