

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SPRING 1990

Country Matters

Let me turn the clock back, to the time when Dore was a thriving Agricultural community, the pace of life being much slower.

A necessary annual event, was the payment of Farm rents to the Duke of Devonshire. The Duke's agent would ride horseback to the Devonshire Arms, where a room had been prepared for the reception of the hard earned moneys. What banter there must have been, as the farmers waited their turn to pay up. There was, however, a 'bonus' upon completion of the business matters. This took the form of a lunch that the Duke provided for the Farmer and, I believe, his immediate family.

The make shift desk was cleared of money and rent books, to be covered by a table cloth. Soon the table would groan at the weight of a Saddle of Beef, range of veg, cheeses, etc. On one of these annual occasions, a well known local farmer, who was not regarded as, 'the best with a plough', was asked to carve the beef. He stood poised over the beef with the carving knife and said to a neighbouring farmer, 'How do you want your beef'. The farmer handed his plate and said, 'Too wide and deep, like your furrows'.

This annual rent day lunch went on for many years at the Dev' but, unfortunately, it got abused and eventually stopped, when so called friends of the farmers, 'crashed' the lunch for a free tuck-in. That was the end of the historic, traditional rent lunch. On future years, when the farmer had payed his rent, he would receive a gratuity of 3 shillings and 6 pence (3/6) old money, to provide a lunch for his family. I wonder how much of this 3/6 was left, when the farmer left the Devonshire Arms. Can you imagine how the Dev' would ring to the sound of quaffing ale, country folk songs and tamping clay pipe? Happy days indeed, why can't we turn the clock back, but I'll bet I have my critics, who regard the past, as bad old days....
Jim Frost.



Rose and Ivy Cottages on the High Street carried a 1771 date stone — demolished in 1966.

Dore Collection

Indexing has now begun on the Dore Colletion.

At this stage, until suitable premises with correct humidity and temperature are available, we intend to keep the collection small.

However, if you have any newspaper cuttings, documents, photographs etc., of which you would be willing to donate a photocopy, we could include these in the collection.

If you have an item or items which you wish to keep and which could not be photocopied, perhaps you would be willing for their existence to be recorded in the index.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of Dore Collection please telephone Stella Wood on 366424.

Craft Fair

This year's Craft Fair in aid of Christ Church Dore, will be held in The Old School, Dore on Saturday March 31st from 10 am to 4pm. Last years Fair was a "first", but proved to be a very successful day and this year the pattern will be much the same.

There will be a wide variety of stalls ranging from stained glass, garden furniture and ornaments, to patchwork and water colours. Some of the stall holders will be making a return visit and others will be new. As last year, refreshments will be served all day; making coffee, hot & cold lunches & afternoon tea.

Make a note of the date in your diary and arrange to meet your friends for reasonably priced refreshments and an interesting wander around the stalls.

Abbeydale Sports Club

Dear Chairman,
I have been asked by Mr David Fleetwood, Chairman of Abbeydale Park Sports Club, to invite your Committee and members of the Dore Village Society to an Open Evening at Abbeydale on Wednesday 28 March 1990, at 7.30pm.

Your members will have an opportunity to see plans for the development of Abbeydale and to discuss these with our Chairman and fellow Directors. Refreshments will be available.
Yours sincerely
David Drabble
Secretary
Abbeydale Park Sports Club.

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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SPRING MEETING

8.00pm — Wednesday 25 April 1990
Old Village School

Speaker: David Hey on
Pack Horse Routes in the Peak District

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Memories of Dore

Mrs Mary Beardow, who now lives at Norton with her daughter, has been kind enough to record some of her memories of Dore.

Mrs Beardow, then Mary Eliza Taylor was born in Savage Lane in 1893. Her sister, Mrs Margaret Jane (Maggie) Wallace, who was also born there, lived in the cottage until her death nine years ago.

They attended Dore School, at the same time as Miss Nellie Flint, when Mr. C. Bone, headmaster, lived at the schoolhouse, and another teacher, Miss Emma Marsden, at Limpits Cottage.

Life was hard in those days for many villagers and while Mary was still attending school she occasionally looked after children in the evenings and remembers cleaning the cellar steps for the Schofield family who lived in Devonshire Terrace Road.

She once ran, crying with tooth-ache to Dr Thorn who lived at the bottom of Dore Rd and who pulled teeth for one shilling. She had no money, but Dr Thorn pulled her tooth out because he "couldn't send her back, crying with tooth-ache".

Happier memories of childhood recall the Tingalary man, who each Thursday, pushed his Tingalary, with a monkey on top, round the village, collecting coppers. He then went on to Totley, where he slept under a hedge. The local children enjoyed his music, but were a bit afraid of him.

At Christmas, Mary remembers receiving an apple, an orange, a spice-pig and a new penny. Dore Band, also known as Taylor's Band, would play around the village at Christmas and would be given beer and pork pies at one of the pubs.

As a Sunday school scholar Mary enjoyed the annual outing to Derbyshire. Auntie Hettie, from Swift's farm, brought the horses and dray down to the village and took the children into Derbyshire. They came back to a good tea in the Chapel and were then taken to Moorside Farm, where they were given bags of nuts.

After leaving school at 13, Mary went to work and then live at Thorpe's grocery shop. She left when Jarvis Thorpe married as he needed her room. Jarvis later lived in Brickhouse Lane before moving to a farm at Whitelow. Leonard and Harold Thorpe ran the farm and supplied the shop with milk and other goods.

During Longshaw Sheepdog Trials, Sam and Jessie Thorpe together with Mary went out to Longshaws with a horse and dray and sold food and drinks, calling at the Dore Moor Inn on the way home.

Marshall's Bakehouse, opposite the Hare and Hounds, was where Mary was next employed, mixing bread while Mrs Marshall made scones and bakewell tarts. Marshalls also supplied greased tins for housewives to fill with their own dough, and then charged one penny a loaf to bake them.

Occasionally Mary would help out at the Devonshire Arms, where another Mr Thorpe was the landlord and she also did 'day work', cleaning all the silver for the Coopers on Dore Road.

