

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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TOTLEY v DORE !



In 1895, Sydney Oldall Addy, a native of Norton wrote in his book "Household Tales and other Traditional Remains" the following account that could have been subtitled "The Rivals".

I have heard people say that, fifty years ago and more, there was much rivalry in Derbyshire between one village and another. The inhabitants of one village, especially boys, would regard those living in an adjacent village as foreigners. If a boy went into another village he would be attacked by the boys living there, and I have been stoned myself when going through a village to which I did not belong. I have heard old people say how much manners are improved in this respect. There was great rivalry between the boys of Dore and Totley, who used to revile each other, the Dore boys saying:

Totley bugs,
Water-clogs,
Water-porridge and hardily that.

(The word bug here means a hobgoblin or scarecrow).

"sticks and stones..."

The Totley boys replied:

Dore bugs,
Water-clogs,
Eating out o' swill-tubs,
Up a ladder and down a wall,
A penny loaf will serve you all.

The girls of the two hamlets were equally hostile to each other, and used a set of verses, too coarse to quote, in which they imputed gross unchastity to each other. I have been told that people in Dore objected to live in houses which had chambers or staircases in them, and hence the line "up a ladder and down a Wall", was intended to be a piece of stinging abuse.

Old Moses B____, of Dore, used to go up into his bedroom by means of pegs driven into the wall,

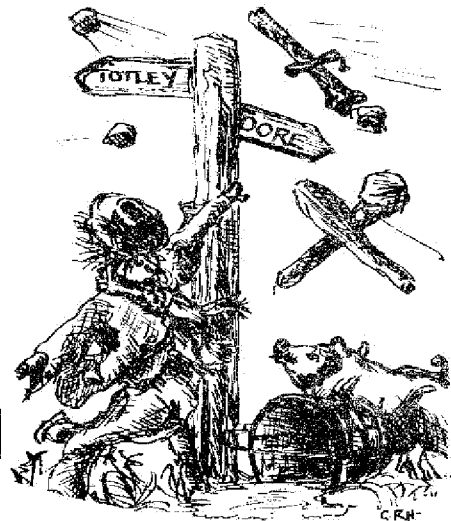
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Back Lane, Totley Rise.

The inhabitants of Dore and Totley were very clannish. It was said that there were not more than three or four surnames amongst them, the saying being "Dore for Taylors and Elliots" (pronounced Yellots), and "Wards and Greens for Totley". Occasionally to prevent confusion, a man took his wife's name. At one time there were not less than four persons in Dore who had adopted their wives' surnames.

When two boys are going to fight, an umpire is chosen to see fair play done. When the umpire has been agreed upon, he puts the back of his hand under the chin of one of the combatants and says, "Spit o'er my hand". He then puts his hand under the other boy's chin and repeats the same words. That having been done, he says:

T' best cock
Gie t' other a knock
and then the fight begins.

When two boys quarrel and a fight is likely to ensue, one of them strikes the other on the shoulder with his fist three times, calling the first blow "the searding blow". If his opponent, after having been struck three times, refuses to give battle, the other spits over his head and says, "T' cock o'er t' midden".



whisperer...

.....King Egbert School presenting "Black Comedy" by Peter Shaffer, as this years school play on February 3rd, 4th and 5th. The site of the Cycle Speedway track now confirmed as being on Abbeydale Rd. South, to serve the Totley area.....All Saints Sunday School are in urgent need of a piano; anyone able to help please contact: Mrs. Waite on 364728..... New sign at Totley Rise declaring 'Hopkinsons Delicatessen',... Also at the Rise work proceeding with a new shop front for Building Society premises. Convent currently underway at the old cottages in Totley Hall Lane.... How about some benches at the War Memorial? A 'paper' is now being prepared entitled "A Community Centre for Totley" that will be presented shortly to the appropriate Authority..

.....Apologies. For omitting to mention last month, Mr. Geoffrey Wards O.B.E. in the New Year Honours list. Mr. Ward lives in Rowan Tree Dell.....

BASS BIAS

Dore and Totley Community Arts Group are presenting Bass Bias (Martin Hardy, James Dickenson and Ian Cockburn) at King Egbert Lower School Hall on Tuesday 9th March, at 7.45pm. Admission by programme, Adults £1.40, Senior Citizens and Students 70p. For tickets ring Mrs. K. Taylor 364247.

