

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

WINTER 1986

The Autumn is a busy time for many of the groups in the Village as Annual General Meetings are held and new Committees elected. The Village Society is no exception, as you will see from the list of Committee members on the back page.

Winter is the time for gardeners to make their plans for the coming year and local gardeners will be able to demonstrate their expertise, as well as their produce in the Dore show to be held in September 1987, the first show since the 1950s.

There will be classes for fruit, vegetables flowers and home produce, and a prize will be awarded to the winner of each class. A full list of classes will be published in the Spring issue of Dore to Door so as to give entrants plenty of notice.

We hope that the Show will attract entries from local people with a wide variety of interests, both young and old.

Many of you may be wondering what's happening about the Church Hall since the public meetings held earlier in the year. The latest position is that the interim Management Committee meets early in December and the Vicar has asked the Charity Commissioners to send a representative to discuss the creation of a new Trust.

It is hoped to finalise the new arrangements by the Spring.

With these thoughts of the coming year, we in the Village Society wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



With the first anniversary of Dore to Door approaching, in this issue we would particularly like to thank those people who help with the delivery of the newsletter.

Mrs J. McCormick
Mrs Wilkinson
Mrs E. Duckworth
Mrs R. Eagers
Mrs A. Froggatt
Mr F. Stead
Mr G. Taylor
Mr H. Hibbard

... and members of the Committee.



Jean Sceats

Jean Sceats seems to be almost as active in retirement as when running her greengrocery and florist business, except that now she rises later at 7.30 a.m. instead of 5.00 a.m.

Jean opened her first shop in 1960 in a derelict bakery behind some cottages (now demolished) in Church Lane, and when she acquired the land in 1971, she was able to build the new shops.

She took a very personal interest in her customers, especially the elderly, often delivering their orders. She often drove back from the wholesale market overladen, but was stopped by the Police only once. On another occasion when driving in Derbyshire to collect Christmas trees, a sheep committed suicide by falling from a high bank onto the bonnet of her car.

Jean always found time to take an active part in Church life and also became well known for her flower arranging. She was very proud this year to be part of a team invited to exhibit at Chelsea Flower Show, where they won a silver cup.

Jean's latest hobby is découpage - the art of making three dimensional pictures - and she is producing beautiful work with very fine detail.

Her hobbies and her four grand-children keep her both active and happy.

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Dore School of Theatre Dance

Dore Church Hall on an evening in September 1961 was the venue where 16 year old Bobbie Bolton held her first dancing class, charging 14 young dancers 2/6d each.

From Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th December, the School is celebrating by holding a Silver Jubilee Show in the Church Hall.

Bobbie, now Bobbie Drakeford, began dancing at the age of 2½ with Peggy Harrison as her teacher. After qualifying as teacher of dancing at the age of 16, she began holding classes, with Peter Hawksley playing the piano.

The School progressed, and now pupils can study all types of dance, including ballet, tap, stage, modern and gymnastic, from beginners to advanced level, and there are several dancers in the 30-50 age group.

Several ex-pupils have brought their daughters and occasionally sons along to classes and some are now running their own dance schools or groups. One, for example, runs a dance school in Norway and others are dancing in Hongkong, Italy and the United States.

Bobbie gained further qualifications and is a full Fellow Member of the International Dance Teachers Association, and is one of their 42 examiners. Dancing has led to modelling and she has also choreographed fashion and hair shows in Europe. She also lectures on dance and has travelled to most parts of the country in this capacity.

This year's Show includes authentic traditional dances from Brittany, Spain and Czechoslovakia, songs from "Chess", "Love from Judy" and "42nd Street", ballet, modern dance and comedy. The Show will be held in the Church Hall, and further details are printed in the Diary on the back page.

We congratulate the Dore School of Theatre Dance on attaining it's Silver Jubilee and wish it well for the next 25 years.



Presenting the proceeds of a Charity Cabaret evening in 1968.

Mitchells Wine Merchants Ltd

"Right from the start, our business has been founded on good value for money and offering the customer a wide range of products". So says John Mitchell, a director of Mitchells Wine Merchants Ltd.

The business started life very differently over fifty years ago, in 1935, when Dennis Mitchell, John's father, opened a butcher's shop in the new Meadowhead shopping parade. In 1964 some spare rooms adjoining the shop were converted and opened as an Off Licence, which during it's first Christmas took the princely sum of £139 2s.

The abolition of Retail Price Maintenance in 1965 allowed prices to be cut and the business expanded considerably as customers discovered the advantages of shopping around for the keenest prices.

By 1972 the Company's turnover exceeded £1m and John Mitchell concentrated on developing the wholesale side of the business; he published a price list and offered delivery service. Such was the volume of trade that in 1975 it was decided to sell the butcher's shop after 40 years in the business. By this time space was at a premium so the wholesale side of the business was moved to new premises on the Sheepbridge Industrial Estate, which offered over 10,000 sq. ft. of storage and office accommodation.

