

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SUMMER 1987

As the Summer approaches preparations are well under way for the Gala, this year to take place on Saturday 11 July, and we are hoping for fine weather to encourage the crowds. The Scouts have again invited the Village Society to have a stand at the Gala from which copies of our publications will be available. There will also be information on Dore Show and an opportunity to meet members of the Committee.

Those of you who visited our stand last year will remember the photographs of Dore taken around the turn of the century. This year it will be possible to order copies, which will be available by late July.

Dore Show is now beginning to take shape after a great deal of work by the organising Committee. It is to be held on Saturday 5 September at the Old Village School. Please make a note in your diary. Further details, including how you or your business can contribute to the Show are given on page 2.

At the time of going to press there has been no news about the future of the 8 acres of Ryecroft Farm, but we are hopeful that our efforts, together with the many letters of objection sent by our readers, will result in the Minister's proposed direction being shelved.

BLACKAMOOR FIRE

A large area of Blackamoor was badly damaged by fire during April. Firemen spent over eight hours putting out the blaze on Blacka Plantation off Whitelaw Lane.

The cause of the fire is not known but it is a timely reminder of the dangers of fire on the Moor.

If you visit Blackamoor, or any other area of the countryside, please follow the Country Code and in particular take great care with matches and cigarette ends. On no account should bottles or other glass be left on the Moor as they can also start a fire.

Following these simple precautions and bringing your litter back home with you will enable all to enjoy the countryside throughout the year.



Limpits Cottage c. 1965

DON FISHER

- continuing our series on local people

Don Fisher, a familiar figure in and around Dore extending and repairing houses, prefers to work on old buildings, as he likes the challenge of the interesting or unknown. He has a good deal of experience of the work, having previous experience as a structural engineer and also as a roofing contractor.

Don's grandfather worked on the horse teams carrying the huge stones used in the construction of Derwent Dam, and he well remembers watching his father working the stone, little realising that one day he would be doing the same kind of work. Similarly, Don's youngest son is following in his footsteps, making at least four generations with connections in stone.

Don and his son have recently completed the repair and renovation of Limpits Cottage which he believes to be two to three hundred years old. Don has also worked at Croft House, the oldest house in Dore, and Newfield on Brickhouse Lane.

Although the work is physically demanding, especially as Don works the stone by hand feeling that sawn lines on stone look out of place in old buildings, he derives great satisfaction from his work.

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The idea that it might be interesting to locate and photograph the six boundary stones of the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Abbeydale, which were placed around the boundary in 1877 is proving fascinating.

Stone number 6 by Limb Brook in Ecclesall Wood was known to me and a visit to the Central Library told me that stone number 5 was in the boundary wall of 45 Dore Road, and that another had been seen in a garden in Ashfurlong Road. I was very glad to see that the Library was wrong about stone number 5 as that wall has recently been replaced by a more modern wall, but the stone is actually in the wall of 43 Dore Road.

A visit to the Vicar, Rev. T. Hudson, provided me with maps showing that the Parish boundary turned at a sharp angle at 59 Ashfurlong Road, so I thought that stone number 3 might be there. The owner of this house was keen to find it when a phone call from Mr. Norman Winser that it had indeed been there until about ten years ago when it had been moved to 35 Ashfurlong Road, and that it wasn't stone number 3 but number 4. Plans are now afoot to return the stone to its original site.

Where then was number 3? Mr. Winser had seen it about 30 years ago in the boundary wall between the back gardens of 29 and 31 Cavendish Avenue, 31 Cavendish Avenue being the only house in the road which is not in Dore Parish. An initial search has failed to locate this stone but the owners of these houses are looking out for it.

Mr. Winser also informed me that stone number 2 is sitting in the triangle of grass at the top of Mickley Lane, just below the Co-op, where it was placed when Baslow Road was widened.

Stone number 1 is believed to be in the stream near the Shepley Spitfire. The boundary was altered in 1922 when the Green Oak and Glover Road area became part of Topley Parish, so the first two stones show the old boundary.

