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## **MICKLEY LANE.**

The above picture of Mickley Lane looking towards Baslow Road and the Green Oak shops before the Laverdene estate was built. You can not see from this whether the bottom block of shops were built at the time because of the trees.

Can any one date this photograph?

## **NEWS FROM T.R.A. COMMITTEE.**

We thank those five readers who sent replies on the subject of the Community Centre, further discussions are to take place on the subject.

The committee hope to meet with Councillors, and representatives of the Highways and Police Depts. to discuss our various road problems in Totley.

There is no progress as yet with any of the proposed building sites in Totley.

Whitbreads and First/Mainline have agreed a new lease to use Cross Scythes Bus Terminus.

The A.G.M. will be on Monday, 26th April, in Totley Library, at 7.30 p.m. Please support your Association, you are automatically a member if you live or work in Totley. We would especially welcome residents who are also Council Tenants willing to form their own group as part of the T.R.A.

Amongst Planning Applications received in Nov/Dec:-

98/1223P Use of caretakers dwellinghouse as a playgroup within the curtilage of Totley All Saints C of E Primary School, Hillfoot Road 17

98/1306P Extensions to retail store for bulk storage and staff facilities Sainsburys Archer Road.

98/1323P Retention of 4 lighting columns Sheffield R.U.F.C. Abbeydale Park.

98/1324P Erection of 2.5 metres high palisade security fencing The Abbeydale Garden Centre, Abbeydale Road Sth.

Copies of Planning Applications received will be on view on the T.R.A. notice board in Totley Library in the future.

Pauline Perkinton Chair, T.R.A.

## TOTLEY COLLEGE by ANNA E. BALDRY

January 1997

As it is anticipated that the college on the Totley site will close this summer, I felt that I should write down a few memories of those early days, something that I have been meaning to do ever since I retired twenty years ago.

Anna E. Baldry.

### SOME KEY DATES.

1950 September 11th, Totley Hall College of Housecraft opened with twenty-seven Students.

1951 December, new dining room and catering kitchen opened.

1952 May, first of the new training kitchens opened. November, first University examinations (normally at the end of the year two of the course) owing to some disruption with building etc. we were allowed to defer until November of the third year.

1953. January, Highfield Hall of Residence opened, followed later in the year by the Main Assembly Hall. July 14th Official opening of the college by Mrs. Attlee.

1957/58. Full inspection of the college in all aspects by a team of HMI.

1958. Miss Cameron (first Principal) retired at the end of the spring term. Miss O. Metcalf followed as Principal.

1963. First students started the general Primary Teachers course. First group of trained teachers to take a one year supplementary course in Home Economics.

1967. First men students (Primary course).

1966/68. Building on Lowfield site, teaching rooms (art studio, language laboratory, Needlecraft rooms, lecture rooms) Library, gymnasium, dining room and catering kitchens, staff and student common rooms and Buchanan Hall.

1969. First students, already qualified in the Certificate course, to take a fourth year course for the award of a B.Ed. degree.

1972. Miss Metcalf retired. Dr. Banfield appointed Principal. Amalgamation with Thornbridge Hall to form Totley/Thornbridge College of Education.

1977. Sheffield City Polytechnic formed. (amalgamation of Polytechnic and the Colleges of Education (City College, Totley, Thornbridge).

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE AT TOTLEY.

The background building to the college was of course Totley Hall. It was described in a booklet published by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, dated 1945, as 'The finest remaining building within the Green Belt'. It was bought in July 1944 by Sheffield City council.

At that time, just after the Second World War, there was a shortage of teachers of Home Economics and several colleges throughout the country were being opened offering teacher training in the subject. Totley Hall College of Housecraft was to be one.

It may be interesting to note some of the history relating to Totley Hall, as researched by our first English lecturer and written in the first edition of the college magazine, dates 1951.

I quote from the magazine article here:-

'...the evidence of the Hall's past is vague and contradictory. A newspaper account of 1876 says that Totley Hall has long

been better known for its pure air than for its gaiety; for its rum and milk than for the dryness of its antiquarian detail. Totley village is of ancient standing and appears in the Doomsday book of 1087, with the Saxon name of Totinglee or Totenlee, the leah, or forest clearing of Tota, probably a Saxon thane. It was held by the King's thanes and had a close connection with the Abbots of Beauchief. Radulphe de Dore is referred to in 1382 as the squire of Totley and his descendants, the Barker family, were connected with the property until the seventeenth century. The arms over the fireplace in the entrance hall at Totley Hall are those of the Barkers, which seems to indicate that Edward Barker, living here in 1646, might have been concerned in the building of the Hall in 1623. But there is another account, which identifies George Newbold as the builder, and points to the initials G.N. over the front door with the date 1623. According to this story, the Hall was, in the early seventeenth century, owned by the Earl of Pembroke, to whom it was brought by his wife, by the family of the Earls of Shrewsbury. His possessions in Totley were conveyed in 1630 to Stephen Bright for £1,850, which included the manor and six messuages, farms etc. together with the appurtenances for a corn mill in Totley, in the occupation of Edward Barker, Gentleman.'

We have no further reliable news of Totley Hall until the late eighteenth century, when Andrew Gillimore, who died in 1791, left it to his niece, Mrs. Coke, and it remained in her family for the next century. Reverend Ewes Coke, at the beginning of the nineteenth century 'took some pride in the old place and stored it with quaint furniture.' The owner in 1876, William Sacheverell Coke lived in Nottinghamshire, but his tenant, F. Hunt, seems to have cared for it well. It is described in a newspaper article at that time as 'one of those great rambling old houses that grew rather than were built and is irregular as the most erratic genius could desire.' At this time, in 1876, the entrance hall was '.....hung around with trophies of the chase and instruments of the angler.' It was furnished with a fine oak dining table, oak chairs and a rack filled with pewter plates.

In the late nineteenth century it had been occupied by Mr. Unwin Wing, who made many alterations, added considerably to the building and then by Aldham Milner. In the days of the Milners of Totley, children danced around the Maypole on the lawn and crowned their May Queen. Miss Milner, a grand daughter, who was staying in Bakewell for a holiday, called to see us when the college had been opened about ten years. She was very interested in the use being made of the old hall and told me about the use of the rooms when her grand parents lived there.

After the war. The Tozers lived in the Hall for a few years. Mrs. Brian Johnston (nee Pauline Tozer) also called one day to see the changes made to the old house.

