

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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NO MERGER

PROPOSALS for a merger of Totley's two primary schools are now officially dead. Talks have been taking place since the beginning of the year between the governing bodies of both the Church School and the County School with a view to amalgamation. But the merger has been killed off by the Church School's insistence that the resulting unit should remain church-aided. This proposal was unacceptable to the County School's ruling body, according to Church School headmaster Ernest Priestnall.

In a letter from Mr. Priestnall to parents, County School governors asked for a meeting to discuss the merger - "because they were concerned about their falling pupil numbers."

The meeting took place in February and Dr. Harrison, Director of Education for the Sheffield Diocese, put forward a proposal that his office was willing to consider the amalgamation of schools only if the resulting school was church-aided.

"I am now asked to inform you by Dr. Harrison that the County School has rejected that proposition and accordingly the status quo remains - the idea of amalgamation is dead," says the letter.

"We shall go on happily as we were before - getting on with the job of educating your children in the Christian tradition."

TOTLEY RES. ASSOC.

A FULL report of the Totley Residents Associations Annual General Meeting, held on the 22nd April, together with a full list of new committee members will appear next month.



Townhead Drive, from a restaurant (now closed) by St. Jackson, Post Office, Dore.

MONNYBROOK

ENVIRONMENTAL health officers are studying proposals that could prevent the National Canine Defence League from moving out of Totley.

The proposals are a last ditch attempt to persuade the City Council department that the centre, which rehuses homeless dogs, is doing everything possible to keep noise to a minimum. Some residents in the area have complained about excessive noise and last year the department served a notice on the Totley kennels telling it to cut noise by reducing visiting and exercise hours and putting up screens.

Although some of the work has been carried out, the league says that some conditions are too restricting on the movements of dogs and would leave them virtual prisoners.

If the department fails to agree to the League's new proposals, the organisation is planning to leave its Totley headquarters and move to another part of the City. Other sites have already been identified.

A spokeswoman for the League said: "We don't want to have to close but it is a fairly serious possibility. We have already been looking at other sites in Sheffield."

The N.C.D.L. moved into Monnybrook Farm less than two years ago. Buying and converting the property cost well over £100,000 and the League, which exists on voluntary contributions, is reluctant to move house so soon.

N.C.D.L. differs from the R.S.P.C.A. in that it has a policy of non-destruction unless a dog is seriously ill. So far it has established a good reputation in the animal welfare world and has housed well over 400 dogs in just 18 months. An environmental health spokesman said: "We appreciate the position the League is in and have sympathy with it. We have tried to find a balance between the rights of the residents to have peace and quiet and the aims of the League."

Rev. Alan Jockel

THE PROCESS to appoint a new vicar of Totley has begun following the tragic death of the Rev. Alan Jockel from cancer last month. But it is likely to be about three months before a replacement is installed at All Saints Parish Church according to the Church of England's Sheffield Diocesan Office. Rumours of a possible merger with Dore Church, perhaps sparked off by the impending retirement of their vicar, have been ruled out by the Diocesan Secretary Tony Beck. "I don't think there is any question of this as Dore and Totley are two quite separate and distinct places. If there is a move in this direction it would more likely be with St. John's, Abbeydale. The first step in replacing Mr. Jockel involves the Bishop writing to the Parochial Church Council to ask members what sort of new vicar they want. The P.C.C. is given 30 days to reply. "They will say for example, whether they want a married man or what sort of theological background they will find suitable," said Mr. Beck. "The Bishop will then set about finding somebody. He can draw locally or he may decide to advertise locally and nationally.

"He will then put his choice forward to the P.P.C. who will then decide whether he is acceptable or not."



Both Sheffield Cathedral and the Parish Church were packed for memorial services for Mr. Jockel who was the vicar of All Saints for nine years.

The 59 year-old former Chairman of Totley Residents Association was well known throughout the City for his work with many different organisations, charities and church bodies. He left a widow, Stella, his second wife, and three children, Catherine, Deborah and David.

The Cathedral address was given by the Reverend Duncan Wilson, vicar at Totley United Reformed Church.

The Cathedral, filled to capacity by a wide cross section of people, all of whom said what great affection they had for Rev. Jockel and the way he went about his job.

"The address by Mr. Wilson couldn't have been more correct and he deserves to be congratulated."

