

# DORE DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## The Grange

According to its datestone, the house we now call The Grange was born in the year 1684, on land originally belonging to the Duke of Devonshire. Before the year the datestone also displays the letters I.V. The meaning of these letters is not explicit but it is thought that they may be an archaic form of the letters J.U. which could stand for John Unwin. This is not as far fetched as it might seem since it is known through the parish register that there was a John Unwin in the village at the time and owners of the same name have been identified as living in The Grange in later years.

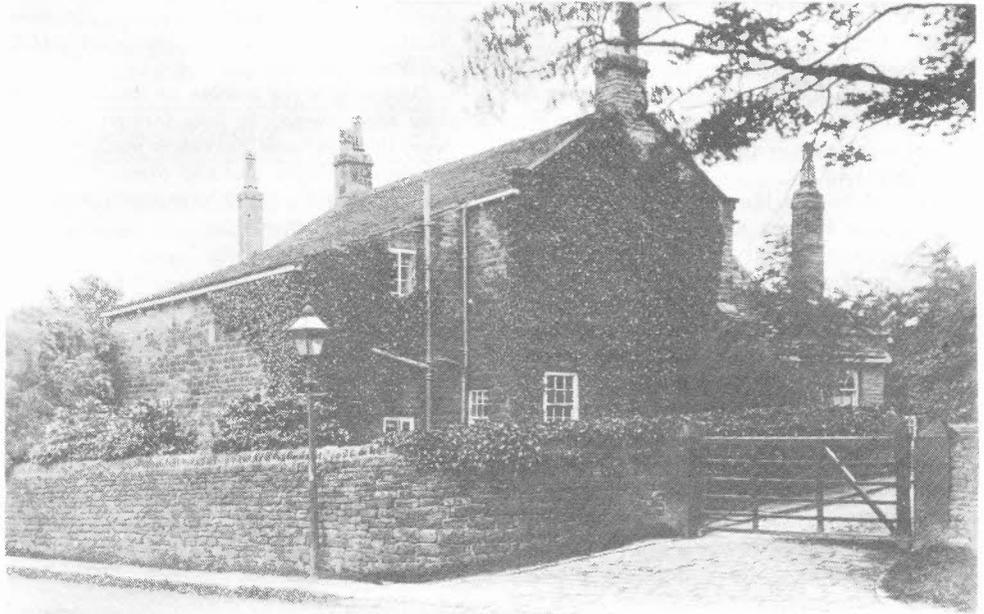
The indications are that the original house was a Derbyshire longhouse i.e. a single storey structure with two living rooms and a barn, under a single roof. The roof space would be a hay loft with wind holes at strategic points. The barn was demolished during the first decade of this century and the land it covered is now a garden; part of the barn can be seen on old photographs and the old single storey roof line can be clearly seen in the present stone walls of the house. On the first floor some of the windholes can be seen and in one of the downstairs rooms there is a deep recess, in a wall, which has been identified as a bread oven.

The house, has been much altered over the years although little is known of the dates of alterations. Sometime ago, probably early in the last century, a second storey was added and the old low ceilings raised. Unfortunately a lot of rather soft sandstone was used, contrasting with the original gritstone. Two lean-dairies were also built on the north side of the house. One of the dairies is used as a workshop and it still has its stone benches and a flagged stone floor. Interestingly it has a crumbling stone mullioned window which has apparently been moved from an earlier building — (Dore Hall?).

In 1892 a small kitchen was built on the south west corner of the house. This was demolished in 1968 when a major extension was built on the west of the main house using mainly gritstone from a demolished house in Stannington.

Many more buildings have from time to time stood on the site. For instance, a document of 1897 refers to a "Stone built residence with coachman's house, wash kitchen, 6 loose boxes, cowhouse, cartshed, greenhouse, gardens and paddock."

The coachman's house was a two up and two down cottage which has since been twice extended and now comprises two flats. Two loose boxes remain and what was described as the cartshed probably became part of the large wash kitchen. One of the greenhouses is still in use.



*The Grange, Dore Road, 1915*

What do we know of previous owners? The earliest records refer to someone called Barting followed by a succession of John Unwins (3 in fact) with a Joseph Unwin in the middle. The deeds seem to suggest that the Unwins were under financial strain and that the subsequent sale to John Elliot in 1845 was forced. John Elliot died in 1866 and the property was passed down to his farmer son, Samuel. During this time the house was called Dore House. In 1886 the property was sold to William Franklin and in 1892 to W. John Church. In 1906, Church's widow, Isabella sold the property (which was now named Grange Farm) to Louisa Pexton, Julian Young's grandmother, for £1000.

A letter, dated 1916, from Richard Pexton (bank manager of Heeley and husband of Louisa) to his mortgage, agrees to an increase in the interest rate to 5% per annum — but with the proviso that it be reduced "when times become more normal".

How things have changed!

## News in Brief

**Craft Fair** — to be held at Totley Library, Baslow Road, 11th - 16th June including displays of craft work such as tapestries, collage, dried flowers, decoupage, terrariums and painted pebbles. There will also be demonstrations of various crafts such as embroidery, crochet, spinning, weaving, cake decorating, painting on material, lace and soft toy making.