.....And so to 1950, when Totley Hall College of Housecraft opened and the old hall was used once again, at first as residence for the Principal, two lecturers, some domestic staff and seven students. The ground floor housed the Principal's office, staff and student common rooms and a library, the inner entrance hall was used as a dining room.

## THE BEGINNING.

I first saw Totley Hall in February 1950. I had been a lecturer at Leicester Domestic Science College since April 1943, working under an outstanding and far-seeing Principal and with an excellent Head of department. I was very happy in my work and had learnt much in so many ways during this time but it was now time that I moved to pastures new.

I had seen an advertisement for a senior lecturer at a new college that was to open in September at Totley Hall near Sheffield. Should I apply? It was a difficult decision to make - and soon. Several new colleges were opening offering teacher training in Home Economics - or Housecraft as it was then

called. The decision was made for me in a verse of a hymn at evensong on Sunday:-

'Nor mine but Thine the choice,  
In things both great and small  
For Thou shall be my guide  
My wisdom and my all.'

On Monday morning I made an appointment to discuss the matter with the Principal. Yes, she thought that this was right for me and would do all that she could to support my application. I lost no time in preparing my application, writing to referees etc. I heard nothing for some weeks but I knew that my references had been taken up. Eventually I was called for interview towards the end of February at the Education Office in Leopold Street. Three people were interviewed, all presently in college posts. Members of the Higher Education Committee, chaired by Alderman Marshall, plus the Chief Education Officer and the Principal Designate took part in the interview. It was a bit nerve wracking but I hoped that I had done myself justice. I was the first to be interviewed, so than a period of waiting after which I was recalled and offered the post, which was to be resident for at least one year. At this stage I had not been to Totley and as I felt that I could not accept until I had seen the college, Miss Cameron brought me to Totley. Builders were then in the process of converting the old hall; the pseudo terrazzo flooring was being put down over the old flag stones in the entrance. New building was also going on to make four teaching rooms and two double study bedrooms. I remarked to Miss Cameron that it was going to be an enormous task! Sometime after she told me that she was afraid that I was going to withdraw at this stage. This had not crossed my mind but I could see what a challenge it was going to be, and it was!

So, back to Leicester for my last term.

There was of course much preparation to be done in starting a new college, not least writing the syllabus for approval by the University, ordering equipment and library books etc. I was very fortunate that a group of emergency trained teachers who were at Leicester for eight months specialist training finished their course at Easter. I had been the tutor responsible for this group and the Principal at Leicester generously allowed me to use the free time resulting from their departure to work for Totley. In addition I had access to stock books etc., which was a great help in deciding on the extensive range of small equipment we should order.

I came to Sheffield to two 'staff meetings' during the Summer term, one on a Saturday at the Maynard Arms at Grindleford, where Miss Cameron was living until her

accommodation was ready at Totley, and the second at Totley itself. Amongst other things we discussed the uniform for practical classes and books and equipment that students would need to supply themselves.

Four full-time lecturers had been appointed; Education, English and two Home Economics (one with special responsibility for Needlecraft and myself for Housecraft and Food Studies). In addition a domestic bursar, who was also responsible for catering, a trained cook and a secretary were appointed, together with domestic staff, many being local Totley people.

To get the general practical rooms ready and sort out and mark equipment and library books, lecturers came two at a time for two weeks during the summer holiday. It was a good opportunity for us to get to know each other.

So, ready to start on September 11th 1950.

(To be continued)

## 1999 LONDON MARATHON.

Alan Shepherd of Totley A.C. is running in the Flora London Marathon on 18th April 1999.

It will be Alan's ninth marathon in total and his fifth over the famous Greenwich to Westminster course.

As well as aiming for a personal best time he is, this year, attempting to raise funds for 'BACK-UP' a national registered charity, whose aim is to encourage individuals with spinal cord injuries to become reintegrates into the community and regain motivation, inspiration and independence through sporting activities.

Fund-raising will be centred on 'The Crown Inn', Hillfoot Road, Totley, who are supporting Alan in his run together with 'The Anglers Rest' at Bamford, and a number of local and national Rugby Union Clubs, and anyone wishing to support this worthy cause is invited to make their contribution at 'The Crown' either in person or by post.

Cheques etc. should be made payable to 'The Crown Inn' Additional fund-raising events in support of Alan's marathon run will be based at 'The Crown' with details being announced in the near future.

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## THANK YOU

Stuart, Diane and Mark Greenhoff would like to thank the many people who supported them throughout, and after, Christine's recent illness. The countless cards, letters, flowers, plants and visits were very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. A total of £918 was donated to The Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign.

Thank you, Stuart

## SLIMMING NEWS

Congratulations go to Slimming World Consultant Alison Murphy for being awarded the prestigious title of 'Consultant of the Year 1998'. Alison says 'it is a real honour to get an award for doing something I find thoroughly enjoyable.'

Alison began as a member of a class herself and after reaching her target weight, trained as a consultant and took over the class at Bradway Annexe in April 1996, with a total of 18 members. The class soon went from strength to strength and the Thursday night class soon had to open 5pm AND 7pm sessions to enable Alison to give the 90plus members the service they deserve.

'Admitting to yourself that you need to lose weight is very hard to do, so all the members need to feel at ease when they attend a class, that they're among friends. Our eating plans sell themselves but it is the class that really makes the difference to their weight loss. Seeing my members, male and female alike, change before my very eyes into more energetic and self confident people is reward enough for me. My congratulations go to each and every member, both at Bradway and also my Dore class, for their exceptional losses. The classes have lost a total of over 500 stones since I took over.

My advice for anyone considering joining one of my classes is not to put it off any longer, all the members say 'I wish I'd done it years ago! and with success like that we all can't fail to succeed.'

**For further help or information call Alison (01246 410145.**

## LEONARD CHESHIRE SERVICES IN SHEFFIELD.

As many readers know, the Leonard Cheshire Services in Sheffield have been celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Leonard Cheshire during the past twelve months and it has been a year of major fundraising for the local Home situated at Mickley Hall, Totley. Events have been well attended by supporters and members of the League of Friends, and on behalf of the residents and staff I would like to offer our grateful thanks to all those who have helped us in so many ways in 1998 to achieve our aims.

