

# TREACLE CITY

MILFORDS COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

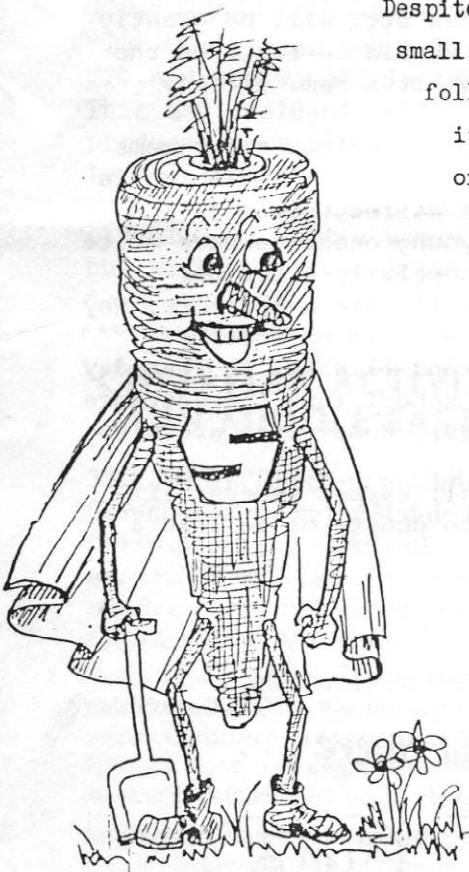
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## THE SHOW MUST GO ON....

### WILL THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SURVIVE?

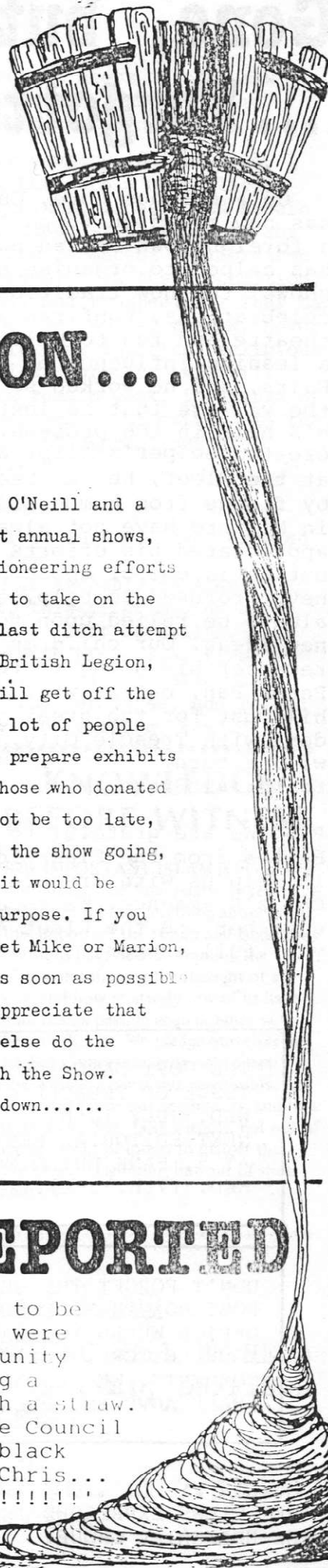
Despite the heroic efforts of Mike and Marion O'Neill and a small band of helpers in organising excellent annual shows, following on the Residents Association's pioneering efforts it now looks as though nobody is willing to take on the organising of a 1985 show. As I write a last ditch attempt to find someone through Milford Royal British Legion, but it's by no means certain that it will get off the ground. That's a great pity, because a lot of people look forward to the show, work hard to prepare exhibits and there's always the generosity of those who donated cups to the show to consider. It may not be too late, if a few people would volunteer to keep the show going, and the Legion has provisionally said it would be willing to open up the Club for that purpose. If you are able to help in any way please let Mike or Marion, or Hazel Waldron or myself, know as soon as possible. Gardeners and crafts people will appreciate that sitting back and letting everyone else do the organisation will eventually finish the Show. Think again.... and get your name down.....

