

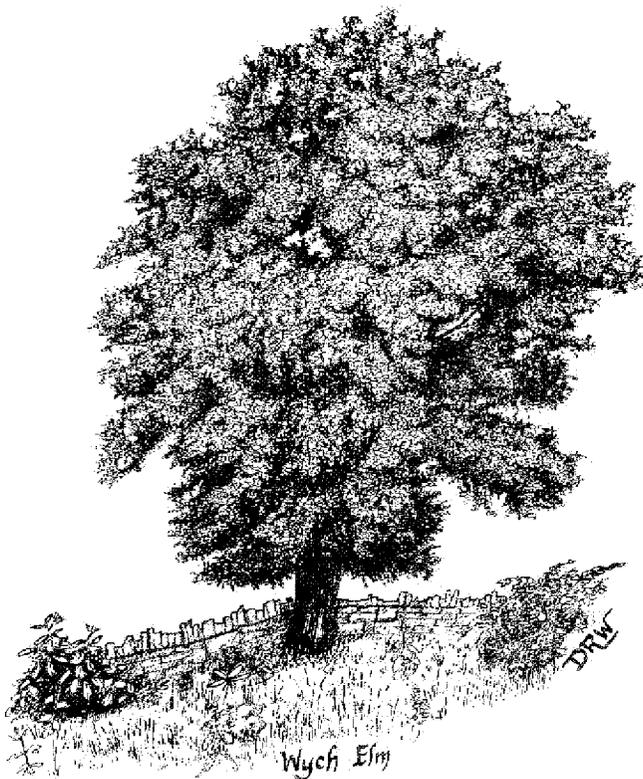
TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

"WE ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES"



SPRINGTIME IN GILLFIELD WOOD

see **Warburtons
World** page 8

THE LACK OF any immediate action on the safety aspect of Baslow Road and the proposals of traffic lights at Glover Road is a bitter disappointment to all in Totley. At the last Public Meeting held in May 1980, it was pointed out and agreed that this junction is only part of the problem. Basically, the 30 m.p.h. speed limit, for a variety of reasons, is completely ignored by most road users. Particularly along the dual carriageways. (Sometimes by locals themselves - who must surely set the example). The problems surrounding Glover Road, were spelled out, at that time, by both the Glover Road Action Committee and on the front page of this magazine (which the City Press also took up) in April 1980. Let us look again at some of the problems presented. Starting from the Derbyshire/Owler Bar approach, traffic passes through the 30 m.p.h. signs at Lane Head Road too quickly and the downhill run does not help in slowing down the flow. The Hillfoot Road/Totley Hall Lane cross roads are difficult to negotiate at the best of times. The recent increase in traffic from the College will not be helped by the Tarmac Homes development as this is bound to lead to an unspecified increase in the number of cars which will have to use Baslow Road. A lollipop crossing outside the Post Office has already been refused. The awareness of a narrow causeway on both sides of the road by the Totley Grange Estate is brought home by the draught of passing lorries and tankers rattling by, at excessive speeds, bringing danger to children at peak periods. As the popular shopping centre of Main Avenue is approached, the traffic has obviously, by now, forgotten that it is still in a built-up area and crossing at this point can be very hazardous.

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Next, the dual carriageway becomes too inviting, with its overtaking lane and it is anyone's guess as to the actual traffic speed. This area is an important shopping area for hundreds of residents, shops are situated on both sides of the road and it is nothing short of a miracle that a major pedestrian accident hasn't occurred here when one adds the Mickley Lane junction to it. Moving further down we approach the Marstone Crescent/Glover Road junctions, the hatched area, which is utterly misused and the restricted vision of the 'S' bend. Although traffic in this area is sometimes reminded by the presence of the radar check over Totley Bridge. This brings us to yet another problem - the Totley Brook Road/Bushywood Road junction. Try turning right over Totley Bridge from Totley Brook Road, keeping correctly positioned and avoiding oncoming traffic. A more definite control in this area would obviously help to slow down speeds higher up Baslow Road. Once off the dual carriageway, the problems seem less severe along Abbeydale Road South, although it must be remembered that the 40 m.p.h. limit does not operate until Dore Road/Station. Approaching from the City end, by the time Totley Bridge is reached, traffic has again picked up speed and we are back to the problems of Totley Rise and the run of the dual carriageway. The hatched area "funneling" to a single lane over Totley Bridge being almost non-effective.

It must be remembered that Baslow Road literally cuts the area in half and therefore, there is a constant need for people to cross it whether it is for shopping, doctors, chemists, post offices, schools or catching buses. Is account ever taken of traffic on sunny weekends (Sundays and Public Holidays) when a large percentage of the Sheffield motorists who want to visit Derbyshire, come through Totley.

Remember also that at the time the Library was built, the main outlet from the Green Oak Estate (Green Oak Avenue/Baslow Road) was closed! Traffic using this route is now directed towards Glover Road, Mickley Lane or Main Avenue. (This again spells out problems, particularly in the recent heavy snows of late April). Not forgetting that in recent times also closed was the Laverdene Road/Baslow Road junction. Even severe snows seem unable to contain the speed or overtaking hazards of traffic in Baslow Road.

It can only be emphasised what was said in April 1980, "It is our duty to obtain for our children, senior citizens and ourselves the maximum road safety standards in this area".

