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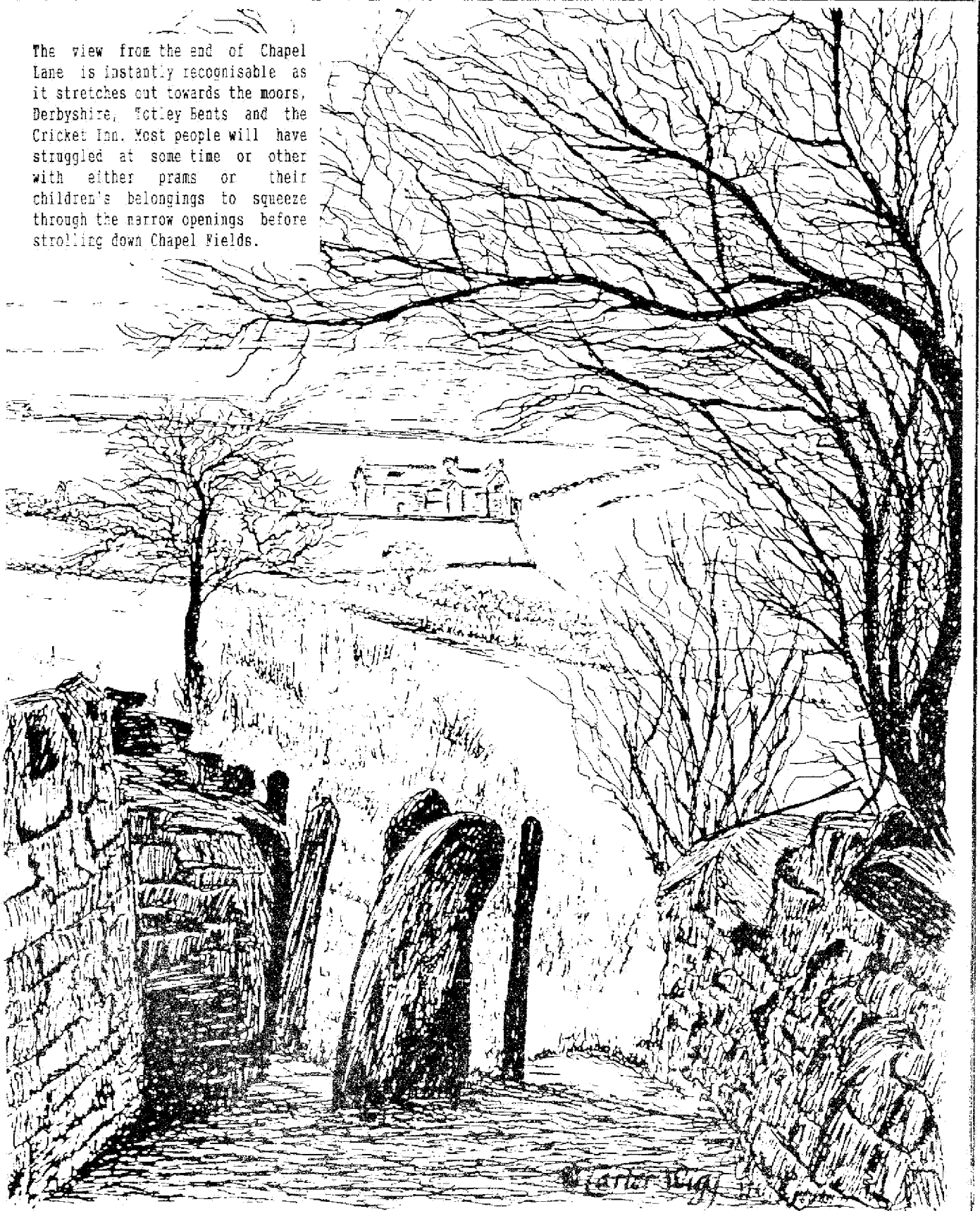
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The view from the end of Chapel Lane is instantly recognisable as it stretches out towards the moors, Derbyshire, Totley Bents and the Cricket Inn. Most people will have struggled at some time or other with either prams or their children's belongings to squeeze through the narrow openings before strolling down Chapel Fields.



GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

April is a lovely time with the garden bursting into life. The greenhouse should be full of young plants ready to be put out next month. There's lots to do in April but it is so full of promise for the coming season that it is a really enjoyable time. Keep a steady pace as you work don't over do it.