SHROVING

"Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, when Jack went to plough, His mother made pancakes, she didn't know how. She tossed them, she turned them, she burned them quite black, She put in some pepper and poisoned poor Jack".

(Old Rhyme)

Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent, gets its name from the custom of going to confession on that day and being 'shrived' in preparation for the long period of fasting and abstinence ahead. It is perhaps even better known as Pancake Day. Since eggs and fat were not eaten in Lent during the Middle Ages, they all had to be used up, and pancakes are the traditional way of doing so. They must be tossed, of course; turning them won't do.

LIBRARY

LIBRARY TALK

The next library talk will take place on 16th February at 8pm., when Dr. John Widdowson will talk about "Dialect and traditional sayings in the Sheffield area", an event that promises to be both interesting and entertaining. As a taster, and to show how effective dialect can be, here is a poem by Tom Hague, taken from his book Totley Tom: "Tales of a Yorkshire Miner", and printed with his kind permission.

DISCIPLINE

"Tha little nowt! Ah'll bray thi lug!
Tha's gone an' brok thi father's mug!
'E'll be fain ter 'ave a fit,
'E's thusty when 'e cums fro't' pit!

Ah telled thee not ter laik wi't' ball.
Summat's allus bahn ter fall
But tha niver will be said.
Thi dad ull pack thee off ter bed!

Nay, cum on luvvy, doan't thee rooer
Let's side them bits up off o't' floor.
Ah'm just bahn aht ter fetch 'is chop.
Ah'll bring another mug fro't' shop.

'Ere, goo an' fetch thisen sum spice,
Mek sure that gits thi summat nice.
Nah gie o'er blutherin' like a ninny,
An' wipe thi peepies on mi pinny.

Sometimes tha meks thi mother mad
Tha'rt such a wilfu' little lad.
'Ere gie us a kiss, an' then, touch wood,
Tha'll 'appen shock me an' be gud."

FOOTNOTE

The latest edition of S. O. Addy's book, (see front cover), carries an introduction by Dr. John Widdowson.

CALLING ALL LADIES! GET INTO SHAPE FOR 1982 - GET RID OF ALL THAT CHRISTMAS FLAB!

Come and join us keeping fit to Disco music at the Kay Gee Bee Dance Studio (under the old Abbeydale Cinema). Dawn runs Keep Fit classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9.45 until 11.45. We have a break for coffee etc. and for all of you who have imagined yourself dancing with Fred Astaire, the class ends with a short optional session of basic TAP DANCING (more satisfying with tap shoes, but you don't need them to start with).

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Come and give it a try. For more information, phone Dawn (550815) Kay Gee Bee (54064) or Gill Warburton (369125).

JUMBLE DISCO

On Saturday, 23rd January, Guides from All Saints Church and Totley Rise Methodist Church held a Jumble Sale and Disco to raise money for the flood victims in York. Both events were very successful and approximately £125 was collected. We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped in anyway - large or small.



MUSICAL SUCCESS

At the recent examinations of The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following were successful:- Grade 5. Andrew Towler, 122 Green Oak Road, passed with merit. Grade 1. Ann Maria Farrar, 26 Green Oak Avenue, passed with distinction. Ann Margaret Firth, 6 Milldale Close, passed with distinction. Emma Towler, 122 Green Oak Road, passed with distinction.

PLAYGROUP

Do you know that there are Play Group sessions at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9.30 - 12.00 am - charge 50p per session.

We can accommodate children 2½ to school-age and will be glad to welcome any child in this age group. We ask parents to do two duty mornings per term, but if they are unable to fulfil their duty a payment of 50p can be made to the supervisor and a substitute helper will be arranged. The Playgroup is run entirely on a voluntary basis by mothers for the benefit of the children in the area and any help forthcoming to this end will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please call in during any Playgroup session or contact:- Ina Belk (Secretary) Tel: 365051.

BOWLED OVER

A CRICKET BAT, signed by players from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Worcestershire and Leicestershire, was donated by the Yorkshire County Cricket Fund for the benefit year of Geoff Cope and Barry Leadbeater.

The bat was raffled off at the Fleur De Lys, with the proceeds going to these two players.

The winning ticket had been purchased, by an anonymous customer, on behalf of Cherrytree Childrens Home.

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KING EGBERTS 'ABEL' BODIED HEAD

We welcome Mr. Frank Abel, who has recently succeeded Miss Rawlings.

