

It's curtain up for new stage school!

Hayley Turnpike keeps her promise with her gift to Tinksbury



Tinksbury is to have a new stage school, thanks to the generosity of talented actress Hayley Turnpike, it was announced yesterday. The stage school will be built in the Greenside area of the town, close to the Industrial park.

Hayley lived the first twenty years of her life in the town, before moving to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career in Hollywood. She is best known for her starring role in the Carrie Spotter series of films. This won her an Oscar last year and has made her the UK's richest woman under 30.

The decision to build the £10 million stage school was made public yesterday during Hayley's visit to her family who still live in Lower Tinksbury. With characteristic modesty, Hayley declined to be interviewed herself, but a spokesperson for the actress confirmed that the exciting project will go ahead. Her publicity manager, Hal Brent, said that Hayley does not want a big fuss made about her involvement in this venture, adding that she had loved living in the area and wanted to give something back for future generations of young people.

An ecstatic Mayor Joe Lavinski was photographed on the steps of the town hall giving details to the press about the stage school. "We are delighted to confirm that a new stage school is to be built in Tinksbury next year. There will be full-time places for fifty 16-21 year-olds with many other acting, singing and dancing classes available. In accordance with the wishes of our generous benefactor, preference will be given to talented youngsters from our local area." It is understood – or hoped - that after the school is built, Ms Turnpike will continue to fund the school annually.

Rumours about this project have abounded for many months now; some people thought an announcement would be made last Christmas. Others felt it would never happen. Nevertheless, on this occasion rumours have proved to be correct and there can be no doubt that the future looks bright for stage-struck youngsters who hope to follow in the famous footsteps of their heroine Hayley Turnpike.