Enquire at the Library for details — Tel. 363067 Pauline Rosser, Community Librarian.

## Letters

Dear Sir

With reference to the letter by Mrs S Sharpe of Batemoor in the spring issue.

She is quite correct about the top roof part of the "Lych Gate" which was erected to the memory of men lost in the First World War. My Grandfather Joseph Fletcher did make the gates in 1883. I have a photo of them taken just after they were made, without the top post.

Bessie Colley (Brooke), Dore.



**Dore Scouts,  
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ANNUAL  
GALA**

**Saturday 14th July**  
Gala Evening and Bar-B-Q

**Sunday 15th July**  
Well Dressing Service

## Memories of Dore

Mrs Margaret Clark of Leyfield Road has been kind enough to share some of her memories of Dore.

Mrs Clark became landlady of the Hare and Hounds in 1929 and she and husband Frank spent 43 years there. She looked so young that when the vicar, Rev. W. Gibson, called to welcome the new tenants he asked to see her mother.

The Hare and Hounds of those days was smaller, the Post Office, a grocers and a butcher's shop occupying what is part of the present pub. The sorting office was over the Post Office and the post-master and his wife lived at the back — they got their water from the pub kitchen.

The Hare and Hounds had a lovely old farmhouse kitchen with a highly polished Yorkshire range and a stone sink which had to be donkey stoned.

There was a Tap Room, Bar Parlour, a Smoke Room with a piano and a Bagatelle Room. Mrs Clark played the piano for many sing-songs in the Smoke Room.

She still has the envelope on which she wrote down the prices of the drinks — ½ pint bitter — 4d; spirits 9d and 1d for soda (old money of course).

The pub was the meeting place for many village activities.

The Ploughing Match meetings and their dinner were held there and stakers lunch was provided for the men who 'staked out' the field for the ploughing.

Longshaw Sheepdog Trial meetings also took place there.

Dore Football Club (which was re-formed by Mr. Clark when the war ended) met in the pub, and also used the loft to change. Water was provided for washing by a hose-pipe from the kitchen window to the yard.

Members of Dore and Totley Sick and Funeral Society paid their dues to Mr George Thorp in the pub.

During the war fruit and vegetable shows were held in the loft to raise money for the Hare and Hounds Cigarette Fund. Cigarettes were sent to customers and their relatives serving in the forces. If the recipient returned a post-card to the pub, another packet of cigarettes was sent.

The war also saw the formation of the Knitting Circle in the Hare and Hounds kitchen where balaclavas and socks were provided for the troops.

The Fire Watchers had their meetings in the pub (The A.R.P. post was in the Chapel).

The war also brought new customers to the Hare and Hounds — men from the Ack Ack Battery at Knowle Green and Airborne Troops camping at Kings Croft.

In 1952 Mrs Clark won first prize for breadmaking at Dore and District Ploughing Society, but felt she had an unfair advantage, because of a friend from America had brought her some white flour, which was better than that available in England.

When Frank and Margaret Clark retired in 1972 it was the end of an era — and this was summed up in the following letter which was copied in script by Mrs Betty Brown, framed and given as a retiring present to the Clarks.

*"Sir, When you report (July 15th) that Frank and Margaret Clark are leaving the 'Hare and Hounds', Dore, you are reporting*

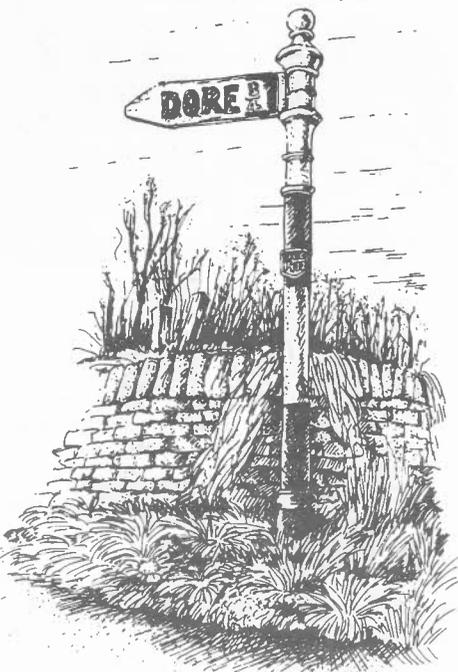
*the end of an era — the end of the Dore that used to be.*

*The Dore when the 'Hare and Hounds' had stone-flagged floors, white scrubbed furniture and hard seats. The Dore of close-knit community — its amazing characters — men with wide leather belts and brass buckles — its own dialect.*

*My cousins Punch Fisher and Kes Fearnough were men one never forgets, the Ashbys, Unwins, Coates, Hancocks, Denniffs etc. The ganister mines, the milk floats, the nine-acre, the turn-pike, Christmas parties ...*

*Dropping in for a drink on Sunday lunch time with friend the late Stewart Jepson, beer, thin beef and Yorkshire pudding with the family; 10pm and still there.*

*Frank and Margaret be praised, Dore will never be the same again.*  
*Ernest Jenkinson, 1972."*



Linzi Henry

## Can you help?

**Painting** — the signpost at the junction of Limb Lane and Hathersage Road is badly in need of a coat of paint. It would be a shame to see the last of these old style signposts replaced by a modern aluminium version. If you can spare an hour or two armed with a brush and paint please ring John Baker on 369025 or Andrew Bownes on 352107.

