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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SUMMER 1986

The first issue of DORE to DOOR was well received judging by the many favourable letters and telephone calls and many thanks to all who contacted us, and for the suggestions they made.

The Spring Meeting, held on 30th April heard an interesting and thought provoking talk by Peter Wright, the Chief Constable. The following Wednesday, Les Conway, one of our Committee members, led about 85 people on a walk around the village, during which he pointed out many interesting buildings.

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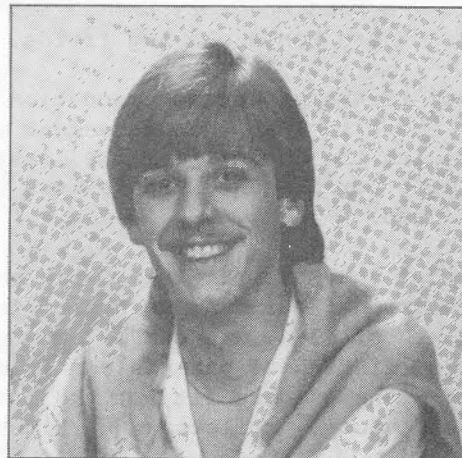
Once again we hope you enjoy reading DORE to DOOR, but if you have any comments or criticisms, please write to the address below.

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Farewell to....

Miss Phil Tucker who retires from the Headship of Dore Junior School on 31st August. Her place will be taken by Mr. I. Wileman who is at present the Deputy Head of Beck Nursery, First and Middle School at Shiregreen.

Miss Tucker has been Head at Dore for ten years. Before that she was headteacher for seven years at Roscoe Bank Junior and Infant School and previously taught at Intake, Pipworth, Darnall C of E and Abbey Lane - a total of 42 years in all with the Sheffield Education Authority.



Radio presenter Dave Kilner lived in Dore, on Rushley Drive, until his recent marriage but still considers himself a local.

It was an MSC scheme that gave him the opportunity to work for Radio Hallam as a trainee Assistant Music Producer. Such was his enthusiasm that he was offered a permanent job as a presenter on the early morning programme between 3 and 6 o'clock.

He recalls with some embarrassment, the speed at which he read his first news item and the trouble he had pronouncing a foreign name!

Now, seven years later, he has more confidence and presents the early evening show between 5.30 and 8.00 p.m. each weekday. He selects records carefully so as to cover a wide spectrum of music. In between news, weather and travel information, the show is unscripted, so Dave is able to chat in his own relaxed manner. He is also the regular Saturday night disc-jockey at the Aquarius Night spot in Chesterfield.

During 1985 - International Youth Year - Dave worked hard to bring together young people in positive ways, including helping to organise a 'Run' from Dronfield to Moscow.

Charity organisations often ask Dave to help, and last year he spent a week with regulars of the Hare and Hounds, pushing a beer barrel to Whitley. This exploit raised £5030 for a new Whitley lifeboat!

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Other local organisations providing financial support for the launch of DORE to DOOR include

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# Dore Gala - The First Thirty Years

by Syd Crowson

The early days of the 267th Sheffield (Dore) Scout Group were characterised by its nomadic existence, when it met in the Chapel School Rooms, the Church Hall, the Cricket Pavillion, a barn on Drury Lane, and a building on Ash House playing fields.

Our quest for permanent accommodation finally ended in 1955 when agreement was reached with the Council for the lease of the site of our present Headquarters on Rushley Road.

On Saturday 5th November 1955, work on the timber sectional building purchased for the princely sum of £344, was completed. Working parties consisting of parents and friends had helped the Leaders fit out the building with patrol rooms, toilets and a kitchen.

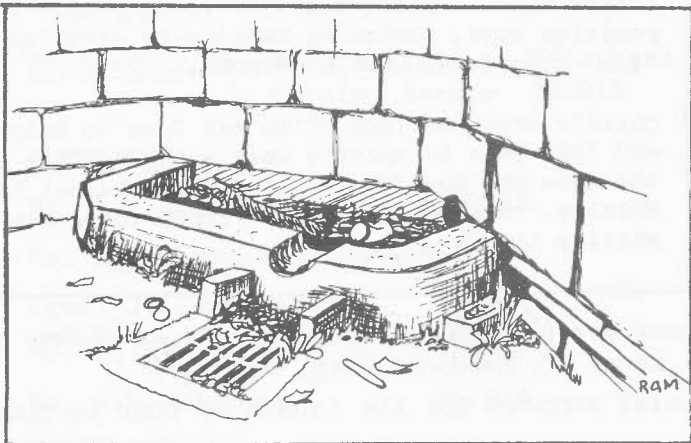
With due ceremony the building was opened with speeches and congratulations, after which the celebrations began in earnest. A Bonfire was lit on the ground now occupied by the shops on Causeway Head Road, and later there were fireworks and seasonal fare.

