

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

WINTER 1987

Many thanks to all those people who have volunteered to deliver Dore to Door as a result of our appeal in the last edition. All we need now is a volunteer to cover Long Line.

Dore to Door now spans the globe. Not only are copies sent the length and breadth of England and Scotland, but to New Jersey in the USA and — believe it or not — as far afield as Katmandu and the Solomon Islands. If you know someone outside Dore who'd like to receive a copy, all we need is a supply of stamped addressed envelopes.

Since our article about Knowle Green in the last issue, we understand that without the knowledge of the original retained agents Maynards, the land has been sold on by Mr Hinchliffe to an unknown developer. We shall now have to wait and see whether this leads to revised proposals for the site.

Unfortunately this issue of Dore to Door is smaller than intended due to the last-minute withdrawal of a sponsor, making it difficult to cover all the news in the last quarter. We would however like, on behalf of the community, to wish Bill and Marguerite Pridmore well in their retirement, and to pass on an appeal for anyone with an interest in bridge, who would like to meet like-minded people, to contact any member of our editorial team.

Finally, on behalf of the members of the Dore Village Society Committee, we'd like to wish all our readers an enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden

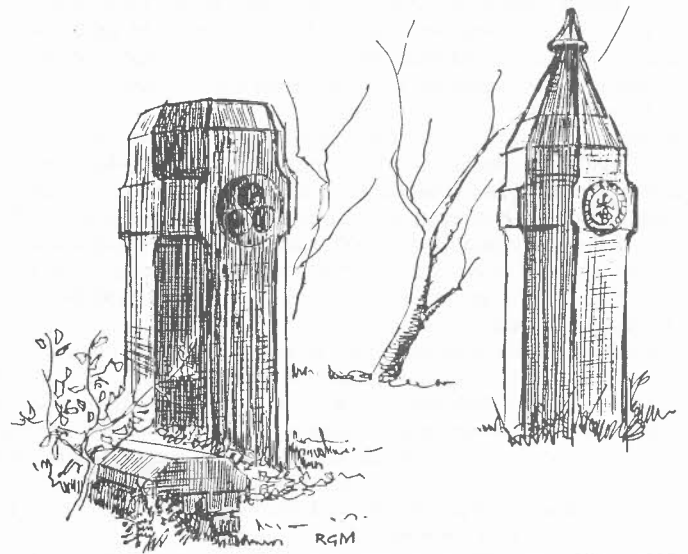
Hidden away behind the Abbeydale Hall Education Centre is a pocket of overgrown ornamental woodland, a small remnant of the extensively landscaped gardens which once surrounded the Hall. Since 1982, this woodland has been the site of a special project for Hallam Conservation volunteers - creating a wildlife garden for the School children who visit the Hall for nature study classes.

The focus of the project is the three ponds which originally formed part of a Chatsworth style water garden. In Victorian times, the ponds were stocked with ornamental carp and used for boating but from the 1940's they were pretty much forgotten and allowed to revert to nature. Neglected and undisturbed they became a haven for all kinds of aquatic wildlife - particularly frogs and newts which have grown scarce in other parts of the country. By 1980 however, the accumulation of silt and rotting vegetation was threatening to choke all life out of the ponds. After negotiations with the City Council who own the site, the volunteers agreed to attempt to save the ponds by removing as much silt as possible without causing too much disturbance to the wildlife. It was a long and, at times, gruelling job but most of the volunteers seemed to enjoy it. By the end of 1983, more than thirty tons of mud and stinking slime had been dug out by hand and carted away in wheelbarrows.

With the restoration of the ponds complete, the volunteers began work on a programme of improvements to increase the site's potential as an educational resource. A patch of rough ground strewn with builder's rubble was cleared, sown with wildflower seeds and turned into a meadow. A sunny corner was planted with garden plants, such as Buddleia and Ice Plant, to attract butterflies and bees. A network of footpaths was built to improve access to all the site's features and, most recently, an area was paved to create an 'open air classroom'.

The project is now almost complete but the volunteers will continue to visit the site regularly to carry out maintenance work. Next year the group plans to hold a special 'Gardening with Wildlife' day at the Hall as part of Sheffield's programme for Environment Week.