Mr. Abel was born in 1933, and educated at King Edward VI School, Southampton, and at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford gaining B.A. Honours, Russian and German in 1957. He served in the Royal Navy between 1952-54 (Russian Course & intelligence work in Germany). Between 1957-67 he held Commercial posts in Montreal and Vancouver, Canada, separated by a long journey (4 months) mainly by car across Canada and Northern United States.

After his marriage to Victoria on Christmas Eve, 1958 (Vancouver Island) he gained his Teaching Diploma at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, 1960. He taught for 3 years in White Rock on American border, south of Vancouver and acted with a local group, which had a few years before, won the Dominion Drama Festival.

4 years teaching in Ottawa, capital, followed. One in large High School, and three in Ashbury College, an independent boarding and day school. Here, there was more acting experience with the principal city amateur group.

In 1967 he returned to the U.K. and to Aldridge Grammar School for 3½ years, then to Head of Modern Language Dept., at the Frank F. Harrison School, a large comprehensive in Walsall, (1971-77). He became involved with the Aldridge Youth Theatre, directing a series of plays including Billy Liar, Romanoff and Juliet and Pantomimes in 1981- and 82, which ran for 12 performances and were locally very popular.

His first post as Deputy Head was at Heath Park School, Wolverhampton, 1977-81 (4 years 2 terms - 5 timetables!) This was a large city comprehensive with 1450 on the roll in 1977, shrinking over the years to a figure of 1000. Mr. Abel describes this as a good school with a nice atmosphere and racially mixed - 20% black, 28% Asian.

His family consists of: Eldest son 21, Oxford music graduate, at present unemployed, living in Wolverhampton. 2nd son 19, year 2 English at Hull University. Adopted daughter 17, of Mexican

Indian parentage, born in Montreal, now in final year of NNEB course at Sutton Coldfield College of Further Education, and living at home in Aldridge with Mrs. Abel.

Their home in Aldridge has been sold with great regret, but so far they have failed to find a house in Sheffield - looking S. Sheffield - N. Derbyshire - and prefer old stone-built house or large cottage with view. Meanwhile, Mr. Abel is living in rooms.

FOOTIE

THERE WAS BETTER NEWS for junior football in Totley this last fortnight.

The improving Under 14 team held Dronfield to a draw at home and then after leading by one goal up to the closing minutes (with a team of ten players) they conceded two goals away. The Under 12 team beat Heeley by 6-0, following this up with a 5-0 win over Ashleigh.

Meanwhile the cub-scout team also scored a 6-0 win making a combined total of 22 goals in 5 matches for the three teams. Who said football wasn't exciting?

IN THE SWIM

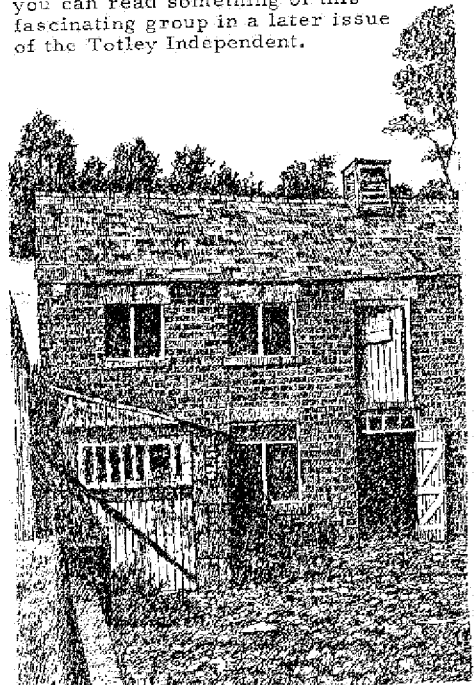
Robert Allinson of Main Avenue, from Totley County School, won the trophy for first place in the Nottingham Leander Junior Free-style Gala. Robert and his brother Steven are both members of City of Sheffield Swimming Club. Robert will be going to Holland in June this year with the club to swim with other children from all over Europe. Steven also went to Holland last year and helped them to get the cup for "Best Overseas Club".

SHROVE SOCIAL

On Shrove Tuesday (23rd February) there will be a Social Evening held in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome - Ladies, Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, please come along and bring a friend. 7.30 - 9.30. Price 30p (includes supper) Tickets from Andrea Turner, or pay at the door. (Tel. 367594).