Mike Kaye



## SHOCK AS EDITOR DEPORTED

Treacle City's Editor, Chris Timms, 47, was believed to be hiding out in Hull this week after 'certain charges' were brought against him. These included encouraging community spirit, inciting people to dance round poles, running a disorderly arts centre, and drinking Pedigree through a straw. After news of a deportation order reached Belper, the Council was believed to be celebrating with champagne and black pudding at their secret HQ. Some lunatics will miss Chris... on the other hand he may be back !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



# Gone, but not .... Forgotten!

On a serious note, Chris Timms has now moved on to pastures new, a foreign town called Hull. Chris has helped to organise horticultural shows, the now traditional May celebrations, bonfires and bringing theatre and fun to Milford. He was a leading influence on the Craft Fairs, and he worked so hard for the village that he lost most of his hair in the process. Having created Belper's first arts centre at the Fleet, he has been poached by fiends from Humberside. People in Milford have not always appreciated his efforts to the full but he is one of those people who never refused to help, and could always be relied upon to think up new ideas. Our children will remember him going to the dogs in Peter Pan, but we will remember him most for the great job he has done with Treacle City. We hope he will return.

Editorial Group (Minus One ) in Chaos.

P.S. We are grateful to Catherine Bailes from the Fleet for agreeing to help us with Treacle City in Chris's absence. We hope you will give her and the Fleet Arts Centre your full support.

THE COPY DATE FOR THE AUG.  
ISSUE OF TREACLE CITY IS  
WED. JULY 10th.  
NEXT EDITORIAL MEETING IS  
AT 5, BANK BUILDINGS, 8pm.  
WED. 17th. JULY.

DON'T FORGET THE SPECIAL  
POST BOX IN MILFORD POST  
OFFICE WHERE YOU CAN LEAVE  
YOUR LETTERS, ARTICLES AND  
COMMENTS. WE ALSO ACCEPT  
SMALL ADVERTS. PLEASE HELP.

# TODDLER GROUP

We are having a jumble sale on the 6th. JULY in the Church Hall, 10-12 noon. There will also be a cake/bread/produce stall. Admission is 5p.

If anyone has any good quality jumble it can be taken to;

46, Hopping Hill

39, Sunny Hill

or 16, Bank Buildings.

or telephone Derby 841414 for items to be collected. The Church Hall will be open on the 5th, 7 - 8pm., in order that the jumble can be sorted. Any donations of cakes etc. will be greatly appreciated and should be taken on the Saturday morning after 9am. already priced.

The Toddler Group welcomes any mums with children 0 - 3 years. Admission is 20p and includes coffee, biscuits and orange for the young ones. We have quite a few toys but hopefully after our jumble sale we will have a lot more. Why don't you come and join us anytime between 9.15am. and 11.45am. on Thursday mornings at the school (use the entrance near the railings). Mums-to-be are also invited.

We need a small carpet sweeper if anyone has one to donate or sell at a reasonable price.

*Don't just sit there ....  
come and meet  
some new  
faces.*



THE BUILDING IS GRADUALLY BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY RESOURCE.

OFFERING: DANCE & DRAMA SPACE, ARTS/CRAFT & PRINT WORKSHOP, MEETING ROOMS, CRECH & PLAYGROUP FACILITIES.

WE ALSO TRY TO ENCOURAGE OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

# 'THE FLEET'

Fleetwood

Firestone Hill

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The Fleet Centre was set up over 13 months ago in order to foster the growth of Community Arts in the local area. We are financed by East Midlands Arts and by the local Councils, but the Centre is run by an independent Management Council, which consists of people with a wide range of interests and who represent a variety of groups. These include drama, photography, writing, music, singing, and art. One of our aims is to involve as many groups and individuals in the running of the Centre, and all our meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. So, if you've got something to offer - or if you just like to see what is going on - please come along to the next meeting on Thursday August 15th at 7.30 at the Fleet.

If you don't like meetings but are still interested then simply wander in , Catherine Bailes - the full-time worker - will be pleased to see you and show you what is happening.