**Cooking** — can you spare a Tuesday morning every 6 weeks to help with the cooking of dinner for up to 16 members of the Old Schools club for the housebound?

If so, please contact either Betty Young 364803 or Bess Colley 365707.

**Dore collection** — We are grateful to several people who have responded to our appeal for items for Dore Collection.

Unfortunately, because of illness, we are making a slow start indexing the collection. We would appreciate some help from someone with experience in such work, and an interest in archives, who can spare a few hours on an irregular basis. If you would like to take part, or would like to know more about what is involved, please phone Stella Wood on 366424.

## Farming Notes

Despite what some people seem to believe, farmers have always paid domestic rates on their house and garage just the same as everyone else. What they haven't had to pay is a business rate on their land and buildings. This was to keep the cost of food production as low as possible, and it worked. The price at the farmgate is about one third what the consumer pays in the retail shop. One could well argue a case for de-rating wholesale and retail premises as well.

If on the other hand, it was decided to rate farm land, the effect would be truly catastrophic. As a farmer has no control over the price he gets for his produce, he has to take what the market gives him. It would take years for the laws of supply and demand to bring up the price to cover his increased overheads. It would almost certainly be the death knoll of the small family farms that abound in this area.

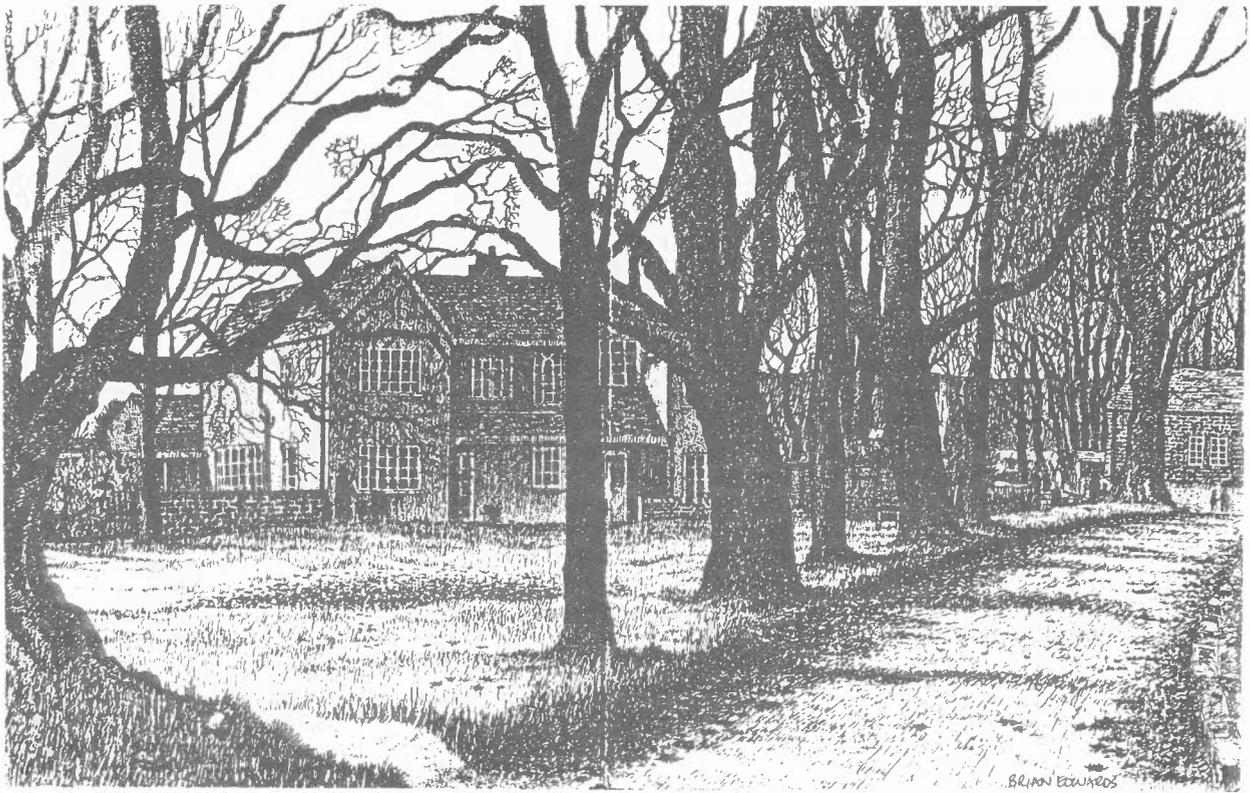
With the present furore over the poll tax it's very easy to forget that the rating system is equally as arbitrary and unfair. Most farmhouses are well over a hundred years old and as such have low rateable values, so many farmers in large spacious houses would be paying less rates than a retired farmer in a small flat. Considering the turmoil the government is having over how to finance local government it's surprising they don't seem to question whether we need it at all. If they financed education, police, fire and roads from central taxation and shut down the town hall who'd notice the difference?