A traffic light system that does not even solve the Glover Road problem is not good enough. Totley constitutes a significant percentage of the population of Sheffield and South Yorkshire. It must take this opportunity of ensuring that once and for all it insists that forward planning is the order of the day. In the meantime, we appeal to all local drivers to take extra care and suggest that children and senior citizens ask for help in crossing these roads, if need be. Never again do we want to have to say, "we told you so".

whisperer...

..... More 'Old World Charm' being introduced to Totley Rise shops, with new fronts and bow windows.....
and speaking of glass; our own Francis Chantrey continues to exhibit excellent work on Chambers Fish Shop window.....
New Broadway Pub - "Old Mother Redcap" opens on 1st May.
Lost buses? - When asked about missing No. 24's on Saturday 11th April between 1.40pm to 2.40pm. S.Y.P.T.E. could only offer that "the 2.22pm. was out of service at Beauchief"....
 Local dialect poems by Tom Hague of Green Oak Avenue included in the new "Sheffieldish" phrase book.....
 ...Friendly 6 a side soccer match offered by Totley County School to Totley All Saints School.....
 On alternate Mondays, the Stuart Wigfield Trio are appearing at the Cricket Inn.....
 More houses for Summer Lane?
 Change of thought - about the only place never suggested for new housing in Totley is along one carriageway of Baslow Road....

Duplicate in Post

OUR FEATURE last month on the Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Perkinson, brought to light the fact that exactly the same event was being celebrated on the same day by Mr. & Mrs. Jackson of Totley Rise Post Office!

THUNDERER

THERE IS ONLY one thought in Totley, at the moment, and it is that of Road Safety. No doubt you will have noticed the report in the last issue of the Independent, although correct at the time of going to print, was completely overtaken by the death of 11 year old Elizabeth Mitchell, following an accident in Baslow Road on Friday 27th March. Yet again a tragedy moved the entire community. The Independent was immediately inundated with both telephone calls and visits. Everyone expressed their feelings of inadequacy in being unable to help or deal with such a situation and their disappointment in realising the failure of any real action following the death of Mr. John Holding and the views of the Public Meeting that followed. Such was the local feeling that a letter was sent to the editor of 'The Star', a copy of which is printed in this issue, in an effort to summarize the mood of the moment. Strength in numbers is now the order of the day, we have proved unity in thought, we must remain united and co-ordinated in our insistence that the whole Baslow Road problem is solved with the absolute minimum of delay. Common sense must prevail.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENTS OF ELIZABETH MITCHELL.

As it is impossible to put together a full list of names, we would simply like to say "thank you" to everyone in the Totley district for the kindness of their deeds, thoughts and concern. It is difficult to imagine how many friends we have and the extent of their friendship, under such circumstances, for many of you we have not met or do not know.

Gillian and Peter Mitchell
 16 Aldam Road.

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THE NEXT MEETING of Totley Forum
is at Green Oak View Day Centre on
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Invitations and reminders will be sent
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representatives to attend.

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Road South (corner of Busheywood Rd)
have been closed whilst alterations are
made to the interior. Mr. Armstrong tells
us this is with the intention of making the
premises suitable for freezer customers
only. He also informed us that he expects
the new shop to have a standard of
hygiene "second to none" together with
the most modern machinery available.
At the moment, however, the building
is undergoing complete refurbishment and
the work is not expected to be finished
until mid-June, although regular
customers can continue to order and their
goods will be delivered.

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CHERRYTREE

IN 1862 the Rev. Edward Ridge Taylor, a chaplain in Her Majesty's Army, was invalided from India. It was during this voyage that his mind became impressed with the importance of taking care of orphan-destitute children. During the year that followed he hesitated to form an orphanage lest this impression should not be of God. After much prayer and with his wife's encouragement he rented a house in the district of Cherrytree, opposite the Old Workhouse, which he named "The New Orphan House". The Orphanage in Sheffield was opened three years before the now famous Dr. Barnado searched the streets of London for destitute children and formed his now most notable Homes. The Rev. Taylor had no money for immediate financing and had to sell half his library and his wife's unnecessary articles to raise the sum of £14,062d as capital with which to launch his project. Rev. Taylor initially planned to house 10 children but so great was the applications for places that within the next few years the home moved to Little Sheffield (Sharrow Lane) and he finally purchased Brook Hall in Mickleby Lane together with 7 acres of land.

In 1867 with the rapidly increasing number of children in his care he decided to erect a new building and the foundation stone was laid by the Lord of Sheffield on 21st August 1867. In April 1868 the property was transferred to 22 Trustees "upon trust" that the same should be held by them as an institution to receive poor children, both boys and girls, who have been deprived of both parents by death; given board, clothing, education and instruction in Christian religion, without reference to any sect or party. Throughout the years that followed the children were educated, cared for and introduced into new homes and given the chance to learn a trade.

With the passing years, in fact 90 years, times and situations changed and under the dynamic leadership of the late Tom Carter a fresh look was taken at the role Cherrytree should play in modern society. It was decided in 1963 to build two family group houses, each to accommodate 10 children, with a residential housemother. A Centenary Appeal was launched by a luncheon at the Kenwood Hall on Wednesday, May 8th 1963, presided over by the Lord Mayor. The Official Opening of the Homes was on 9th July 1968 by the Lord Mayor.