Mrs Taylor, who was widowed when she was quite young, worked hard to care for her

family, cleaning the Chapel, getting in the coke from where it was delivered at the gate and doing chapel teas. She also did papering for 3 shilling a day and sometimes took in washing, using an old 'set-pot' and a heavy mangle, charging "a shilling a dozen."

Mary's father was a scythe-maker and her brother, who followed the same trade, worked at what is now Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. As a child Mary had to run down to the hamlet in her lunchtime with his dinner in a basin wrapped in a cloth.

Her Uncle, Fairwell Taylor, was a monumental mason, working from Gilleyfield Farm, then a "tumbledown old place". Bert Wallace, her brother-in-law, was a grave-digger. He had a great shock one night when a large owl alighted on the pole which supported a light over a grave he was digging.

Billy Bingham of Causeway Head Road was the lamplighter and also the 'knocker-upper'.

One of Mary's happy memories is of the 'Girls Friendly' which used to meet weekly at Dore School for dancing. Young men had an athletics club which met at a gymnasium on Townhead Rd.

Mary left Dore when she married and moved to Heeley. Her memories will form part of the Dore Collection.



Red squirrel feeding on fallen acorn from 'Squirrels' by Jessica Holm. Whittet Books.

When did you last see a Red Squirrel?

Native Red Squirrels were once widespread but they have been declining for the last sixty or eighty years. There are some records from central Derbyshire in the 1960s but the last pocket was further north, and no records have been received for several years. If you have seen one in the last few years please let the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust know. Please add any information that you wish, and send to Roy Branson, 52 Crabtree Close, Allestree, Derby DE3 2SW.

Planning

The Society has objected to the following applications for planning consent:

Land adjoining **24 Drury Lane** — the application was for the construction of a "4 bedroom cottage" on this site in the Conservation Area. The objection was on the grounds that the dwelling and the garage were to be constructed of different walling and roofing materials and have different window patterns, and that two mature trees would be lost. Concern was also expressed about the differing roof pitches of the two main parts of the dwelling.

The White House **Vicarage Lane** — a further application to construct one dwelling on this site following the earlier refusal of planning consent to demolish the existing house and replace it with six new ones. The objection was on the grounds of over development of the site because when taken with the approved application for one dwelling in 1987, it would result in two new dwellings on the site in addition to the White House.

76 Dore Road — an application was made to convert this dwelling to a nursing home, but the Society objected on the grounds that there were two other units in the vicinity at 27 Dore Road and 224 Abbeydale Road South. In addition the planning brief for Kings Croft which is expected to be sold shortly is likely to call for institutional use. Lastly it is the Society's view that a mixture of dwellings of all sizes and values is important in Dore and conversion of this dwelling would further reduce the supply of high quality houses in the area.

Rear of **72 Furniss Avenue** - an application was made to construct a dwelling on this site but the Society objected to the design which was wholly incompatible with the neighbouring dwellings and over developed the site.

Abbeydale Park Sports Club the club applied to build seventeen houses and eight bungalows on its top football pitch by the bottom of Cavendish Avenue. The application was turned down by the Council following a large number of objections and the club appealed to the Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment. The appeal was heard on 27 February in the Town Hall and the Inspectors report and decision is expected in the summer.

Worryingly, the road and dwelling layout of the new estate made provision for further development on adjoining pitches and other land.

The club is anxious to involve the wider community in its plans for the future and has arranged an open evening.

News in Brief

Interested in Sport? Sheffield Recreation Department's Sport Development Unit run lots of sporting activities and events ranging from badminton, golf and cricket coaching to fencing and a junior hockey festival. Tel: 431253 for details of all activities.

Dore Scout Hut — Yorkshire electricity have recently tidied up the site of their sub station in Rushley Road and are allowing Dore Scouts to make use of the land released.



Linzi Henry

Townhead Cottages

These cottages in Townhead Road are believed to be about 200 years old and had the attic windows added early in this century. We know that one of them was an Ale-house early in the 19th century and a mole-catcher Moldy Jim, used to stay with the Fearnhoughs at number 14. We would be interested to hear from anyone who can fill us in on the history of these cottages.

Can You Help?

French Au Pair — Mature primary school teacher in Dunkirk seeks position with English family for the month of July or August 1990 for the purpose of improving her English. Would also offer French lessons. Please contact headteacher at King Egbert School, Dore, 369931.

Found — A gold wedding ring was found outside the shops on Causeway Head Road at the end of December. It has been handed to the Police at Woodseats. Telephone 500200.

Computing — The continuing expansion of our activities means that the Dore Village Society could really do to move into the computer age for the maintenance of mailing lists, producing Dore to Door copy and the cataloguing of the Dore Collection. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who can provide access to wordprocessing equipment or point us in the way of reasonably priced secondhand equipment. If you think you can help, please ring John Baker on 369025.

Dore Junior School

The term began with a very successful and enjoyable production of "The Twits", a pantomime, performed by members of our drama group. The group which meets every Monday evening under the direction of Mrs Addis and Mr Wright, put on performances for the junior and infant schools as well as an evening performance for parents and friends.

Much exciting topic work is being pursued, at the moment, throughout the school. Our J1 classes have been studying exploration in a geographical/scientific based topic. They have looked at exploration on and under the sea, James Cook's first voyage, space exploration, Scott of the Antarctic and deserts.

Our J2 classes have been looking at how we communicate. What is communication? Why do we communicate? Our J2's have the answer. They have looked at codes, road signs and symbols along with many other forms of non-verbal communication.

The J3 year group have been studying the Odyssey. So far they have enjoyed Odysseus' entry into Troy using the wooden horse and Joined in with his struggle against Polyphemus. Classrooms abound with Greek warriors, weapons and one-eyed giants.

A group of J4 children have been using a

computer program called "Suburban Fox" which simulates the life of a fox in a setting similar to Dore. A visit was arranged to the woods near Shorts Lane to experience fox life at first hand. The children discovered two large rabbit warrens and a fox's earth. They also found a number of owl pellets which were brought back to school for investigation.