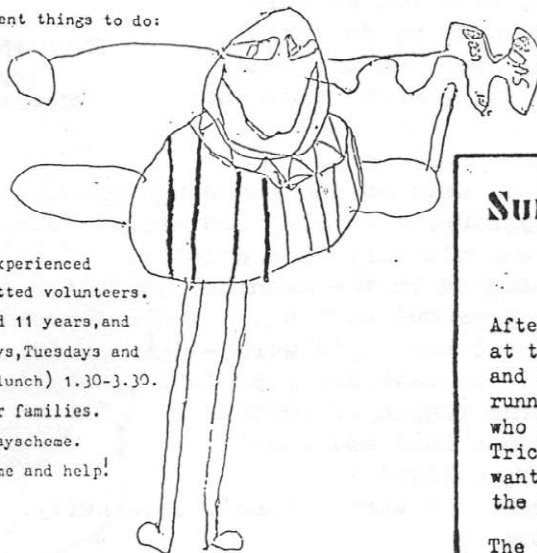
John Harrington

*Have Fun With Us This Summer  
At BELPER FLEET PLAYScheme  
games, stories, painting...*

plus a whole host of exciting and different things to do:

- Fun dance and movement  
 Mime and clowning  
 Mask-making  
 Face-painting  
 Making and playing your own drums  
 Making up your own plays with  
 Your own props, costumes and make up.

The scheme is led by two qualified and experienced teacher/playleaders and a group of committed volunteers. It is open to children aged between 5 and 11 years, and runs from 29th July-23rd August, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only : 10.00-12.30 (home for lunch) 1.30-3.30. 30p per child per day, with a discount for families. Fruit and sweets can be bought at the playscheme. We welcome enthusiastic volunteers to come and help!



## Summer Dance Weekend

### August 2nd 3rd & 4th

After the successful Dance Workshops at the Fleet Arts Project in April and December last year, the Fleet is running further workshops for those who have attended weekly classes with Tricia Durdey, as well as for anyone wanting to try Contemporary Dance for the first time.

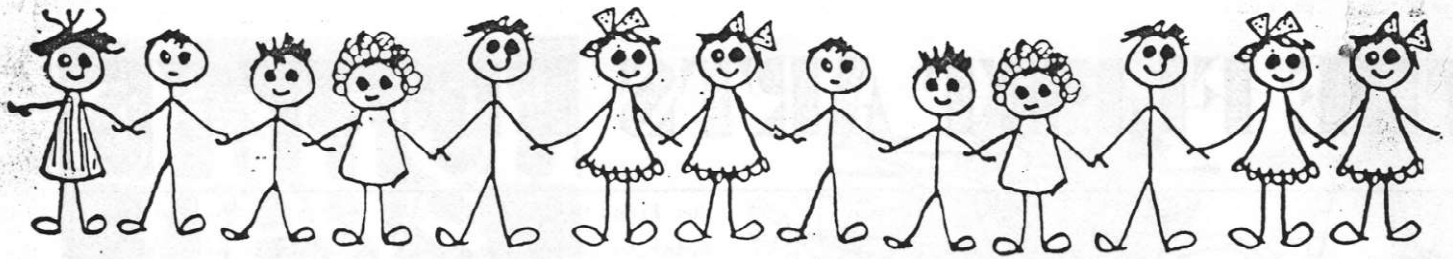
The emphasis over the three days will be on discovering and experimenting with dance movement through technique, games, improvisation and learning short dances.

A creche will be available in the afternoons if required by a sufficient number of people.

Please wear loose clothing (e.g. track suit and soft shoes).

PRESENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: YOUTH GROUP, PLAYGROUP, WRITER & PLAY WRITER GROUPS, YOUTH THEATRE, DANCE GROUP, PHOTOGRAPHY, A MURAL PROJECT, AND COMING SOON A CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT CATHERINE AT THE FLEET.





# milford playgroup

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PLAYGROUP FATHER; TUESDAY 18th. JUNE 1985.