It was at this time that the management team was strengthened by the addition of David Marriott who joined the Company from the Huddersfield based supermarket chain, F. and A.E. Lodge. David concentrated on the retail business.

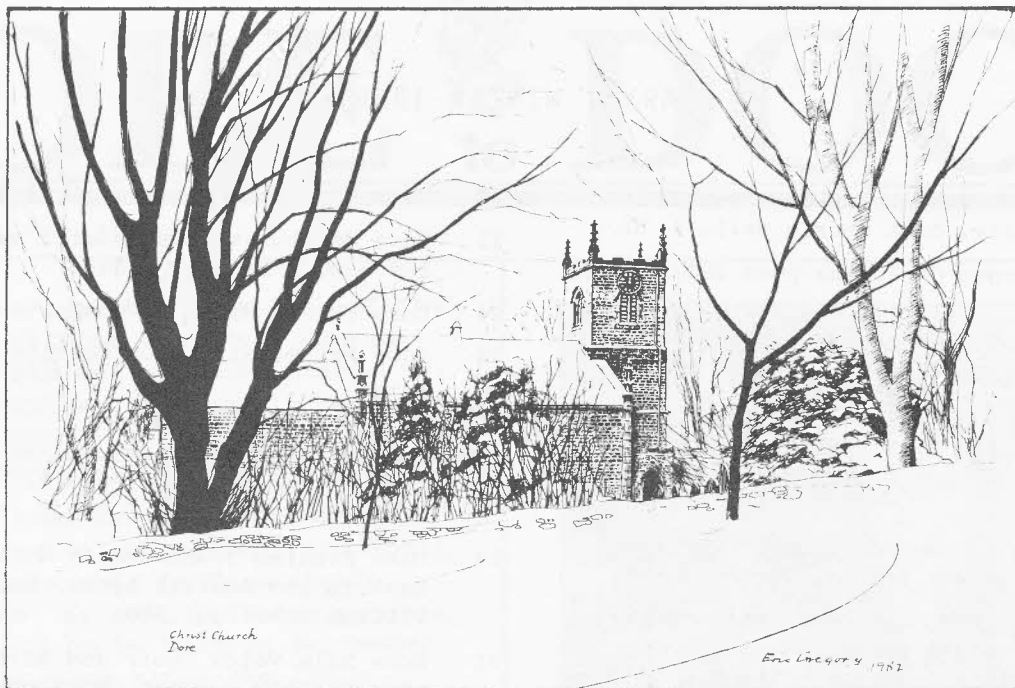
The second shop, at Hutcliffe Wood, was opened during 1981 by which time turnover had reached £3.5m per annum.

"The last two years have been particularly busy," says John, "with new shops at Knifesmithgate in Chesterfield, Derbyshire Lane and most recently at Dore." In addition the wholesale business was sold to allow John to concentrate on retailing.

Mitchells' latest venture is their aptly named Vino Video club through which customers can rent VHS format videos from a range comprising 100 top titles. Membership of the club is free and as an added incentive Mitchells are offering £1 of a bottle of wine for members joining during December. Rental charges are £1.50-£2 per day.

Mitchells buy at the best possible prices making them one of the most competitive wine merchants in the area, and are able to sell at prices on a par with the City's supermarkets.

Their wide range includes over 100 different whiskeys, fine Cognac, Clarets, Vintage Port, Champagnes, and wines and liqueurs from around the world. They also stock a full range of English and Continental beers and lagers, cider, minerals, cigarettes and cigars, making them the complete specialist wine and spirit merchants. To round off their service they also offer free glass hire, a sale and return facility and low, low prices.



Eric Gregory

Eric Gregory is well known for his pen and ink sketches of local scenes, several of which he has kindly allowed us to publish in "Dore to Door" and most of which are on sale as Christmas cards in Greens shop on Causeway Head Road.

Eric lived in Dore for 20 years and still visits regularly. He took up painting and drawing seriously when he retired early from banking.

He paints landscapes both in water colour and oil for commission and also for exhibition. A founder member, and now Chairman, of Hallam Art Group, he will display two or three of his works in their November exhibition, and several of his water colour scenes of Derbyshire are displayed for sale at the ancient Barrel Inn at Bretton.

Eric particularly enjoys painting steam trains and aircraft, and has been commissioned by several R.A.F. aircrews for pictures of their war-time aircraft.

You may have seen Eric's paintings on show at the Crucible Theatre, where he has had two successful exhibitions.

The Model Railwaymen move in

The Sheffield Model Railway Society is now happily in residence in one of the rooms of the Old Village School.

The Society had to vacate it's former premises in Victoria Road last June and it is grateful to the Trustees of the Old School for being given the opportunity to renovate and move into the new premises.