Mr. Jockel, an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral, started his ministry at St. Mary's Church, Bramall Lane and later became curate at Ransmoor before coming to Totley.

POSTER

GARDEN PARTY POSTER COMPETITION

Totley All Saints Church will be holding their Annual Garden Party on Saturday, 15th June, 1985 in the Church grounds starting at 2pm.

To advertise this event a poster competition has been organised where children of all ages can design a poster, on paper say A3 size (300 mm x 400mm), stating clearly the event, place, time and attractions. It is intended that prizes will be given in age groups under 5, 5 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 16.

The attractions to include band, karate display, welly throwing, numerous stalls including cake, plant, book, nearly new, train, games. Refreshments provided including teas, pop and crisps. The day's events are also to be followed, in the evening, by a dance in the Church Hall organised by the Ladies Working Party.

Posters to be collected in by Friday, 17th May, for judging to take place in the Church Hall on Sunday, 2nd June at 10.45am.

Entrants to indicate clearly: name, age-group and address on back of poster.

Also at the Garden Party a competition will be run for the individual, or groups, who use their imagination in creating animal(s), or animal scenes, made entirely from vegetables.

Exhibits can be of any size, shape or form and say mounted on a plate for ease of carrying.

Entrants to exhibit their creations before 1.30pm. on the day, to be judged during the afternoon and prizes awarded in numerous categories.

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MISS TROTT

PEOPLE WHO have lived in Totley for many years will undoubtedly remember Dore and Totley High School, and its Principal Miss Dorothy Trott. This independent girls school had originally been situated at "Droomfield" on Twentywell Lane, but was re-opened by Miss Trott in St. John's Church Rooms in 1929 and remained there for many years.

In the early 1930's she moved the school to Grove Road, where it flourished until its eventual closure in 1966. Miss Trott's girls, as they became known, were easily recognised in the district by their bottle green uniform and later by their straw boaters. Miss Trott was also known for her active participation in political circles in N.I. Derbyshire, and in later years in Poole, Dorset.

Some years after her retirement she became a member of the Borough Council of Poole and was later made Sheriff of Poole.

She has travelled widely and for several years owned a house in Cyprus, from where she has written her memoirs. Intitiled "A Tapestry of Life" the book tells about her adoption and early life in Wortley, before moving to Sheffield in the late 1890's. It also recalls her schooling in Totley and later in Buxton, her love of music and her many varied interests and activities.

The book traces the beginnings of her school, including its many successes and goes on to cover the school's history right through to its closure in 1966.

"A Tapestry of Life" is highly readable and will be of great interest to everyone living in Totley, whether they were connected with the school or not. This is certainly not a book for former pupils only, but is sure to be enjoyed by many with an interest in Totley history.

The book, which is published by Dorothy A. Trott, is available in hardback, price £7.95. Copies can be obtained from Mrs. V. Hight, 37 Devonshire Road, Totley. Tel. 361142. Also on sale at Hartley Seed and J. Bower, Edwood.

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NO RENAISSANCE THIS WEEK

ON New Year's Eve I saw a young man superbly dancing a part of the Swan Lake ballet. The performance took place at five minutes to midnight outside the fleur de Lys, but it was drastically curtailed by two so-called friends who bundled the dancer into a Volkswagen and drove him away. In Topley that dissuasive pattern repeats itself over and over again. Let anyone show the slightest sign of imagination or culture and it is immediately suppressed, because we live in an aesthetic backwater among a people who are provincially minded and chronically hidebound. Little wonder celebrities have always shunned our otherwise charming community. Little wonder that John Constable confined himself to Flatford and rejected, with scorn, a commission to paint the Topley Snuff Mill which, during the last century, stood on the site of the present Cheshire Home. Nor was Turner attracted by our sunsets and, undeniably, we never did possess a Cistine Chapel with which to lure Michelangelo. Nevertheless, if one enterprising amateur artist would step forward, there could be nymphs and shepherds adorning and glorifying the ceiling of the Post Office. Something truly artistic to delight the wayward souls of the queuing pensioners.