The alarm clock rings, it's time to get the children up and ready for school- no problem!!

Mum's away on holiday with her ladies from the hospital, Joanne and Marie promise to help Dad with the housework and keep an eye on Kelly, Kelly just scowls malevolently - sweet child!

Joanne being a big girl got up and dressed herself, had a wash, ate her breakfast, brushed her teeth, picked up her satchel and waited, and waited and waited.....

Meanwhile Dad was trying to rouse Marie, Kelly was already up and messing with the toothpaste trying to see how much she could squeeze out before Dad came back.

Eventually there appeared on the landing an apparition with 'My Little Pony' on its chest, 'Hello Marie, can you get dressed?'

'Dad this jog suit is Kelly's'

'No it isn't'

Oh yes it is '

Peter Pan has a lot to answer for!

Two jog suits later all is well. Then, 'Dad I don't want cornflakes, I want Weetabix'

'Today you've got Cornflakes,' says Dad sweetly.

'Dad Kelly's spilled her tea over my jog suit'

'Oh dear,' says Dad, patting Kelly on the head.

'Dad, it's 9-0'clock; I'm late', shrieks Joanne.

'Where's Marie?'

'In the toilet.'

Ten minutes later all is well as Dad and daughters pile out of the house and head for school and playgroup. At 9.25 Dad arrives back home for a well-earned cup of coffee (this women's work is a doddle). Then on with the housework, all the washing bunged in the machine, pause for coffee, out comes the Hoover, another coffee, pegs out washing. Dad sits down to watch the Test Match at 11.45 - not a bad morning's work - then panic. Dad rushes down to collect Marie and Kelly from playschool, profuse apologies to Jan.

'Sorry I'm late Jan', says Dad tugging forelock.

'Dad, can we go to Drayton Manor Park and Zoo?'

'Not today, Marie; hurry up, Kelly.'

'Can we have soldiers and egg? I want a Coke', says Kelly.

'I want an aspirin', says Dad.

'Go and lie down, Dad', says Marie; 'I'll be in charge until Joanne comes home'.

'Make it two aspirins', says Dad, slumping into an armchair.'



FISH FOR SALE  
ANY QUANTITY

APPLY  
6 CHEVIN ROAD  
MILFORD

# PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE

Milford Playgroup held a Committee Meeting on the 18th. of June.

We made arrangements for a builder to come and (Hopefully) solve the damp problems at the far end of the room. Cost is estimated at £157; we may be able to get a grant to cover some of that but we'll be fund-raising soon!! Our previous efforts raised £32 at the May Fair, and £15 at our coffee morning as well as books worth £5.50 for the Playgroup.

We also arranged for a substitute for Jan for the four sessions she's planning to spend gallivanting round the fleshpots of Norfolk.

However, arranging for a replacement for our Chairwoman Rosemary Timms may well be a more difficult affair! Rosemary has resigned from the committee after a two-year struggle to keep order and relevance at our meetings. We shall miss her tact and diplomacy and hard work on behalf of the playgroup, and wish her all the best in her new career.

## PLAYGROUP COMMITTEES

KUH!  
BLAGGARDS  
SAVAGES!!!  
UNDEMOCRATIC  
BY NATURE!!!!  
RABBLE-ROUSERS  
VILLAINS  
PESTS



UNSUPPORTING  
TROUBLE-MAKERS  
SCROUNGERS  
UN-BRITISH!!!!  
DANGEROUS  
HANG'EM!!!

## MILFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Why not try a night out at the club - friendly company, games and entertainment on every other Saturday. Families welcome.