Roy Butterfield



## Brinkburn Grange

Two gateposts stand to the south east of Abbeydale Road South, opposite the junction with Abbeydale Park Rise. On one of these is a carving of acorns surrounded by oak leaves above a tudor rose. The name of the house, Brinkburn Grange, is engraved around this design. In his 'History of Dore and Totley' Vernon Brelsford refers to this house as Brinkburn Chase, which "had extensive grounds and lovely gardens." The house was destroyed in 1938.

A homestead and garden, owned by Edward Sampson and occupied by Thomas Godburn, stood on the site at the time of the enclosure map of 1827. Sampson was the owner of the neighbouring Bradway Mill and in 1851, three members of Godburn's household were listed as having been born at Bradway Mill. The River Sheaf provided the water power to turn the grinding wheels. The mill, which had been used for grinding corn, was held by Beauchief Abbey, prior to its dissolution in 1537. The mill retained this use until the end of the 18th century when the power was used to grind scythe blades. Around 1880 the water supply was affected when the river was straightened to allow for the extension of the railway line towards the Totley tunnel. The mill fell into disuse and there are now no signs of it.

It would seem likely that Brinkburn Grange was built on the site of Thomas Godburn's enclosure allotment in the late 1880's. In the city register of 1890 it appears, occupied by Thomas B. Matthews. Lying so close to the Dore/totley boundary the house was registered as being in Totley in 1890 and in Dore in 1911.

The style of the gateposts would indicate a substantial house of the late Victorian period. At a later date, six houses were built on the adjoining land to be used by disabled ex-servicemen and their families. These Royal Artillery War Memorial Houses were in memory of those killed in the 1939-45 war.

We would be grateful for any photographs of, or any further information concerning Brinkburn Grange.

## Christmas Cards

Many of the local views by Eric Gregory, which have appeared in Dore to Door are on sale in Greens, and make attractive Christmas cards.

The Society also produces a range of framed old photographs of Dore, which make ideal Christmas presents and can be obtained from David Crookes on Sheffield 351468.

# The Festive Season in Dore 1895-1914



The period between 1895 and 1914 brought many changes to the lives of the people of Dore. The village was gradually being developed from 227 houses with 1,030 inhabitants in 1891 to 375 houses with 1,656 inhabitants in 1911. In 1895 there was no system of drainage, this was not installed until 1910. The homes were lit by oil lamps and the village streets were dark at night. Life improved for the villagers in 1900, when gas provided street lighting and was supplied to homes.

Against this background there was an abundance of seasonal entertainment - mainly of the home spun variety. Much of this centered around the Church. Each year there was a party for the Sunday School children, when prizes of books were given. In 1896 there were 'considerably over 100' attenders who all received a gift and an apple. The entertainment was a lantern lime-light show. In 1897 the scholars gave a service of songs, illustrative of Bunyan's 'Pilgrims Progress'.

The Girls Friendly Society was active in the provision of Christmas entertainment. They gave a concert on December 18th, 1899, which concluded with a dialogue. In 1907, the Dore Schoolroom was the venue for a bazaar with short concerts punctuating the proceedings and 1913 saw the girls, under the leadership of Miss Popplewell, give a concert in aid of local nursing funds and the S.P.G. mission to 'Dor' in Barnes. A 'Patriotic Social Evening' in 1914 raised funds for a motor ambulance kitchen.

On January 9th, 1902 selections from the Messiah were sung in Dore Church, a collection being made for the new heating apparatus for the Church. Alas the amount raised, of thirty one shillings and seven pence, made little impact on the total debt of £150. The debt was reduced to £22.10s by Christmas 1904 after pleas from the Vicar. A cinematograph entertainment was given on December 16th, 1907 by Mr Graham Hill of Green Oak, 'an entertainment interesting, refined, amusing and suitable for all comers'. In 1908 a recital of Dicken's 'well known 'Christmas Carol' ' was given in aid of the Bells Fund. On New Year's Day, 1909, the new peel of bells was

dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell and rang out over the village for the first time.