Most farmers in fact probably won't find much difference between their rates bill and poll tax bill. The people who are going to suffer are the farmworkers. Many of them live in tied houses whose votes were paid by their employers business and was tax deductible. Now the farmworker is responsible for his own tax. For a married man supporting his wife this will amount to about six weeks wages in Sheffield. The employer is under no legal obligation to pay the poll tax for his farmhand, but if he does it will not be a deductible business expense.

The problem of wealthy businessmen buying farms on the outskirts of cities has been referred to before in these articles. When is a farm not a farm? If a farmer bought a solicitors practice would that make him a solicitor? The recent C.P.R.E. annual report carries a picture of a new shed in the Rivelin Valley which they complain has been erected without planning permission as agricultural buildings do not require planning permission. When someone puts up a shed that looks like a hangar, mows a strip of grass in front of it that starts nowhere and ends nowhere, and sticks a windsock at the end of it, it seems a pretty safe bet that it's use is more aeronautical than agricultural. There is strong pressure for agricultural buildings to come under full planning control. Examples like this don't help the case against, not to mention the question of rates.

Richard Farnsworth

Next deadline for  
Autumn Diary entries  
7th August 1990



*Dore Village Green 1989* Brian Edwards

## Dore Moles

Moley Jim, an itinerant mole catcher, visited Dore until the 1950's. He was about six feet tall and lame, a welcome visitor to the local farms. Moles require a lot of water to drink, hence their main runs would connect with a water source. Moley Jim would find the main run and set his traps. The dead moles would be skinned and the bodies nailed to a nearby gate. The local farmers would pay by results. Old age eventually caught up with the local mole catcher and there was no-one to carry on his work.

In the local archives there is a draft agreement for killing moles in the Township of Dore in the County of Derby. This is dated 29th March, 1821. The agreement was made between John Moody of Whittington in the County of Derby, mole catcher and John Frith, Churchwarden and John Unwin and Henry Hancock Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Dore. For a fee of seven pounds, eleven shillings and four pence a year, Moody with 'proper assistant' agreed to 'catch, kill, take and destroy all the moles that from time to time be found within and under all and every the old enclosed land and

grounds lying within the Township of Dore.'

The agreement was to last for thirty one years — to include the executors or administrators of John Moody! The mole catcher was to "use and employ the best means that can or may be had or taken for the destruction of the moles aforesaid and use such diligence and apply such proportion of his time in the destruction of the same as shall and may be deemed sufficient and necessary doing as little injury or damage to the edges, fences, grass, corn or herbage of the said land owners or occupiers as the nature of the case will admit!

John Frith, John Unwin and Henry Hancock or their successors were to pay the agreed amount of £7-11-4 per annum for the thirty one years from the Poor Rate for the Township of Dore, the first payment being on December 29th, 1821. In the case of any dispute arising between John Moody, the mole catcher and the representatives of the village, then each party was to choose a neutral person to try to come to some agreement. If differences could not be settled within ten days, a third person was to be nominated as 'Umpire'. 'Determination shall

be final and conclusive between the said parties'.

Moley Jim was undoubtedly more sensible to accept the simple method of payment by results!

## Scout Gala

Once again the organisers have generously given permission for the Village Society to mount a display stand and sales point on the Gala field. (Please see the Diary for details of the weekend's events).

We will have a display of our activities, copies of some of the old photographs for sale at £6 for a 10" x 8" print, as well as our "value" packs of publications at £2.20 each. These items make interesting and worthwhile gifts for relatives or friends.

You will be able to join the Village Society or renew your subscription which has been held at £2 per household for this year.

You will also be able to meet members of the Committee and discuss any matters of particular concern. For our part, we are always interested in meeting people who wish to help the Society in some way, so please come along and have a chat!

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## Letters

Dear Sir

In your spring 1990 issue you mentioned that the enumerator of the 1881 census was a Joseph Baxby. You may be interested to know that he still resides amongst you — in Dore churchyard with his wife and children. A fairly prominent Totley resident, Joseph served as a trustee of the now-closed Totley Methodist Church. He was born in Totley in 1824 the son of John, a local stone mason, and his wife Leta; John was the Totley census enumerator in 1851 and probably lived at the '1704' cottage on Hill Foot Road. At 15 Joseph was pursuing an apprenticeship in Joseph Marshall's House as a file cutter, a trade he pursued for many years. He was described as a file cutter and postman in the Methodist list of trustees in 1884 although this may have been an outdated description. What we do know is that Joseph had a shop in Totley Hall Lane by 1865 and by 1876 was the village postman. Some seven years later he had taken over the task of school attendance officer as well and perhaps it was this clerical skill which led him to the job of Dore enumerator.

By 1891 he was listed as subpostmaster and school attendance officer and living in Totley Post Office. Joseph died 3 years later aged 70.