At a Trustees Meeting on the 22nd October 1964, approval was given to an agreement to sell the Cherrytree Buildings to Cheshire Homes for £12,000 plus £500 towards the cost of roads if needed. So shortly after the children had moved into their new homes, a new life was injected into the old home when the building became one of the "Cheshire Homes" named after Group Captain Leonard Cheshire V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C. the youngest Group Captain in the Royal Air Force and official observer when the second atom bomb was dropped in 1945. It all began in 1948 when Group Captain Cheshire was winding up an unsuccessful community scheme for ex-servicemen, which he had hoped would assist the cause of world peace. He had been left an unsold large house and when he heard that at the age of 75 a member of his scheme was dying of cancer in the local hospital and his bed was needed for someone who could respond to treatment, the Group Captain took him into the empty house and cared for him until he died. The nursing left much to be desired but at least the old man died knowing someone cared.

Today there are 190 Cheshire Homes all over the world in 36 different countries. The idea for the Sheffield Home began at a barbecue in Dobbin Hill, organised by Mrs. Joan Smith in aid of Charity. When Mrs. Smith rang the Head Office of the Cheshire Foundation in London in order to donate the proceeds of the barbecue towards the fund for a local Cheshire Home, she found there was no such fund but instead received a request to organise one in Yorkshire. Support groups were formed in Ecclesall, Dore, Millhouses, Hope Valley, Chapeltown, Totley, Ranmoor, Firvale and by the Nurses of the Royal Infirmary. A steering committee was formed and in 1966 the Sheffield "Cheshire Home" moved into the building vacated by Cherrytree Childrens Homes.

The Home was opened in two phases, first the Sheffield existing building, doorways had to be widened and alterations to toilets, bathrooms and light switches proved to be quite a major operation in order to provide access and comfort for its first 9 people. The single floor was then extended to accommodate a further 27 persons. When all was completed it was officially opened by Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire.

During the last century, the home has

given loving care and hope for the young and the infirm from all walks of life and its founders Rev. Edward Taylor in 1862 and Mrs. Joan Smith in 1966 will long be remembered for the parts they played in the formation of Cherrytree Childrens Homes and its neighbour The Sheffield Cheshire Home.

T.O.P.S.

'T.O.P.S.' still TOPS

The Totley Older People's Society (see last issue) had its 'coming out party' at the Heatherfield Club on Wednesday afternoon, 1st April, and at the time of writing has had two further meetings - all well attended and apparently enjoyed (but the hall will hold more without infringing the safety regulations!). Thanks are due to all members and non-members who co-operated in making these a success, but brevity compels us to look forward rather than back. Before this issue appears the remaining Wednesdays in April will have passed and it may even now be too late to mention the plant and seed auction scheduled for 6th May in aid of Society Funds. Arrangements are in hand for the seven weeks thereafter, but the exact details cannot be given here owing to the necessity of fitting purely internal events around those for which a date has to be fixed with an outside body or person. When the steering group has been able to settle a programme of events sufficiently far ahead the details will appear in the independent "Diary" (for which many thanks). Meantime please be patient and look out for programme announcements in Totley Library/local shop windows. Better still, just come along and take part - luck but PLEASE not on 10th June as the hall is already reserved on that day for another function. As was foreshadowed in 'Comment' last month, the question of affiliation was settled without undue difficulty at the A.G.M. of T.R.A. held on 8th April, and 'TOPSY' is grateful to her 'Dad' for acknowledging the relationship!

CHESHIRE HOME

Mickley Hall Cheshire Home on Mickley Lane was for many years Cherry Tree Orphanage until the mid 1960's when Cherry Tree sold the building to the Cheshire Foundation and built two new home units on a site further up the hill. Although the Sheffield Cheshire Home has been in existence for over ten years now, many people in Totley do not know very much about the organisation.

Originally Group Captain Leonard Cheshire V.C. took into his own home in Hampshire a man who needed care but having nowhere else to go was living in a geriatric ward in hospital. Other people heard of this and before long he had the care of several physically disabled people who did not need constant hospital care but could not look after themselves at home - if they had a home. The idea spread and now there are 70 Cheshire Homes in Great Britain and 80 abroad, each home being run locally, although there is a Head Office in London, for advisory purposes.

Mickley Hall caters for 36 permanent residents, men and women, whose ages range from 40 to 70 at the present time. A large proportion of the residents are in wheelchairs, but with the aid of a specially adapted mini-bus they get out and about and thoroughly enjoy being invited to local events, going as far as Edensor to plays, Bakewell to the Show and have recently been down to Shardlow near Derby for a barge trip. There is a flourishing handicrafts department at the home, where they make block-mounted pictures, hobby horses, trays, soft-furnishings, wood carvings, dolls beds etc., and these are sold at the coffee mornings held at the home from time to time, also visitors and relatives place orders.

The new dining room extension which was completed recently and opened by the Duchess of Devonshire will not only afford much needed space at mealtimes but also room for entertainments such as those given by choirs and variety groups. The 36 residents all have ground floor bedrooms, 18 being single rooms and 9 double; upstairs accommodation being for resident staff.

We employ S.R.N.'s, Auxiliaries, Domestic, Laundry and Kitchen staff, most of whom live locally, but with the advantage of having accommodation we can also take staff from further afield. Although most residents are Sheffield people, there are several from Rotherham, Barnsley, Humberstone and elsewhere and relatives are encouraged to visit as much as possible and keep in touch. The local churchmen are welcome visitors and a number of voluntary helpers in the district arrange flowers, assist with mending and sewing and are very helpful. There are 6 support groups in Sheffield at Totley, Dore, Millhouses, Stocksbridge, Gleadless and Chapelton, who raise money and generally support the home and have done so since the very early days when the home was gradually being established.

baby sitting

A LOCAL baby sitting circle is looking for new members in and around Totley. The group has been in existence for several years and operate on a points system with members taking it in turn to organise sittings. We shall be meeting soon, so if you are interested please ring 367887 or 351803 or contact - Christine Fitzmaurice, 17 Totley Grange Drive.