It is my contention that the natives here should be striving zealously to put Topley on the map. Not with crackpot schemes like that of the nineteenth century squire who invited Brahms to conduct his D Major Mass in the Green Oak Hall where, as the furious Maestro shouted, there was not enough room to swing a flugelhorn. It was an absurd

piece of blanning. However, in spite of that ancient blunder, it must be realised that we do live in the centre of a rich historical heritage. For instance, how many of you are aware that in 1664 two of the King's men, retreating from the second Battle of Blackburn Meadows, slept one night in a ditch exactly where Hilldale Road now runs. Obviously, a commemorative plaque attached to the front wall of Peter Swift's shop would attract American tourists by the hundred, but nobody here is prepared to do anything about it. There is a certain laudable impetuosity about the voters in Dore. Having dreamed up a confrontation between two scurrilous Saxon robber-barons, they promptly decorated their village green with a large, gloomy slab of rock. Now of course, they give themselves airs. But, even so, we have much to learn from these insufferable neighbours of ours.

"Paris has its Eiffel Tower," I remarked sadly to Godfrey Shorthouse when I met him by chance outside Janet Ryalls. There is a building in Madrid, the Sicilians brag about Mount Etna and, according to the burghers of Southend, their pier is the eighth wonder of the world. Yet look around our inanimate suburb and you won't see as much as a flying buttress! Godfrey gave me a blank look, but I continued: "and do you realise - not one of our local associations has the horse - sense to transform a redundant chariot repair site into a derelict Coliseum. The Italians are streets ahead of us." Godfrey then blew a large raspberry. "Little man," he responded, "you are living in cloud-cuckoo-land!" But I ignored this infantile comment and declared, forcefully, "Bideford, even little Bideford, has a humble

boat museum!" He raised his eyebrows. "Not many Bumble boats in Topley." "No," I agreed quickly, "but we are not utterly devoid of artefacts; Phyllis Cowlshaw is willing to display all her treasures." Godfrey gave a long, low whistle which I thought quite uncalled for.

"Perhaps you didn't know," I said triumphantly, "that she owns the original shroud used by Charlie Peace?" Godfrey shook his head slowly. "I don't know a lot about shrouds. Never been interested. But I do know that Phyllis Cowlshaw has been having psychiatric treatment for the past twelve months. And what is more, "he went on, "Topley is not interested in culture." Then he pointed a finger across Baslow Road towards the Co-op building. "If they pulled down that ranch house and built a second Taj Mahal, the City Council would condemn it as "elitist." "Surely not," I protested. "They would too," said Godfrey. "Listen! You can forget about Eiffel Towers and flying buttresses because what we really want down at this bottom end of the village is a good public convenience!" With that he patted me on the head and made an abrupt departure to resume his morning quest for discarded rubber bands. Well, that top-level conference occurred three days ago and I am still thoroughly cheesed off. As far as I am now concerned, Topley can remain an aesthetic backwater until the crack of doom. We are encompassed about by Philistines, because of whom I shall no longer attempt to galvanize the local cognoscenti, and I will tell you something else, free of charge - Godfrey Shorthouse is a pain in the neck!"



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(March 19th - 22nd)

GOING TO A professionally produced Shakespeare play is not a trip to be taken lightly, and not too many will risk it. Even then, however dedicated, it helps to swot up the plot beforehand, for you can expect, even at Stratford, muffed lines, missed cues and other minor blunders from the mightiest of thespians. So to put on as complex a production as 'Taming of the Shrew', with a set designed and built 'in house', hand-made costumes of a period long since gone and forgotten, music of the period played actually live, and acted by unseasoned amateurs exposed only to classics like the 'A-Team' sounds like a death wish for a theatrical disaster right off the Richter scale.

But what a triumph! This massive team from King Egberts never faltered in any department. The language of Shakespeare, beautiful though it is, does not roll naturally off a Yorkshire tongue, and learning it is difficult, very difficult. Add to that the need to create the flamboyance of Shakespeare characters in the glare of that concentration demanded of the audience in all the Bard's works, and the competence of all the performers in this comedy begins to take on true stature.

It would be unfair to select any performers at the expense of others, but the leading parts were masterfully executed with a clarity of words almost too good to be true.

They breathed life into a complicated plot which can be unintelligible if bungled and the cast rose to the leads like troupers, every one.

The orchestra deserves a special mention. This competent group did a great deal more than just fill in between scene changes as is usual. The totally apt choice of music well rehearsed and well performed was entert-

aining in its own right adding to, as well as complementing the action where needed.

