

BE A TOADIE

PERHAPS readers may be interested to learn that the well-known local dramatic society "The Toads" has just entered its 29th year of activity. Obviously, over this period many new members have joined, but unfortunately, many others have left as they moved to other towns, districts, and even overseas.

In fact, there are only two of the original group still taking an active part, the Chairman, S.Gethin Robinson and his wife Lily, with Don Chambers running a close third.

The enthusiasm of this small group has enabled it to achieve a high standard of production, and, we hope, an added social amenity to Totley. This has been reflected in growing and appreciative audiences.

The Society endeavours to select plays to satisfy all tastes, but because of the small membership, choice is somewhat limited.

Meetings are held almost every Tuesday evening from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the St. John's Church Hall, and anyone who is interested in acting, producing, lighting, designing or in general helping would be warmly welcomed by all. Any one of the undermentioned Officers will gladly supply further details. The cost of membership is negligible, only enthusiasm is essential.

Chairman; S.G. Robinson 364365
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G&S Concert

Local G. & S. enthusiasts may be interested to know of a charity concert being given by Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society in aid of the League of Friends Weston Park Hospital. It will be at the Montgomery Hall on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30, and tickets, price £1 (75p pensioners) are available from the people below.
Mr T Hayes 36 School Lane 746483
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LETTER GREENOAK MEMORIES

I WONDER if it may be of any interest to your readers to know that March 23rd this year marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Totley Recreation Ground (Green Oak Park).

How do I know? Because I've got a little blue pot which was presented to all the children at Totley C. of E. School at the time. That's a big giveaway to my age of course! This pot lay in my mother's cellar kitchen at Brook Vale Cottage (the Chemical Yard) for years; she always kept her "dolly-dye" in it, but it now has pride of place in my own kitchen and sparks off a bit of nostalgia every time I look at it. Like the day of the opening of the ground - this was celebrated by having 'races', and although I considered myself a pretty good runner, I could only achieve second best to Elsie Moffatt of Cherry Tree Orphanage, who'd calves like pumpkins and could race the legs off any of us.

It was the same with the children's section of the Annual Flower Shows which were held in the Green Oak Labour Hall (now the Conservative Club). My vase, crammed to the hilt with Marguerites, Golden Rod, Love-lies-bleeding etc., always came second to Joan Nunn's dainty arrangement of six carnations and a bit of fern, although I thought I'd got the world with my one shilling prize.

Best wishes to all my contemporaries from 1926-1935. How many of you have still got your pots?

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Bradway.

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Post-Christmas Nature Quiz

BY BOB WARBURTON

1. What is the smallest member of the thrush family?
2. What is our largest native land mammal?
3. What is our largest resident wild bird?
4. What is our smallest resident wild bird?
5. When was Britain's last wolf killed?
a) 1250AD b) 1700 AD c) 55BC d) 1876AD
6. Which of these trees are true natives of the British Isles?
Alder, Beech, Sycamore, Rowan, Oak, Larch, Spruce, Birch.
7. From which wild plant have we developed our cabbage, kale, savoy, and cauliflowers?
8. Name all our resident members of the Crow family.
9. Which is our smallest native butterfly?
10. Which is our largest native butterfly?



11. Identify the caterpillar above.
12. What is our largest freshwater crustacean?
13. What are: Melick, Bent, Darrel and Doddering Dillies?
14. What feature is peculiar to fish of the salmon and trout family?
15. What is a very young frog called?
16. What does the word 'amphibian' mean?
17. Why are rowan trees planted in Scotland, around many crofts?
18. Why are sexton beetles so called?
19. What different kinds of bees are there in a hive?
20. What are the correct names for a male and a female ferret?

THE REAL ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTHS ISSUE, however the editorial staff decided to have a try.

THIS OUR ANSWERS: 1. A NEWLY BORN ONE. 2. CYRIL SMITH 3. DIANA DOBS 4. DICKEMERY 5. ON 3rd FEBRUARY 1979 WHEN AN IRATE LADY SHOT ONE AT THE TRA DANCE. 6. 9. & 10. ALL CONTRAVENE THE RACE RELATIONS ACT. 'NATIVE' IS NOW A NAUGHTY WORD. WE REFUSE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. 7. CACTUS 8. BOB CROW, JILL CROW AND ENOCH POWELL CROWS. 11. NASTY NELLIE. 12. THIS IS A TRICK QUESTION, BOB. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT BREAD GOES SOFT IN WATER. 13. MEMBERS OF SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL? 14. THEY BOTH SWIM 15. NAUGHTY 16. SELF CONFESSED LIAR. 17. AS THE CROFTS ARE NEAR LOCHS, THE TREES ARE FOLLOWED OUT AND MADE INTO ROWAN BOATS. 18. BECAUSE THEY PRODUCE SO MANY OFFSPRING. 19. THEY ARE ALL SILLY BEES. 20. MISTER AND MISSUS. (WERE NOT SURE ABOUT OUR ANSWER TO NO. 19.)

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