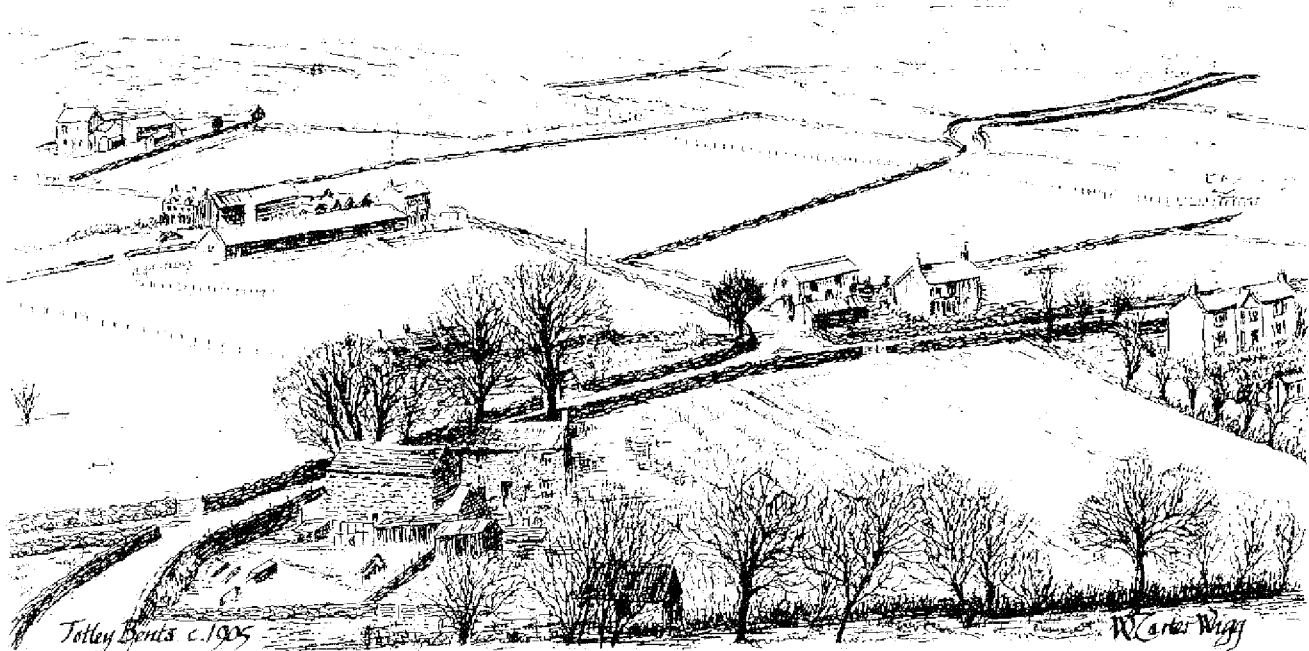


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TOTLEY SHOW

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plus

Sports Night Returns!

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This view of Totley Bents is taken from a postcard which was sent from Sutton-on-Sea to "Anderby, Huttoft R.S.O., Lincs."

The date of the postmark is undecipherable, but it bears a ½d stamp with the head of King Edward VII, so presumably shows the Bents as it was some 80 years ago.

The image has faded along two edges, so all that can be read of the title is "Totl...."

W. Carter Wigg.

CONCERT

The John Wade Singers are busy rehearsing for a Grand Opera Charity Concert on Saturday 19th July at St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road South, commencing at 7.30pm.

The concert will take the form of a number of Choruses from various operas, including Cavalleria Rusticana, Nabucco, Faust, Tannhauser, Carmen and Aida, as well as solos and duets from the principals.

The concert is an interia performance before the Singers' main event for 1986, which will be Verdi's Aida in October, also at St. John's.

Tickets for each event are priced at £2 (or £1.50 for OAPs and children) and are available either from Members or at the door. Charities supported are the Cheshire Home, Transport 17 and MENC (mentally and physically handicapped children).



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 to bed!

Pseudo trichos.

MONNYBROOK

The National Canine Defence League will be having a stall at Totley Brook Recreation Ground on Sunday July 13th (the day of the Blackmoor Chase) at 2pm, selling crafts and materials.