I do agree that the census records provide useful information but can be widely inaccurate particularly concerning ages. Do beware!

Brian Edwards.

Dear Sir,

I write to express my concern over the future of the Child Health Clinic, currently held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at the Church Hall on Townhead Road.

This service is provided by the Sheffield Health Authority and in the past has given mothers of young children welcome support, offering immunisations, developmental testing, advice from the Health Visitor and discounted baby food products, but most of all a regular opportunity to meet and share problems with other new parents.

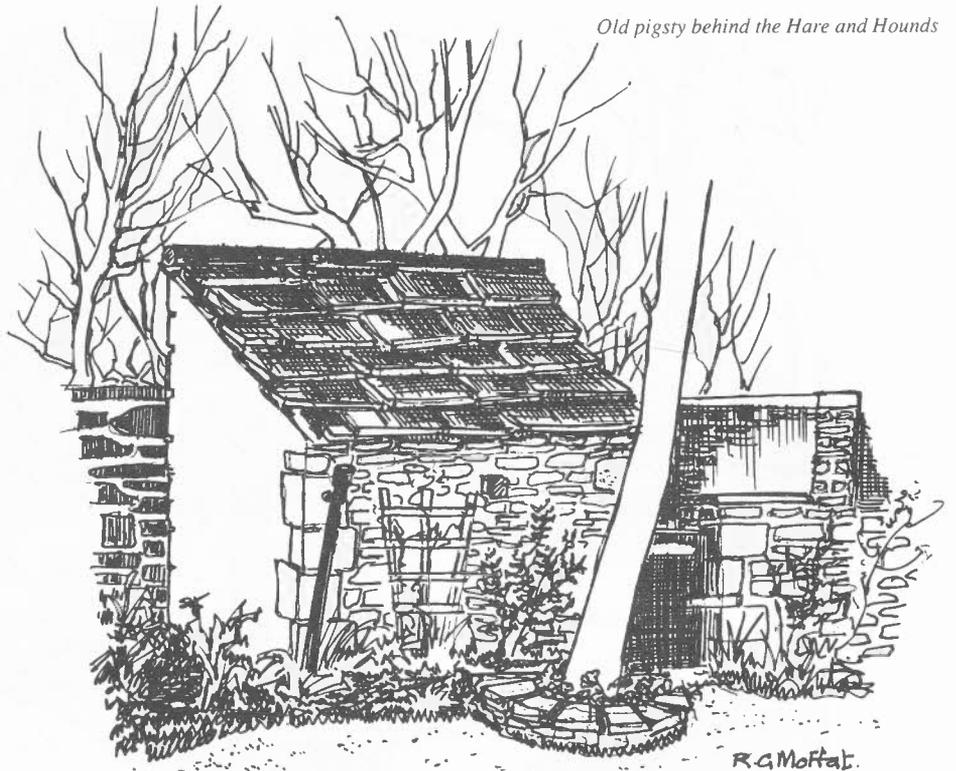
Over the past year, as Playgroup organiser in the same building, I have watched this service being apparently systematically run down. The doctor's attendance has been erratic, making regular immunisation schedules impossible, parents have been sent appointments for dates when no clinic was held, and developmental tests are no longer offered. Consequently the number of parents attending has fallen: I suspect that this will soon be offered as a 'reason' for closing.

If a similar service was provided locally by GPs, offering medical and social facilities, then maybe this would not matter — at least to patients on their list. However, I understand that the local doctors hold their mother & baby clinic at Carter Knowle Road. The nearest alternative Child Health Clinic is held weekly at the Methodist Church Hall in Totley — a long pram-push away for the two hundred mothers of under-fives at the top end of Dore, not all of whom have cars.

I think we should act on their behalf before it is too late. Otherwise, the village will have to add 'BABY CLINIC' to 'NURSERY SCHOOL' and 'LIBRARY' as 'FACILITIES WE DO NOT HAVE'.

Maureen Haworth, Dore. Tel. 366771.

Old pigsty behind the Hare and Hounds



## Sonnenberg Association

Are you concerned about economic, social and racial divisions? Likewise, the misuse of our environment? Would you like to discuss these and other topics within nationally mixed groups, while spending a relaxing time of fun, education and social life? If your reply is "yes" then I think you will be interested in this association. Over the years many people of all ages have had the unique experience of attending a Sonnenberg conference.

The chief centre where we meet is in one of the most beautiful parts of Germany, the Harz Mountains, S.E. of Hannover. Conferences usually lasting 9 or 10 days are so arranged that you have afternoons free to enjoy your own pursuits, such as swimming, ski-ing and walking.

The International Sonnenberg Association developed out of the chaos of a refugee camp in Denmark in 1946. Its aim is to get people of different countries to live together for a short while in the hope that prejudices will be dispelled. At the Sonnenberg International House there are often as many as 12-14 different nationalities from almost every country in East and West Europe and from further afield.