Another group is looking 'Into the Unknown' and have divided themselves into ship's crews to set sail into uncharted waters! At the moment they are preparing to sail, looking at ship designs of the Middle Ages, studying the reason for journeying to new lands and looking at the provisions needed to stock their ships.

Our windband group recently enjoyed a musical weekend at Cottage Lane Outdoor Base. We were very fortunate to have a willing group of parent helpers to prepare our meals thus releasing the children for group practices and individual tuition. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

We continue to welcome parents and friends into school on a regular basis and are always happy to see new faces. If you would like to discover more about your local junior school why not give the school a ring on 368283? We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs. S. Lee — Parent Governor.

**Next deadline for Summer Diary entries
9th May 1990**

Beauchief Environment Group

In 1988 the City Council's Countryside Unit arranged a meeting to discuss the formation of a group to be comprised mainly of local people to assist in the management of three ponds and an unimproved hay meadow adjacent to Beauchief Abbey. However, the group expressed an interest in redefining the area and out of this sprang the Beauchief Environment Group, with the objective of looking after the natural history and heritage of the area bounded by Abbeydale Road South, Abbey Lane, Bocking Lane, Bradway Road and Twentywell Lane.

The area contains a number of important woods, an interesting gorse area and a wide expanse of natural habitats along with the old monastery fishing ponds at the Abbey itself.

B.E.G. is affiliated to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and has the backing of the City Council's Countryside Unit as well as benefiting from the assistance and advice of the Ecology Unit based at Weston Park Museum. Liaison with other Departments is being developed and the group has been assisted by the Public Rights of Way Unit in the form of permission to work on public footpaths, the erection of signs, and perhaps most importantly, the claiming of footpaths.

Various projects from drystone walling, hedge trimming and pond clearance have taken place. We have carried out litter clearance works on a number of occasions and have planted a 100 metre hedge adjacent to Beauchief Ponds. We have our own regular Tuesday morning group who have achieved wonders in the rebuilding of a drystone wall at the top of Beauchief Drive.

There are always development pressures on areas of green belt land. Public consultation prior to the development is normally carried out and the group has been consulted and has commented on various issues.

We view this as a vital role. Much can be

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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

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The Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

achieved by gathering petitions and by lobbying Councillors and local Members of Parliament and it is only through these means that B.E.G. is able to resist unwanted development.

Surveys are, being carried out in order to build up as full a picture as possible about what the area contains. The Ecology Unit has given basic instruction about what the area contains. The Ecology Unit has given basic instruction on woodland flora surveys and further survey tuition will follow later in the year. RESEARCH is vital. The group has, therefore, been building up a picture of the history of the area. Folk memory is also very important and we aim to collect and collate this valuable information in the future.

Guest speakers have been arranged, with an aim to broaden people's knowledge of and interest in the area. Guided walks and events by specialists have also taken place. We now know more about the history of the area, the wildlife it contains including the local bat population, and how to carry out survey work. Janet Peatman, Keeper of Industrial History, has given an introduction

talk to the Abbeydale Hamlet (our new base). The City Arboriculturist has given us an insight into woodland management and Mick Handson, the Footpaths Officer, has talked to us on Public Rights of Way issues. We also inform each other of developments through our regular meetings.

Last, but not least, the group is involved in fund raising activities. This may take the form of a jumble sale, perfume party or a coffee morning. It may also be achieved through applications to various bodies for grant aid. All forms of fund raising are vital if the group is to progress. Funding has enabled the group to hire meeting rooms, pay for stationery, purchase tools and to purchase trees.

The Beauchief Environment Group is well established and is becoming accepted locally and with the City Council. Remember, a local group can achieve a great deal.

If you would like to help us, would like to make a donation or want to know more then contact Nick Barnes during the day on 92 382121, Extension 2021.



Census Information

Census documents contain a wealth of information relating to a community. Apart from the fairly obvious facts such as the number of houses, number of occupants and their age and occupations, there is much to be learnt about the social conditions. Was it an affluent community? Were the houses overcrowded? Was there much movement in and out of the village, for example, the selection of a partner or change of domicile. Following a comparative study of the census returns for Dore for the years 1851 and 1881, this article gives a picture of the community in these years.

The census returns in this period were completed by an enumerator who walked around the village completing a schedule for each occupied building. Each schedule is numbered, with the name of the road or in some cases the name of the house or group of houses. The head of the household is named with his/her married state, age, occupation and date of birth. This is repeated for all other occupants, with their relationship to the head of the household given.

It is a frustration to local historians that the route taken by the enumerator is not always a logical progress through the village and therefore not as easy to follow as one

may suppose. It is certain that the enumerator would need to have been in a reasonable state of health, when the area covered stretched from Abbeydale Road almost to Fox House in one direction and from Ringinglow to Totley Brook in the other. In 1851, the task was shared by Charles Revitt and Charles Farnsworth but in 1881 was completed by a Joseph Baxby.

The accuracy of the enumeration was overseen by the Registrar and Superintendent Registrar for the District. Any uninhabited houses were noted and tables were completed by both the enumerator and registrar. In 1851 Richard Furniss, the well known local factotum was Registrar and in 1881 the position was held by William Buxton, the retired village schoolmaster.

In 1851 there were 124 dwellings, of which 122 were occupied. These included the three public houses, the Hare and Hounds, Devonshire Arms and Dore Moor Inn. The population was 574, 317 males and 157 females. This compares with 203 dwellings in 1881, 180 being occupied and a further three in the process of being built. The population was 874, 442 men and 432 women. Where had the new houses been built? 10 were on Totley Brook Road, the Licensed Victualers Asylum (now the Alms Houses) contained 11 dwellings, St John's

Vicarage was being built and there were 14 new houses on the Station Road (Dore Road). These were identifiable as being built to take advantage of the railway.

How many people lived in the houses? The average number of occupants in 1851 was 4.7 as compared with 4.8 in 1881. Although this is high by modern standards, it compares favourably with a national average of 5.1 in 1871. In 1851 21% of the households had servants, of these households the average number of servants being 1.5. In 1881, 23% of households had servants, the average number being 1.6. This small increase is not surprising with the knowledge that a significant proportion of the development in the village between the census returns was of the more expensive type. Is this reflected in the occupations of the heads of household?