It has been a successful year financially, through our fundraising programme which included the annual Summer Fete opened by Mike McCarthy from 'BBC Look North', an Easter Craft Fair and a Victorian Christmas Market, a Musical Evening at Renishaw Hall and a Madhatter's Tea Party at Mickley Hall, and a three-day event of an Auction, Ceilidh, Jazz and a Thanksgiving Service held at 'Saint Cross' in Ridgeway. In November we held a Golden Jubilee Banquet at Baldwin's Omega to complete this year of special celebration. 1999 seems equally promising and apart from a full diary of events, the Leonard Cheshire Services in Sheffield are most fortunate to have been chosen as recipients of the 1999 Sheffield Marathon charitable funds, which will not only be of great benefit financially but will also raise the profile of the facilities and services available at Mickley Hall. Limited Edition signed prints from a commissioned painting by our local artist Joe Scarborough, will be available in the Spring, and will depict one of his famous Sheffield scenes.

Please continue to offer your support and - if you are not already a member - so join the League of Friends (suggested subscription £5.00 p.a.).

Details are available if you telephone me on

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Jackie Short.

Fundraising Co-ordinator.

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## TOTLEY WAR MEMORIAL

I read with interest the letter in the last issue (219) from Elsie Winstanley of Nottingham with regard to the names on the Totley War Memorial, in particular Steve Atkin and the fact that his rank and service branch are not mentioned.

Back in the early 1980's the committee of TRA were aware that no plaque existed on the Totley War Memorial for those local's lost in the Second World War.

We set about rectifying this matter and the late George Cresswick volunteered to gather and collate the necessary information to create the plaque that now exists.

Unfortunately there was no central agency responsible for War Memorials or their updating and I believe this still to be the case today.

George contacted all the Services, ex-Servicemen's Associations and locals through the pages of the Totley Independent, especially the 'mystery' of Steve Atkin. Eventually a list of names was compiled, some without the relevant details and again George made every effort to complete the information for the plaque.

Eventually a deadline was decided upon after which the plaque was to be commissioned and cast and protracted negotiations took place between Sheffield City Council and Totley Residents Association.

In 1983 the plaque was installed and this was accompanied by a delightful drawing, by the late Bill Carter Wigg, which has graced the pages of the Totley Independent. (In particular see issue No.73 November 1983.)

When Totley Parish Council was disbanded in March 1934, following Totley's incorporation into Sheffield the responsibility of adding new names to the War Memorial became open ended.

It was established by reference to the Minute Book of Totley Parish Council, that the War Memorial had been built by local donations under the guidance of the Milner family of Totley Hall.

I doubt if the information given on Pilot Officer Atkin can be easily added to the plaque. [But at least now we have for the record, the information.

Purely as a footnote. At some future date I hope to return to the Totley Parish Council Minute Books and reproduce items in the Independent, which I'm sure will be of interest.

I remember reading on the very last page, that Norton Rural Council had turned down Totley's request for further street lighting in Totley Bents and that this should be pursued through Sheffield Corporation. 65 years on, I wonder if this ever happened - certainly not along Penny Lane which, as

we approach The Millenium is still, very much in the dark.  
Mike Williamson

## WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH HALL STARTING AT 8-00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. FEBRUARY

"A CRUISE ON THE NILE" by MARY JACKSON.

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY

"KINDERTRANSPORT AND WHAT HAPPENED NEXT" BY Mrs.D.FLEMING.

### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. MARCH

"CUTLERS COMPANY AND THE FEAST." BY Mrs. JULIA McDONALD.



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## FARMING SCENE

Well here we are into a new year, and the two questions on most farmers' minds are:-

1. Shall we get a REALLY COLD winter this year, followed by a REALLY HOT summer?? It seems a long time since we had a really deep and persistent fall of snow followed by a long spell of cold, bright weather. I think we would all feel better and be healthier if the seemingly endless dull and wet weather reverted to a proper seasonal format.

2. How do I make a living in agriculture when the food I produce is sold at a loss??

The answer is of course you can't! As a result many smaller farmers are doing a 'Day Job' outside agriculture, either full or part-time and farming in the evenings or weekends. In some cases the farmer's wife works elsewhere and brings home a wage to cover their living expenses and some of the farm costs. Where there are a number of children in the family, which precludes the wife from working, then the hefty sum of family credit has become a lifeline for many farming families.

For many the answer will be to leave agriculture for other occupations, or simply to retire if you are in a position to do so.

However, the reverse side of this is the benefit to the consumer of very low food prices. Official figures now indicate that the average family spends only 10% (yes one-tenth!) of its income on basic foods, the lowest it has ever been. Now is definitely the time to stock up your freezers with meat!!

Lamb is now leaving the farm @ 27p per pound live weight, which equates to 62p per pound for saleable meat.

Pork @ 23p per pound live weight, 30p per pound dead weight.

Beef @ 40p per pound live weight, 75p per pound dead weight.

These have got to be the best bargains in the January Sales!

The low market value of prime livestock has driven down the value of Breeding stock, and as a result of this we were able to purchase 3 excellent new Texel Tups in September for the price we would have paid for one two years ago. These have been put to work and the first progeny from them should be born around the 20th February. These will have been sired by the Tup currently residing at the bottom of the lane. He is so friendly that he walks over to me and rubs against my legs till I stroke his face and back, just like a house cat!

Our flock is now F.A.B.B.L registered. This is an assurance scheme that identifies those animals that have been bred and reared using high quality feed, high standards of husbandry and animal welfare, strict control of medical and veterinary treatments, well managed housing with all movements and treatments recorded. Many buyers, particularly those purchasing for Supermarket outlets will only bid for Assured livestock to ensure their customers are getting quality produce. Produce assurance and traceability are the new 'buzz words' and are likely to eventually be compulsory for most crops etc.

The appalling autumn weather has prevented us from planting our new strawberries, and like most farmers we still have some cereals to plant. Most of this unplanted area will now have to be drilled with Spring Barley, although I suspect a large area will in fact be put into the set-aside scheme. Individual farmers are allowed to include 50% of

their cereal area in this scheme. Given the current price of cereals in many circumstances, particularly on lower grade land, it is more economic to set land aside than to grow cereals. We have opted for 50% set aside this year, purely on economic grounds. What a sad state the industry is in!

The one bright spot is the potato market, where the weather has created a shortage right across Europe. 5% of the British crop is still unharvested, most of which will be unusable by now. Most European countries still have some crop left in the ground, with Holland particularly badly hit by flooding. The latest figures I have indicate 35,000 hectares still to harvest, which represents 1.7 million tonnes of potatoes that could be totally lost. Ireland also has big problems with 25% of its crop still to harvest. We would normally import quite large tonnages from Holland for processing, but this year the flow is likely to be the other way. Ireland is also importing from us, so a very tight supply situation is developing, with prices rising weekly, particularly on the Continent, where the average ex-farm price is now over £200 per tonne. This compares with last week's average British price of £170 per tonne.