SPRING FAYRE

TOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL
PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

THIS YEAR'S Spring Fayre takes place on Saturday 15th May at 2 pm. It will be opened by Tony Capstick who will be signing autographs (currently enjoying great success with his record 'Capstick comes Home'). Amongst the other attractions will be - Sheffield Military Band, Sea Cadet Band, Aerial Ropeway, Fancy Dress, Pony Rides, numerous stalls and sideshows.

BON VOYAGE?

DOES THE THOUGHT of travelling alone prevent you from taking a holiday? If so, then it could be, that you are just one of many people in Totley and the surrounding area who could benefit from a group holiday, thereby giving the opportunity for friends and fellow residents to travel together.

John Parkin, Branch Manager of Thomas Cook Ltd., is aware of this situation and says "It has been my experience in the past that this sort of venture in a particular region of the City, has proved very popular and has gone a long way towards drawing people together, particularly those who may be living alone and would not otherwise have the opportunity for accompanied travel. Tours can be tailor made, at reasonable prices, to suit all age groups and tastes, both at home and abroad, at any time of the year".

If you are at all interested, whether it is as a single person, couple, group or local association, John would like to hear from you and can be contacted either during office hours at - Thomas Cook Ltd., 119 Pinstone Street, Tel. 79801, or at home, 10 Wollaton Avenue, Bradway, Tel. 350803. (The Independent is, of course, willing to pass on any of your enquiries). If there is sufficient interest, John is prepared to arrange a local meeting and come along to discuss any proposals further.

NEW START

ADULT EDUCATION

THE WHOLE ADULT Education System, throughout the City, is to be completely re-vamped and re-thought from April 1st. This was the most important piece of information gained at a talk organised by All Saints P.T.A. on Tuesday 31st March. Two of the speakers, Fred Brown and Maureen Radman explained that Totley is now part of a larger area than under the old system and that the setting up of this new scheme is to be much more flexible and adaptable than in the past, hopefully with regard to actual premises that might be used. Those present explained that there seemed to be a lack of publicity in the area, as a whole, perhaps leading to an under-use of this facility. Opinions and suggestions are to be invited by the Education Department and it is hoped that more information will be available for us to pass on next month.

Annual Meeting

T.R.A.



THE ANNUAL MEETING of Totley Residents Association took place on Wednesday 8th April, at the Heather - field Club. The event was well attended and it is therefore worthwhile to report the evening in some detail.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Through the year we have held 11 well attended Committee meetings.
2. Of the Committee elected last April, Arthur Milnes and Len Stewart resigned during the year.
3. As pnted out at the 1979/80 A.G.M, the Association has to be self-supporting and, with the three-year cycle of a 50p subscription being in its second year, the income from subscriptions has decreased, making it imperative that any functions organised by the Committee must be a financial success. This placed the Committee in a difficult position as most things we have organised in the past have been poorly supported, e.g. the Gardening Competition, the Treasure Hunt in August, the Pea & Pie Supper in October (and in previous years dances, coach trips etc.) With the increasing cost of hiring halls, bands, catering, it was felt too risky to organise many functions with the real possibility of losing money.
4. The exceptions, as in other years, have been the Sports Evening in Green Oak Park, and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. These are well attended, but, despite running a raffle and selling refreshments at the Sports Evening, after all expenses are paid there is nothing left on the credit side; and the Christmas Party, successful though it may be, is only viable thanks to the generosity of the Polytechnic Authorities, the donation of gifts for the Raffle, the artists giving their services, along with a great deal of voluntary help, and, in the case of these two functions in view of their community value, a boost from the Association's funds.
5. The Clubs formed under the T.R.A. name - Photography and Badminton - have very different reports - the Badminton is a success story, while the Photography Club virtually closed as nobody would take the responsibility of becoming a committee member and running the Club after the first committee had launched it and built it up.

6. Away from entertainment our ongoing success story is the Totley Independent. This thriving local paper is a most popular means of communication in the district. Here again, the costs are kept to a minimum and the fact that it is a financial success is due to the many hours of spare time effort that goes into its production; we are indebted to all on the Editorial Committee, coupled with the local people who sell the paper.
7. As an Association we believe we can follow-up complaints and suggestions more effectively than individuals, though their supporting letters are very useful. We have looked into complaints about the no: 24 bus route, supported the plea for the two buses to and from King Egbert School, the state of over-grown footpaths, the untidy condition of the War Memorial, trying to find out why the Second World War names were not included upon it and George Creswick's painstaking research for the names. Following up complaints about noise in the district and in the Park, litter, Green Belt and last but by no means least ROAD SAFETY. This is an ongoing topic and we hope a satisfactory scheme will be allocated to Baslow Road to combat the very dangerous crossing problem, which has already given us tragedies. This will have our very vigilant attention.
8. The new committee will be looking to the Residents to support their efforts in the next year - beginning with a meeting at Totley Library on 28th April for the International Year of the Disabled - and to be run in conjunction with the local United Nations Association.
9. Before closing this report, we must thank Mr. Terry Whitham (Branch Librarian) for his unflinching support for the TRA, and for his efforts in helping us to get permission to sell tickets at the Library for local events. From the old Committee we wish the new Committee a successful year.

Eileen Wood. Hon. Secretary.