50% of the heads of household were engaged in agriculture in 1851. 16% were involved in the production of tools, predominantly saw handles and scythes, 13% tradespeople, 8% miners and quarry men but only 5% in professional or managerial employment. By 1881 only 33% were working in agriculture, 13% producing tools, 13% tradespeople, 17% in professional or managerial employment and 6% working as coachmen, grooms and gardeners. In this year three households were headed by Midland Railway Employees. In both censuses there were besom makers at Stoney Ridge, making their products from the moorland heather, in addition to a toll collector at the Stoney Ridge Toll Bar.

A comparison of the places of birth of the heads of household in 1851 and 1881 shows the increasing mobility. In 1851, 40% of the heads of household had been born in Dore, 31% in Totley and other areas of Sheffield, 27% in Derbyshire and Yorkshire but only 3 people were born further afield in England and 1 in Ireland. This contrasts quite significantly with 1881, when only 31% were Dore born, 36% from other areas of Sheffield, 18% from other parts of Derbyshire and Yorkshire with 25 or 14% born in other counties of England, 4 from other parts of Great Britain plus a Physician born in Canada and a retired naturalised German pork butcher.

The thirty years between 1851 and 1881 were important in the development of Dore village. The opening of the railway station in 1872 was helping to attract the businessmen of Sheffield to the pleasant, predominantly agricultural community. The increased mobility of labour, particularly in the managerial and professional occupations was beginning to make an impact on a village, which had seen little change over the centuries.

This brief article gives only a taste of the fascinating information to be found from the study of census returns. If it has whetted your appetite, you may visit the Sheffield Collection in the Cental Library and examine this important source of local history for yourself.

Helicopter Overflight

Following a number of complaints and enquiries last year from residents about helicopter noise and safety, further guidance has been given by Patrick McLoughlin MP, Minister of Aviation and Shipping at the Department of Transport.

In a letter dated 18 December 1989 he says: "Under aviation legislation, all pilots have to comply with the Rules of the Air and Traffic Control Regulations which require amongst other things that an aircraft must not fly within 500 feet of "any person, vessel, vehicle or structure (except when landing or taking off) or below 1500 feet over a congested area without written permission from the Civil Aviation Authority.

I understand that where Planning Regulation is concerned, the establishment of permanent sites for the operation of helicopters needs planning permission .. but that helicopter operations which are incidental to the main use of the land are exempt."

There have been no complaints for some time of helicopter overflight of the village and it is hoped that they will not recur.

On Monday 12th February a helicopter pilot was fined £400 by Sheffield magistrates for low flying over Beauchief, Dore and Totley. He was also ordered to pay £150 costs to the Civil Aviation Authority. Charles Thomas of Tadcaster was flying at between 200ft and 300ft above houses to the annoyance of residents, the court was told.

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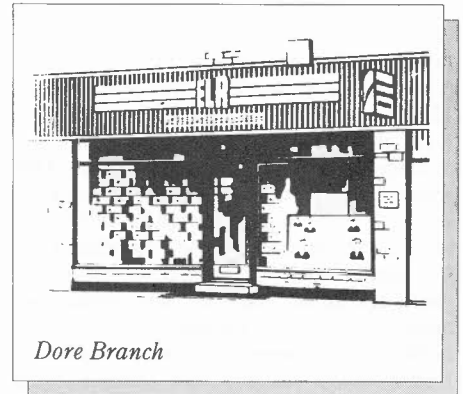
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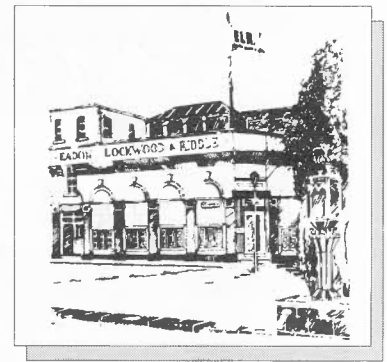


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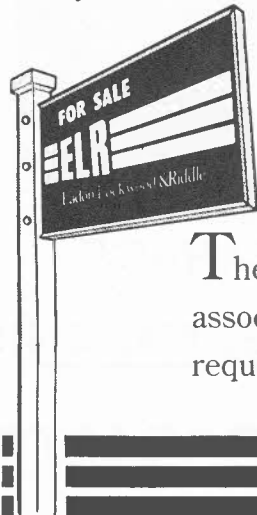
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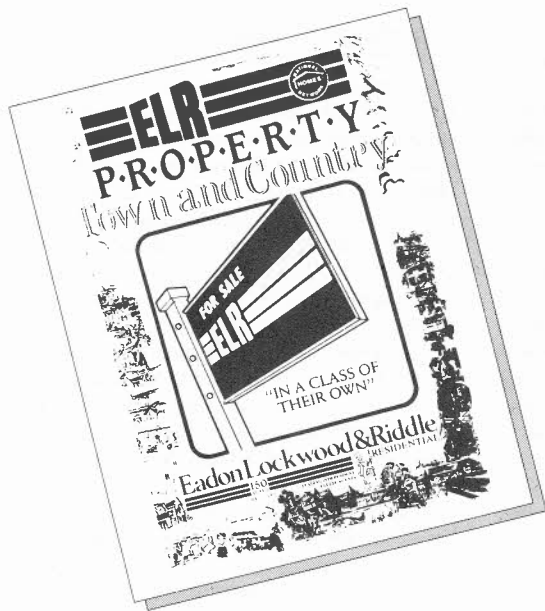


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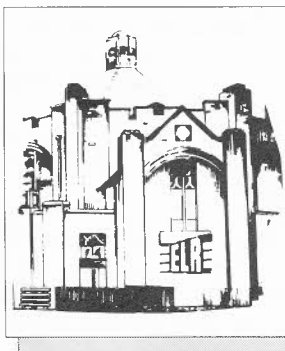
The firm has already celebrated its anniversary with the launch of its own monthly property newspaper – ELR Property Town & Country – which is widely distributed and which you have probably seen recently.