The Dore Young Men's Institute was opened in 1901. There a whist drive was held on December 21st, followed by a grand concert on January, 5th. The most exhausting event of the period seems to have been held on December 30th, 1907, when choir members, Sunday School teachers, relatives and friends held a party - 'after supper a miscellaneous concert preceded a most popular Whist Drive, then with songs during refreshments the time sped on and proceedings closed with a good Christmas Dance and the National Anthem'.

The church itself was at the centre of the celebrations, although there does not appear to have been an original system for decorating the Church, as each year the Vicar thanked members of the congregation for - 'many kind and willing hands'. The morning service on Christmas Day was held at 11.00 am with Holy Communion at 8.00 am and 12.00 am. Up to 1878 a Watchnight service was held on New Year's Eve. After this the service was held at 8.00 am or 8.30 am on New Year's Day.

Life was not easy for all, as each year on St Thomas's Day, December 21st, doles were distributed to the needy of the Parish in the Church Vestry. The doles received were money, flannel, blankets and bread. In 1907 16 inhabitants of Dore received help. Christmas was also a sad time for some families. In 1902, of the five deaths in the parish during December, three were of infants under 18 months old not an unusual occurrence.

So the people of Dore celebrated, struggled and mourned. The church and its organizations played a large part in the bringing together of the community.

*We are most grateful to the Vicar for the loan of Parish magazines of the period, which provided the material for this article.*

## Farewell

*We'd like to thank all our many friends in the village for their good wishes and donations to Bill's retirement present. It will be put to good use towards carpets etc in our new home at 74 Blackstock Drive, S14 1AG, phone 647805, where a welcome is extended to any visitor. We have spent a very happy 8½ years in Dore, and thank you all for your help during that period, and now we hope to start a happy retirement in Gleadless. May we wish the Dore Village Society every success for the future.*

*Bill and Marguerite Pridmore.*



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## Dore Junior School

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The first half term of the new academic year has been a very busy one, packed with exciting educational opportunities. We were very pleased that both our J4 classes were able to experience a Victorian School day, as part of their topic work, in the Victorian classroom at Herdings Junior School. The teachers and children were able to dress up in Victorian costume and go back one hundred years in time. Class lessons in rows with plenty of rote learning, playtimes with whips and tops, a lunch of soup, bread and dripping together with the dreaded cane all contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Some of our J2's have been in Dore studying the village and are planning to make scale models of the High street shops. Studies of the churchyard led to some creative and imaginative poems being written by the children.

One of our J3 classes has been undertaking an imaginative tour through the African continent from Egypt moving to Kenya and have just finished in Botswana. In connection with this topic the children brought in many African artefacts to form an impressive display.

A J1 fungi hunt down in Ecclesall woods produced a wide variety of specimens. A few hardy parents accompanied this outing and some very good Art and expressive work resulted from this. We are very fortunate that all our J1 pupils are able to experience computer studies down at King Egberts computer room and we are very grateful for their co-operation and support in allowing us to use their facilities.

We are continually appreciative of the full support and co-operation of our parents, many of whom help in school on a regular basis, as well as that of the Dore Primary Association.

*J. Wileman (Headteacher)*

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## Farming Notes

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Farmers get a bit fed up of being asked what they do in the winter. Even the Farmers Weekly carries adverts for winter breaks after the autumn work is finished.

The livestock man is usually busier from October to May than during the summer when he has his young stock on their summer pasture. Then his stock work consists of inspection and moving them around every few weeks.

The autumn calving dairy herd will produce sixty to ninety calves between September and Christmas which all have to be trained to drink and feed away from the cow. The heifers calving for the first time have to get used to the milking machine and the whole herd fed and mucked out twice a day. A dairy cow can easily produce a hundredweight of muck a day so a ninety cow herd soon piles it up. Followers too have to be fed and bedded down every day. If the farm also carries pigs and poultry there isn't a lot of time left for essential field maintenance, building up gaps in walls, fences, cleaning blocked drains and chopping over-grown trees.

In addition there is the paperwork that goes with any business and usually has to be done in the evenings.

Considering that this has to be done 7 days a week, and that most farms around are one family concerns with no spare labour, the local farmers are kept pretty fully occupied during the winter.