TREASURERS REPORT

A copy of the audited accounts of the income and expenditure for year ending 31st March, 1981 is available on request. It was noted that the assets of the Association at the above date were £753.16.

Thanks were extended to John Perkinson for his work as treasurer throughout the year and to Mr. H.B. Wood for acting as Auditor.

BADMINTON REPORT

The year started off with a shortage of 10 members as usual. Each year we lose at least 6 members and so we advertised and now we have more than enough. In the past, we have kept the number at 16, to keep the cost as low as possible but at the same time to be able to play at least three games per night. This year, for reasons various, we have ended up with 18 members which is proving to be too many. Some nights the players are sat around for longer than half an hour, waiting for a game, which is unfortunate and so we will stick to the magic number of 16 again next year. The advertising was very effective and the most popular place was Dore Post Office.

Tony Kyle (Treasurer) is back with us after a break (leg) of 6 months, which brings the original playing members to 6 since we began. This alone proves what a good idea the Badminton night was when four years later it is still as popular as ever.

Special mention to the caretakers of King Egbert School who are always helpful and courteous at all times - even when we stay over the hour of 10 pm. I have just received notification from Sheffield City Council that the rents are to be raised again - 13% from the 1st April. Hopefully we are in a position to afford the increase with the extra members.

The only criticism we have to make is that the gymnasium has been very cold on some evenings during the winter due to missing panes of glass in the windows which are now replaced.

To conclude, we all would like to say that Wednesday evenings are a great success and we should all be at a loss if the facility was no longer available.

Pat Edwards.

ELECTIONS

The following were elected to the Committee - Chairman - Alan Jockel, Vice Chairman - Alan Herbert, John Perkinson, Margaret Seddons, Bill Feasey, Bill Carter Wigg, Kathleen Jones, Les Firth, Harry Wooffinden, June Feasey, George Creswick, Margaret Caldwell, Ken Caldwell, Dr. Bernard Burns. Also to be appointed are reps from the Totley Independent and Badminton Section. The Treasurer and Secretary were not elected as such - these will be decided at the Committee Meeting on Wednesday 22nd April.

In addition to the normal business, two special items were considered. The first was that of groups who might like to consider closer links with T.R.A. and this is to be investigated and will shortly be reported more fully. The second was that of Local Road Safety and a list of people wishing to further this subject was drawn up with the intention of re-launching the Action Committee. (A progress report is contained in this issue).

It was also suggested that a serious investigation should seek out the possibility of arranging some activity, on a regular basis, for children in the 10 to 14 years age group. These children are currently pre - Youth Club age and as there is still a waiting list for the Youth Club, this may provide an opportunity for them to become involved in an organised activity in Totley. It was also encouraging to note that TOPS (the older peoples society) are considering a scheme whereby they may be able to help or organise something for younger children in the school holidays.

MEMBERSHIP

It was unanimously agreed, by all those present, to re-introduce membership subscriptions. The fee will be 50p per household, per year. Account will be made of single householders. Fees are due as of now and can be paid at Sports Night in Green Oak Park on Wednesday 1st July, although other arrangements are currently being considered as well. A membership form will be enclosed in the next issue of Totley Independent. What will you get in return for membership? Firstly (and very important) you are giving your support to the existence of the Association and helping to fund

ongoing projects (for example the Local Road Safety Campaign expenses). Secondly, it is hoped to launch a 'Building Fund' - more news of this will follow. The new committee will be pleased to hear of any other proposals from members. Any new members wishing to join are especially welcome.

Finally, a word of thanks to those who attended the Annual Meeting; particularly the new faces - the renewed enthusiasm was most encouraging and gave a much needed boost.

Abbeydale Hall

THOSE OF YOU who pass Abbeydale Hall will have noticed how neat and colourful the gardens always look at this time of year. Within the hall itself, we reported in a previous issue, that the private phone had been disconnected. We are pleased to report that it has been re-connected and although it is not available for public use, it may be used for emergencies which those involved thought was vital, in view of the wide range of activities that take place there. We take a look at what goes on there.

Abbeydale Hall provides facilities for night school classes and covers a whole range of other activities, which have now been listed on the notice board outside, along Abbeydale Road South. Totley and District Community Association are based here, membership, which must be paid in is limited and there may be a waiting list. Other groups using the hall include Senior Citizens, Rotary, Womens Guild and Adult Education which accounts for 75% of its usage.

School children also visit for courses in environmental education. Mr. Albert Smith, the caretaker, suggests that the hall provides useful benefits because people ENJOY the courses and gain great satisfaction from social communication from which they also receive a qualification. He also said that the huge upsurge in unemployment may increase the number and type of classes that are available. We hope to keep you informed.

Action Committee

AT AN EMERGENCY meeting held at the Cross Scythes on Monday 17th April the Totley Residents Road Safety Action Committee was re-launched. This will work on its own initiative, as an off-shoot of T.R.A. The meeting was opened and addressed by Alan Herbert (Vice - Chairman T.R.A.) and the following people were elected to represent the interests of everyone in Totley.

Chairman - Philip Jones, 357 Baslow Rd. Tel. 364579. Vice Chairman - Arthur Milnes, 7 Green Oak Drive. 350131. Jim Higgins, 6 Laverdene Rd. 368984. Lynn Yellott, 57 Green Oak Rd. Margaret Caldwell, 30 Glover Rd. 367021. Marlene Marshall, 2 Laverdene Rd. 351110.