# THE LAST BUS

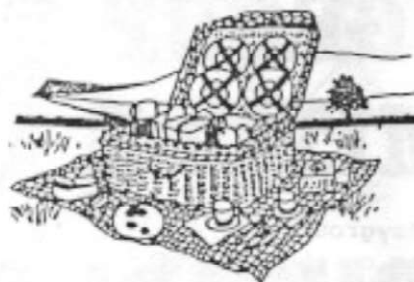
## A PERSONAL OPINION

Over the last ten years I have noticed that the bus service between Milford and Derby has got a lot thinner on the ground after six in the evening and has become virtually non-existent on Sundays. A friend of mine at Trent Motor Traction told me that the service has been progressively trimmed because there's little or no profit on the route. But we still have a bus service of sorts and that's a vital asset to the young and pensioners, to say nothing of the rest of us who either haven't got cars or share a car with their spouse. It's therefore a great concern to me that the Government's Transport Bill seems to be sailing unscathed through the House of Lords, having been given the nod by the Commons, including the willing support of West Derbyshire MP Mathew Parris and Belper's Phillip Oppenheim. Strange that MP's representing mainly rural constituencies should be fervent supporters of a Bill which could decimate our bus services.

No I'm not trying to alarm people, but the Bill would de-regulate buses and severely curtail the ability of Trent MT to keep a decent service running to Derby from Belper except at the busiest times. The County Council would still be able to subsidise some of the rural routes, and without that some Derbyshire villages would be virtually inaccessible. But local routes are very unlikely to be a priority because of those trains which by-pass Milford! The Bill, of course, opens the way for all manner of private operators to come zipping up and down the A6 with their second-hand buses. But if the route is already unprofitable they're hardly likely to be falling over backwards to pick up Milford and Makeney people when THEY want to travel. I think we'll see few buses on the A6 once the Transport Act starts biting, and for the rest of Derbyshire outside the big towns it will be even worse. It's about time those of us who do use buses, such as they are, started telling those MP's that they should think about their constituents and not just tow a dogmatic party line.

Mike Kaye

# Church news



## COFFEE ON 12th July :

The planned Coffee Evening on Friday 12th July has had to be cancelled because Ruth and Tom Hunt are moving to Belper from their home at Tower Cottage at the top of Sunny Hill. They are sorry not to be entertaining you as usual during this summer, and we thank them for making us welcome in the past.

BUT Mrs. Dorothy Marshall has generously invited us all to her home in Shaw Lane the same MORNING : from 10.30. So we look forward to meeting YOU on the morning of Friday 12th July at 24B Shaw Lane. Please come.

## COFFEE ON 14th August :

Jacqui Martin was very disappointed (so were we!) that she had to cancel her planned coffee morning due to illness. Jacqui now hopes that YOU will accept an invitation to coffee from 10.30 am on Wednesday 14th August at 3 Derby Road.

## COME AND MEET ...

Father Daniel Joseph, Derby's Russian Orthodox priest, at the Vicarage on Tuesday 9th July at 8 pm.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council will meet in the Church Room on Monday 22nd July at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



The Bishop of Derby was reported recently as speaking out strongly against Sunday trading. This is what he actually told the Diocesan Synod on 18th May :

"Church people are disturbed because this legislation (to abolish all restrictions on Sunday trading) challenges the Christian tradition of Sunday observance. This is not, however, merely a matter of making things more difficult for those who wish to attend church on Sundays to do so, important though that is....We are concerned, however, not merely with Christian believers, but with the

whole community, which needs a day of rest....in no time other related public services would have their whole routine changed. The leisure and the change of interest we have at present on Sundays is beneficial for the whole community.... People need adequate rest and holidays. Any kind of exploitation should be opposed by Christian people. To remove all restrictions from Sunday trading could lead to exploitation, and what is the point of it all? To remove some tiresome and inconsistent restrictions yes, but much more to allow certain people to make more money.

"Not so long ago the Prime Minister criticised Bishops and others for not holding in sufficient respect those who make money for the community. In my judgment it is not the making of money which is wrong, but the present distribution of money. The Christian conscience must be offended when a limited number of people have an ostentation of wealth and thousands, if not millions, have only the bare necessities of life."



I HAVE BEEN READING a book about Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ...

... written in 1857 and published in the United States in 1889 it seems to show how little life has changed. How about these descriptions of Palestine (now Southern Lebanon, Northern Israel, and the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan)?