FLOWERS. Weed, clean up, bed and give the soil a stir ready for new plantings.

Add a bit of fertilizer such as Growmore or your favourite organic one.

Give your containers a good clean up and replace compost, where necessary.

Spread the old stuff over your flower beds, if it's not too weedy, otherwise add it to your compost heap.

Dead head all flowers as they fade and give plants a foliar feed. This will encourage flowers next year. Water all newly set out plants. Plant out and stake sweet peas a wigwam of canes can make a rather nice feature of these.

Plant out pansies, violas if they are hardened off properly. If not gradually introduce them to the colder outdoors during the day for a week or so covering them at night. Plant up patio pots with summer flowering bulbs. These look good mixed with shrubs and other perennials. Try nerine and aspidantheria, my two favourites.

Plant dahlia tubers towards the end of the month. Put down slug bait when shoots show. Hybrid lily bulbs can be planted in containers, try 5 to 10 a pot in a rich compost that drains well. They will make a lovely show later on for the patio or conservatory. Plant gladioli bulbs as soon as possible. There is still time to sow all kinds of hardy annuals.

VEGETABLES. Prepare the ground for sowing and planting. Check ph levels and adjust by adding lime etc. Harden off plants grown indoors, such as cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce.

Earth up potatoes, stake peas. Thin seedlings of herbs sown in March. Watch out for caterpillars etc. and deal with them as soon as they appear.

Plant out early and main crop potatoes. Sow salad crops, lettuce, radish, onions. Sow greens, sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower etc., also peas, dwarf beans and broad beans. Sow crops, globe beetroot, carrots and turnips. Prepare your runner bean trench ready for planting beans out next month. Place supports into position and allow 1 plant per support. Keep the hoe going regularly to eliminate weeds.

SHRUBS, TREES & FRUIT. Check ties and renew old or damaged ones and adjust any which are too tight. Make sure newly planted hedges, trees etc. are firmed in. Water and mulch any newly set out plants. Give your rhododendrums and azaleas a treat with iron sequestrine.

Prune summer flowering hardy fuschias and

plumbago. Tie in rambler rose shoots as they develop. Time now to remove any wrongly sited conifers, evergreens, including rhododendrums. Spray roses against black-spot and mildew. Plant out container grown plants and climbers. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia as soon as flowers fade. Complete rose pruning.

Cut back straggly lavender and heathers. Spray fruit trees just before flowers open against Capsid moth and caterpillars. Spray against aphids as soon as they arrive.

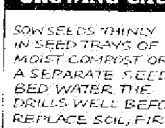


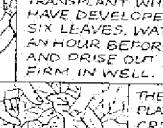


GREENHOUSES AND INDOOR PLANTS. Gradually increase watering, feed established house plants. Shade plants especially seedlings from strong sun and give increased ventilation. The sowing of half hardy annuals should be completed at the beginning of the month. Many seedlings sown earlier will need pricking out some of the most forward ones may need to be potted individually. Fuschias can be potted on into larger pots as they fill the smaller pots with roots. Sow seeds of melons and cucumber. Germinate them in temperatures around 65deg. Plant successive patches of achimenes. Tubers of begonias and gloxinias started earlier should be ready for potting on. Make up hanging baskets. Attend to watering regularly the water soon dries out when the weather is really bright. Split up and repot ferns. Take begonia, chrysanthemum, dahlia, fuschia and geranium cuttings.

LAWNS. Rake up debris and lightly roll, scarify, spike and aerate. Start or continue routine mowing apply lawn dressing or a liquid feed. Deal with any problems as soon as they are spotted or they will be bigger problems later. April is a good time to seed a new lawn. They must be kept well watered in dry weather.

Well that lot should keep you going for a bit.

Cheerio, Tom, Busy Bee.

P.S. Did you notice I didn't mention the Totley Show, September. Get planting now.

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The meeting at all three sections during the first half of March was taken up by preparing for the District handicraft competition - "Portercraft". The meeting room was full of decorated eggs, face masks, trifles, drawings, models and other even stranger objects. Some entries were good enough to gain certificates, so well done to everyone who worked hard on their exhibits.

During the month the Cubs and Scouts have been ten pin bowling and to laser quest. On another occasion the scouts went on a midnight hike, cooking their supper out on the moors.