If you know the locations of stones number 1 or 3, or any other information which may be of help in my quest, please ring me on 366424.

Stella Wood.

Over the past 20 years farmers have been encouraged to concentrate on the enterprises for which their farms are best suited. The dairy farms have tended to put all their land down to grass so as to carry the maximum number of cows and buy in cereal based concentrates from the feed compounder. In this way a 100 acre farm might carry 80 dairy cows and followers. The imposition of dairy quotas makes it impractical to stock less intensively and grow more barley or oats to be ground up and used as winter feed. Its only because cereal prices are kept artificially high by the Common Agricultural Policy intervention buying, that you see so much corn growing in what is really a grassland district. In the Dore area a yield of 2 tons per acre of barley is pretty good, whereas in the Eastern counties they are looking for at least 3 tons per acre.

What annoys all dairy farmers is the enormous difference in price between what they get for the milk, about 7p a pint, and what the customer pays. If the distribution side was half as efficient as the production side, what a difference that would make, but that goes for all food products. Most foodstuffs at least treble in price between the farm gate and the shop counter.

In the old days every farm used to milk a few cows, keep half a dozen pigs and a few sheep, have some hens running about and grow a bit of corn. Nowadays modern methods have polarised things so that most of the corn is grown in the Eastern counties and stock is kept in the West and uplands. So you get largely arable farmers who want prices for grain to be as high as possible, and stock farmers who want them to be as low as possible, which creates serious divisions in the farming community.

Much of this problem can be laid at the door of the Common Market with its ridiculous support buying programmes and consequent produce mountains or lakes. If farm price support is really deemed necessary the move should be towards deficiency payments, the old British system, but there isn't much sign of that.

Meanwhile there is a lot to be said for the old mixed farming, especially close to towns which produce a lot of waste food. This can be re-used as pig feed; in turn the pigs produce very powerful manure which makes the grass grow. Cows then eat the grass and produce milk without the need for artificial fertilisers. The only drawback is that it's a bit smelly.





Woodbine Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Dore

by Eric Gregory

WOODBINE COTTAGE

Woodbine Cottage was built in the seventeenth century and over the years has been extended and altered although some old timbers and wall construction suggest a much earlier building on the site.

When the present owner, Frank Ryan bought the cottage ten years ago, many of the old features had been removed; the roof level had been raised and Victorian windows replaced the original mullions.

Dr. Ryan restoring it to what he hopes is its former appearance using stones from the original mullion windows which he found spread around the garden, assembling them like pieces of a jig-saw.

He discovered a wealth of curious artefacts in the house and garden including a hand quern which is probably 1000 years old.

A salt keep by the fire place contained powder, flint and a musket ball and he has found several coins, including a Portugese 10 escudos dated 1764 which was found under a window seat together with a rabbit's foot.

Dr. Ryan also has a collection of small domestic items including buttons, toys, spoons and several objects, which so far he has been unable to identify.

The Village Society has produced a number of publications and brief details are given below. Copies are available from Green's shop on Causeway Head Road.

KING ECBERT and the TREATY OF DORE: 30p

This publication by Hazel Hoffman, M.A., gives an interesting insight into Anglo-Saxon links with Dore.

THE ORIGINS OF THE SHEFFIELD & CHESTERFIELD RAILWAY: 12p

This pamphlet by John Dunstan makes very interesting reading. You don't have to be a railway enthusiast to enjoy this publication.

FROM DORE TO DORE: 98p

This publication edited by Betty Young and Elizabeth Garland is a useful guide to local walks. It also contains some very interesting snippets of local history.

THE STORY OF METHODISM IN DORE: 50p

Written by John Dunstan this is a very well researched book on Methodism from 1790 to 1907. Makes interesting reading about local people establishing the religion in Dore.

DORE SHOW

The first Dore Show will be held on Saturday 5th September in the Old Village School.

After a great deal of work by the Show Committee arrangements for the Show are very well advanced.