We are also having stalls at Chesterfield Medieval Market on July 29th, Norton Show on August 9th and Totley Show on September 6th.

Our open day at Mannybrook Kennels will be 23rd or 30th August.

Any suitable donations for any of these events will be gratefully received at the kennels or phone 361601.

We are also collecting Pedigree Chum labels at the moment so if you have any to spare, either the kennels or any Committee Member would be happy to receive them.

P.M. Perkinson

(P.S. The NCCL Coffee Morning on June 19th raised £151. Thanks to all our supporters. Monica Foley won the doll, Julie Perkinson won the cake and Betty Housley won the door prize.)

Tenants' News

A majority of tenants in Green Oak Avenue, Drive and Road, whose homes are heated by warm air, have taken up the Council's option of conversion to central heating by "wet" radiators, as their old appliances are now becoming obsolete. The installation work is now well under way. However, there may be concern, especially among the older tenants and particularly those living alone, that as the controls are more sophisticated and versatile than before, they might experience difficulty in understanding them or making the best use of them. If there are any problems in this respect, the Tenants' Section of T.R.A. may be able to help by sending round a volunteer or by organising more expert advice. A full explanation and leaflets should be given at the time of installation, but anyone requiring assistance can contact Mike Williamson on 365415 or leave a message with Harold Reynolds on 381373.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

The first article about the local Christian Council appeared last month and included the phrase "much goes on unseen by most." It does, true enough, and it will continue to.

But during July particularly, much will go on seen by most of our community, we hope.

All these events are for you, your family and friends.

Firstly, on Sunday 6th July, All Saints' Church has a "Midsummer Praise" taking place on the South Lawn between 7.30 and 9pm. It will be a time of worship and fellowship and conclude with a Barbecue.

On the following Sunday (13th) there is the Totley Brook Fete, commencing at 2pm on the field at the end of Totley Brook Road. The 115th Dore and Totley U.R.C. Scout Group will be providing side-shows at the Fete.

At 3pm on Dore Village Green, you may like to join in the Annual United Well Dressing service. Teas will be served in the Methodist Church Hall after the service.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 18th-20th, Dore Parish Church is holding a Festival of Flowers. The church will be open at the following times:

18th: 10am-8pm
 19th: 9.30am-11.30am and 1.30pm-6pm
 20th: 1.30pm-8pm

"Music for a Summer's Evening" is the title of a concert, to be given on Saturday July 19th at 7.30pm, by the John Wade Singers. The Singers are friends from all our local churches. This will be their third concert, and it will be at St. John's Church.

Or why not try the Garden Party (also on Saturday 19th) in the grounds of Abbeydale Hall from 2pm, arranged by the Action Aid Group. (See letters page for more details).

Any of the local clergy will be pleased to tell you more about these summer events, or you can get in touch with members of our Christian Council.

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SCOUT NEWS

Now is your last chance to join this year's lottery. The draws for June and July will take place at the end of July. All applications should be received by 20th July. If you have not received a form and wish to take part please phone Alan Vitty (367387). Don't forget - if you're not in it then you can't win it!

Paper Collections

Over 8 tons was collected in June. Next collection 12th July.

Please note although there will be a skip in the college car park on 9th August there will be no street collections due to holidays. If people can take their own paper to the skip in August it would be much appreciated. Normal service will be resumed on 13th September. Many thanks for your support.

Alan Vitty

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TOTLEY SHOW

This year's Totley Show, organised by Totley Residents' Association, will be on Saturday 6th September, at Totley County School.

All Totley Residents are invited to enter and exhibit items in any of the classes listed below.

It will cost 15p for every item entered in the show. Certificates will be awarded for winners and places in each class. Admission to the show itself is free.

The ladies of Totley Evening Guild have volunteered to arrange refreshments at the Show.

To widen the appeal of the afternoon, it is hoped that Totley organisations, associations, clubs and other groups will come along and set up their own stalls, outside, to raise money for their own individual cause. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Les Firth (tel. 364190) as soon as possible.