TOTLEY FORGE

THE OLD FARM BUILDINGS at Avenue Farm were built on the old Scythe Forge which replaced a much older paper mill. Details of the history of this old industrial site are now being researched and you can read something of this fascinating group in a later issue of the Totley Independent.



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TOTLEY PAST



THE TOKENS SHOWN IN THESE sketches were discovered under the stone flagged floor of the cottages, just below Totley Post Office, on Baslow Road during recent alterations. The present owner, Gerry Ward, a former professional footballer with Arsenal and Orient, moved up to Sheffield with Midland Bank a few years ago. Along with the tokens he found two copper coins and asked if we could tell him anything about their origins.

The first of the two tokens is a Leek Commercial token dated 1793. During three main periods in British History there was an acute shortage of small change; one of these periods was towards the end of the 18th century. Tokens were issued as a substitute in certain areas by local and trusted local commercial concern and were also often treated as advertising propoganda. For example, Sheffield Museum have a token issued by Robert Unwin of Dore to advertise the Hammer & Pincers. Large deposits of copper ore had been found in Anglesey in the 1760s and the Leek token is almost certainly from this Welsh mineral. Occasionally tokens were carried further afield on coach journeys and were often collected up at staging inns and returned to the issuer. It is doubtful that this happened in this case for there were no coaching inns in Totley until some years later. It is more likely that the token was brought to Totley by John Howard.

The cottages originally formed part of a farm built at the side of the village green in 1773, nearby were the stocks and the village cross. Also close by were the village ale house (later to become the now-rebuilt Fleur de Lys) and the pinfold. Incidentally TADES are incorrect in claiming that the piece of land on Hillfoot Road was the original pinfold - this much later one was probably hardly used for stray animals for any length of time. Other pinfolds existed - for example there was another by the

bridge along Strawberry Lee Lane. But pinfolds would perhaps make the subject of another story.

Returning to 1773, it is not known whether the farm was built over or near to an earlier building - although some intensive research into existing documents may well answer that question. The first tenant I know of was John Howard - that was in 1829 - although others had obviously farmed there before that. I would suggest that John came to Totley around 1822 shortly after the birth of his first son Charles, at Ecclesall. We know that Sons Henry and Samuel together with daughter Eliza were all born in Totley to Sheffield-born Charlotte. John had been born in Uttoxeter in 1776 and here I believe, is the connection with the Leek token. For these two Staffordshire towns traded closely and I am sure that the token would have found its way to Totley via the Howards. The date of 1793 might suggest that John arrived in the Sheffield area about that time. By 1851, the two eldest sons were helping their father to farm the 71 acres encompassing the land on which Sunnyvale, Rowan Tree, Main Avenue etc., were built.

If some of you have any old deeds referring to the Sawireys, Pie Greave, Lime Kiln Close you are probably sitting in one of Mr. Howards fields. Although, in fact, while he tenant-farmed the land it was really owned in 1839, at the time of the Enclosure Act, by the extrovert, George Bustard Greaves, one-time resident of Fulwood. It may be of interest to know that the youngest son, Samuel, was a Sawyer by trade and that there was a twin to Henry also called John - although he wasn't at home at the time of the 1851 Census. The father died in 1861 and his grave, together with his wife and two sons, is in Dore churchyard.

Well that's all pretty boring, I guess, and what therefore of the other token?

Regular readers may remember that I wrote about Tommy Youdan, the Sheffield music hall owner. I am pretty sure that this second token was used as a sort of entrance ticket to the Surrey Music Hall. Tommy opened this theatre, concert hall, ballroom, museum and menagerie in West Bar around 1851. We will never know whether one of the Howards omitted to return the token or not. By coincidence Tom did own land elsewhere in Totley and actually lived at Totley Vale (now known as Totley Grove) opposite the Crown.

WE WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO HELP SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING TOTLEY

HISTORY. If you have any finds please let us have a full description together with its location and date of discovery. Recorded finds to date include various coins, a 'cannon ball', Victorian marbles, wells, documents etc. In future we want to produce a regular feature on local history just as we have Bob Warburtons natural history writings. Surely you have something.