In addition to the Show itself there will be a number of other attractions including the Woodhouse Brass Band, which will be playing during the afternoon, and a Charity auction of the exhibits at the end of the Show will be conducted by Alistair Humphrey of Humphrey Fanshawe, the local estate agents.

The timetable for the day is:

9.00 -	Exhibitors deposit/make up their
10.30	exhibits
1.30	Show opens to the public
5.00	Presentation of awards
5.15	Exhibitors to remove any exhibits not to be included in the Auction
5.30	Auction in aid of local Charities

There are over 60 classes so it is hoped that there will be something to suit everyone. Copies of the Class List and Show Regulations can be obtained from Greens Home and Garden Supplies, Causeway Head Road. The Class List is also reproduced in the Scouts' Gala Programme.

There will be cash prizes for the first, second and third best exhibits in each class.

You can help make the Show a success just by coming along on the day although if you can enter an exhibit, do!

You or your business may also wish to sponsor part of the cost of the Show in return for advertising and other benefits, in which case please contact John Baker on 369025.

You may also wish to donate the prize money for a particular class, or to present an Award to for a class; for further information please contact Mike Longden on 363642.

Entry forms for the Show and further details of how to enter will be available from mid-July onwards from Greens Shop on Causeway Head Road.

COMMITTEE NOTES

I am pleased to introduce another new development, namely the publishing of your Committee's monthly deliberations, to help keep you informed.

At every Committee meeting I put Planning as first item on the agenda. Every planning application in Dore is regularly monitored. The current issues are Ryecroft Farm, a formal decision on which is awaited from the Secretary of State, and Knowle Green, where the present scheme encouragingly involves a lower density of building and restrictions on materials to create a homogeneous development.

Our support of Community Rural Aid in Dore is now bearing fruit, and the Council have agreed to CRA workers using two rooms in King's Croft as a base.

Should you have matters for your Committee's consideration please contact the Secretary before the first Thursday of the month.

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. John's Church, Abbeydale Road South is holding a Flower Festival from Friday 19th June to Sunday 21st June. The proceeds are in aid of The Martin House Hospice.

The Festival will be open as follows:

Friday 19th June	2.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Saturday 20th June	10.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Sunday 21st June	All day except during services

During the Festival refreshments will be served in the Church Hall. There will be displays by the organisations associated with the Church and several stalls including home made jams and preserves, plants, cakes and a Bran Tub for the children.

Two competitions for children are being held; one is a painting competition and the other is a flower arrangement in a cup and saucer. For more details and an entry form please contact Mrs. Bainbridge on 360696.

In addition the John Wade Singers will be performing extracts from several operas; further details are given in the Diary on the back page.

BRITAIN'S WILTING FLORA

Despite extra measures to protect wildlife, Britain is continuing to lose one species of wild flower every year. This warning about the decline in native flora comes in a recent report by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation.

It blames modern farming methods and pressure for building development for destroying habitats. Wetland and grassland species are most at risk, says the report. They are followed by plants found in woodland and in heath and in sandy area areas.

The report reveals that 140 plant species are now endangered or vulnerable; field cowheat is only found at two places in Britain, while lamb's succory is now extinct. According to investigations in areas with detailed information on plant survival, species such as cowbane, bog orchid, mudwort, pillwort, fritillary and lizard orchid have all suffered losses of between 67 and 94 per cent since 1930.