Entry forms will be available shortly giving full details. Watch the notice boards for information.

The entry classes are as follows:

CLASS 1: HOUSECRAFT

- a) Knitted Garments
- b) Embroidery
- c) Crocheting
- d) Soft Toys
- e) Lacemaking
- f) Tapestry
- g) Dressmaking

CLASS 2: HOME BAKING

- a) Victoria Sandwich (plain)
- b) " " (decorated)
- c) Fruit Cake
- d) Biscuits (4 on a plate)
- e) Shortbread
- f) 1 White Loaf (24 hrs. old)
- g) 1 Brown Loaf (maximum)
- h) 5 Decorated Cakes on plate
- i) 5 Jam Tarts
- k) Cheesecake (home made)
- l) Trifle
- m) Quiche
- n) Pizza
- p) Fruit Pie

CLASS 3: JAMS AND PRESERVES

- a) Jam
- b) Lemon Curd
- c) Marmalade
- d) Honey
- e) Chutney (any flavour)
- f) Pickled Onions
- g) Piccalilli
- h) Red Cabbage
- i) Mint Sauce
- k) Mint Jelly
- l) Cranberry Sauce

CLASS 4: WINE

(NOT KIL. Type to be specified. Clear bottle with cork).

- a) Sweet
- b) Dry
- c) Sparkling

CLASS 5:

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS (FRESH)

- a) Basket Arrangement
- b) Table Decoration

CUT FLOWERS IN A VASE

5 of any variety in season. Various classes.

CLASS 6: FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS (ARTIFICIAL)

- a) Basket Arrangement
- b) Table Decoration

CLASS 7: FRESH FRUIT

- a) 1 plate of 6 Eating Apples
- b) 1 plate of 6 Dessert Apples
- c) 1 plate of 6 Pears
- d) 1 plate of 6 Plums
- e) 1 plate of 12 Gooseberries
- f) 1 plate of 12 Blackberries
- g) 1 plate of any other fruit not mentioned

CLASS 8: GARDEN PRODUCE

- a) Potatoes (5 matching)
- b) Cabbage (1)
- c) Beetroot (3 matching)
- d) Leeks (3)
- e) Onions (3)
- f) Carrots (3)
- g) Runner Beans (5)
- h) Peas (6 pods in dish)
- i) Parsnips (3)
- k) Turnips (3)
- l) Tomatoes (Plate of 6)
- m) Cucumber (1)
- n) Marrow (1)
- p) Lettuce (1)

Plus one of any vegetable not listed above.

All judged first for quality.

Also classes for largest/heaviest:

Potato - Marrow - Runner Bean

CLASS 9: SALAD

- a) Plate of Salad (10" plate)

Judged for presentation and originality.

CLASS 10: ART

- a) Oil painting
- b) Watercolour
- c) Sketches

CLASS 11: CHILDREN AGED UP TO 7

- a) Painted Egg
- b) Plate Garden
- c) Vegetable Animal

CLASS 12: CHILDREN AGED 7-11

- a) Painted Log
- b) Plate Garden
- c) Vegetable Animal

CLASS 13: CHILDREN'S BAKING

- a) 6 Biscuits on a plate

This is not a complete list. Other items will be considered. The important thing is to make the show a big success. HAVE A GO! And good luck.

Entries may be donated to be auctioned at the end of the Show, but this is not compulsory or a condition upon which entries are accepted. It is expected however that this year's exhibits are not those items which were exhibited at last year's Show.

PROGRAMME (provisional)

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|---------|--|
| 10.30am | Organisers |
| 11.00am | Intrants |
| 12.30pm | Judging and award of Certificates |
| 2.00pm | Doors open to public |
| 4.00pm | Close (Preceded by auction of any items donated from Show) |

LETTERS

Totley Hall Farm

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on Mr Hawke's letter in the June Independent. He is quite right of course in stating that the banks' "earnings" from agricultural are subject to their operating costs, resulting in a much smaller nett profit from these lendings. However, the point I was trying to make, was that as gross farm incomes fall and real interest rates remain at record levels, so the proportion required to service loans is rapidly rising from a sensible level of 10%, to a crisis level of 40% and in many cases nearer to 100%, with farmers working purely to service borrowings.