On a more local note, we would like to apologise to anyone who has found an odd frosted potato in a bag of 'Reds' they purchased from us. Due to the amount of mud that accompanied our 'Reds' into store, we had great difficulty pre-Christmas in picking out all the frost damaged ones, even after we had put them over the grader 3 times! I am pleased to say that we have managed to get them dried now, so any bad potatoes in the bag will be down to operator error! Seriously they should be back to our normal high standard from now on.

You may remember in a previous article, I mentioned that the local grey squirrels had taken a liking to our strawberries. I can now report that they have also developed a taste for brussels sprouts! There was me quietly working my way up our field of brussels, daily cutting a few as required, when I came to a patch that had lost the lower sprouts. The trail of shredded leaves on the ground let me to some oak trees nearby, where holes in the trunk etc. gave away the hiding place of the thieves. I later discovered they were travelling 3-400 yards to break off and carry the sprouts into nearby Gillifield Wood. The recent mild winters has seen them breed rapidly, until they are now literally running out of their normal winter food. A long hard winter now would see the demise of large numbers of them due to starvation, bringing the population back to sustainable levels.

I am glad to say we have nearly finished our winter pruning and tying of our fruit bushes and canes. Only the Leveller Gooseberries and 5 rows of Tayberries are left to do. If all goes to plan they should be finished by mid-February, when you will hear a huge sigh of relief come from Totley Hall Lane.

The herons seem to be around again, as I have seen one at the back of the Spitfire, and also one at the bottom of our Lane Head Field. We also have an albino blackbird residing in a hedge bordering our first grass field at the bottom of the lane. This is the first one I have ever seen, and quite honestly I thought it was an escaped parrot or similar when I first saw it from a distance. I suspect it is a very rare specimen, that being the case, I am considering setting up a viewing hide,

where I can charge any interested 'twitchers' a nominal fee of £5 per hour for a sight of it!! It could be the best paying enterprise on the farm this year, seriously!!

Edwin Pocock



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## THE PADDOCK THAT GREW

### The story of Girls football in Totley.

In September 1997 four girls were attending football training at Totley Primary School and asked if they could have a football team like the boys. "You need seven players before we can even think of playing football matches against other schools" was the reply. A few days' later twelve girls were demanding a football club exclusively for girls. From that idea began an adventure which started on the playing fields of the school, across the City of Sheffield to the Yorkshire coast and, who knows, could yet finish with a visit to the famous Wembley Stadium itself!

After several weeks training the girls were ready for their first competitive match, an away fixture against Hazelbarrow School. This was followed by games against all the schools in the city with girl's teams. Eighteen matches produced eighteen wins, scoring 87 goals and conceding just six. This led to an invitation to compete in a tournament in Scarborough with top teams from Yorkshire. Three games played in extremely hot conditions were all won, scoring another twelve goals and conceding one, making the school team champions. News of the team's success travelled fast and the girls had a full-page write-up and team photograph in the local press.

During the summer several parents, concerned that their children might not get the opportunity to continue their soccer at secondary school, expressed an interest in developing a community team for girls in the Totley area. Four come-and-try-it sessions were arranged and girls from Totley Primary, Totley All Saints, Dore, Sir Harold Jackson and Norton Free schools all participated and, with a membership of around twenty, formed **Socrates Girls Football Club**.

Training sessions were arranged twice a week at Totley Primary School, Dyson Refractories very generously made a donation towards football kit and the girls began playing friendly matches against teams from the Yorkshire Electricity Ladies League in September of 1998.

The girls found the competition to be extremely tough and suffered 0-7-home defeats against champions Steel City Wanderers and current league leaders Chesterfield Ladies. Undaunted, the girls worked harder in training and improvement was evident in a 3-4 reverse against Chesterfield Spireites. The girls only had to wait a few weeks for the clubs first ever victory, 4-3 away at Moorend Hornets of Doncaster and just before Christmas gained a 3-1 win at Rothwell Juniors of Leeds. Early in the New Year, games have been arranged against Rotherham Town, Doncaster Rovers and the famous Doncaster Belles and maybe we will yet see Sheffield Wednesday Girls playing on the Totley paddock that grew into the communities own girls club.

Meanwhile, back at Totley Primary School a new generation of girls, including some very enthusiastic year fours, began training once weekly, and in their first game of the season travelled to St. Catherine's School and won 8-1. Perhaps some of these girls may well be part of a future Socrates team that brings the big prizes to Totley.

Next season Socrates Girls Football Club may be making an application to join the Yorkshire League and, will require a new, larger football kit. If anybody can assist the girls pursue their sporting goals with a kit sponsorship they would be very grateful if you could contact the club coach, **Paul North** on 235 2774 or 236 4482

## GAMEKEEPERS - PAST AND PRESENT by ALAN FAULKNER TAYLER

'Evening Alan, Ted Peat's been on the 'phone - he's shot a peregrine off the nest and wants us to bring a rope to climb down and bring up the eggs'.

This was Charlie calling me - it would have been in May 1937. Charlie Wells was a Sheffield accountant some 35 years my senior. Although well heeled, with a second house in Bridlington and a sea-going launch in the harbour, he had never owned a car. So it suited both of us - I took him around in my pre-war 'banger'; he introduced me to local gamekeepers and helped me find bird nests. Because there were no long telephoto lenses in those days, bird photography had to be done from a hide erected close to the nest. Charlie was one of the old school ornithologists, in that he had been an egg collector before I knew him. One nest we looked for each spring on the lower slopes of Win Hill was that of short-eared owl; had we found one I often wondered if he would have been able to keep his thieving hands from them! The situation did not arise, although one evening we found two half-grown owlets in the heather, with the hen bird flying around. I shot them on 16mm black and white film - because for a year or so after the War colour film was difficult to find. Every evening we searched the area we saw a greyhen (the male is called blackcock).

But I digress: so let's return to the peregrine eggs. Four of us, plus climbing rope, met up with Ted Peat at the top of the cliff. The actual place must be kept secret because about five years ago peregrines returned to nest on precisely the same place on the same ledge - and returned during the following two (or is it three?) years. This was the first time I had met Ted Peat, the senior gamekeeper in the district. He was well respected by other keepers and feared by poachers - not only was Ted a tall man, but he was a Special Constable, which gave him extra powers. His eyes lit up when the eggs were carefully brought to the top of the precipice, so did Charlie's, although he already possessed one clutch of peregrine eggs. Although it was illegal to shoot a peregrine, we kept quiet about such matters. Had we reported Ted we would never have heard about the presence of raptors in the area again. In any case, he and other keepers would still have continued destroying these beautiful birds.