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## Wives to Ladies

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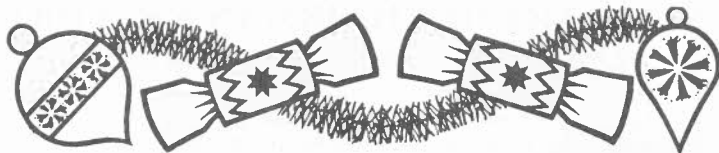
At the AGM of Christ Church Young Wives Group on 6 October 1987, it was agreed to change the name forthwith to Christ Church Ladies Group. For some years it has been felt that a name indicating a wider view of membership would endorse the Group's constitution i.e. 'A Christian Group affiliated to Christ Church, Dore, welcoming all women of any denomination.' Records since 1967 show that the Group has played its part in Church and Community life.

The Group meets in the Church Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 p.m. The programme is varied - talks, demonstrations, out-visits, and social events and at present has a thriving, lively membership of all age groups. Newcomers are always welcome.

## SUMMARY OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*23rd A.G.M. Wed. 21st October 1987.*

1. For 1984-5 I reported a period of interim consolidation. Last year I reported measured advance. Now I can report steady progress and achievement.
2. **DORE TO DOOR....** continues from strength to strength, and circulation is now increased by 20%. To the Editorial Committee I unreservedly say 'Well done'. I also acknowledge those who tread the streets and pop copies in your letter boxes. There are too many names to mention and more volunteers are coming forward. Thank you. Delegating the delivery of 'Dore to Door' is one of the ways we are trying to structure the wider participation of local folk in the life of the community.
3. **SCOUT GALA....** We continue to work closely with the Scout and Guide movement which in my perception stands for standards. Our Information Stall at the Gala was again prominent and I am sure it helps foster community spirit.
4. **SPRING MEETING....** attended by 93 people who witnessed the polished delivery and heard the scholarly content of Mrs Hoffman's 'Glimpses of Dore'.
5. **OUTWARDNESS.**
  - (a) We have maintained contact with the Peak Park Planning Board.
  - (b) We continue to closely liaise with C.P.R.E., and we all remember Mrs Garland's fine presentation at the last A.G.M.
  - (c) We are developing support for Community Rural Aid, particularly in the involvement of unemployed youth in its local Heritage Project.
6. **DORE SHOW....** well we got it right in the end, and what a splendid occasion it was. I congratulate the Chairman of the Show Committee, A.C. Brown, and his excellent team for a remarkable achievement.
7. **PLANNING....** We continue to monitor every local planning application in Committee. Every effort has been made to protect Ryecroft Farm, press, radio correspondence, telephone, and newsheets. To date there is nothing to report.
8. **PEOPLE**
  - (a) I publicly acknowledge my debt to your Secretary, A.C. Bownes, who beavers away with enthusiasm and efficiency and keeps your Chairman in order.
  - (b) Your Committee I appraise as staunchly loyal, hardworking and reliable - they are a splendid team.
  - (c) Retiring Committee members — I thank!
    - (i) the excellent Tony Cranfield (also former Treasurer) whose astute legal mind has been fruitfully brought to bear on our deliberations.
    - (ii) the dependable Malcolm Fletcher whose business expertise has been of such value.
    - (iii) the indomitable Peter Thompson whose wise counsels to the chair have been of such benefit.
9. **THE FUTURE**
  - (a) Dore to Door - will continue.
  - (b) Dore Show - the Show must go on!!
  - (c) 'DORE FESTIVAL' - a kiteflyer. We have in mind a full week of carnival atmosphere when every Dore organisation will be invited to demonstrate their activities. Why not the Schools too? We would, as with the Dore Show provide overall administrative support. Please think about it.



## Diary — Winter 1987

### Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is the county's only voluntary organisation concerned with nature conservation. It has set up 50 nature reserves so far, including woods, marshes, moors, grasslands and many other valuable wildlife sites. Over 1,000 acres of the county are now protected in this way.

The Trust employs a staff of three wildlife specialists who manage the reserves and give advice on all aspects of conservation to farmers, schools, individuals and wide range of organisations.