There is no need to know a foreign language as there is simultaneous translation. The cost is approximately £69 for 10 days full board (ex travel). The accommodation and food are good with special facilities for the physically handicapped. Single rooms available at extra cost. The 18 National Sonnenberg Associations are non-political, non-sectarian and non-racial. Our motto is: TALK TOGETHER, UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER, OVERCOME PREJUDICES, ACT RESPONSIBLY.

If you are interested in participating in an enjoyable educational holiday at a very modest cost, vacancies exist on the following conferences:

1) June 17th to 25th "Environmental problems - just a matter for the younger generation?" Aimed at people over 50 years of age.

2) July 21st - 30th. "Nature in danger - What can families in East and West do?" Aimed at families, single people and couples of all ages.

3) July 26th - Aug 2nd. A conference at Wentworth Castle, Northern College

There will also be a special Sonnenberg meeting at Sheffield Town Hall on Sat. Oct 6th to which all are invited.

For further information, please contact Mr Barry Everley, 259 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB Tel 351048

## Spring Meeting

The spring meeting was extremely well attended, almost standing only, with Mr David Hey giving us a "once-upon-a-time" view of travel through Derbyshire.

The audience was taken by foot, horse or wagon over rough, wild and dangerous countryside and a fascinating insight into travel in ancient Derbyshire.

We travelled over Criss-crosstracks, enclosure roads and some used by Romans, tradesmen and market people.

We learned the names of various tracks — such as ways, Holloways, peat tracks etc and the names of the travellers and tradesmen "Jagers", lead traders. "Badgers were corn merchants and "Scotsmen" traded in cheap linens.

Press gangs were formed to repair roads once a year as further aid to travellers maps and sign posts were made, some of the latter are still to be found on the moors today.

The talk was concluded by reference to ghosts, which we may think about if we travel these areas late at night.

Millstone history was not part of this talk. Hopefully we may enjoy a talk on this subject next year.

## Whitsuntide in Dore

"With the hope of fine weather Whitsuntide this year bids fair to be a gay time in our village". So wrote the Vicar, William Ralph Cribson in the June edition of the Dore and Totley Parochial Magazine in June 1895.

The children from both Dore and Totley Day Schools and Sunday School met at 2.00pm in the Dore School. They then proceeded to the Church for a short service. This was followed by a parade through the village, singing at intervals on the way to the cricket field for games. The stops along the way were to serenade the 'sick and afflicted' with the Whitsuntide hymns. The large group of children was accompanied by the Dore Brass Band under the leadership of Mr Harry Taylor. A tea was provided in the Dore Church School at 4.30pm. The children were given presents of balls, oranges, milk, sweets etc. In 1895, the sum of £9-6s-6d paid for the tea, gifts and there was sufficient left over to buy tablecloths, 6 urns and teaspoons for future occasions. The weather was less generous in 1897, when "the Sunday School Teachers did their very best to enliven the scholars on a very dull and cold day". In spite of this there were almost a hundred people in the parade. In 1904 a "capital phonograph entertainment" was given in the school room following the tea.

In 1905 a Sunday School was started in Totley and from 1906 the Totley Church Mission Scholars and friends walked in

procession round Totley and Totley Bents, singing the 'Whitsun hymns at different places on the way. Whit-Monday Treats continued in Dore although in 1907, the cricket field was too wet for games and the Village Green was the alternate venue for cricket and other games, accompanied by the strains of the Dore Brass Band. After tea "the whole party, of considerably over a hundred strong, were taken by Lantern Entertainment to the Isle of Man, where the beauties of sea, mountain, glen, castle, fortress and lovely landscape were much enjoyed".

"Additional Whitsun entertainment was introduced on Whit-Tuesday. In 1895 a sportsday was held on the cricket field, being "kindly lent for Monday and Tuesday by Mr. William Farnsworth of Townhead Farm". There were flat races of various distances, throwing at wicket, three-legged race, high jump and a potties race and Consolation Scramble. In 1895, Mr Thomas Marshall displayed the prizes in his window for several days before the sports. Mr. Frederick Bustin provided a tent, in which the prizes were displayed during the afternoon of the sports. There were certainly plenty of rewards for effort as "no boy left the field without a prize being offered". The prizes were presented by Mrs Gibson, the wife of the Vicar "before a large and interested assembly". Mr Sam Thorpe supplied the sacks for the sack race, which proved, perhaps, the "most mirth producing

race of the day".

All these jollifications contrast sharply with the more serious tone of the Whitsunday Service for children in 1903 when the children readily answered questions on "the great subject of the day, viz., The Descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost in tongues of fire on the Apostles — its immediate and continual effect upon the Church of Christ."

## Local Art

The Abbeydale Art Group are a group of mainly local people, who enjoy painting and drawing together and by meeting hope to improve their standard of achievement.

We meet on Saturday afternoons, generally alternate weeks. In Winter we meet in Abbeydale Hall to paint or draw subjects set up by one of the Committee or to do work of our own choice and sometimes for a demonstration by an experienced local artist or one of our own members.

In Summer, weather permitting, we paint outdoors at a prearranged place of local interest.

We mount an annual exhibition, generally in the Spring, and our annual subscription is £7.