Our first Antique Fair of the year was its usual success, thank you very much to all who helped or attended. All sections are looking forward to the lighter nights coming up so that they can get outside even more. Sunday, April 23rd sees the annual St. George's Day Parade in the City Centre, followed by a Service in the Cathedral.

At the end of April the Scouts have another weekend camp out in Derbyshire with many activities planned and hopes for good weather.

M.H.

TRANSPORT 17

Our next event will be a Coffee Morning at All Saints' Church Hall on Saturday, 22nd April. This will be from 10 a.m. till noon. There will be a raffle, books, cakes and bric-a-brac. Coffee and Biscuits will be included in the 50p entrance charge. Any items for this morning will be gratefully received.

Lynne Enzor from Help the Aged has got Yorkshire Electricity to sponsor a Brass Band Concert for us. This will be at King Egbert School on Friday, 12th May. It will be the DRIGHLINGTON BAND. They will play for about 2 hours with a break for refreshments half way through the evening. They have a very good reputation and do many big events for charity.

Tickets will be £4 each to include refreshments. A lot of work is being put into this event so please support us. The money is for a new minibus. Make this evening as big and successful as our Grand Auction.

Ring 2362962 with queries or requests about any of our "do s".

Margaret Barlow.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PHONE

Mary Thompson writes asking for help to have reinstated a Public Telephone Box at Dore Station to replace the one that was removed many years ago.

She rightly points out that there isn't Telephone facilities between Beauchief and Totley Brook Road and that the fact that the Station no longer has an office and is quite well used it seems sensible to provide the service.

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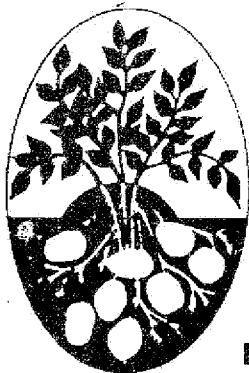
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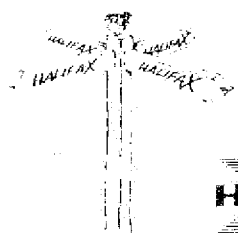
The drawing shows the view from the fields on the right hand side of Baslow Road, looking towards Totley Rise.

On the left, you can see two of the villas on what was to become Glover Road. These fields would be where the proud Victorian Pleasure Gardens once stood. They were later to become part of Gledhills rhubarb farm.

The date of this view is not known but I guess the photograph I took it from would be from the early part of this century.

Brian Edwards

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THE TOTLEY COFFEE SHOPPE
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Dear Editor

On a recent visit to my Nannan's we both read with interest Mr. Dan Reynolds article concerning "The Oldest Totleyites" (Feb. '95 issue). Nannan thinks she may well have gone to school with Dan's brother Dick at the old Church of England school adjacent to Hillfoot Road and she's got a cracking memory when it comes to the old history of Totley, although she can't always remember everything on her shopping list these days!

My Nannan, in case you're wondering is Mrs. Elsie Stacey (nee Pearson) who recently moved to Greenoak after almost 60 years on Laverdene Road and is, indeed, the elder sister of Ernest Pearson of Lemont Road.

I hope Uncle Ernest won't mind having his age in print once again, but he is, as Dan says, 85 - but as far as "The Oldest Totleyite" goes though, I'm afraid Nannan has a 2 year lead at 87 and Mrs. Pearce could well beat that!

The article brought back lots of memories and laughs and we had lots of fun trying to remember who was who and when they all went to school in the village. Nannan thinks Dan himself may have been in the same class as Uncle Ernest, although she's not sure and it made me think that in years to come I'll be doing the same thing myself - although I was a Totley County Primary girl myself!

I only hope my memory will be as vivid as hers she often says she remembers her past years as though they were only yesterday, which makes me wonder, are there any other contenders for the title?!

So continued good health and many happy years ahead to all "mature" Totleyites from a younger member of the club. May you all receive your telegram from the Queen!

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Malik.

P.S. May I, also take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank you" to Mr. Brian Edwards. His excellent sketches and drawings have given me hours of pleasure recently - particularly his "History of Totley" which has become a treasured possession. Long may you continue, Brian!

JUMBLE SALES

I was very interested to read the article on Jumble Sales in the March issue, it takes a lot of hard work to organise one of these. Stuff has to be collected and sorted and put out on tables to sell. Many people seem to think it is a good idea to get rid of their rubbish and the smell of some bags of clothes can leave a big impression on the senses.