I well remember one anxious resident of the nearby pre-fabs, concerned about sparks from the fire, called the Fire Brigade. The Officer in charge dampened the edges of the fire, not wishing to spoil the fun, and after a cup of coffee he and his crew departed.

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The Society has recently received a number of complaints about litter in the village. This problem is likely to get worse as the warmer weather arrives and brings with it a proliferation of empty drinks cans and sweet wrappers.

Please use the litter bins or better still, take your litter home and help keep the village tidy and attractive for all to enjoy.



Horse trough at the corner of Devonshire Terrace Road and Causeway Head Road

As the embers glowed in the cool evening air, we all reflected on the happy day now passed and the challenges that lay ahead.

On Saturday 7th July 1956, the first Gala was held, complete with sideshows, music, goods for sale, food and drink and challenging games. It was held in a marquee on the Cricket field, and partly in the Church Hall. Bunting was festooned in the High Street and our friends in Dore paid tribute by the strength of their attendance. I also recall that it was a gloriously sunny day, which I'm sure helped.

The date was chosen to coincide with the date of the former Dore Feast which was held on the wicket field on Dore Road and organised by the local farmers. Proceedings started with a cricket match followed by a feast with plenty of liquid refreshment, which I doubt would have been lemonade.

Some years ago and much to the concern of our traditional friends of the Gala, the date was moved to the second Saturday of July so as not to clash with Wimbledon. It seemed that some of our supporters preferred to watch TV rather than come to the Gala.

Some said that we were tempting fate and that the storm clouds would protest at this change of date. Alas the adjustment has proved a success akin to the change of venue to the Recreation Ground.

Betty Brown agreed to revive the custom of Well Dressing in the Village after consulting friends in Derbyshire, where Well Dressings were commonplace. Her garage was duly transformed into the assembly point for the many thousands of petals which are needed to make up the tableau. In due course the clay was puddled to the right consistency and work then started on the delicate task of fixing the petals, seeds and greenery to the clay so as to produce the beautiful picture. The tableau was then gently transported from Heatherlea Avenue to the Well. At last the beauties of floral art were revived in Dore.

Today the Well Dressing is in the safe hands of Susan Joel to whom we are indebted for her willingness to work on our behalf and sharing her professional skill and expertise with the Guides.

By 1960 the Gala made a profit of £121 19s 3d, nowadays the figure is nearer £2000 which shows how the Gala has grown in the last 30 years since the idea was first mooted.