It was noted that the attitude would have to be more aggressive, due to the lack of action by the Local Authority. It was reported at the meeting that it was unlikely that any work would be implemented before Autumn. Several ways of dealing with this problem were suggested; direct action, a meeting with John Osborne M.P. local publicity and pressure, and a Public Meeting after the proposals from South Yorkshire County Council had been received. If you have any new suggestions to make please contact the committee member nearest to you, this is very important in order that the whole of any action from within Totley can be coordinated. This will prove more effective than if individuals or splinter groups try to do battle on their own. Please remember once again, that we are looking at the total Road Safety aspect of our area from Owlbar right through to Twentywell Lane, as each junction of Baslow Road is bound to affect the others if work is carried out on it.

Since the formation of this committee, several meetings have already been held including one with a Police Adviser and the enthusiasm seems to have led to a flying start.

As we go to print, a public meeting will take place at Totley County School, Wednesday 29th April. City Council, County Council and Engineers Dept., Representatives have been invited to attend.

The necessity of this meeting, at short notice, is brought about by the continuation of accidents in Baslow Rd.

Warburtons World

IT HAS ALWAYS seemed apparent that we have two areas in Totley which are to be prized and protected as refuges for our wild plants and animals. The larger of these areas is the moorland, and the smaller is Gillfield Wood. It is the latter to which I wish to refer - especially since it is enjoying a 'spring-clean' at the moment.

Gillfield is small as woods go, but it has a traceable history back to the 1500s when it was referred to as 'Jyllfelde' - thus (hopefully) clearing up any doubts about its pronunciation. There has probably been a wood on the site since time immemorial, since the slope and poor soil would make it very unattractive for agricultural use. However, it is far from a natural wood in its tree population. I have counted 29 species of tree and shrub, some of which are quite natural for the district; some are British but not native in this region; and some of them have their roots (!) as far afield as the U.S.A. and Japan.

The largest trees in the wood are to be found at the bottom of the slope on the banks of Totley Brook. These are mainly Alders, which love wet conditions found by streams and rivers, and their roots may be seen in the water of the Brook, giving shelter to the Trout and water insects. These big trees escaped the great felling of the last war possibly because of the awkwardness of removing the trunks, but also because Alder is of little use as a timber - its main claim to fame being that it was used for clog soles before Clarks took over.

Three other species of large tree escaped the slaughter - Beech, Ash and Wych Elm. The Beeches may be seen at the top side of Gillfield, where their imposing size makes them quite outstanding, and there is another specimen at the cliff, where the Brook has nibbled away quite severely at the banks. The Ash trees are again near the streamside at the downstream end of the main wood. Their presence is more difficult to explain, since Ash is essentially a tree of alkaline soils, and Gillfield is distinctly acid. Beeches are thought to come originally from the south-east of Britain, and so one may assume that the Gillfield beeches have been planted at some time in the past, or be the offspring of such planting - the same may be inferred for the Ash.

The Wych Elm is a northern species and is reputedly more resistant to Dutch Elm Disease than its southern relation, the English Elm. Its rough sandpaper-like leaves are quite distinctive, and another odd feature peculiar to the Elms is the unequal lobes of the leaf at its base.

The list of trees one may expect to find growing naturally in Totley is less than half of the total found in Gillfield. Real natives to the area around us would probably be Sessile Oak, Birch, Rowan, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Holly, Alder, Elder, Crab Apple, Willows, Wych Elm and Hazel. Other more familiar trees such as Sycamore are quite definitely introductions since they originate in other parts of the world and have merely found that life in Britain is quite bearable once their introduction was effected. One drawback of these introductions is that they often do not form part of the complex food chains so vital for the sustaining of a really healthy woodland ecology. The best tree for this purpose is the Oak which can maintain a huge number of dependent animals without seriously impairing its growth. The trees introduced from abroad form a very minor role in this respect.

It seems a great shame that in the tree planting of recent years, this factor seems to have been ignored, and most of the trees have had a decorative value only instead of being able to fulfil a most important dual role - that of adding to our landscape and also of being of some use in helping to conserve our hard-pressed wildlife.

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THE ANSWER to Totley Teaser No.2. was that the Barn is at the rear of Thompsons' Butchers Shop, Totley Rise. Again, all the postcards received were correct and the first one to be drawn out was - M. Houldcroft, 98 Sunnyvale Rd. Totley. This months prize is a copy of the recent book, Sheffield Sketches including Norton and the Chantry Story, written and illustrated by Pauline Shearstone. This book will be part of the choice of prizes in future Totley Teasers. So thinking caps on, pens and postcards ready. Will you be this months winner ?

TOTLEY TEASER No. 3

TOTLEY COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

EMPLOYMENT !

FOLLOWING THE VERY well attended meeting held in the Cross Scythes on Thursday 26th March, when outside speakers from various organisations were invited to offer help, suggestions and advice, a further meeting was called on Wednesday 15th April.

Those attending were split into three different groups, each considering a different avenue of approach to local unemployment and the following was the result.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. 18 people decided that, perhaps, a common ownership scheme made a viable proposition and got as far as nominating two possible

products for manufacture. These will be of particular benefit to disabled people. The premises from which such a business might operate will more than likely have to be outside Totley. A further discussion took place on 22nd April and the full details of this venture will be furthered at a meeting on Thursday 7th May. For further information and details - contact Robin Carter, 4 The Crescent, Tel. 365969.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME.