(LETTERS - continued)

During the last year, farmers' indebtedness has risen 10%, against approx 3% inflation, with 10% of farmers so badly in debt, that they cannot avoid bankruptcy this year. It seems certain that a further 20-30% will fail in the next 2-3 years unless there is a radical change in the Government's agricultural and economic policy, which is unlikely. Mr Hawke is quite right that without the banks' support, many farmers could not make a start or continue in business, and I am one of them. A bank loan or an overdraft is a commercial agreement, judged by both parties to be economically beneficial to them prior to acceptance, and it is a joint "venture", both suffer if things go wrong; although from experience I would say that the lender, in most cases, loses a lot less than the borrower. Mr Hawke is I suspect in banking, and would know this.

Yours faithfully

Edwin Pocock

(Farming Scene will be back in September - Editor)

Heersbrook
Sheffield S

Dear Sir
 Could you please publicise the Action Aid Garden Party in the next Totley Independent?
 This is an annual event which has always proved very popular with local residents and there are many Action Aid sponsors and supporters in the area. On Saturday 19th July, Action Aid will be holding its annual Garden Party at Abbeydale Hall, Abbeydale Road. Opening at 2pm there will be many stalls, games and entertainment, including Punch and Judy, a Karate demonstration, clairvoyant and goats from Darnall City Farm. Come along, enjoy yourself and help us to relieve poverty in the Third World. Proceeds from the Garden Party will go to a home for the handicapped in Burundi.

Many thanks for your help

Janet Scott

FAMILY SPORTS NIGHT



MONDAY 25th JULY : 7.00pm START

AT TOTLEY BENTS RECREATION FIELD (rear of Cricket Inn).

Plans include:-

- * Track races for all ages from toddlers to teens.
- * A re-run of the Totley Junior Marathon for girls and boys aged 14+ (3 laps of Cricket field).
- * The Five Pub Marathon - open to over 15s - approx. 3 miles, calling at 5 local pubs.

- ALL GOOD FAMILY FUN -

Entry to all races is free. Hopefully all costs will be met by sponsorship (so local traders - expect a visit shortly!) Any profit will be passed on to the SPORT AID charity. Why not note your diary now - and look out for posters soon.



(Any help, both prior to and on the night, would be appreciated. Please phone Barrie Cotton on 369217)

MADE IN TOTLEY

The second in our series on local craftsmen and women, features the embroidery and needlecraft of Jennifer Burns of Mill Lane. Jennifer first "picked up the threads" over 20 years ago when, living in Rammoor, she became involved in the production of a new set of hassocks for St. John's Church. She started by working on the plain side panels but soon progressed to the patterned tops. Most of the hassocks are still in use today. Jennifer's work diversified when she discovered the Needlewoman shop in London and over the years, she has worked with a wide variety of materials. Most of her work is done on linen canvas but some of her finest embroidery used silk backing, which today is almost too expensive to contemplate. She has even used curtain netting as a base. Some stencilled patterns are available, but mostly it is a case of working from a picture and "counting the squares". Over the years since the Hassock days, Jennifer has produced patterned table linen, tray cloths and pictures, numbering perhaps 70 or 80 pieces in all. She no longer produces linens, much preferring to work on pictures, which range

in size from miniatures to 18" x 12". The largest pictures take as long as 3 years to complete, at the rate of about 10 hours per week.

Like so many hobbies, it has led on to an associated activity; in Jennifer's case, collecting Victorian patterns, which she finds at jumble sales and antique shops and through the craft book club.

Visitors to last year's Totley Show will have seen some of her award winning work on display. This year Jennifer is also contemplating an entry at the Sheffield Show.

If you have a craft skill, why not drop us a line to tell us about it?