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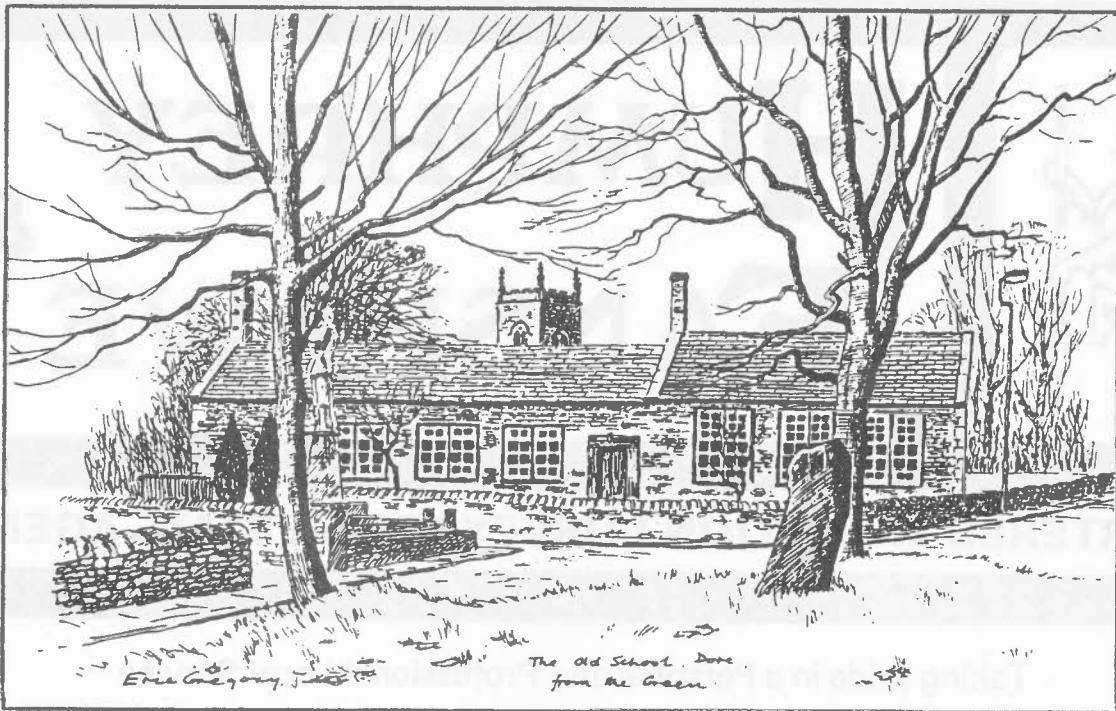


Illustration by Eric Gregory

Dore Gala... continued

The Sheep Roast on the Village Green was the traditional end of the day's festivities. The meat was kindly donated by local butchers who were also on hand to carve it on the night. However the inexperience of the cooks usually made their job more difficult. The problem was that the meat needed constant attention to turn and baste it regularly - it didn't respond well to temperatures ranging from 46 to 100 degrees farenheit. The local butchers had much to say about its final condition, and not much was complimentary!

Today we barbeque hamburgers and hot dogs, using natural gas.

We all treasure memories of years gone by but the count down for this year began many weeks ago. If you could help this year, either on the day - 12th July - or with the preparation, I should be pleased to hear from you.

Following the Service and Parade on Sunday afternoon, the ladies of the Methodist Church cordially invite you to afternoon tea at a small charge. A time for reflection on another happy week.

Sincerest appreciation for your support,

Syd Crowson,  
Group Scout Leader.

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The Scouts have kindly invited the Society to have a stand at their Gala on Saturday 12th July.

You will be able to buy copies of our publications and pay subscriptions, as well as meet members of the Committee.

We're hoping for fine weather and very much look forward to seeing you there.

#### The future of the Church Hall

You have probably heard various rumours about the future of the Church Hall on Townhead Road.

The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 10th March decided to bring together all users of the Hall with a view to setting up a new Trust to run the building. The reason for this decision is that major repairs are needed and the Church can no longer afford the losses which last year totalled £3700. The Hall has lost money for many years and is now preventing the Parish from paying it's Diocesan quota.

The meeting of Hall users was duly held on the 16th of April and it was decided to organise a feasibility study to consider the financial viability of the Hall and the repairs and improvements necessary. Proposals in each of these areas were made at a further meeting of the users on 24th June, and it is expected that a new trust will be formed shortly.

If you have any views on the future of the Hall, please write to the Vicar at 51 Savage Lane, or the Society at 20 Causeway Head Road.

If your organisation needs a venue for meetings, rooms are available in the Hall at many times during the week. For further details, please ring the Verger, Bill Pridmore on 360358.

#### Volunteers Wanted

The Society has recently formed a sub-Committee to deal with Planning. It's purpose is twofold; first to monitor individual planning applications, and secondly to produce a Design Guide for buildings in the Conservation Area. If you are able to help, particularly with the Design Guide, please ring A.Bownes on 352107.

## Planning Matters

The Dore Village Society monitors all planning applications, in or affecting the village, as an essential part of it's aim to preserve and enhance the amenities of Dore.

Each application is examined and the Committee then decides whether or not to write to the Council objecting to the proposed development.

We are mainly concerned with planning applications in the Conservation Area and larger developments in the village.

Below are examples of some recent applications and the decisions made by the Committee.

Devonshire Arms - Wards brewery proposes to extend the pub to the rear to create a dining area and servery. We do not object to the extension which will tidy up some of the existing buildings, but we want to ensure that it fits in with the main buiding and have objected to some of the materials and one or two design details.