On another occasion Ted 'phoned me to ask if I would climb up to a buzzard's nest in Grimboar Wood and get the eggs for him. He had accidentally shot the hen leaving the nest - thinking her to be a carrion crow, only realising his mistake after it was too late. When I saw the size of the nest, I thought - 'who are you trying to fool, Ted.'

Charlie told me a story about Ted Peat, and I am indebted to the Keeper of Natural History at Derby Museum for filling in the gaps in my memory. In December 1920, a white-tailed eagle had been seen - and of course it would have been taking grouse. Ted filled a number of 12-bore cartridges with extra large pellets and distributed them to the other gamekeepers who covered the Kinder, Bleaklow, Moscar, Strines and Broomhead regions. He instructed them how to build a hide within gun-range of the carcass of a hare. On 8th February 1921 one of the keepers, who shall be nameless out of respect of possible living relatives, shot the eagle. The carcass was stuffed and displayed in Sheffield's Western Park Museum. The keeper was duly fined and the judge rules that because the bird had been shot in Derbyshire it should be kept in Derby Museum. Ted Peat had been brought in by the prosecution and held up as an example of the ideal



The author talks to Fred Dearwent

gamekeeper. No other keeper would talk to him for the next few years.

By the standards of those days, although the killing of birds of prey was illegal, Ted considered that he was only doing his job - protecting his grouse in the interest of his employers. But Ted was genuinely interested in birds. When he showed me a tawny owl nest in a hole in an oak close to his house, he recounted how one year he had removed every third egg she had laid - day after day - until she had laid a total of 22. He then left her to complete the brooding of her normal clutch of three.

Ted had two assistants at the time I knew him - Alex Simpson (one of his sons is still a gamekeeper) and Joe Townsend. They were employed by the Duke of Devonshire, although immediately responsible to the head of a consortium of sportsmen, some of whom are still alive at the moment of writing. Even in 1950 Alex and Joe were of the new breed of keepers - in that they tolerated merlins on their land. Merlins mainly take meadow pipits, which are in very large numbers in their territories, but they have been known to take grouse chicks. Two years ago my walking friends and I were coming off Kinder and overlooked a clough where merlins have nested since Alex kept there; through our binoculars we watched a party of four performing fascinating aerobatics for about 15 minutes. They failed to notice us at the range of half a mile.

Joe Townsend was very fat, but my partner in bird photography and I were amazed at the speed with which he would lead us up Fairbrook, when taking us to a dipper or ring ouzel nest he had found. I shot a film sequence of merlin feeding its young in an old crow nest on his patch of Kinder.

We would always think of 15th April as the start of the bird photography season. So it was about that time when one Saturday we visited the late Tom Spittlehouse at his cottage below Moscar Top. We were greeted by - 'I'm glad you've come because I shot a couple of small hawks yesterday and I don't know what they are.' We trooped into his cottage and he produced - not a hawk but a dotterel! I suppose these smallish waders, with their pointed wings, could resemble

hawks, but who has ever seen a couple of hawks flying together? 'What did you do with the second bird, Tom?' to which he replied - 'I plucked it and ate it for my dinner last night.' Strange - but one only expects to see dotterel on high ground in Scotland. Most keepers these days know more about birds than Tom did.

I was talking recently to one of my old friends, Fred Darwent. Who has just retired from keeping Bamford Edge. On the edge of the lower ground I noticed two Larsen traps (invented by a Swedish gamekeeper for catching magpies and carrion crows). These traps are part of the new keepers' armoury against avian villains - much safer than the use of poisoned eggs or animal carcasses. One statement he made was - 'A keeper who shoots raptors is a poor keeper, it proves his own incompetence in controlling the real culprits - foxes, stoats, crows and magpies.'

In regard to birds of prey, most keepers and landowners have seen the light. But not all. The RSPB regularly reports prosecutions of keepers for using pole traps (where a metal gin trap is nailed to the top of a pole, then baited). The victim is caught by its feet and often dangles upside-down for days before dying of starvation. Only a few years ago a keeper who lived not 10 miles from the centre of Sheffield committed suicide. In all probability the reason was that he was due to appear in court because a goshawk had been found caught in a pole trap within his territory.

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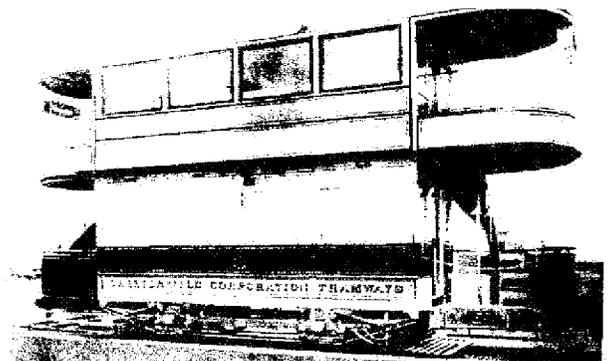
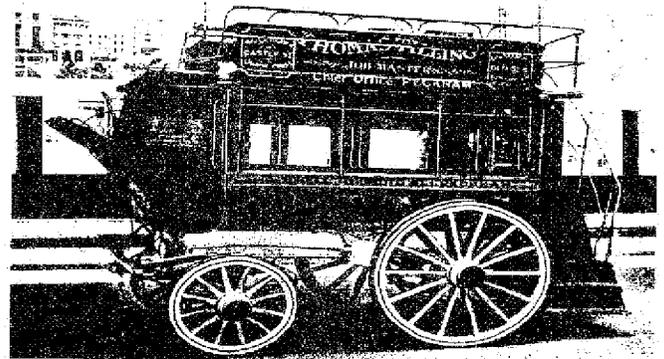
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**TRAMS OF THE PAST**

Having been kindly presented with many photographs of past transport from Mr. & Mrs. Coldwell we would like to know if any of our readers could put dates to the pictures?



## GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY.

Snow transforms the neighbourhood in a way you may not welcome, but provides a lovely excuse to stay in the warm and enjoy the Christmas card scene through the window. Even in a dry year, most gardens are soggy in February, making outdoor work difficult. On fine days however, it is good to get into the fresh air and enjoy a little tidying up in preparation for spring. Major repairs to paths or outdoor structures can be completed, leaving plenty of time for the scars to heal before summer begins, late winter crocuses are the flower to cheer you up whether they appear in drifts under trees and hedges or in modest groups by the back door.