"The various religions and sects live together, and practise their conflicting superstitions in close proximity, but the people do not coalesce into one homogeneous community, nor do they regard each other with fraternal feelings. The Sunnites excommunicate the Shiites - both hate the Druse, and all three detest the Nusairiyeh. The Maronites have no particular love for anybody, and, in turn, are disliked by all. The Greeks cannot endure the Greek Catholics - all despise the Jews....That omnific Spirit that brooded over primeval chaos can alone bring order out of such confusion, and reduce these conflicting elements to peace and concord."

"No other country in the world, I presume, has such a multiplicity of antagonistic races; and herein lies the greatest obstacle to any general and permanent amelioration and improvement in their condition, character, and prospects. They can never form one united people, never combine for any important religious or political purpose; and will therefore remain weak, incapable of self-government, and exposed to the invasions and oppressions of foreigners."

And I hope Pilgrims who travel with me are safer than this :

"Two Christians and a Turk, who ventured too far (into the River Jordan), were drowned ....and the wonder is that many more did not share the same fate.

This sad accident, which would have cast a shade over the whole assembly in America, produced very little sensation among the pilgrims. In fact, this pilgrimaging seems to obliterate every benevolent feeling from the heart. When we left Jerusalem, the guard immediately in front of me, in careering and curvetting with his horse, fired a pistol, and shot a woman dead, and yet I never heard the affair mentioned afterward but with levity. As we came along, if any poor woman fell from her horse, and rolled down among the rocks, it called forth only loud laughter from the passing crowd."

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## CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

THE FIRST 'Directory of Christian Communication in the Middle East' shows an amazing variety of communication activities in a region which is normally believed to be almost entirely Moslem.

The directory, published by the Middle East Council of Churches, lists eight private Christian broadcasting stations in Lebanon alone, 3 of which belong to Armenian Orthodox lay people.

In the entire region 115 Christian periodicals are published, most of them in Arabic. The directory also lists 69 Christian book publishing houses of which 20 are located in Lebanon.

Peace  
be  
with  
you.



## KNOWLEDGE BEFORE WITNESS

HOW IMPORTANT ISLAM is in our one world today, and how relatively few of us as Christians know anything about Islam. How important the Hindu and Buddhist traditions have been in framing the culture and shaping the thought of all Asia, and how relatively few of us have more than a passing acquaintance with these traditions. We pledge ourselves in the Ten Commandments not to bear false witness against our neighbours. But we do not know our neighbours, and how often do we bear false witness, not out of malice or out of intent to distort the face of our neighbour, but out of sheer ignorance.

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## KITTENS

GOOD HOMES WANTED FOR TWO  
KITTENS, ONE MALE, ONE  
FEMALE. BEAUTIFULLY  
MARKED. MOTHER A TORTOISESHELL.  
PHONE DERBY 841317.

## DUFFIELD PEACE GROUP

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
AT 37 MILFORD ROAD, DUFFIELD  
(NEAR HINGLEYS)  
ON  
TUESDAY JULY 9th. AT 7.30p.m.  
EVERYONE WELCOME.

# JULY DIARY

6th.	Saturday	Toddler Group Jumble Sale in the Church Hall.
9th.	Tuesday	Duffield Peace Group Meeting.
9th.	Tuesday	Meet the Russian Orthodox Priest at the Vicarage.
12th.	Friday	Church Coffee Morning at 24B, Shaw Lane. 10.30am.
10th.	Wednesday	Treacle City Copydate.
17th.	Wednesday	Treacle City Editorial Meeting at 5, Bank Buildings.
22nd.	Monday	Church Council Meeting at the Church Room.
23rd.	Tuesday	W.I. Visit to Weleda, seats still available.

## AUGUST

14th. Wednesday Church Coffee Morning at 3, Derby Road. 10.30am.



WE ARE HAVING A TOWN  
COUNCIL REPORT CAPTION  
CONTEST...IS NO NEWS  
REALLY GOOD NEWS ?????

We will print the wittiest  
suggestion for an excuse  
which Belper Town Councillors  
could use for not giving a  
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