

# DORE



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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

AUTUMN 1986

Since our last issue of DORE to DOOR a number of interesting and important events have taken place in the village.

First, those who ventured up to the Recreation Ground for the Scouts' Gala on 12 July had an enjoyable afternoon in spite of the changeable weather. Next Fairthorn's Fun Day on 25 August surpassed their previous efforts and attracted a great deal of local support.

On the planning and building front we note that work has finally started on Mr. Harding's site on Dore Road, although we were dismayed to see three almost house size structures built of grey thermal blocks by the site entrance.

Some people have commented on the inclusion of political events in the Diary and think they should be left out. When we were planning DORE to DOOR it was decided that no local organisation or activity should be excluded from the Diary. Political parties were felt to be as important a part of village life as for example the Gilbert and Sullivan Society or the Townswomen's Guild. The only restriction is that we don't publish regular events like rehearsals or Church services or events not open to the public.

So if you want your event in the Diary, please contact us; further details are on the back page.



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DON DEAN - continuing our series on local people

Many of you will know Don Dean having met him in Green's hardware shop on Causeway Head Road, which he runs with his brother Richard.

Don joined Green Bros. in 1948 when they were builders who had built several local houses, and also built the Church Hall in 1937 at a cost of £3000. Greens gradually developed the retail side of the business and when Mr. Green retired seven years ago, Don and Richard took over. Today they stock an excellent range of DIY, household, electrical and gardening goods.

Don was born in one of the cottages in Old Hay (which he pronounces "Owd'a") and well remembers the dam and water wheel there.

Among his favourite pastimes Don includes walking and he regularly checks the routes in the Society's booklet of local walks, "from Dore to Dore", to ensure that the paths are free from obstruction. He also uses his highly detailed knowledge of the countryside to watch badgers and foxes, although he flatly refuses to say where, so as to protect them.

Don has had a long association with the local Scouts and takes on the mammoth job each year of organising the transport and collection of items for their jumble sales. He is also a long serving member of the Village Society Committee to which he brings a fund of good sense and historical perspective.

He is married to Jean who helps in the shop, and has one son, Nick, who works in the local garage.

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| Annual General Meeting |
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| Will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd |
| October in the Old Village School, follow- |
| ed by a speaker on the subject of the |
| Conservation Area. |
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## DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR

This area of the country has had a strong interest in choral music for many years. Choirs have developed from Church choirs and others from small communities such as mining villages.

Dore Male Voice Choir was formed in the late 1960s by members of the Fellowship of the Services, helped by Bernard Marshall, a former member of Sheffield Orpheus Choir and Bryon Jarvis, an ex-chorister from Lichfield Cathedral. The Choir, whose symbol is the Wyvern, from the commemorative stone on the Village Green, grew in size and quality, giving local concerts, mostly for charity.

In 1969, Fred Butler, from the North-east, an area renowned for it's choirs was persuaded to become the Conductor. With an open membership the Choir thrived, and in 1971, with an expanding repertoire and widening concert horizons, entered it's first competitive festival.

Since then it has won 12 first, 6 second and 4 third places as well as giving up to twelve concerts a year in places as far apart as Aysgarth in North Yorkshire and Athastone in Warwickshire.

Of the fifty-six plus characters who make up the Choir only about six men live in the village from which it takes it's name. The remainder live in many parts of Sheffield and one member crosses the Pennines each week to attend rehearsal. Two of the founder members, Reg Skelton and John Walker still sing with the Choir.

After a concert, many members retire to the local Inn where an impromptu 'sing' usually takes place. The tradition of singing Christmas carols and other music in the Devonshire Arms on Boxing Day has also developed and is very much enjoyed by those who crowd into the pub at lunchtime to hear them.

The Choir is affiliated to the National Association of Choirs which arranges meetings and reciprocal concerts with other choirs in the area. These visits build lasting friendships and create a great sense of fellowship within the Choir and also a lot of good humour.

The Choir balances it's repertoire with both secular and church music and last year produced a record entitled "Today" which includes such well loved choral music as "Myfanwy" by Joseph Parry to the tune "Curelyn", and "Morte Christe".

The Choir's rehearsals start at 7.30 p.m. every Thursday in the Church Hall and new members are made particularly welcome.