COURTING

DURING THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH the first, wrongdoers in Totley were brought up before Holmesfield Court and these Court Rolls, to be found in Sheffield Local Collection, are very interesting. In 1562, the villagers of Holmesfield were fined 20 pence for not repairing the mill, 4 years earlier, poor Oliver Wood-head (any relation to Tom and Frank?) was fined tuppence for ploughing the lord's lands badly. Richard Marshall was to pay 12 pence for cutting down an oak, yet lucky Will Kempe only had to pay half that for chopping down an ash. The previous year, 1557, during the reign of Philip & Mary, an individual with the most unfortunate name of James Cowpap was nobbled along with two men called Hardwyke for actually cutting down the MAYPOLE! And what's this? A lady fined for cutting the tops off trees. Say, I wonder whether Holmesfield Court originated the well known Chinese legal term - Chop Sue-y? And it strikes me (no pun intended) that Richard Savage was extremely lucky to get away with a sixpenny fine for 'drawing Blood upon Laurence White head'. That makes Richard sound like a tattooist.

POACHED FISH

THE ARTICLE BY BOB WARBURTON in this issue reminds me that there was always a good deal of poaching in the Totley area. The job of gamekeeper on Totley Moor was once a well prized job and there are a number of documents in existence to prove this. At the end of the 18th Century, Lord Middleton, Lord of the Manor of Totley did 'constitute and appoint Mr. James Gisborne of Staveley to take care of and preserve, and by all good means to keep the Games of all sorts within my manor of Totley in ye County of Derby. And I do empower him, as occasion shall offer, to seize and take away all Greyhounds, Dogs, Netts, Guns, & other Engines or instruments of what kind soever, of any person or persons, that shall hereafter Hawk, Hunt, Course, Fish or Shoot, or otherwise kill Games without my Licence, & also to Prosecute all such Persons by such Ways & Means as ye Law in that Case doth appoint; Confirming & Allowing what ye said James Gisborne or his Assistants shall Lawfully do in ye Execution of ye Premises'. BE.

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Warburtons World

Recently, the City Council issued a ban on Blood-sports within the city of Sheffield. This was an event which I think deserves some comment, since I am sure that many people, myself included, have decided opinions to offer on the subject. There are, of course, two sides to every argument, no absolute truths, and a great deal of misinformation.

What I would like to do in this article is to acquaint you with my own ideas and invite some comment in the form of letters to our next edition.

'Blood-sports' has become synonymous with hunting to hounds, but I would extend that definition to cover any human pastime which involves the killing or injuring of any wild animal in the name of 'sport'. To begin with, one must look at the historical effect of these sports in the past. They nearly all originated from the need to find food, a need which is most clearly not apparent today, so from this viewpoint these pursuits are an anachronism. They have quite definitely preserved some species of animals which would have become either very rare or even extinct, I am thinking here of Pheasant and Grouse, both of which were extensively 'farmed' as a crop to be harvested on estates the length of the country. The setting aside of land for hunting has ensured that we have today, areas where we can enjoy other recreational pursuits, the largest such area being the New Forest, set up by William I about 900 years ago.

Pheasant and Grouse have been reared by gamekeepers on large estates for centuries to provide sport for their masters. In the careful nursing of their charges, they have, however, felt obliged to exterminate every predator, bird or mammal, on the estate or its vicinity. This has severely upset the balance of nature in many areas. I have no basic objection to killing for food as long as it is done in moderation, bearing in mind the continuation of the animals in reasonable numbers. Clearly land-owners ensure that there will always be enough birds left for successive seasons. Unfortunately, this is an expensive undertaking, and this sport has become exclusive to people with plenty of money. Red deer are hunted with hounds in some parts of the country, but this I find difficult to justify in

any way. Shooting is a much cleaner and quicker death where numbers have to be limited for the sake of keeping the herds' numbers within a healthy limit. Deer-stalking is simply an extension of this essential task, and is carried out under the supervision of a gillie. The animal would be culled anyway and the gillie is there to ensure that it is killed as quickly and humanely as possible. Culling is essential to maintain the herd in reasonable numbers, previously this job of weeding out the old and the sick was done by wolves, but since we rid our islands of wolves some centuries ago, we must do the task instead (some-what more inefficiently).

Hare coursing and the hunting of hare by packs of beagles is now simply a sop to members of the participating fraternity and should be banned totally. If the number of hares does need to be controlled, then shooting is more than efficient. This would seem to be quite unnecessary now as the Hare is in decline at the moment and may need to be given protection in the future.

Otter hunting has now stopped, and not before time. The otter does little harm and is now almost extinct in England due mainly to loss of its habitat, pollution of our rivers and simply the nearness of Man.