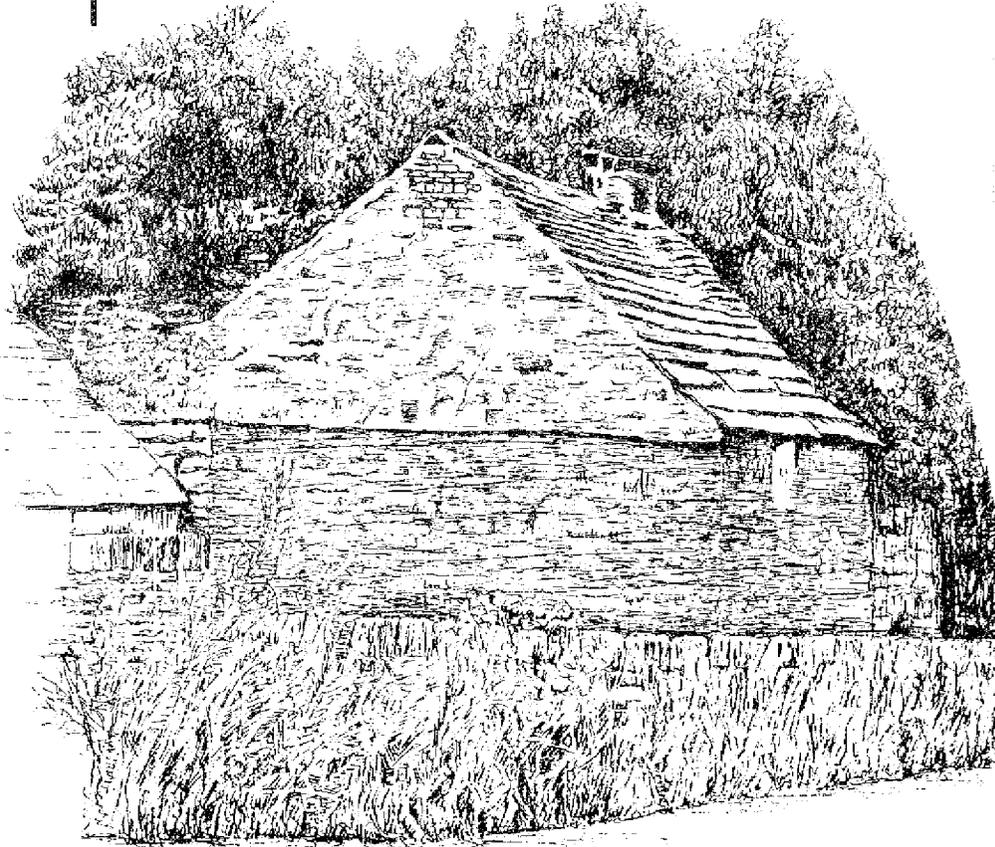
(About 6 people currently involved) several suggestions were considered that would be of value to the community, as well as providing jobs, (as laid down under provision of Manpower Services) and it shouldn't be too long before at least one proposal is submitted for consideration, this could well be that of a new Scout Headquarters (wherever it may be in Totley). But this group would like to hear from anyone who may have other ideas or projects that will benefit the area, particularly if they are 'labour consuming' or even slightly adventurous. Contact: - Mr. H. Kelham, 60 Sunnyvale Road. Tel. 362826, before their next meeting on Wednesday 13th May at 37 Sunnyvale Road.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME.

This group will meet again in about a months time, after looking more deeply into the subject, again about half a dozen people are involved. In the meantime, further information can be obtained from Mike King, 26 Longford Road, Tel. 369495.

It should be emphasised that major steps were made at this meeting, as definite proposals of intentions took place, not forgetting that three separate groups were set up each dealing with a different aspect and possible part solution to local unemployment. The enthusiasm certainly made up for any feelings of disappointment people might have had from previous meetings. As this subject is a complex one and solutions cannot be easy or immediate, Totley should feel pleased that after taking such an initiative, determination has been rewarded and we appear to be several steps ahead of other City areas who are now thinking along similar lines.

Particular thanks go to members of the Steering Group and to Rev. Harold Bowes for accepting the invitation to act as Chairman at these last two meetings, also to Tony Oldham of the Cross Scythes for the help in allowing use of the meeting room.



PERCY CROOKES

THE FUNERAL took place on March 27th of one of Tottleys' best known sportsmen, Percy Crookes. He lived most of his life in Tottley but passed away at Park Head. He was well above the average at all games, though it was football for which he was best remembered. In the 1930's he played some fine games for Tottley Sports and was a prolific scorer. Many friends attended both the service at the Church and the Crematorium to pay their last respects to a very fine sportsman.

cut it out

CASSONS ELECTRICAL SHOP on Baslow Road is currently helping to run an appeal for unwanted postage stamps (used). All proceeds from their sale are going to Third World Countries and underprivileged children in the U.K. If you can help, all your contributions, however small, will be gratefully received. So why not cut them off your envelopes and hand them in. Better still, if you work in an office, save them in bulk, after all, they only get thrown away.