Throughout the play, the audience responded to the antics with laughter, clearly following a difficult plot. If you didn't go you missed a treat.

cheshire home

THE NEW £500,000, 12 room wing and refurbished craft room was officially opened, by the Duchess of Gloucester on 21st March, at the Cheshire Home, Mickleley Lane, as part of her days visit to South Yorkshire.

It was her last engagement in a very busy schedule and handicraft gifts for the Duchess's three children were presented by residents Mary Brand, Edna Cashmore and Charles Grant.



SCOUT HUT

Totley's new Scout Hut will have to be re-floored after an attack by vandals last month, which left the premises under water. The intruders got in to the hut, off Aldam Road, by smashing a window and setting off the fire hose in the entrance hall. Ten gallons of water per minute poured into the headquarters. The wooden floor of the main part of the hut has now buckled during the drying-out process leaving the Scouts with a £700 bill for replacement.

However, following the flood and the mopping-up process by scouts, parents and other helpers, activities at the hut, only opened last Summer, are back to normal, according to Scoutmaster John Lawry.

And work is still continuing to complete the hut. Earlier this month central heating was installed and Pack officials hope the hut will be finished by the Summer and be available for community activities other than Scouting.

PAPER COLLECTION - BEST YET!

Totley Scouts had their best collection ever when 7 1/2 tons of paper was collected in April. A skip will be in the College Car Park from 9am to 12 noon on the second Saturday in every month. Next collections:- 11th May, 5th June, 13th July.

LOTTERY - JOIN NOW!

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March - No.200 - £200 Holiday Vouchers - £50 Spending Money (Bellamy)
April - No.64 - Sanyo Video (Dyson)

The next lottery cycle starts in June.

If you have not received an application form and would like to join please phone Alan Vitty (367387) or Philip Jones (364579). Proceeds are used to repay our Scout Headquarters loan (£10,000 over 10 years).

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iii cricket

Abheydale Park, the home of Sheffield Amateur Sports Club, will be hosting a one day Sunday County Cricket match on June 9th, for the first time, although it is quite used to holding three day County matches. The fixture sees Yorkshire at home to Sussex. Gordon Boot, the club's general manager, said extra staff will need to be brought in to deal with expected crowds of between four to eight thousand. The match will be Mr. Boot's swansong. Although he will be closely involved in all preparations for the match, he plans to retire on the Saturday before.

The Dramatic Society Reformed Dore & Totley United Church



"I'LL GET MY MAN"

Philip King's farce presented by the United Reformed Church Dramatic Society from March 13th, nicely fulfilled the 'make them laugh' promise of last month's preview in the 'Independent'. A brisk production by Barry Rowntree followed the predictable Brian Rix formula by ensuring an early loss of trousers by the Vicar, and romped on from there through wild language and constantly mistaken identity to the compulsory happy ending where everybody gets their comeuppance, or come-downance if they happen to be a Bishop in qatters. All the ingredients for success - a vague Vicar, a sharp-witted and romantic housekeeper, a Bishop with earthy thoughts, and a way-out pop singer on automatic pilot were competently handled by an enthusiastic cast. The Vicar, played by stalwart Peter Sherwell and the very convincing housekeeper created by Kate Edisbury lifted off the play to a good start to be kept bubbling along by potty Josephine played by Susan Beal and Anne Bennett as the visiting gun-crawling Pixie, and all the other cast members doing it just right. The audience - a full house - loved it.

LETTERS

BETWEEN Tuesday, 5th and Thursday, 7th of March, I travelled over 2500 miles by train on a sponsored railway journey to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia. Many of the residents of Green Oak Road, Green Oak Avenue and Aldan Way were kind enough to sponsor me and partly due to their support, I have managed to collect £250. I would very much like to thank all of them and to say that I have enjoyed the three years which I have spent lodging in Totley and I will miss this area when I leave Sheffield University this Summer.

Sarah Malone.

re-union

HAVE YOU, at any time during the past, lived on the Totley Grange Estate? If so, why not meet old friends and neighbours at a re-union, at the Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road, on Saturday, 4th May from 7.30pm. Come and enjoy a chat, a buffet meal and a drink at the bar. Anyone interested please contact either Betty Galsthorpe, 4 Brinkburn Drive, 366418 or Heather Green, 252 Abheydale Rd. South, 364447.