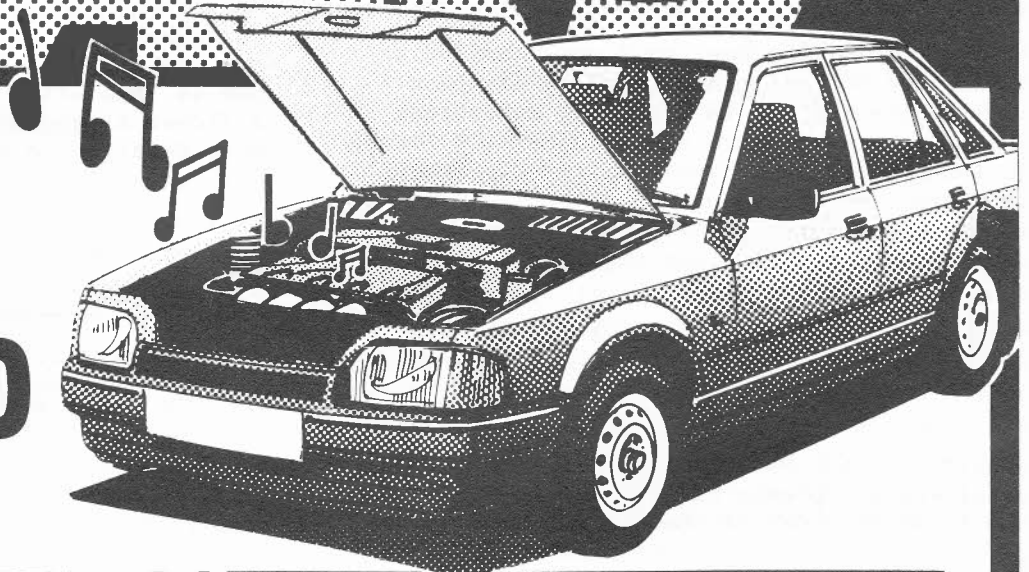
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June

- 1-6 Health Education Council exhibition, Totley Library.
- 2 Marks and Spencer talk, Dore Young Wives, Village Hall, Townhead Road, 7.45
- 3 Talk on Healthy Eating, Totley Library 11.00
- 9 "Laughter in Door Knocking" by Miss E. Leighton, Dore Mercia Townswomens Guild, Methodist School Room, 9.30 (members only)
- 10 "A History of Gardening" by Mr. Boyd, Dore Evening Townswomens Guild, Old Village School, 7.30
- 15- Display of Paintings, Abbeydale Art Group, 27 Totley Library
- 19 John Wade Singers, extracts from Operas, St. Johns Church. Tickets (£1) and further information from 360696 or 362597
- 19 Midsummer Serenade with Sheffield Chòrale choir, Church Hall, Totley Brook Road, 7.30 Tickets, £2.50 from Kath Taylor 364591
- 19- Flower Festival, St. Johns Church, 21 Abbeydale
- 20 Summer Fair, Dore Junior School, 2.00
- 21 Dore Methodist Church Anniversary and Picnic
- 24 Dore Church Evening Ramble, for further details please see the Church Notice Board
- 29-4July
Display of Paintings, Sitwell Art Group, Totley Library

July

- 6- Exhibition of Drawings from Totley
- 18 Independent by Mr. W. Carter Wigg, Totley Library
- 8 "Antarctic Experiences" by Mr. T.R.Allen Dore Evening Townswomens Guild, Old Village School, 7.30
- 11 Dore Scout Gala, and Parade, Dore Recreation Ground followed by Barbeque on the Village Green in the evening.
- 12 Well Dressing Service
- 14 "The Probation Service" by Mrs. Hurley Dore Mercia Townswomens Guild, Methodist School Room 9.30 (members only)
- 15 Methodist Church Manse Open Day, 339 Millhouses Lane

August

- 12 Summer Supper, Dore Evening Townswomens Guild, Old Village School 7.30

September

- 5 Dore Show, Old Village School, 2.00 (Other detailed times appear on page 2)
- 8 "Derbyshire Ghost Stories, Legends and Traditions" by Mr. C. Daniel, Dore Mercia Townswomens Guild, Methodist School Room, 9.30 (members only)
- 9 "Life as a Verger" by Mr. W. Pridmore, Dore Evening Townswomens Guild, Old Village School, 7.30
- 19 Jumble Sale, Liberal/SDP Alliance, Old Village School, 2.00

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* Next deadline for Autumn Diary entries *
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* 22nd August *
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To preserve and enhance the amenities of Dore and to encourage developments which will improve them.

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