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## Abbeydale Park Sports Club

### Planning Appeal

The Club's appeal against the City Council decision not to grant planning consent for residential development on the playing field at the bottom of Cavendish Avenue was heard on 27 February in the Town Hall.

The result was that the Inspector appointed by the Department of the Environment allowed the appeal, effectively granting outline permission for residential development. This was in spite of representations from the Village Society and a large number of local residents.

The board of the Club met on 9th April and have instructed that a topographical survey of the site be carried out with particular reference to landscaping and screening.

In the light of this decision, a planning application will shortly be made for all the "reserved matters" which include design, density, means of access and landscaping; the application will then be considered by the Council in the usual way.

The question of means of access was dealt with in paragraph 15 of the Inspector's decision letter in which he affirms that Ashfurlong Road is the subject of an order under Section 30 of the Public Health Act 1925 which requires any developer to widen the narrow section of the road at the time development takes place. The Inspector goes on to say:

*"Clearly the road widening and sight lines would bring a major change to the road's appearance hereabouts. However my view is that a well designed scheme of on-site landscaping could bring to this part of Ashfurlong Road a very attractive new aspect."*

Paragraph 17 of his report deals with car parking for major events at the Club (for example County Cricket matches). At the inquiry the Club undertook to relocate the parking provided by the appeal site to other areas within the complex and said that they intended to construct additional permanent parking, subject to any necessary planning consent.

### Open Evening

On Wednesday 28th March about 30 people attended the open evening organised by the Club.

David Fleetwood, Club Chairman, and Paul Proctor, a Director, outlined ambitious plans for the future of the Club including the construction of a gymnasium, swimming pool, two indoor tennis courts, and improvements to the pavillion. They also mentioned various repairs, pitch and parking improvements which they expect to be paid for by the sale of the playing field for housing development.

When pressed specifically on which parts of the Club would be sold to pay for the next generation of repairs and improvements, Mr. Fleetwood categorically stated that it was not intended to sell off any further land for development.

In addition the following points were raised:

#### 1. Boundary with Abbeydale Hall

The Club agreed to clarify ownership and undertook to restore any parts which were their responsibility.

#### 2. Floodlighting nuisance

a resident living opposite the Club, on Abbeydale Road South, had organised a petition calling for better regulation of the lights which fully illuminated a number of houses when the pitches were in use during the evening. Mr. Proctor explained that the lights were designed to television standards but said that in response to complaints he had recalled the contractors who are to adjust the lights to abate the nuisance. He added that the work should be completed by September.

#### 3. Major event parking

visitors to the Club would continue to part on nearby roads if the had to pay to park within the complex so it was suggested that parking be made free and personal admission charges be raised slightly. Mr. Fleetwood agreed to consider this suggestion.

#### 4. Contact in the event of complaints

Following a suggestion that there be a single point of contact to speed communications, Mr. Fleetwood nominated the Club Secretary, David Drabble, he can be contacted at: The Abbeydale Park Sports Club, Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, S17 3LJ. Telephone 367001.

These issues of great concern to the community were dealt with frankly and realistically by the Club and it is hoped that the meeting was a first step towards improving relations between the Club and its neighbours.

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

*The Society is a non-political organisation with the aim of preserving and enhancing the amenities of Dore and encouraging developments which will improve them.*

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

## Tree deaths

Once again Dore is faced with the death of trees in its roadside verges, this time in Heatherlea Avenue, Newfield Crescent, Kerwin Road and Kerwin Drive. This follows the destruction of chestnut trees in Cavendish Avenue two years ago, and other similar incidents in Norton and Jordanthorpe.

In response to concern from residents the Dore Village Society added an early voice to the public outcry and received an assurance from the Council Officer responsible, Mr R.

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## Dore Show

This year's Show, the fourth, will be held on Saturday 8th September at the Old Village School.

The format will be broadly similar to last year but we intend to improve registration to minimise queuing, improve direction signs both to, and within the School and improve the displays of Floral Art and the raffle prizes. In addition we will display photographs of the winners in the gardens sections and all entrants in the Junior Classes will receive an "Exhibitor" certificate.

After a number of complaints the "knitted mans sweater" class has been replaced by "a hand knitted sweater, any size".

It is also planned to alter some of the timings of the day so that the awards will be presented mid-afternoon and the Charity Auction held in the evening, probably in the Hare and Hounds.

As usual the full class list and rules will be available from Greens Home and Garden Supplies, Causeway Head Road, from early July and the Autumn issue of Dore to Door will contain a pull-out programme.

We are hoping for another good growing season and look forward to seeing you on the day — as an exhibitor, visitor, or best of all, both!

## Volunteer Bureau

The Sheffield Volunteer Bureau — is a place where people come to find out about all the different types of voluntary work available in the Sheffield area.

If you have a few hours a week to spare — why not go along to the Bureau's 'Volunteer Shop'. Open Monday to Friday 10.30am-3.30pm, with a late night opening Wednesday 5.30pm-7pm. The Volunteer Shop has information about local and National groups, information on activities taking place and pictures of volunteers in action. If you prefer a private interview — contact the Bureau on 739393 for an appointment.