John Butterwick

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What a glorious evening it was for the TRA Barn Dance on June 14th. The weather guaranteed a good turnout and everyone had a marvellous time. Thanks to Jen and Edwin Brock for playing hosts The opening of Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden, hopefully by David Bellamy, has had to be put off until September About 120 people turned up to enjoy the Open Day there on June 15th British Rail staged a crash and rescue exercise in Trolley Tunnel on June 22nd, similar to the one held recently in Bradway Tunnel 'Spouse if anyone should know about training, it's British Rail

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Angela Thirkell

It was the day a literary hero returned to Totley - when a million selling authoress once again walked those peaceful streets, smelt that Derbyshire air, supped that Cross Scythes ale.

This was the second visit of the national Angela Thirkell Society, a group committed to the memory of novelist Angela Thirkell, a Totley resident from 1919-1920, who went on to become the Jane Austen/Barbara Cartland (depending on your point of view) of her age.

Those regular independent readers among you will recall the appreciative letter from the Wirral branch of the society after their first visit. (Issue 92)

They were, wrote member Paddy Hancock: "anxious to see the moorland village the Thirkells had enjoyed living in" and to "gaze on the actual house where they had lodged".

That house was traced by Brian Edwards to Sunnysbank in Totley Bents, which one of Angela's sons recalled blissfully as

being the starting point for picnics spent high above the trains thundering through Totley Tunnel.

The real Angela Thirkell went on to write some 30 novels which sold around the world and which have received an unexpected new lease of life through the current resurgence of the work of another son - Colin MacInnes, author of *Absolute Beginners*.

Members of the Angela Thirkell society were surprised on their return to Totley to meet up with the writer's namesake, this writer's wife, Angela Thirkell, a journalist with the *Rotherham Advertiser*. That the Angela Thirkell who died 25 years ago has been described as reactionary and snobbish in the extreme, and the Angela Thirkell they met in 1986 has been described as a revolutionary socialist, seemed to cause them little concern.

It probably would have caused the dissolute and now deceased MacInnes a sly giggle - he hated his mother's work and she dutifully deplored his. (He came to Totley as a four year old).

The Angela Thirkell society returned to the village for the dual purpose of trying to uncover more about the life and times of their heroine and also for the sheer good time they assured us Totley can bring.

"It's a delightful place" was the common opinion - and everyone agreed to bring their husbands along on the next visit in just a few months. The life of Angela Thirkell is not one Totley has ever made great boast of - but with the free publicity afforded by the hype surrounding MacInnes and the *Absolute Beginners* film, the local literary map is becoming just that little bit richer.

Thirkell's novels of Edwardian upper-crust life, the comedy of country house life, are said to be undergoing a resurgence which could bring a fair few more visitors to these parts. Two of her novels have been re-issued in paperback and the old hardbacks can still be found in secondhand shops. Try them - if you're not a revolutionary socialist you may well enjoy them!

Geoff Kemp

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(COPY DATE TUESDAY 19th
AUGUST). HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DIARY

July

- 1st-4th 1.30pm All Saints' School Festival of Flowers. Admission free. Donations welcome for charity and school funds.
- 6th 7.30pm All Saints' Church Midsummer Praise and Barbecue.
- 7th 7.30pm Totley Residents' Association Committee Meeting.
- 11th 7.30pm Totley Ladies' Evening Guild: Mrs J. Fleet - Nether Edge Hospital.
- 12th Totley Scouts Waste Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park until 12 noon.
- 13th 2pm Totley Brook Fete.
- 13th 2.30pm Blackamoor Chase (5½ miles) and Fun Run (2 miles). Entry forms from Totley Library. CLOSING DATE JULY 6TH (Start at Totley Brook Road near junction with Furniss Avenue).
- 13th 3pm Dore Well Dressing
- 19th 2pm Action Aid Garden Party at Abbeydale Hall. Proceeds towards a home for the handicapped in Burundi. (see letter in magazine).
- 19th 7.30pm The John Wade Singers present a Grand Opera Charity Concert at St John's Church. (see article in magazine).
- 22nd 7.30pm Totley Independent Staff Meeting at Cricket Inn.
- 28th 7pm Totley Sports Night at Totley Bents Recreation Field. (See feature in magazine).

August

- 9th Totley Scouts Waste Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park until 12 noon.
- 12th 7.45pm Totley Independent Staff Meeting at 2 Main Avenue.

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