BROWSE

ST. LUKE'S BROWSE AROUND

HAVE YOU any Bric-a-brac, beads, brooches or bangles for St. Luke's Charity Shop. The shop "Browse Around" is at 477 Teesdale Road, (opposite Berkeley Precinct), where any articles would be very welcome. If more convenient, they can be left at 26 The Quadrant, Totley.

SUCCESS

37 TERRIFIC Practical Examinations for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. The following were successful:-
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Cost about £3.

There are seats avail-
able.

Anyone interested should
ring Joan Peacock, as
soon as possible, on
365966. (Husbands welcome).

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FOLLOWING the success of
last year's Mystery Trip
to the Flower Festival at
St. John's, Buxton, we are
going again on Thursday,
June 20th. Supper at the
Rutland Hotel, Bakewell is
included in the cost £3.50.
Depart 6.00pm from the
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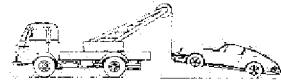
ON Saturday, May 11th, from
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Abbydale, Bradway, Dore
and Totley Christian Council,
and will be the last function
of their 1984-5 effort to
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The target for the year is
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Those who wondered what
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for February 1985:- well there
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(number 85) was, in actual
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4th	Sat.	Re-union for past residents of Tolley Grange Estate, At Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.	
5th	Wed.	Clothing Sale for Transport 17 at Cricket Inn, 10.30am.	
5th	Wed.	To Saturday 11th, TOADS "School for Spinsters".	
10th	Fri.	Tolley Evening Guild, Abbeydale Hall, 7.30pm. "Producing a Newspaper" (Morning Telegraph) Sales Table - Plants.	
11th	Sat.	Waste Paper Collection by Tolley Scouts.	
11th	Sat.	Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings, 13am, English Martyrs.	
15th	Sat.	L.R.A. Barn Dance, 8pm, Tolley Hall Farm.	
23rd	Thur.	Tolley Evening Guild, Trip to Chester, See inside.	

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T.O.A.D.S.

DO YOU LONG for a good old fashioned play with a real story to it? One with humour, pathos and a sanctimonious hump of a victorian father? Then T.O.A.D.S. next production should be just what you are looking for. "School for Spinsters" a comedy set in 1900 by Roland Pertwee, will be presented at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South, Wednesday 5th May to Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm. It will be produced by Kate Reynolds who was herself in the play as the younger daughter, Daisy, more years ago than she cares to remember, with the late Hillhouses A.D.S. Kate has always had a special feeling for this play and hopes that you, the audience, will feel the same. She is still looking for a picture which is an essential "prop" for the play - it is a well known victorian print called "Nearly as Tall as Hammy" and shows a little girl standing on a footstool with her arms outstretched to Tommy. If anyone has a copy of this print and is willing to loan it to TOADS for the week of the play, please contact Kate on 366891. Tickets for the play can also be obtained from that number - 366891 or from Adrian Schofield 366887 or from any other member. Tickets are 70p or 50p for children and O.V.Ps.

barn dance

Tolley All Saints P.T.A. are holding a Barn Dance in the school on Hillfoot Road, on Friday, 3rd May from 8pm. Tickets are £2.50 each, which includes supper and are available up until Thursday evening, the 2nd May, from - Committee Members or Margaret Scholey, 26 Tolley Grange Road - Tel. 360663. There is a licensed bar and a caller to direct the dancing.

TRANSPORT 17

Transport 17 are holding a "Wholesale Clothing Sale" (Ladies and Childrens), at the Cricket Inn on Wednesday, 8th May between 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come along and pick up a bargain and support your local minibus appeal.

BARN DANCE

"A BARN DANCE IN A BARN" is being organised by Tolley Residents Association on Saturday, 18th May, from 8pm. Licensed bar and dancing to "Airs and Graces". Tickets are £2.50 each which includes Pea and Pie Supper. The barn is at Tolley Hall Farm - on Tolley Hall Lane. Tickets from Margaret Caldwell, 30 Clover Road, 367021. Les Firth, 6 Hilldale Road, 364120. John Perkinson, 2 Main Ave., 361601. Mike Williamson, 1 Green Oak Ave., 365415.