Whitelow Farm - We are concerned about the parking of caravans to the West of the Farm in a highly visible area. A letter has been sent to the Council pointing out that planning consent was granted in 1974 for caravan parking to the East of the Farm, and asking for action to be taken to secure the removal of the caravans.

84 Dore Road - A change of use of the ground floor to a private club, with two flats on the floors above. We objected on the ground that a club would be incompatible with the residential nature of the area.

(Copies of all these applications and plans can be inspected at the Department of Land and Planning at the Town Hall)

## DOGS AND CHILDREN DON'T ALWAYS MIX

The general problems of dogs fouling footpaths and other public areas is often raised with members of the Village Society Committee.

In particular there are problems on school fields and playgrounds.

Our children face serious health hazards from dog excreta, and the teachers the unpleasant task of removing it from their shoes and clothing.

The Governors of Dore Junior and Infant School have recently asked the City Council to apply the relevant bye-laws and prosecute the offenders. They are also appealing to parents and local residents to support their action and suggest any other ideas which might help.

Dog owners in particular are being asked to show the consideration they would expect from others, and thereby keep the areas around the schools clean.

Welcome to....

Jan and David Jones who recently took over at the Hare and Hounds, where they moved from their previous address on Abbeydale Road South where they have lived for four years.

They have previously worked in Riyadh (in 'dry' Saudi Arabia) where Jan was a midwife, and David a housing manager.

Jan hopes that her home made cooking will tempt lunchtime customers, and she is also making hot salt beef sandwiches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Jan and David both find that the Hare and Hounds is an attractive building and hope to delve into the archives to dicover some of its history, and perhaps display old maps and plans.



## **COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST CRIME**

With rising crime in general, and in particular the number of burglaries in Dore recently, you can no longer assume that it won't happen to you, or that nothing can be done.

In fact a great deal can be done to help prevent crime.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes use the specialised knowledge we all have about our own areas and the first one in Dore is starting very shortly.

The optimum number of households is 20-30 in each scheme, and the Police think it helps rekindle community spirit and makes people more aware of crime.

The Police have produced a video which they are happy to show to groups of householders interested in starting their own scheme. Explanatory leaflets are also available.

If you want further information about the scheme, or advice on crime prevention in general, please contact Det. Sgt. Collier, at Heeley Police Station, telephone 580421.

# HOW TO JOIN

Membership of the Society is open to anyone living or working in Dore, or who supports the aims of the Society.

The annual subscription is £2 per household, or £1 for an individual member.

You may join by sending a subscription to the Treasurer at 128 Furniss Avenue, together with details of your name and address.

As the Society's financial year ends in September, new subscriptions received from June will cover the period ending September 1987, giving you fifteen months membership for the price of twelve.

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If you have any items for the Diary in the Autumn issue, please send the details to Mrs. S. Wood, 87 Abbeydale Park Rise, Dore, or ring the number below.

The last date for receipt of items is 1 September.

## THE DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

### AIMS

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

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### July

- 1 Visit to Stoke Garden Festival, Dore Evening Townswomens' Guild, for further details please ring 368479.  
Tour of Wentworth Woodhouse followed by supper, Dore Young Wives, for further details please ring Mrs. E. Brennan on 361512.
- 6 Local Ramble, Dore Ward Labour Party, meet at Dore Station, 10.45
- 9 Birthday Evening, Dore Evening Townswomens' Guild at Abbeydale Sports Club Pavillion 7.00 for 7.30, for further details please ring 368479.
- 10 Dore Male Voice Choir rehearsal (every Thursday), Dore Church Hall, 7.30  
New members welcome.
- 12 Dore Scouts' Gala:
  - 2.15 Parade leaves junction of Heatherlea Avenue and Causeway Head Road
  - 2.30 Parade arrives at Recreation Ground and Gala opened by the Lord Mayor.
  - 7.30 Barbeque on the Village Green
- 13 Well Dressing:
  - 2.30 Parade leaves junction of The Meadow and Causeway Head Road
  - 3.00 Service on the Village Green followed by cream teas available in the Methodist Church Hall.
- 18 Flower Festival Christ Church Dore, until 20 July.
- 19 Garden Party, Action Aid at Abbeydale Hall 2.00  
Concert by the John Wade Singers, St Johns Church, Abbeydale 7.30 For tickets and further details, please ring 360820.  
Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society rehearsals start for Pirates of Penzance (every Wednesday), Dore Church Hall 8.00
- 20 Ramble, Dore Church, please see notice board for further details.
- 27 Disco and Dinner, Dore Scouts, for further details please ring Mrs Fields on 350103
- 28 Harvest Service, Dore Methodist Church 10.30 and 6.30