A membership of over 4,000 supports the Trust, some members helping actively with the work on reserves, fund raising, promotion, etc. Seven local members' groups organise meetings and visits throughout the year. The Watch Club is the Junior wing of the Trust. Aimed at 8-15 year olds, there are nine local groups meeting regularly.

The Trust has specialist bat and badger protection groups and is centrally involved with the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group. A register of over 2,000 sites of biological interest in the county has been set up jointly by the Trust and the County Council's Planning Department.

In May 1987 the Trust launched its first major fund raising project, the Derbyshire Wildlife Appeal. Its objectives are to raise £200,000 for three purposes.

1. To set up education and information centre at Matlock Bath Old Railway Station.
2. To buy threatened wildlife sites
3. To help people enjoy and understand the county's wildlife heritage.

So far (November 1987) £78,000 has been raised, including nearly £6,000 from school children throughout Derbyshire who took part in the Great Derbyshire Cowslip Explosion, a project timed to coincide with the Appeal's launch, conducted for the Trust by David Bellamy.

If you would like more information about the Trust and its Appeal, write, enclosing a large s.a.e. to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Elvaston Castle, Derby DE7 3EP. We depend on your support. Act now! Tomorrow is too late.

### DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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To preserve and enhance the amenities of Dore and to encourage developments which will improve them.

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#### NOVEMBER

- 28 **Christ Church Christmas Fair** Church Hall 10am to 12 noon. Mr. J.A. Aldrich. Many stalls, Santa's Grotto etc.

#### DECEMBER

- 1 **Christmas Party** Christ Church Ladies Group, Church Hall, Townhead Rd, 7.45pm.  
3 **Porter District Carol Service**  
4 **Scout Christmas Post** commences  
5 **D.I.Y. Messiah** at Dore - Totley U.R. Church 7.30pm. South Yorkshire soloists will lead this popular oratorio. Bring your own score. No entrance fee but retiring collections for church centenary.  
8 **Christmas Party** Dore Mercia T.W.G.  
9 **Christmas Party** Dore Evening T.W.G.  
12 **Annual Christmas Dinner & Disco** Dore Scouts. Tickets 350103  
15 **Christmas Service** with Mothers Union. Christ Church, Dore Ladies Group.  
19 **Dore Male Voice Choir** Concert with Sheffield Girls Choir. Firth Hall, 7.30pm.  
20 **Carol Service** Dore Church, 6.30pm  
24 **Midnight Communion** 11.30pm, Dore Church

#### JANUARY 1988

- 5 **Christ Church Dore Ladies Group** Appleby Fair. Mrs Newsam, Church Hall, 7.45pm.  
13 **Talk About America** Dore Evening T.W.G. Old School, 7.30pm.  
26 **Frog Legs 'Ugh'** Kevin Woodford (Granville College) Christ Church, Dore Ladies Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm.

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 **National Trust** Doreen Gaynor, Christ Church, Dore Ladies Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm.  
10 **Bassetts** Talk. Dore Evening T.W.G. Old School 7.30pm.  
13 **Dore Parents Association. Disco** King Ecgberts.

#### MARCH

- 1 **Christian Aid** Dr. R. Barry, Christ Church, Dore Ladies Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm  
9 **Potato Marketing Board** Dore Evening T.W.G. Old School, 7.30pm.  
19 **Jumble Sale** Dore Parents Association, Old School.  
22 **Our Visit** Roger Pass, Interior Design, Christ Church Ladies Group.  
25 **Lent Service** with Mothers Union, Christ Church, Dore Ladies Group.

**Tuesday Mornings** (ex. Bank Hols) Social Services hold a Social Enquiry Desk from 11am to 12 noon in the Old School when a social worker is available to answer your questions.

**Next deadline for Spring Diary entries  
5th February 1987**

### Letters

May I make a plea through your columns on behalf of all residents in our village who are in constant danger from speeding motorists using the roads in Dore.

With the added danger of reduced visibility of approaching Winter, the threat of a serious accident happening on the 'racing tracks' of Causewayhead, Limb Lane and Dore Road heightens.

To those budding Nigel Mansells I ask, please show more care and consideration — on some of our roads even 30 m.p.h. is too fast.

*A Dore Villager*