Badgers were once dug up for food, and badger hams were considered to be a delicacy. Nowadays badgers are still dug up to provide sport being made to fight dogs. There can surely be no possible defence for this amongst civilized people.

Now to what is probably the most contentious subject of all: fishing. As I have indicated, I have little objection to the taking of some wildlife as food but I cannot justify catching fish with a hook for 'sport'. Fish are wild animals and surely have just as much right to live out their lives as any other creature. What right has anyone to drag a fish out of its natural element by means of a steel hook driven into its mouth, put it in a net for hours and then put (often throw) it back in again? If any of our other sports were conducted in this way, the outcry would be deafening, and yet fishing is exempt from the Council's ban.

It is hypocritical of our Council not to include fishing in its ban, or are we seeing something a little more than might at first be apparent?

Hunting to hounds is mainly the prerogative of the privileged few and whatever the merits or other-

wise from a humane viewpoint, I am sure that a factor is the opposition to this section of the electorate. Fishing, on the other hand, is the sport of the working man and the Council can ill afford to antagonise so many supporters by banning their pastime.

My own position is one of trying to decide what is best for the creatures involved and the countryside as a whole. Most kinds of hunting to hounds I find repugnant and serve no useful purpose in controlling the numbers of pests - which can be the only defence of these activities. Shooting, especially of game birds, would seem, in a paradoxical way, to help maintain the birds' numbers and keep large areas of countryside free of intensive agriculture.

Fox-hunting is the only blood-sport where I find myself at a loss to suggest a viable alternative. I heartily dislike the 'sport', and I find the thought of chasing a fox for miles and then seeing it torn to bits by hounds most distasteful. There must be a more humane alternative, shooting would seem to be ideal, but it would require the use of a great deal of time and a rifle, since it is unlikely that anyone could get near enough to a fox with a shot gun. An alternative must be found, because foxes are increasing rapidly and will soon pose a major headache to farmers and poultrymen throughout the country.

SURVIVAL

MEMBERS OF the local United Nations Association branch are hoping for a good attendance at the Public Meeting which is being held at Dore on Tuesday, 16th February. Details of the meeting are given in this month's Diary of Events.

The Brandt Report, the subject of the meeting, looks at the present critical state of relations between rich countries and poor, and the desperately serious economic problems which affect both groups. The Report comes up with proposals for creating a fairer and more viable international economic society and is sub-titled 'A Programme for Survival'.

The Report has aroused great interest throughout the world. Our own M.P., Mr. John Osborn says that he is sympathetic towards the Report and that he has had many letters from constituents urging the Government to take action on the proposals.

The speaker on 16th February is Dr. Michael Bassey, formerly a lecturer at the City Polytechnic, and a founder member of Dore Village Society.

FEBRUARY DIARY

2nd	Tue.	Totley All Saints Ladies Club. Talk & Demo. on Yoga.
3rd	Wed.	Mother & Toddler Group. 10.15am. All Saints Church Hall.
3rd	Wed.	and 4th & 5th. Play 'Black Comedy', King Egbert School.
5th	Fri.	to 13th Sat. Pantomime 'Dick Whittington', only a few tickets left. (All Saints School) tel. 364036.
8th	Mon.	T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 37 Sunnyvale Rd. 8pm.
10th	Wed.	Mother & Toddler Group. Annual General Meeting.
12th	Fri.	Abbeyle Hall. 7.30 pm. Meeting of the new Totley Ladies Evening Guild (formerly Totley Townswomens Guild). Talk given by the Police.
16th	Tue.	All Saints Ladies Club - to be arranged.
16th	Tue.	Public Meeting at Dore Meth. Church Hall. 8pm. Speaker- Dr. Michael Bassey 'The Brandt Report' - What effect as it had ?
16th	Tue.	Totley Library. 8pm. Dr. John Widdowson, "Dialect & Traditional Sayings in the Sheffield Area".
16th	Tue.	to Sat. 19th. Pantomime "Sing A Song Of Sixpence". Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road. Tickets from Martin's Sweet Shop, Abbeyle Rd. South, tel. 362403. Adults 80p Children 60p.
20th	Sat.	T.R.A. Dinner Dance. Abbeyle Sports Club.
23rd	Tue.	Social Evening. All Saints Church Hall. 7.30 - 9.30.
24th	Wed.	Mother & Toddler Group. 10.15am. All Saints Church Hall.

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