### Flowers:-

Clean up and dig over vacant borders ready for spring planting. Plant out anemones and ranunculus at this time. St. Brigid, de Caen and Fulgens type also turban ranunculus for summer display. Anemones should be 6.5cm to 8cm deep and the ranunculus about 4 - 5cm deep. The latter are queer looking things, like dried up claws, and the claws should be planted downwards. Space both subjects about 15cm apart each way.

Clean up rockeries and top dress with potting compost and chippings. If the weather is O.K. plant out herbaceous perennials, give them a feed. Lilies will be in the shops now, plant them as soon as the weather conditions allow, when planting these, make a hole 12 to 15ins deep, put a good layer of well-rotted manure or peat at the bottom, cover this with soil to within 6ins of the top, put a covering of coarse sand or grit on this, then place the lily bulbs in groups of 3 or 4, a few inches apart in each hole, covering them with the remainder of the soil. Winter flowering jasmine should be pruned as soon as they have finished flowering.

Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rotting parts and dust with flowers of sulphur, make sure they are well protected against frost. Established montbretias will benefit if they are lifted and divided.

### Vegetables:-

Clean up and dig any vacant plots, apply lime if the Ph is high, usually after a heavy crop has been on the plot. Lift and divide rhubarb clumps. Firm in any spring cabbage that may have been loosened by frost. Give them a feed of quick acting nitrogenous fertiliser such as nitrate of soda. Watch out for slugs and deal with them as soon as they are seen. I predict a glut of these pests due to all the damp weather we had last year, so be warned.

Divide and re-plant chives. Towards the end of the month shallots can be planted out (again subject to weather conditions). The bed should be broken down reasonably finely, push the bulbs firmly into the soil until only the top third can be seen. Plant 23cm (9ins) apart in rows 30cm (1 ft) apart. Choose an open position and ground that is well drained and has been manured earlier in the winter. You can make a sowing of broad beans if you have a bit of space in your greenhouse, plant them in deep boxes or pots, set the seed at regular intervals (not haphazardly) Cover them with about 2cm (3/4) of soil. Germinate in a slightly heated greenhouse.

### Trees, Shrubs and Fruit:-

Finish pruning as soon as possible this month. Complete the planting of fruit trees and bushes as soon as possible now before they really start into growth. Complete any winter spraying, do not use tar oil when the buds are starting to burst.

Shrub and currant cuttings should be checked and firmed in if loosened by frost or wind.

Prepare ground for spring planting of evergreens, including azaleas and rhododendrons.

### Greenhouse and Indoor Plants:-

Watch the ventilation in greenhouses. Plants like fresh air but they don't like sudden drops in temperature, so when the sun is shining and the air is dry would be a good time to open up for a little while. Make sure everything is closed up afterwards. This would also be a good time to check heaters, trim wicks and clean up generally. There is nothing worse than losing plants because the heater has failed. If you managed to sow various annuals in September for flowering in the spring, you should get the plants potted up. Stand the pot close to the glass for maximum light. Prune and start greenhouse plants such as fuchsias, pelargoniums should be cut to give them a solid foundation for the coming season's growth. Start watering gradually.

Later in the month is a good time to sow half hardy annuals required for summer bedding, antirrhinums, begonia, French and African marigolds, Lobelia, Petunia, Nemesia, verbena to name but a few. Prepare trays carefully, give them a good scrub, let them dry out before use. Most of the plants, which have been resting over winter, can be started off again. Begonias, gloxinias, hippeastrums and clivias.

Some people set tomato seeds this month, for that extra early start. I tend to wait until next month, they seem to catch up fairly quickly. If your greenhouse is a warm one (60-70F) 16-21C. it would be a good time to plant melons. This will give them a good long season to develop. Sow them singly in small pots; early onion seedlings should be pricked off into boxes, allow 2ins each way between the little plants. Gradually increase watering of indoor plants. Plant indoor gladioli corms. Watch out for increase in activity of aphids and caterpillar and deal with them as soon as they are seen.

**Lawns:-** Keep clean and keep off when frosty.

Cheerio for now. TOM Busy Bee.

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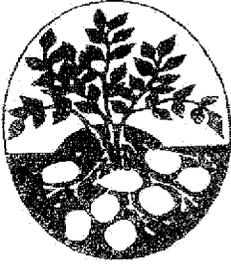
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## SCOUT NEWS

### 1<sup>st</sup>. Totley Scout Lottery

The last draw of the 1998 series, drawn at our Coffee and Carols evening was as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup>. Prize No. 15 Christmas Hamper

Mr. & Mrs. Coldwell, Green Oak Rd.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Prize No. 59 £10 Voucher

Mr. & Mrs. Holding, Sunnyvale Rd.

Preparation for the new Lottery is underway and the forms will be available in February

### CHRISTMAS POST.

I would like to thank the First Totley Scouts and their parents who helped sort the 4300 cards that were posted out of Totley for Sheffield and Chesterfield. Also to thank the 16 'Posties', scouts, parents and friends of our group, who delivered over 9000 incoming cards to Totley. Finally, thank you to all the people who purchased stamps from:- Avenue Stores, Rosies and the Electrical shop, in helping to raise so much money for scouting and many local charities.  
Peter Casson.

Some outgoing post we could not deal with is at our shop if anyone wishes to collect them. Examples:- London, Gloucester, Baslow, Penistone, Bamford, Todwick, Harthill, Wales, Anston, Swallownest, Wickersley and Rotherham. Also one to 'Nicola and Paul'. Most of these were just put in the wrong pile by the sender when ready for posting but with no return address, we have no way of tracing them.

### STOP PRESS.

Thanks to Transport 17 Totley Residents association will have a temporary base in the T17

Office, Starting Saturday 20th February 10am- 12 pm.

Saturday 27th February 10am-12pm.

and Saturday 6th March 10am -12 PM.

If this is successful we may continue on a monthly first Saturday basis, Please call in bring your articles for the independent, meet members of the committee, and find out what the T.R.A. is all about.

T17 will also have a bric a brac stall.

## TRANSPORT 17.

Last year ended with a really good social evening at All Saints. Jack Cresswell, one of our drivers and his colleagues in the Johnny Mann quartet provided the music. We got our pies and peas from Tanya Curtis in Dronfield. It was a really good event enhanced by Colin Wells and his mulled wine!

We are hoping soon to get together with Totley Residents Association and use our office as a sort of 'surgery' for local matters much like the M.P's and councillors do. This will probably be on Saturday mornings but more details of this when the two Committees finalise arrangements.