I have organised Jumble Sales in various parts of the country and always felt a bit awkward about dealers. I felt that they should come in at the same time as the rest of the public.

However, I must admit that many of them give a fairer price. They also don't pinch stuff like some customers. You also have the problem of getting rid of stuff left over. I have had to take sinks, old bikes and electrical items which would have been better off in a museum to the dump afterwards.

On the plus side it is a good way to get together and raise money. Everyone loves a bargain and in this day and age it is a good way to re-vamp wardrobes or cloth children for school or sports. Good Jumlbers will have sorted so that only the best is left and if the event is in their own hall there will be no charge to take out of the money raised.

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OBITUARY

The death occurred on March 1st. of Mr. George Davy aged 87 years of Lemont Road, (Late of Baslow Road), Mr Davy was well known locally, he was still driving at the age of 80 and went along to the Abbeydale centre on Tuesday evenings for his usual game of solo and Saturday evenings for the whist drive. He also played whist at the Heatherfield Club and for the last two years was a regular visitor to the Green Oak View day centre.

He was better known for the 25 years service working for the Sheffield corporation where he was Assistant General Manager for the Public Works Department responsible for new construction. He was responsible for millions of pounds worth of developments throughout the city including the local Totley Hall College site, other projects were places like Hyde Park flats, Kelvin flats, Norfolk park, Sheffield Polytechnic, and the markets. He retired in May 1972 and he was a true gentleman to any one that knew him.

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To celebrate the 50th. anniversary of the United Nations Association a Grand concert has been organised with popular songs, arias and choruses by the "John Wade Singers".

The proceeds will be in aid of U.N.I.C.E.F and is to be held on Saturday 29th. April, 7-30pm. at St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road.

Soloists: Joan Cowley
Eleanor Fear
Mitzi Matlock
Melvyn Osbourne
James Powell

Conductor: John Wade
Organist: Paul Green

For tickets, price be £4-00 (£3-00 concessions), telephone 2364803 or 2366668 or at the door.

TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a Table Top Sale in All Saints' Church Hall on Saturday, 29th April, 10a.m. - 3p.m.

It's an excellent opportunity to turn your spring cleaning into a profitable past-time!! Tables are £4 each and can be booked by ringing Angela Waite 2364728 (evenings). Don't leave it too late, tables will be given on a first come first served basis. Any local charities wanting a table to raise funds are also welcome.

On the day of the sale, admission will be 20p and refreshments will be served.

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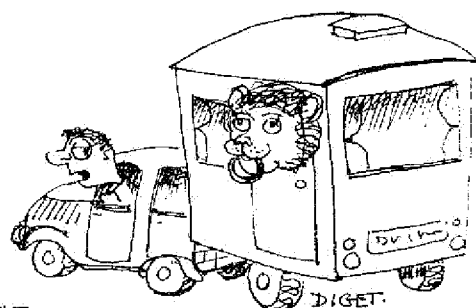
LABRADOR WELFARE will be holding a Coffee Morning with Cake Stall, Tombola etc., at Heatherfield Conservative Club, Baslow Road, Totley, 10a.m. - 12 noon, on Thursday, 20th April. Admission 50p. including Coffee & Biscuits.

Your support will be very welcome.

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"THAT DOOR KNOCKER YOU BOUGHT FROM TOTLEY ANTIQUE FAIR HAS THROWN THE VAN OFF BALANCE!"

WHISPERER

A planning application has been made by Wards brewery for alterations and extensions to the Cricket Inn on Penny Lane, it is thought the extensions are only to the toilets to cater for the disabled, a children's playground outside, the other alterations being internal such as living accommodation, kitchen, and slight alterations to the rooms but will still be in keeping with the property as it is known.

Mr Roger Spalton of Totley Rise passed away recently, Roger was a regular competitor in the Totley produce show and has won many prizes in the last few years with his beans, tomatoes and onions. He was also a member of the Abbeydale Park Bowling Club and a member of St. John's Church.

Totley Rise Post office is having a National lottery terminal installed for selling the new lottery scratch cards with instant prizes up to five hundred pounds, details of dates etc. will be available at the post office very soon. Abbeydale Road South.

It was mentioned in last month's issue about the road likely to be closed at some future date. It will be closed on six Sundays as follows March 26th, April 2nd., 9th., 23rd, 30th. and May 3rd.