The late winter has, despite reports in the national media, seen the continuation of the fairly active market in the Sheffield area, particularly locally. Consequently, housing stock is somewhat depleted. This fact when related to the predicted rise in demand for the area which we are beginning to experience, means that we are confidently predicting that prices will once again rise as the year progresses.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

A copy of Dore to Door has come into my possession illustrating Gilleyfield Farm, where I grew up. The following additional information may be of interest in relation to the piece written on the history of the house.

My father, Colonel G. Vivian Hunt OBE TD MA LLB was Sheffield born and the Senior Partner in Wake Smith & Co., Solicitors. He was a specialist in Company and Commercial Law and sat on the Board of many of the Sheffield public companies of the era, including Tennant Bros.; Brightside, and Bassetts.

He bought King's Croft in, I think, 1947, which included Gilleyfield Farm, which was then known as Green Lane Farm. They built on the wing you referred to in about 1950. The size they could build was constrained by the regulations then that no building would be permitted which exceeded the cubic capacity of a council house and they then sold King's Croft and moved into what was then renamed Gilleyfield Farm.

They sold Gilleyfield Farm to Geoffrey Needham, who I believe still lives there, in 1969.

My parents were particularly successful with the Jerseys which, for a number of years, had the highest average yield of any herd in the Midlands and they had the top cow for a number of years also.

Jonathan C.V. Hunt, Nottinghamshire

Dear Sir

I read with great pleasure your Dore to Door magazine.

I was born in Dore & lived there for some years until I married. I note with particular interest an article written by Bessie Colley in the Spring issue 1989. I remember well her parents Mr & Mrs Brookes and her grandparents., Mr & Mrs Fletcher. There was one point that set me wondering ... Bessie wrote that her grandfather built the Church Lych Gate in 1884. I seem somehow to recall the Lych Gate being dedicated when I was attending Dore school around about 1920 .. or could this have been some other occasion commemorated by the attendance of all the school-children at a service at the Lych Gate? Perhaps someone else can remember. Also, the John Flint she mentioned ... I wonder could he be a relative of Miss Nellie Flint of Devonshire Terrace?

I have come by the copies of Dore to Door quite by chance. Do you have a postal subscription list whereby I could receive them regularly?

Mrs S. Sharpe, Batemoor.

Dore to Door can be posted to any current (not life) members of the Dore Village Society living outside Dore. Alternatively, we are happy to distribute copies given a supply of ready stamped and addressed large envelopes.

Editor.

GILLEYFIELD FARM. Brian Edwards Oct. 1980.



Dear Sir,

It is about time something positive and constructive was done to combat the problem of Dog Dirt. It can carry the worm toxocara which cannot be seen by the human eye and which can cause blindness if inadvertently picked up by a child. Every narrow pavement in the village has several piles and trying to direct children and prams around this mess makes life very difficult.

The recreation ground, primarily aimed at children and young people, is just as hazardous. It is so bad my children are forbidden from running and playing on the grass.

Maybe there could be an area designated for dogs to foul, suitably fenced of course. Dog owners train them not to mess their own house and garden, surely the same should go for public places.

Mrs. V. Wilson, Dore.

Dog Warden Service

The Council has recently resumed its dog warden service — the main areas of work relate to:

- Stray dogs
- Dog fouling
- Dangerous dogs
- Nuisance from dogs eg barking etc.

The warden service will capture and detain stray dogs in conjunction with the police and will respond to requests from the public during office hours. Enquiries about lost dogs should be made between 9.00am and noon and a recovery fee will be payable. In addition the dog wardens will deal with complaints about nuisance and/or fouling and will be enforcing various related by-laws. Sheffield Dog Warden Service — Tel: 736048

Cheshire Homes

In these days when people move so frequently, it may be that people who have come into the area in recent years may know nothing of the existence of the Cheshire Home in Totley. It is just one of a nationwide network of 78 special homes which were started after the second world war by Leonard Cheshire V.C. to care for physically handicapped but mentally alert men and women.

"Cheshire" homes are special in that they do not treat disabled people as invalids nor do they aim to provide a "hotel" service, but they do provide facilities for their residents to live life to the full within the limits of their disabilities.

Mickley Hall, Sheffield was opened in 1967, in the 100 year old Cherry Tree Orphanage building.

The initial 10 residents has increased to 36 with a craft room, physiotherapy room and staff accommodation having been added as fund raising permitted. These additions together with the enlargement of the dining room culminated in the new wing opened by The Duchess of Gloucester in March, 1985. This wing allowed each resident to have a single room, and completed the quadrangle. The residents can now sit out in the summer in the sheltered courtyard area which was levelled up to accommodate wheelchairs. This area is now a picture in summer, with flowering shrubs and climbing fuchsias, and greatly enjoyed by the residents and their visitors. Residents can furnish and decorate their rooms as they wish, giving individuality to their surroundings.

The majority of residents are Sheffield people, some having relatives in the area, but suitable applications are accepted from all over the country. Residents have long-term disabilities such as multiple sclerosis, strokes, arthritis and Parkinson's disease. The age range is mainly 55 - 75. Once accepted as a permanent resident in a Cheshire Home, it is a home for life unless for some reason it ceases to be the most appropriate place to be. Nearly all residents are wheelchair bound, and to help their participation in outside life the home has two mini-buses (for which the resident's themselves raised funds) and these are in constant use.

The day to day running costs of the home, including staffing which has to be of a high level, are almost covered by various pensions and support given to individual residents, but improvements, the mini-buses etc., have all been provided by donations, legacies, and fund-raising ventures over the years, including the annual Fete held in the grounds on the 4th Saturday in June, this year falling on the 23rd June.

The most pressing target for fund-raising at present is the up-dating of the original bedroom wing, now 20 years old, and in need of some of the modern equipment and fittings now available to assist disabled people.

It will be the homes Silver Jubilee in 1992, perhaps it's target will be reached by then?

**Next deadline for
Summer Diary entries
9th May 1990**

Farming Notes

The death of Connie Denniff last December, means that for the first time there are now no Denniffs living in Dore, though there are many members of the family in the surrounding area.