Our new bus continues to serve us well. We were pleased to welcome Graham Moore, chief executive of Westfield Health to our Pie and Pea Supper. He and his wife popped in on their way back from a charity event in London. Our thanks go to him for the contribution to the new bus.

We continue to work with and have support from SYPTE. Because of new procedures we need a new computer. This will be our next objective. We fund-raise all the time as you know to keep our buses in good nick and to replace them when needed. We are not going to cope with 'old' computer stuff any more. After all, we are going towards the year 2000. If you want any more information, or would like to make a donation, please ring 2362962.

Many Thanks.

Margaret Barlow.

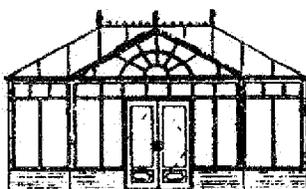


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## Whisperer.

Does anyone remember a football team in Totley that played in the Friendlies league; if so when was it and does anyone have a photograph of this team.

It is thought that the mascot of the team at that time was Dennis Drury If any one has a photo or remembers about this team please let us know.

The footpath from Hillfoot Road to Lane Head Road has at last been tidied up. This path seems almost a foot wider now. It is about a year ago that we asked for it to be looked at, although the path is still gradually falling away in to the allotments, they still have not dealt with it. Other footpaths are still waiting to be tidied up.

Talking of the footpath up by the allotments anyone walking that way must also think that the allotments would do with a tidy up there's allsorts of rubbish strewn about. It is a bit of an eyesore from the path.

In the December issue there was a letter from Mr Roberts regarding the cottages on Summer Lane as to when they were demolished. He said could it be some sixtyfive years or so but I'm sure it was less than thirty years since the last lot vanished unless any body knows different.

John Purcell, our local hairdresser at the flats near Dore & Totley Station, recently had an accident resulting in breaking his elbow thus making it impossible to continue cutting hair. Apparently a road work sign got in the way of him walking resulting in a fall and causing the damage. Fortunately his partner and wife, Michelle has been able to continue giving their customers their usual friendly and efficient service. John has been known to be getting fed up at home but has just about been coping especially when there is any snooker or football on the T.V. Fortunately it has been business as usual and by the time we are on sale, John may well be back at work telling us what went wrong with whatever football result you care to discuss and what should have happened in order to get the result we wanted.

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This interesting notice reminds me that one of the original Cockaynes was a trustee of the Totley Methodist Chapel (built in 1848 and closed in the 1960's) during the middle of the last century.

It was quite normal to have upstanding tradesmen from the city, in addition to local men, to act as trustees even if they lived far away.

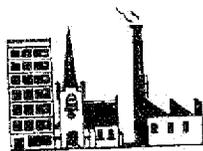
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## GREENOAK BOWLING GREEN

The Bowling Green at Greenoak Park isn't quite what it was when the Independent was first published in 1977. There was Sam with his fancy cap, cries of 'Don't be short' from Joe and the gentlemanly tones of Gethin (father of broadcaster Tony Robinson). These stalwarts and Ruth gave me my first Crown Green lessons and I spent many happy hours there often watched by Frank Taylor, dog at feet.

Greenoak Park was opened as Totley Recreation Ground on 23rd March 1929 and a commemorative mug was issued. Let us know if you have memories of bowling at Greenoak.

Brian Edwards.

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## PEAK TOWN STORY by Hugh Percival Chapter 10

There would be a period of two months before the examination results were known, and John would have an interlude in his studies to enjoy the summer evenings.

One of these was to be the occasion of an appearance for an office cricket team. Dilks and Sons had been challenged to a match by clients, a brewery who had the use of a cricket ground adjacent to one of their public houses in the suburbs.

As a preliminary to this match, Arthur Ross, an audit clerk and all-round sportsman, recommended that practices be held at lunch times.

The first practice took place on a Tuesday in July in the courtyard behind the offices in Smith Square. A dustbin was placed at the far end of the yard for use as a wicket. Arthur Ross provided the cricket bat and a tennis ball.

The first two batsmen, an articled clerk called Michael East and a qualified accountant named Alan Short, did not survive long, both being bowled neck and crop, as they say, by Arthur Ross. Ross, a ginger haired young man of good physique, bowled at a lively pace, too quick for the novice batsmen.

John Winter, with experience at school and later in the Royal Air Force, as opening bat, survived the remainder of Ross's over and subsequent overs by Mr. Salmon and two younger clerks. However he showed few attacking strokes and met most deliveries with a dead bat. He retired, undefeated after his allocation of overs.

The next batsman, Arthur Ross, had a more belligerent nature and struck his first ball, delivered by Reginald Forsythe, through an office window at the far end of the court. This brought the practice to a glass shattering and premature conclusion, amid foreboding of dire consequences to come.

There was indeed a sequel to this mishap. On the following morning at 2 a.m. or thereabouts, Mr. Dilks was roused from his slumbers by a telephone call from the police. A constable on duty in the Smith Square area, had reported a broken window and lights on in the firm's offices. Mr. Dilks was asked to go immediately to the offices with a key so that the police could proceed with their investigations.

The next day, when the cause of the broken window had been established, Mr. Dilks summoned the office boys to his room. 'Evans, are you and Andrews in the habit of leaving the general office lights on when you go home in the evenings?' Asked the senior partner, yawning to reflect his interrupted sleep during the night.

'No sir, there are usually people in other offices when we depart,' replied the office boy nervously.

'Quite! But not in the general office' continued Mr. Dilks.

'No sir - I mean yes sir' replied Harry Evans with a stammer.

'Whatever that reply may mean, Evans, I assure you that any repetition of such negligence will lead to your instant dismissal. That will suffice for the moment' said the senior partner with a severe stare at the two office boys. 'Ask Ross to see me at once!'

The audit clerk, who had been expecting such a summons, promptly answered it by appearing deferentially before the senior partner.

'Ross, I understand you are responsible for the broken window in the general office' said Mr. Dilks severely.

'Yes sir' Ross admitted frankly.

'And also for organising the unauthorised cricket practice in the courtyard?' said Mr. Dilks.

'Yes sir,' Ross again admitted his guilt. 'There are to be no more practices in the courtyard or elsewhere in the vicinity of the office. The bill for repairing the window will be handed to you for settlement.' Said the senior partner decisively. 'As a

devotee of the game of cricket, it pains me to have to say this. I suggest that if you wish to hold further practices, they are held in one of the parks or other suitable place where the danger to public property is negligible and where the practice will result in no inconvenience to any person whatsoever. That is all.'