We welcome letters about local affairs and will publish as many as possible. However the views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor, Editorial Staff or Totley Residents Association and must not be imputed to them.

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A CAIRNGORM ADVENTURE

The winter season has been a grim year for mountaineering accidents in the highlands of Scotland. The rescue teams are a tolerant bunch and always accept that the spirit of the hills is still too strong.

I recall one adventurous holiday, back in early May 1953, four of us started the trek into the Cairngorm Range from Braemar. I wanted to camp in Glen Lui above the Linn of Dee. For my other companions this was a first visit to the area and they had visions of the high levels around Glen Avon so I was over ruled and we settled for a camping site on the shores of Loch Avon at around 2500 feet. The long march past Derry Lodge and through Glen Derry produced scenery of the highest order. We waded across the icy waters of the fords of Avon to reach our high level campsite under the crags of Coire Ralbein, our tiny 4 man Wanderlust tent seemed lost in this wild spot. Loch Avon which is about 2 miles long must be the highest valley in Scotland.

I still felt uneasy in selecting such a high valley but we had made our decision and the weather was holding good. The following morning we made an early start for a tough day to climb Cairngorm at 4084 feet and the bulk of Ben Macdui 4296 feet (the highest mountain in the range).

We had a tremendous day in the corries which still held snow. As we descended from the plateau and the shores of Loch Avon and the shelter stone, storm clouds started brewing. As we hurried back to the tent the wind increased and it started snowing, my friends were tired and simply wanted to rest. Suddenly the weather worsened as a blizzard sprang up, I realised if we stayed put we were in for serious trouble for our tent would have ripped apart.

We had a small bottle of Whisky which came in handy so splitting it four ways it gave us renewed energy to pack up camp and struggle down the valley to safety. Our escape route was to climb over the saddle and traverse the full length of Strath Nethy.

The wind was on our backs as we threaded our weary legs down the Glen. The storm was raging around Cnap Coire Na Spreidhe at 3772 feet to our left, but every step we took was to the final refuge of the Nethy Bothy (Hut) at the foot of the Glen. Here we were holed up for 16 hours until the storm abated.

The river levels were high as we finally left the shelter and the little burn was lapping against the hut walls. The weather improved and we headed for the village of Aviemore via Glenmore Forest, Loch Morlich and Coylumbridge.

We decided to spend the rest of the holiday on the West side of Scotland. Here the weather was kinder and we were able to have glorious days on the tops around Glencoe.

Nowadays winter sports are big business around Aviemore and this once sleepy village has become a concrete commercialised township.

The Cairngorms are a tough range of mountains where weather changes can be extreme and this episode was a lesson learned the hard way.

John Barrows

MARCH OF WITNESS

On Palm Sunday, 9th. April there will be processions from all the Churches in the area to Green Oak Park.

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T.O.A.D.S. PRESENT

For the Spring Play, T.O.A.D.S. have chosen a refreshingly different comedy, "Clerical Errors" by Georgina Reid. Even the setting is a change from the usual one or two - room box set, but I won't spoil the surprise by telling you exactly what it is!

Instead, I would suggest that you come along to St. John's Church Hall, abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 10th. to 13th. May, at 7-30pm., and don't forget a hankie - you may need it!

Tickets are still £2-00, unless you are a child or Senior Citizen, in which case £1-50, from Kate Reynolds Tel. 2366891 or leave a written request at S.E.Fordham, Opticians on Totley Rise.

We have had to disappoint a lot of people in November, as we booked up very quickly and sold out for three nights, so don't leave it until the last minute if you can possibly help it.

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

Owing to a lack of material for this month's Independent we have had to reduce the number of pages to twelve as used to be the case in the past.

Prior to May 1992 we used to regularly produce 12 page issues apart from the double monthly issues of July/August and December/January.

Since that date we have been lucky enough to receive sufficient material from you to continue with 16 page issues, up until now.

The Independent relies on you good people of Totley, Dore and Bradway to let us know your stories, concerns, historic pieces of information or general items that you would like to share with others in our area and beyond to past "locals" who still receive the Independent.