Connie Frith was born at Croft House Farm opposite the Church. She married Joe Denniff, and they lived at Dore Hall Farm, which was demolished in the early sixties. Rushleigh Court flats and Dore Hall Close cover the site. Their land is now taken over by Burlington Road and surrounding roads, Dore Junior and King Ecgbert schools.

Dore Hall farm was one of the first farms in Dore to make the change from horses to tractor power. At that time, much of the horse machinery was converted to be towed by tractor, but new machinery came and went so quickly it was difficult to know what to buy. Denniffs were the first farmers in Dore to have a stationary baler, which stood in the field driven by a belt from the tractor. The hay was swept up out of the windows by a haysweep and pitched into it by men with hayforks (or picking forks as they were known). This was a big step forward from the old method of cocking the hay and leading it off loose to be stacked. Yet within 2 or 3 years, this system was made obsolete by the pickup baler. Nowadays, hay itself is becoming a rarity on farms, being replaced by silage, either in clamps or big bales.

Farmers have always been only too willing to accept new machinery and methods. The traditional ways of doing things may look picturesque to the onlooker, but for sheer

back-breaking drudgery, farming took some beating before the advent of mechanical power. Before modern sprays made continuous cropping possible, a typical farmer round here would look forward to getting his haymaking done and then spend the rest of the summer in the turnip field.

Hoeing 2 acres of turnips was like painting the Forth Bridge. By the time you got to the end of the field, the beginning would be out of sight under the weeds again. If there is one thing land in Dore can grow, it is redshank, or goose tongue, to give it its local name. Any patch of bare ground from Spring to Autumn gets covered in it. If the weather is dry when you hoe it out, fresh plants spring up in days. If it is wet, the weeds you've pulled out keep on growing as well! On top of that, singling turnips was one of the most mind bending jobs out. Four or five shoots grow right next to each other. The strongest one would be selected and the others hoed out; except that often as not, the one you wanted would come out as well. For this sort of job you needed the finest tilth you could get which on our clay soils, was extremely difficult.

There is still a small acreage of turnips grown and harvested for winter feed but usually now they are grown as a catch crop; that is after a cereal crop has been harvested, the stubble is cultivated and the turnip seed broadcast on it, rather than drilled in rows. Sheep then graze the crop from December onwards.

Except in very good years, this isn't usually possible in Dore, because we don't get the cereals harvested soon enough and

winter sets in early. But the other side of Tickhill it's common enough.

At least a dozen farms in Dore have disappeared under bricks and tarmac, but in most cases the farm houses and some outbuildings remain and are now some of the most expensive properties in the area. But in the case of Dore Hall Farm, and also Rushley Farm, the house was also demolished so the developer could pack the maximum number of new houses (price of £4,000 each) on the site. We have only our memories.

Richard Farnsworth

R.S.P.C.A. Appeal

The R.S.P.C.A. have been most grateful for the wonderful response to the Christmas Appeal for donations of tins of dog and cat food etc, to feed the many strays and abandoned animals at the Spring Street Shelter. It is very sad that there should be so many cases of abandoned animals, but the Christmas Appeal does help the R.S.P.C.A. to manage in the winter months. Many thanks to "Valerie of Dore", Anne's dress shop on Baslow Rd., Totley, and Oldales Estate Agents (Halifax Building Society) Totley Rise, for acting as collection points, without whom the appeal would not have been possible.

In the long term, neutering of dogs and cats would greatly help prevent so many unwanted litters, and the R.S.P.C.A. are always grateful for donations to Mrs. Helen Laver, 83 Spring Street, Sheffield 3, for the Neutering Fund.

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Wildlife Trust

While vitally important global issues like acid rain and the threat to the ozone layer rightly remain the chief focus for most conservationists, it is important not to forget local environmental issues. The slogan 'Think globally, act locally' is worth remembering.

Members of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust certainly are concerned about the big international issues, but when it comes to action they focus down on the wildlife heritage of the county of Derbyshire and how it may best be protected.

Some concentrate on badgers, mapping setts, and trying to keep one step ahead of the badger diggers. Others help with active volunteer work on our 51 nature reserves. Managing them is a major operation. Over the last two and half years the Trust itself has been running a major Appeal which has now just reached its target of £200,000. Some of this money was used to purchase a fine nature reserve at Cromford — old flower-rich fields never treated with chemicals. The bulk of the money though has been devoted to establishing the Trust's first permanent countryside centre, by converting and renovating the old railway station at Matlock Bath.

The first building is already open to the public and will be fully operational by May. Known as 'The Whistlestop Centre,' the building is probably the finest in the village, dating back to the 1840's when Matlock Bath was being promoted as the 'Little Switzerland of England'.

If you are in the area at the weekend do call in. Until 1st April the Centre is open between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Thereafter it will be open everyday from 10 to 5.

If you would like to support the Trust's work or find out more about what we do please call at the Centre, or write to our office at Elvaston Castle, Derby, DE7 3EP, preferably enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

The 1990's are a testing time for our local countryside. Development pressures and leisure activities both nibble away at vulnerable wildlife habitats. The Trust does what it can to fight for nature conservation. For an annual subscription of only £10 (£12 for a couple or family) you too could play a part, or at least find out what we do. Please get in touch.

Nick Brown,
Trust Development Officer.



Goldfinch
feeding on
teasel



The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's new Whistlestop Countryside centre at Matlock Bath.

Environment Week

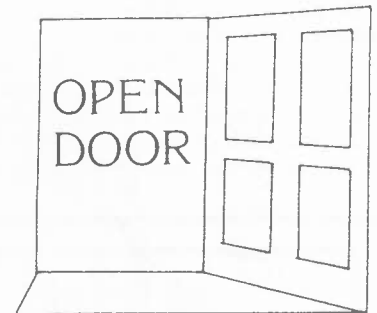
This year's Sheffield Environment Week will run from the 28 April to 7 May. A host of activities are planned around the general theme of raising awareness of the environment.

Events start on Saturday, 28 April, with amongst others a Dawn Chorus Walk in the Limb Valley, a Discovery Day at Blacka Moor Environmental Centre on Shorts Lane, Dore, a Wildlife Fair at Western Park Museum and a Woodland Plant Survey with the Beauchief Environment Group. On Sunday 29 April, there are a range of walks to choose from, including a guided walk through Sheffield's ancient woodlands; a ramble with the Longshaw Wardens; and a city centre walk with the South Yorkshire Group of the Victorian Society.