### August

- 3 Local Ramble, Dore Ward Labour Party, meet at Dore Station, 10.45
- 25 Annual Fair and Garden Party, Fairthorn, Townhead Road, 2.00

### September

- 7 Local Ramble, Dore Ward Labour Party, meet at Dore Station, 10.45
- 9 Meeting of Dore Young Wives (first after the Summer), Church Hall, 7.45
- 10 Talk on Rockingham China, Dore Evening Townswomens' Guild at the Old Village School, 7.30  
Open Meeting, Dore Ward Labour Party, speaker; David Blunkett, Lowedges School Annexe, date to be announced (details from Mrs. R. Kilcourse 360145)

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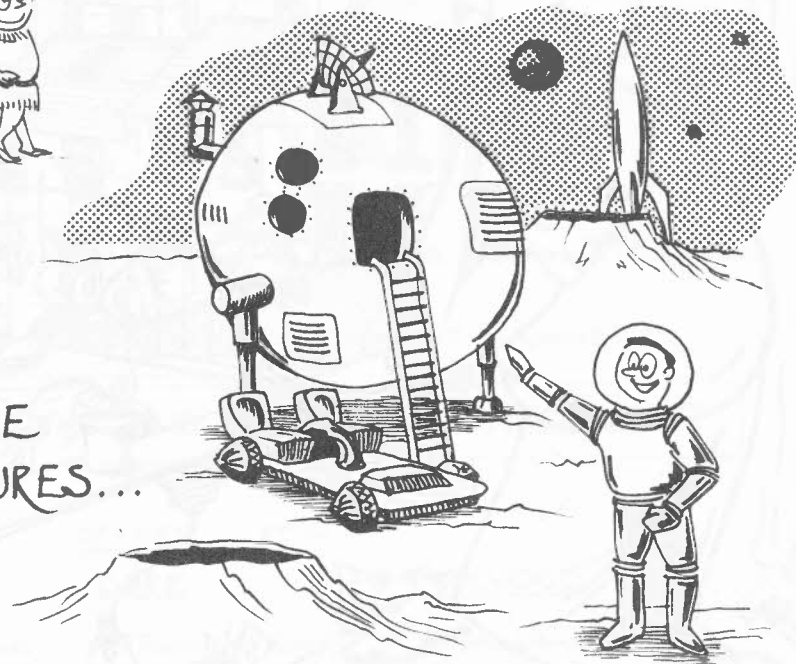
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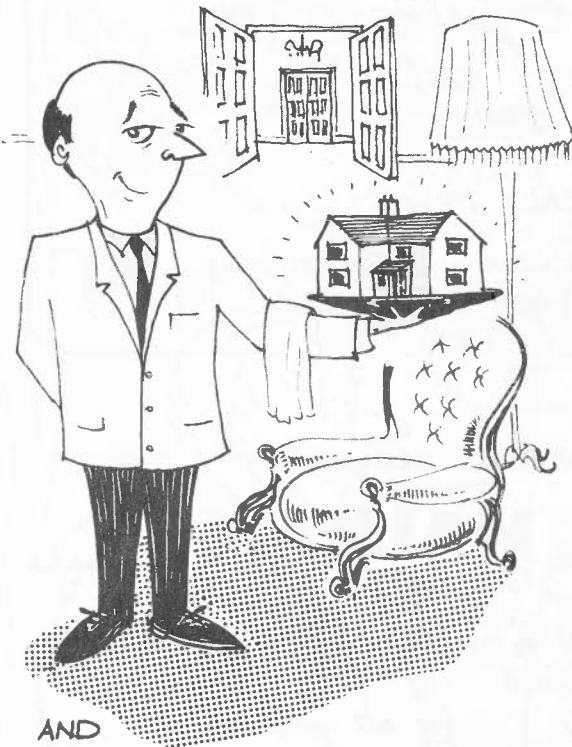
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