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### Well Dressing Collection

Susan Joel reports that £390 was collected from the two 'official' wells. Most of the cash raised will be divided between Water Aid, Martin House Hospice, the Children's Hospital Gamma Camera Fund and the Guides' Plimsoll Improvement Project.

The remainder will be given to the Salvation Army.

Susan extends her thanks to all who gave their time, effort, flowers and money to help raise the highest total yet for the charities.

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Welcome to...

Ian Wileman who succeeds Phil Tucker as Head of the Junior School is a local man, born and bred in Sheffield and educated at High Storrs Grammar School.

His teaching career started at Newfield Comprehensive and he has since taught children between 3 and 18 in various parts of the City.

In his spare time Ian plays football and cricket fairly regularly, has run some half marathons, and enjoys the outdoor life in general. His place of worship is the Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army where he is the Bandmaster and he is a very keen musician.

Ian says he is greatly looking forward to working in the community of Dore and hopes to extend the school's involvement.

He lives at Dronfield Woodhouse with his wife Margaret, also a teacher, and their children Luke age 7 and Laura, 4 months.

# FAIRTHORN

Fairthorn was well known to local residents for many years as a holiday home for delicate children, when parties of 24 boys then 24 girls spent alternate months there each summer.

By 1971 the need for this type of care had decreased and Fairthorn became the property of the Home Farm Trust. The Trust, with Princess Anne as it's Patron, has nine houses nationwide and was formed by the parents of mentally handicapped children, concerned about their future when adults. The parents form the vast majority of the governing body, and such is the need for this type of care, that there is a long waiting list, some parents putting their child's name down soon after birth.

There is a total of 28 residents in Fairthorn, and 14 at The Elms which are their homes for life. Ages range from 18 to 40 years and many have families who are quite involved in the homes.

The residents suffer a wide range of handicaps and great emphasis is placed on encouraging independence to the limit of each individual's potential.

All the residents work from 9.00 to 4.30 each week day if possible. Their jobs include domestic work, poultry and animal husbandry, woodwork and gardening. Most of the animal products are used in the homes but plants and craft products are for sale, and visitors are most welcome to browse and buy.

The main aim of this work is to provide useful and stimulating occupation, whilst any proceeds make a valuable contribution to the running of the homes.

Social and recreational activities include horse riding on Blackmoor, a weekly session at the Sheffield Wednesday gym, and adult literacy classes at Abbeydale Hall. Small groups of residents also take part in local events.

The shops and businesses in Dore make Fairthorn residents very welcome and some provide work for them.

A Family Fun Day held last year proved very popular and was repeated this year on 25 August when friends, relatives and many local people enjoyed side-shows, Morris dancing, a barbeque and the produce stalls. The Fun Day is also an opportunity for local people to meet the residents and staff in an informal setting, and to look around the facilities that Fairthorn offers.

The residents enjoy quite ambitious holidays, ranging from sailing in Scotland, adventure holidays in Cornwall, a minibus camping tour of Europe to a canal boat tour. Every resident has one holiday each year and some also enjoy a family holiday.

The origins of Fairthorn date back to 1893 when a group of school teachers concerned about the living conditions and poor health of children in Sheffield's east end met in Carver Street School Room to discuss these problems.

Day trips for 1500 children to Wharnccliffe side and Glen Howe Park were duly organised,

and later holidays were provided in Army huts near Redmires. The first Fairthorne Green, a photograph of which can be seen in Sheffield City Library, was also at Redmires, but this had to be vacated in the early 1930s.

The plot of land on Townhead Road was then bought for £500. The cost of the building, which opened in 1934 was £4500 and over the years it has been extended and modernised.

The senior staff have all trained in nursing or social work and are assisted by a number of local people who also work at Fairthorn. All are very committed to the care and happiness of the residents and give up a lot of their own time to help them.

Any visitor will be pleasantly surprised to find that there is no 'institutional' feel about Fairthorn but in stead the atmosphere is of a family home, bright and well furnished, and both residents and staff are most friendly and helpful.

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## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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This year the Society will hold it's A.G.M. on Wednesday 22 October at 8.00p.m. in the Old Village School.

The meeting is being divided into two parts, first the formal business, followed by a speaker from the Town Hall on the subject of Buildings in Dore Conservation Area.

The agenda includes the election of Officers and 7 Committee members. We particularly wish to encourage new members who are keen both to help preserve the best of Dore and to look to the future of the community. You probably have a very full diary already but we do not expect Committee members to make an open ended commitment.