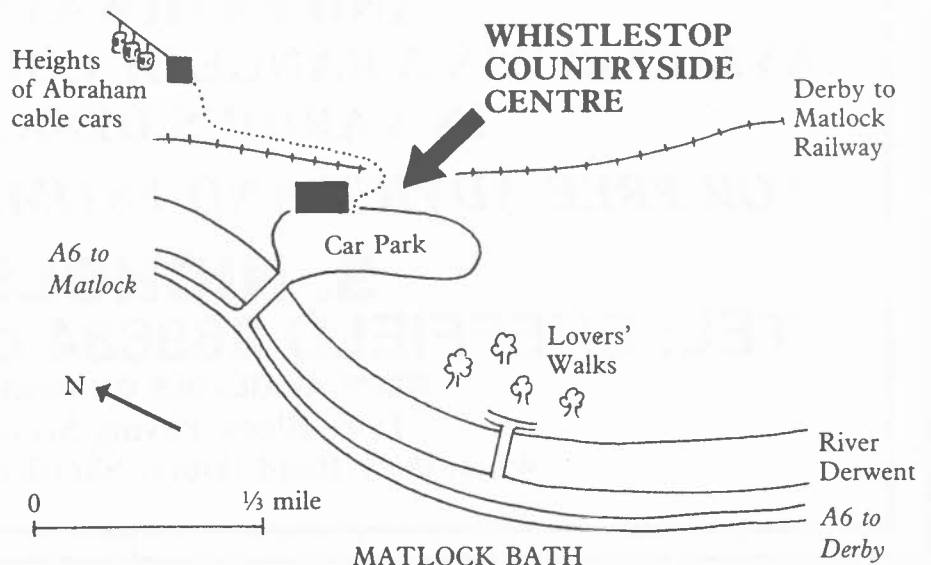
During the following week events range from drystone walling to a badger slideshow and walk from Whirlow Brook Park, from exhibitions to Open Days.

Copies of the full programme will be available to the public in early April from Public Libraries and other outlets, or for advance information ring John Baker on 369025.

Please call in at



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Brook Road.



King Egbert School

KES Annual Production this year is 'Our Day Out', a musical play by Willy Russell (of 'Education Rita' fame) about the coach trip of a secondary school 'Progress Class' of less able pupils to a zoo, a castle and a beach with a fair. It is sharply observed, enormous fun with its infectious songs and was a great hit at the Crucible a few years ago, a production which included a number of KES pupils. The four evening performances will be in Wessex Hall, Totley Brook Road, at 7.30 on 27-30 March (Tuesday to Friday). Tickets, price £2.50 adults, £1 children, are available from pupils (if you know some) or from the school on 369931.

Easter Eggie Draw That is the title chosen for the KES Raffle this year. The three major prizes are a Sony Personal CD Stereo, A Philips Electronic Food Processor and a Canon Snappy Compact Camera. There will be a long list of further prizes donated by friends of the school (last time we had over 20 prizes). The draw, probably made by members of the Sheffield Eagles team, will be made on 9 April, so please buy tickets in aid of school funds from pupils during March.

Tree Planting Plans are currently being made for a great tree plant on both sites of King Egbert School in Dore. Pupil will be asked to buy and plant a tree, and it is hoped that several hundred specimens of indigenous deciduous trees will be planted. Watch for local publicity in March.

School Mosaic In January the school was offered an opportunity to design and construct an 8' x 4' mosaic at The Ruskin Gallery which would be presented to the school upon its completion. We decided to involve the whole school in this unique undertaking, a daunting organisational exercise.

It was felt that the first year pupils would be ideal for the actual constructing of the Mosaic and that we would open the design to all the other year groups on a competition basis.

The final design by Kate McCormick showed many of Sheffield's features such as the Town Hall, City Hall, Wicker Arches and the Ski Village as well as bringing into the design aspects of our surrounding countryside. The final choice was very difficult as many interesting and original

designs were submitted from the Universiade to wild life.

The first year pupils in groups of 5-7 were accompanied by a member of staff to work on the mosaic under the guidance of Elizabeth Kemp, a professional mosaic artist for a morning or afternoon session over a period of two weeks, the member of staff having volunteered, often giving up non-contact preparation time to do so.

Everyone who took part enormously enjoyed the experience and felt it was of great educational value (there was also lively discussion in the staff room by the teachers as to which bit they had 'stuck on').

The mosaic will be on show at the Graves Gallery, Surrey Street in The "Young At Art" exhibition, 24th March-19th May, and afterwards on permanent display in the entrance foyer of the Wessex Building.

We're proud of it — why not come and see it?

Clubs and Teams We continue to provide a wide variety of activities in the face of dwindling resources, staffing and allocation. There are clubs for Hockey, Football, Badminton, Cross Country, and Netball. We have had matches out of school in all these activities. It has been pleasing to see the 6th and 7th form organising practices and running teams. Without their assistance we could not possibly provide as many teams as we do.

Representative Honours: Football: Robert Oles 2.0. has been selected to join the Centre of Excellence at Bramall Lane. Cross Country: Dan Thompson, 5S, Chris Sharman 5S, Darren Thomas 4G, Vicky Kerrigan 4S, Helen Scholes 4E, Helen Mitchell 4G, Vicky Stokes 4G and Nicola North 3L have all been selected to represent Sheffield at the South Yorks Championships.

Dan Thompson, Vicky Kerrigan and Nicola North are going to the National Championships in Cornwall. Badminton: Daniel Baker 5G, Paula Baker 3G, Penny Joyce 3L, James Bingham 3G, Emily Armitage 3G, Lee Etches 3E have all represented the City at badminton and many have done well in City Championships.

Daniel Baker, U16 Boys Singles Champion and runner-up U16 mixed, and Paula Baker, runner-up U16 mixed with Daniel, Penny Joyce U14 Girls singles champion, U14 Girls doubles champion and runner-up in U14 mixed. Lee Etches runner-up in U14 mixed,

Emily Armitage, champion in U14 girls doubles.