Ross apologised profusely on both counts, and left the room.

The challenge match went ahead as arranged on the following Tuesday evening, albeit without further practice.

Ross, as captain, won the toss and elected to bat first, a decision considered by his team mates, eminently desirable for an evening game, giving them the advantage of batting in good light.

John Winter opened the batting on a fine, sunny evening in the company of Gordon James, an articled clerk. John blocked the first two deliveries in haste and then took a single to fine leg from the third ball, bowled by the brewery fast bowler, a bearded giant of a man named Dawson. The next two balls whistled past the immaculate forward-defensive strokes of James without contact. The sixth delivery touched the edge of the bat and James was out, caught by the wicket keeper.

The next man in, Gordon James, faced the bowling of the other brewery bowler, a man of plain but jet black hair, after John Winter had taken a single to third man from the first ball of the over. Ross, in a more belligerent mood, struck the next two deliveries for six and three runs respectively. This gave confidence to his team mates judging by their vociferous cheering.

However, Ross was put down by the first ball of Dawson's next over, a bouncer which he bowled right into the air to be well caught on the boundary, at deep fine leg.

Whatever confidence there had been in the accountant's team soon subsided to be replaced by an air of doom as wickets tumbled quickly. Even the experience of Mr. Salmon was of no avail and when the last man, Alan Brown, was bowled for a duck, the total score stood at seventeen only. John Winter carried his bat for a score of six, not out, all singles. The nine runs made by Ross, a single by Mr. Salmon and one bye made up the score. Eight batsmen failed to trouble the scorers.

The feeling in the accountant's team was sepulchral as they took the field. Arthur Ross opened the bowling at a fierce pace and soon had the opening batsman clean bowled and back in the pavilion. The brewery, however, who included several regular players quickly knocked off the runs for loss of three wickets, all taken by Ross.

The captains shook hands as the teams left the field, little more than an hour after the start of the game.

At this time, Mr. Dilks, clad in blue blazer with badge and white trousers, arrived at the ground to support the office team and was horrified to find that the match was already over and lost. However, he soon mastered his feelings and in the best tradition of the noble game of cricket, invited both teams to join him for a drink in the adjacent hostelry.

After several drinks had been consumed, the consensus of opinion at the inquest by the accountant's team held that the defeat was entirely due to lack of practice and regular play. It did not reflect in the slightest degree on the inherent ability of the players. Reginald Forsythe reminded them that he had not had a chance to bowl his leg breaks and that his low score (a duck) was his first innings since leaving school.

Mr. Salmon, feeling that his score of one run justified some comment, particularly as he had been run out by an injudicious call for a quick single by John Winter, remarked

that he for one was quite willing to turn out again for the office team if selected.

Mr. Dilks, beaming happily after drinking several whiskies, mentioned that the taking part was of more importance than the result, and that the firm would happily provide equipment so that a better performance could be obtained next season. He then issued a challenge to the director of the brewery, present at the bar, for a return match next year, a challenge accepted by the director with becoming modesty.

The evening passed merrily on, much to the delight of the landlord, who saw his usual takings more than doubled.

When closing time arrived, the two teams were singing choruses of 'one man went to mow, went to mow a meadow' in boisterous harmony and it was impossible to tell without reference to the scorebook, which team had won that evening's encounter.

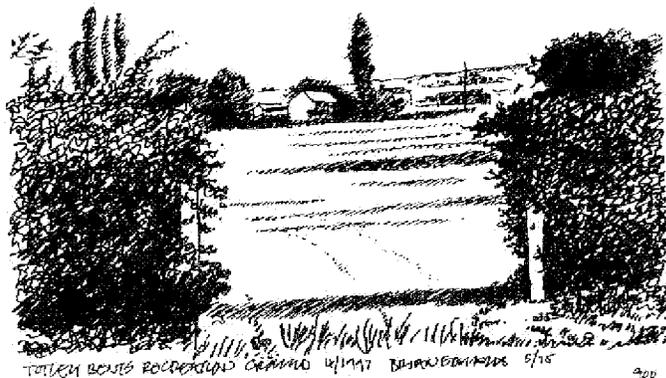
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Brian Edwards.

## OBITUARY.

The death occurred on January 8th of Cecil (Alf) Attlesley of Aldam Road, Cecil was well known around Dore and Totley when working on the bin wagons for many years he was always very jolly and would have a joke with anyone that passed his way.

He was always known for his immaculate gardens winning the best kept garden competitions run by the council and also Totley Residents best kept gardens.

He has been ill for the last few years and it has not gone down well that he could not look after his own garden.

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## Dear Editor.

Just a few points which may help to clear some of the queries apparent in the Dec/Jan issue of the Independent. First, the cottages on Summer Lane. As I remember, there were three on the left hand side. One had already been demolished, this was left as a vacant space for many years, the others being occupied by the Greens, Hedgam and Queenie and daughter Winifred, then the Taylor family, then the Gills. On the right hand side of the lane were two which are still standing, adjacent to what was Evans farm and then the next five were occupied by the Drums, Thurstons, Taylors, Greens and Wortleys, not necessarily in that order.

Those along with my own family (some of the sub Post Office) an old farmhouse plus barns at No. 1 Hillfoot Road, were demolished after 1945 when my mother and father were re-housed in the flats. My father being 63 years of age at the time, he died just before reaching 65. Memories were also brought back about Parker's dairy, Baggy Parker as he was called, gave up the horse and trap and even with great age and a truck, drove a car to deliver the milk, probably around 1937.

On to Mr. Ralston, his story is quite in the words to the tune of that well known song, there were probably 9 verses, 8 of which would be unrepeatable, and none which were very affecting, the only Sgt. Major. The first verse, which might attract sponsorship, was as follows:-

When the bus was first driven,  
Oh how happy we all were,  
When we got it, it was on,  
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To shove his pass at us

THOMAS W. BROWN

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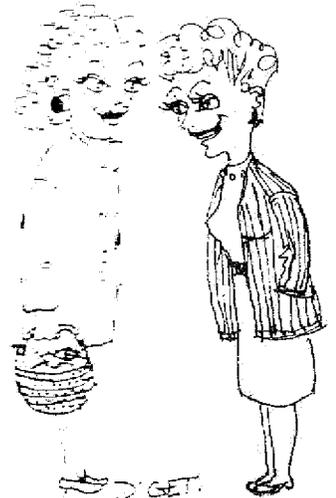


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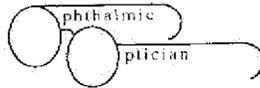
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