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The date of the above mentioned exhibition is Thursday 28th May between 6 pm - 9 pm.

war memorial

THE LIST OF names to be added to the War Memorial has now been closed. Due to lack of space, these will be re-printed next month. In the meantime, for queries or information please contact - George Creswick, 64 Main Avenue, Tel. 362343.



finian's rainbow



HAVING TO STEP OUT on stage in a large production to deliver lines is one thing but when you also have to sing solo Finian's Rainbow and its' songs are not particularly well known, (perhaps with the exception of "Glocca Morra" so the all - pupil cast at King Egbert School had to work just that bit harder to get the Irish Immigrants, Crack of Gold, Leprechauns, Civil Rights, Scheming Statesmen storyline under way. It is surprising to discover that 'Old Devil Moon' comes from this show and the duet between Ruth Evans and Richard Williams proved very confident, adding something of a music hall flavour and helped conquer first night nerves. A very good arrangement also launched 'If this isn't love' into a full scale production number that bubbled with vitality. All the leading members of the cast obviously enjoyed their parts and William Smyth as Finian went to town with his Irish accent. Some of the solos were of such a high standard that they could only have been improved by the provision of a roving spotlight to highlight them further. The support from the rest of the cast was also first - rate and in particular 'Necessity' performed by the 'Passion Pilgrim Gospellers', four young ladies from the upper school, who not only carried off their bluesy harmonies with such flying colours but also showed no shortage individually of vocal talent. The same should be said for their rendition of 'When the idle poor become the idle rich'. Rainbow Valley, in the mythical state of Missitucky, U.S.A., certainly had something to sing about ! No performance of this type would be complete without mention of the music - ians: in this case the school orchestra, under the enthusiastic baton of Mr. David Meakin. The sometimes intricate score flowed along and the size of the orchestra, along with the lighting effects, added dimension to the occasion.

There hardly seemed to have been time since the school play 'Hobson's Choice' in February to have staged such a momentous show - the obvious result of much hard work by the Producer Mr. Duncan Goodwin and all the others involved, also when it is considered that the majority of the cast must be more familiar and identify themselves with the music of today, then occasions such as these are more than worthwhile.

out of thin air

The Dramatic Society
Dore & Totley
United Reformed Church



Church Hall, Totley Brook Road

THE LEPRECHAUNS who invaded King Egbert School, in early April, were also in attendance at the United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road, in the play "Out Of Thin Air", although it was not their singing that was apparent here but their nuisance value. When Peter Franklyn (played by Barry Rowntree) bolted the door of his new employers residence, he didn't know what problems he was giving himself from the Irish 'little people', as the house stood on a fairy track. Hence 'out of thin air' came 'Annabel' mischievously played by Susan Joel. The play maintained its interest throughout with a very light - hearted approach and a rather refreshing plot about the comings and goings of fairy life in the Irish countryside. Once again, the leading characters had the job of holding the story together, whilst the openings they created were entertainingly filled by the supporting roles of the servants; Lucas(Phil Jubb) and Bridget (Lesley Rowntree), who took the opportunity of displaying their accents and entering into the characters they portrayed. The usual high standard of set, furniture and props transported the audience over the water to present a different aspect of the troubled Ireland we hear so much about.

MAY DIARY

- 1st Fri. and Sat. 2nd. T.O.A.D.S. "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime".
 2nd Sat. Jumble Sale/Auction. Scout Hut, Totley Hall Lane. 2pm.
 5th Tue. Totley Forum, Green Oak View Day Centre. 7.30pm.
 5th Tue. All Saints Ladies Club. Annual Plant Auction. 7.30 pm. All proceeds to Club funds.
 6th Wed. Sat. "UTOPIA LIMITED", Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society at King Egbert Lower School Hall. Tickets - 665388 day or 352107 evening.
 6th Wed. T.O.P.S. Plant/Seed Auction. Heatherfield Club. 2 - 4pm. See inside.
 7th Thur. Children's Nearly New Summer Clothes Sale - held by Bradway Discussion Group at St. John's Church Hall. 2pm.
 7th Thur. County Council Elections.
 8th Fri. Totley All Saints School P.T.A. Cake Sale. (afternoon) see local posters.
 8th Fri. Totley Townswomen's Guild. 7.30pm. Abbeydale Hall. Talk given by Bob Warburton (of Totley Independent fame).
 11th Mon. United Nations Assoc., A.G.M. 63 Furniss Ave., (Details - 366668)
 13th Wed. Totley Community Enterprise Programme. 37 Sunnyvale Road. 8pm.
 14th Thur. Children's Nearly New Clothes Sale - Bring & Buy in aid of Cancer Research. At 93 Wollaton Rd. Bradway. 2pm. Clothes to be left at the above address as soon as possible, before the day. All clothes sold will have 20p deducted for Cancer Research. Coffee will be on sale.
 15th Fri. Totley Townswomen's Guild. Social Evening - refreshments on sale. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 15th Fri. King Egbert Assoc., King Egbert School. 7.30pm. "The future of Education in Sheffield". Talk by Councillor Horton.
 15th Fri. Totley Sports and Social. Dinner Dance at Embassy Ballroom. Details from Norman Cann, 38 Mickley Lane, 365296 or Mick Hirst, Lemont Road.
 16th Sat. Totley County School P.F.A. Spring Fayre. 2pm. Opened by Tony Capstick.
 19th Tue. All Saints Ladies Club. Talk by Mr. N. Marsh, Express Dairy. 7.30pm.
 20th Wed. T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 8pm. 37 Sunnyvale Road.
 28th Thur. Tri - Chem. Liquid Embroidery Demonstration. Heatherfield Club. 6 - 9pm.

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Cricket

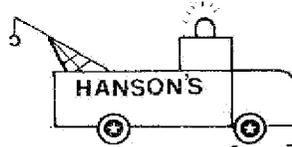
THE CRICKET SEASON is almost upon us and Totleys' Cricket Teams have been practising in the nets at Rowlinson. They get the chance to put their practice into action this month and we will bring you the first results in the next issue.

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