Cricket: Ben Dorney 4L and Marcus Jones 4E, Richard Tasker 3M and James Dorney 2S have been invited to join City squads for extra coaching and will probably represent the City this summer.

Ski Trips: We had a successful trip over Christmas with 33 6th formers. We went to Les Deux Alpes in France and in a season blighted by lack of snow we were fortunate to have 22 lifts open. A good time was had by all and we have re-booked for next Christmas. The trip is open to 6th formers, ex-pupils and parents.

We have our term-time trip leaving on March 3rd. The party is 46 strong, 38 pupils and 8 adults. We are going to Bardonecchia in Italy and it is *snowing*.

Isle of Wight: Last summer we had two wonderfully successful trips to Club U.K. on the Isle of Wight. A total of 65 pupils experienced sailing, canoeing, windsurfing and ski boarding in Mediterranean conditions. We are repeating the process this year taking 45 third years and 28 second years.

Short Course P.E: We are still managing to offer a wide variety of off-site activities. As we lose staff expertise with the dwindling school roll we are having to call on outside agencies more than ever.

Windsurfing, Golf, Squash, Skating, Dry Slope Skiing, Multigym and Problem Solving are activities our pupils have participated in this year.

Craft Group

A craft group has started meeting at Totley Library, Baslow Road, on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00-4.00pm. This is an informal group, who get together to share ideas and expertise and to help each other to improve their skills or to start out on new crafts.

Crafts which the groups share at the moment include knitting, crochet, tatting, embroidery, tapestry, weaving, lace-making, pressed flowers, decoupage, and painting on fabric. In addition, skills which people would like to acquire include macrame, machine applique, cake decorating and collage.

If you would like to learn a new craft or share your skills with others, you would be very welcome. Just pop in any Tuesday afternoon. The group usually meets in the childrens library.

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MAR

- 10 Craft Fair, Dore Junior School.
 14 A.G.M. Dore Evening T.G Old School
 15-17 Crystal Clear. Comedy by Dore Dramatic Society.
 Dore Church Hall, 7.30 pm. Tickets £1.50 Phone
 365274 or 365251
 16 Coffee Evening at the home of Mr & Mrs Keith
 Belbin in aid of Home Missions. Dore Methodist
 Get-Together 7.30pm.
 18 Home Missions Service. Dore Methodist Church
 10.30am.
 20 Any Questions? Rev. M. Brown, Tuesday Group.
 Methodist Hall 7.45pm
 21 Methodist Women's Fellowship, 2pm.
 21-25 Noel Coward's 'Blithe Spirit' United Reformed
 Church Amateur Dramatic Society, Church Hall,
 Totley Brook Road, 7.30pm. Tickets from Martin's
 Shop, 290 Abbeydale Road South, or phone
 364440.
 25 Mothering Sunday Service. Methodist Church
 10.30am
 28 Book Week. Dore Junior School.
 31 Craft Fair (in aid of Dore Church) Old School,
 10am to 4pm (see article)
 31 Fashion show and coffee morning in aid of
 Townswomen's Guild Tree Fund. Village Hall,
 10a.m. to Noon. £1.50. Mercia and Evening T.G.

APRIL

- 3 Hope Chest. Tuesday Group, Methodist Hall
 7.45pm
 4 Dr Jim Headridge, Methodist Womens Fellowship
 2pm.
 6 Verdi Requiem. John Wade Singers with principals
 from S.Y.O. in aid of Berth Hayward Memorial
 Fund. Tickets £2.50 362597
 8 Fauré Requiem. Combined choirs of Totley. All
 Saints and Christ Church, Dore. Memorial Service
 for Margaret Weaver, Christ Church, Dore,
 6.30pm.
 13 Good Friday Service. Methodist church 10.30 a.m.
 15 Easter Day Service. Dore Methodist Church
 10.30am.
 17 National Blood Donors. Mercia Social Studies.
 Members only.
 18 Members Meeting. Methodist Women's Fellowship
 2pm.
 24 Haddon Hall, Mr. N. Day. Tuesday Group.
 Methodist Hall 7.45pm
 25 Spring Meeting. Dore Village Society 8pm. Old
 Village School.
 25 General Church Meeting. Methodist Church.
 28-7 Sheffield Environment Week

MAY

- 2 Methodist Women's Fellowship. 2pm.
 7 May Day Ramble led by Roy Bullen
 7 Supporters Day, Whirlow Hall Farm, Whirlow
 Lane, 10.30-4.30. Further details 352678
 8 "Home and Gardens". Demonstration. Mercia
 T.G. Members Only.
 8 Passtimes. Mrs. B. Gibson. Tuesday Group.
 Methodist Hall. 7.45pm.
 12 May Market, Dore Mercia T.G. Stalls and
 refreshments. Methodist Church 10 a.m. to 12.
 15 Colour Analysis and Design of Clothes. Mercia
 T.G. Members only.
 16 Rev. Bernard Redhead. Missionary Slides. Womens'
 Fellowship. 2pm.
 19 Dinner and Entertainment from Colin 'Fingers'
 Henry. 267th Dore Scouts. Tickets 362910 or any
 member of Social Committee.
 22 Himalayan Expedition. Dr. G. Walker. Tuesday
 Group Methodist Hall. 7.45pm.
 30 Mrs M. Boshier. Missionary Slides. Meth. Women's
 Fellowship 2pm.

JUNE

- 12 Child Help Line. Janet Betts. Tuesday Group.
 Methodist Hall, 7.45pm.
 12 A Bird Conservationist Talk. Mercia T.G. Members
 only.
 13 Meth. Womens' Fellowship 2pm.

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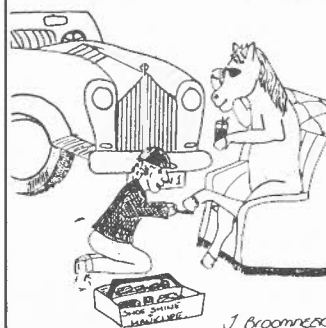
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