The object of the Society is to recall those glorious days of steam, and each club evening is spent discussing and modelling working railway scenes in recollection of that bygone era.

The Society has a small membership and meets each Tuesday evening at the Old School at 7.30 p.m. Prospective members are made especially welcome and are cordially invited.

Review of Housing Benefit Claims

Over the next few months everyone who receives Housing Benefit will be getting a form to complete to ensure their benefit entitlement is updated and everyone receives their correct entitlement.

People who live in Dore will be receiving these forms during February or March and they must be returned within six weeks to ensure there is no break in benefit.

To help people complete these forms and hand them in on time, the benefits section will be holding a series of surgeries in different areas.

The surgery for people who live in the Dore area will be on a Friday morning at Dore church hall. Details of the exact time and date will be sent to all claimants nearer the time.

During this period the usual benefits service will also be available at the Housing Department (Area 10), New Oxford House, Barkers Pool.

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The alterations to the Devonshire Arms are due to be completed by Monday 8th December and the pub will re-open at lunchtime on Wednesday 10th.

The former Liptons shop on Causeway Head Road is expected to be converted to a specialist Off-Licence by Argyll Stores (Liptons holding company). An application for a drinks licence has been made.

A planning application to alter the front of the Co-op on Devonshire Terrace Road has been made. The proposal involves moving the entrance from the centre to the left of the building, raising the window sill level, and rebuilding the fascia in brick. This proposal is part of a larger refurbishment which will involve some internal alterations which should improve the layout of the shop. Work is expected to begin in the new year.

The Hare and Hounds' alterations are now complete and at the time of going to press a new manager was about to be appointed.

DIARY - WINTER 1986

December

- 2 Dore Mercia Morning Townswomen's Guild Christmas Party, Dore Church Hall, 1.30.
- 3 - Dore Scout Group Christmas post delivery Service.
- 4-6 Dore School of Theatre Dance Silver Jubilee Show, Dore Church Hall, 7.15. Tickets 367140.
- 10 Dore Scout Group Porter District Carol Service, Millhouses Church Hall, Grove Road, 7.00.
- 10 Dore Evening Townswomen's Guild Christmas Party, Old Village School, 7.00
- 12 Dore Parents' Association Torchlight Carols and songs, Village Green, 6.30 - 7.30 followed by refreshments in the Old Village School. Everyone welcome.
- 13 Christmas Grotto, 10 Leyfield Road 10.00 - 3.00. Come and meet Father Christmas - 5Op.
- 17 Dore Methodist Church Carol singing round the Village, 7.00.
- 19 Dore Male Voice Choir Concert, St. Maries' Norfolk Row, 7.30.

- 21 Dore Church Carol Service, 6.30.
- 21 Dore Methodist Church Carol Services, 10.30 and 6.00. Mince pie day.
- 24 Dore Church Midnight Communion 11.30.
- 25 Dore Methodist Church service 9.30.

January

- 13 Dore Mercia Morning Townswomen's Guild, A Reluctant Silversmith - Mr. E. Bradburn, Methodist Church Hall, 9.30 (members only)
- 14 Dore Evening Townswomen's Guild, a talk on Bavaria and Austria by Mr. Weigert, Old Village School, 7.30
- 31 Dore Male Voice Choir and Ellesmere Operatic Society Concert, Montgomery Hall, 7.30.

February

- 3 Dore Young Wives talk on Chatsworth Gardens and plant demonstration, Dore Church Hall, 7.45.
- 7 Dore Methodist Church Coffee Morning 10.00 - noon. Proceeds in aid of the National Childrens Home.
- 10 Dore Mercia Morning Townswomen's Guild, The Japanese Tea Ceremony - Mrs.M.Spencer, Methodist Church Hall, 9.30 (members only)
- 11 Dore Evening Townswomen's Guild, talk on Paris by Mr. Briggs, Old Village School, 7.30.

March

- 3 Dore Young Wives, Fish Demonstration, Dore Church Hall, 7.45.
- 10 Dore Mercia Morning Townswomen's Guild, The History of Fans - Mrs. A.L.Kent, Methodist Church Hall, 9.30 (members only)
- 11 Dore Evening Townswomen's Guild, The History of British Inn Signs - Mr. Banham, Old Village School, 7.30.
- 21 Dore Methodist Church Coffee Morning 10.00 - noon. Proceeds in aid of Home Missions.

If you want your event included in the Diary, please send the details to S. Wood, 87 Abbeydale Park Rise.

The Diary in the next issue will cover the period March to May 1987, and your entries must reach the above address by 11 February.

The Brownies and Guides' Skip Service for the collection of waste paper and card takes place in the Recreation Ground car park between 9.00 and 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 13 December, 10 January and 14 February.

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

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