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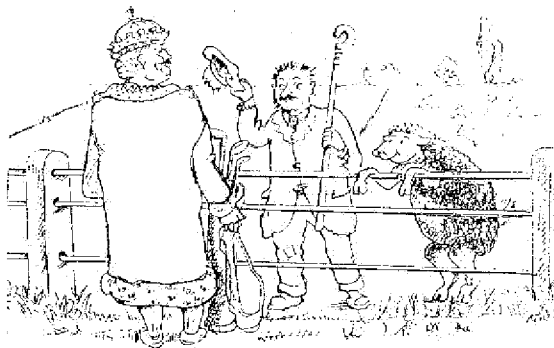


TALES OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Once upon a time there was a King. Now the King liked nothing better than to leave behind the cares of state and to set out to the Royal and Not-so-Ancient Golf Course, where he could enjoy a quiet game of golf. The day was fine, the sun was shining, what better day could he find. So off he went with his golf bag over his shoulder, down through the palace gates. He trotted along quite happily enough rejoicing in the pleasant balmy breeze. He was sure that today he would go round in not more than ten (or twenty) over par. On his way he passed a shepherd, one of his most loyal subjects.

"Good morning, King". "Good morning, shepherd", the King replied. "Off for a game of golf". "Yes, indeed. I shall enjoy this". That should have finished the pleasantries, but the shepherd went on, "Your Majesty will get wet, it is going to rain." "Nonsense shepherd, my advisers tell me that it is set fair, there will be no rain today". With that off he went and in due course set his ball down on the first tee. You can guess what happened, at the furthest point of the course, down came the rain in a mighty torrent. The king was soaked and not a little displeased. However, the king was made of stern stuff and the next fine day he went off again. There were the usual greetings. "Good morning, King". "Good morning, shepherd". The shepherd again gave his warning of rain ahead. The king was ready for him.

"I have taken advice from all my senior ministers, not a cloud in the sky, not a drop of rain, today will be a magnificent day". He was only a good five iron shot away from the furthest point and again the rain began to pour down. The king was



properly furious. He sacked all his cabinet, retired all his ministers and said that there was only one man in his kingdom on whom he could rely. He gave the shepherd a permanent post as his adviser-in-chief. The shepherd did not mind, he moved into the lap of luxury, his sheep could nibble on the

royal lawns and to him everything in the garden was lovely. The shepherd was talking to a crony, "My you have fallen on your feet in the royal palace, haven't you?" "I may have", replied the shepherd, "but I really do not know why the king puts such trust in me. I do not really know anything about the weather, either, but I do know that if it is going to be fine the sheep's wool is nice and springy but if it is going to rain the wool feels thin and lank". Now, we lookers-on who know this tale may be aware that this was the first time that an entity has been ruled by a sheep. There have been many such examples since.



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 TUESDAYS COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10-00am. - noon
 CRAFT GROUP Totley Library.
 WEDNESDAYS T.O.P.S. for the over 60's, Heatherfield Club 2-00pm. - 4-00pm.
 COFFEE in the LIBRARY 10-00 am. to 11-30.
 THURSDAYS OPEN DOOR, United Reformed Church, 10-00a.m. - noon

FRI. TOTLEY EVENING GUILD, No meeting in April
 SAT/SUN 1st./2nd. ABBEYDALE ART GROUP EXHIBITION, Baslow Village Hall, Refreshments available, entrance free, Sat. 10-30am. - 8-00pm. Sun. 10-30am - 6-00pm.
 MON. 10th. MARKING TIME by Mr. ALAN SMITH, Totley Library 8-00pm. Organised by the T.R.A., Tickets free from the Library (details inside)
 TUE. 18th. TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Methodist Church Hall, 10-00am.
 SAT. 22nd. TRANSPORT 17 COFFEE MORNING, All Saint's Church Hall, 10am. to noon (details inside)
 SAT. 29th. UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION 50th. ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, St. John's Church, 7-30pm. (details inside)
 SAT. 29th. TABLE TOP SALE, All Saint's Church Hall, 10 am. to 3 pm. Refreshments available. (details inside)

MAY

TUE. 2nd. N.S.P.C.C. COFFEE MORNING, 22 The Quadrant, Usual Stalls, Everyone welcome. 10-00am. to noon.
 FRI. 12th. ROUSSE LAND MALE VOICE CHOIR, from SOGLASIE, RUSSIA by arrangement with DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR, St. John's Church, Ranmoor, 7-30pm. Tickets from Wilson Pecks or Dore Male Voice Choir Members.

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