The main Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Hare and Hounds, and the meetings usually last about 1½ hours. Beyond that it is for you to decide whether you want to serve on sub-committees or help in other ways. You may wish to become involved with Environment Week 1987, Dore Show, scheduled for Autumn 1987, the production of Dore to Door or the Planning Committee.

If you wish to find out more, then for an informal chat please ring John Baker 369025, Andrew Bownes 352107 or Stella Wood 366424, or any other member of the Committee; their telephone numbers are given overleaf.

Written nominations for the Officers and Committee members should be sent to the Secretary by 14 October 1986.

# DIARY-AUTUMN 1986

## September

- 9 Antiques Road Show by Mr.G.T.Shaw, Methodist School Room 9.30 a.m.
- 9 Talk on Holiday Plans, Dore Young Wives, Dore Church Hall at 7.45. New members particularly welcome.
- 10 "Pirates of Penzance" rehearsals start, Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Dore Church Hall at 8.00. New members welcome.
- 15 Open meeting on the future of Sheffield, addressed by Councillors D.Blunkett and M.C.Savani, at Lowedges School Hall, Dore Ward Labour Party, 7.30.
- 20 Jumble Sale, Liberal/SDP Alliance, Dore Church Hall, 2.00.
- 20 Annual Jumble Sale, Dore and Totley United Reform Church, Totley Brook Road, 2.00.
- 20 Dore Church Ramble, please see Church notice board for further details.
- 23 Talk on Work and Holidays with some of the City's physically handicapped by Mrs Latimer, Methodist Church Hall, 10.00
- 27 Disco and Dinner, Dore Scouts, for further details please ring Mrs. Fields on 350103.
- 27 Harvest Supper, Dore Methodist Church, for further details contact Helen Franklin.
- 28 Dore Methodist Church Harvest Services at 10.30 and 6.30.

## October

- 7 Vegetarian talk, "Beyond the Barley", Dore Young Wives, Dore Church Hall at 7.45.
- 8 Talk on "RSPB Bird Studies" by Mr. Moore Dore Evening Townswomens' Guild, Old Village School at 7.30.
- 12 Sponsored Family Walk - Hucklow; Dore Scouts.
- 14 Talk on "The Jewish Way of Life" by Mrs. R. Isaacs, Methodist School Room, 9.30
- 14 An Evening of Music and Drama, Dore Mercia Townswomens' Guild, Dore Church Hall, 8.00 Admission £1.50.
- 18 Coffee Morning and Book Sale, Dore Methodist Church, 10.00 Books and donations to Pam Scholes, telephone 364583.
- 20-24 King Egbert School Open Days, for further details please see posters or ring 369931.
- 28 Talk on "Old Sheffield Plate" by Mrs. Melling, Methodist Church, 10.00.
- 29 "Time and Time Again" by Alan Aykborne, performed by the United Reformed Church Dramatic Society, Totley Brook Road until 1 November, 7.45. Tickets 350061 evenings.

## November

- 4 Keep Fit and Well - Tips on diet and exercise by Mrs. Pam Deniffe, Dore Young Wives Church Hall, 7.45.
- 9 Remembrance Day Parade and Service, War Memorial, 10.45.
- 9 Remembrance Day Parade Service, Dore Methodist Church, 10.15.
- 11 Annual General Meeting, Dore Mercia Townswomens Guild, Methodist School Room, 9.30.
- 12 Annual General Meeting, Dore Evening Townswomens Guild, Old Village School, 7.30.
- 14 Social Responsibility Evening, Dore Methodist Church.
- 21 Coffee Evening in aid of the Whitely Wood Centre, Dore Brownies and Guides, Church Hall, 7.30.
- 22 Annual General Meeting, Dore Village Society, Old Village School, 8.00
- 25 Talk on Consumer Protection by Mr. Ken Bell Dore Mercia Townswomens' Guild, Methodist Church Hall, 10.00.

The Skip Service resumes on 13 September and then the 2nd Saturday of the month in the car park of the Recreation Ground from 9 - 11.00 a.m. for the collection of waste paper and card. Organised by the Brownies and Guides.

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If you have any items for the Diary please send the details to  
S. Wood, 87 Abbeydale Park Rise, Dore,  
The last date for receipt of items is

November 1st

### 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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