The Bureau and 'The Volunteer Shop' are at 69 Division Street, Sheffield S1 4GE.

Peterkin that a full investigation would be made. By the time you read this representatives of the councils works department will hopefully have replied in public at a meeting scheduled for May 21st.

Let's hope the inevitable reassurances that root cutting and the inappropriate use of herbicides or mulches will stop, will be backed this time by more efficient management control by officers of the Works Department and that anyone to blame for what has happened will be held accountable!

## King Egbert School

The summer term is always a busy one but it seems especially so at King Egbert this year.

With Year IV (5th year) and our 6th formers working hard now for the final run up to GCSE and 'A' levels two events shine on the horizon to spur them on.

A certification Tea is to be held on 12th June for the awarding of the Validation Certificates.

All our Year IV pupils have completed short courses choosing from activities which included mini-enterprise, windsurfing, community placement, film-making, first-aid, Spanish, computer programming and the D. of E. Award Scheme. In addition, some pupils have studied two year courses designed by the teaching staff and subsequently accredited by the National Accrediting Board.

Our Upper Sixth will also have a "farewell tea" on 25th May although as Mrs Ferdinand, Head of Sixth points out, for the majority of them it's more a case of au revoir than goodbye'.

This year 24 have been offered provisional places in universities and 17 at polytechnics whilst Eleanor Combley has already been accepted at Oxford University. Elizabeth Williams has a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music.

Many of our Year 10 pupils (4th years) have now taken up the first opportunity for work experience — a 3 week block to taste what might be ahead! Others have opted for community placement and are working out of school one afternoon a week for twelve weeks. Both give pupils an experience of the world of work.

"We could have no better ambassadors for the school", said Headteacher Mr Frank Abel, "Our pupils have received excellent evaluation comments, many of which can then be used as references for course or job applications."

Choosing a course for the future is not an easy task and one which our Year 9 (3rd year) pupils are now involved in. The individual interviews with pupils and parents are a regular feature of this process and one which is universally welcomed.

Our Year 7 & 8 (1st and 2nd year) pupils and parents will also be invited post Whit to individual interviews with form tutors to discuss their child's progress. The Achievement folders, began in our feeder schools and are now a regular feature of our academic work King Egbert's continues to be the main basis for this discussion.

Even further afield four of our year 9 pupils are using satellite to link up with the Junior High School, Jacksonville, Florida. The project, Campus 2,000 electronic maie has been set up by the Sheffield branch of the Young Historian's group and is a shared venture with Myers Grove, Silverdale and Notre Dame. The pupils are comparing information about the British and American constitutions and are then set the task of working out the ideal constitution for a hypothetical space station.

Other events to look forward to for pupils and parents are:

— The Summer concert 4th July — a special treat of music, strawberries and wine and with guest Joe Scarborough present to unveil the mosaic done by our Y7 (Year 1) pupils.

— Sports Day and Art and Design Exhibition July 10th — if we have fine weather.

— Finally we are also eagerly awaiting our new pupils to Year 7 and 8 (1st and 2nd years). Many of them have already worked in our school using the special primary classroom that we have developed but this visit — a full day on 28th June with their junior school teachers and parents will give them the chance to meet a few more staff, try a lesson or two and share those lessons with some of their new classmates from other schools.

If you would like any more information about any of these events or about the school in general please contact Mr Frank Abel, Headteacher. Tel. 369931.

## Nature's Corner

### Environmental Directory

This years Sheffield Environment Week at the beginning of June was the most successful yet. The combination of more events than earlier years and the good weather brought the public out in large numbers.

During the week, Sheffield City Wildlife Project launched the city's first comprehensive directory of environmental organisations and services. The directory took over six months to compile and contains information about the wide range of environmental groups which are active in Sheffield. It also features the departments of the City Council which are responsible for looking after our environment — from nature reserves to historic buildings.

The aim is not only to encourage more people to become actively involved in caring for the environment, but also to enable local people to locate more easily the best source of help when an environmental problem arises (e.g. pollution, litter or damage to wildlife).

The Directory is available at £2.50 incl. p&p from: Sheffield Wildlife Project, Bessemer House, 59 Carlisle Street East, Sheffield S4 7QN. Please make cheques payable to Sheffield Environment Week.

### Wildlife garden

If you have a garden with well groomed lawns and carefully nurtured flowers and perhaps some hand tended vegetables wouldn't it be nice to also find some room for wildlife.

These need not be "baddies" which attack your beloved plants. In nature piles of harmless insects will let the birds feed themselves. Then the birds will also help eat up any creatures which do eat your favourites.

Find a place such as a shady patch under some trees. Make a small pile of dead logs and leaves, or a pile of stones or bricks. Insects such as woodlice like to live under stones, these can be lifted up to see who is

underneath. Remember to put the stones back carefully.

Log piles attract a great variety of insects. Some logs may even come into 'flower' with beautiful fungi growing from them, arranged as if they came from a flower shop. The bracket type fungi can be dried off and used for dried flower decoration.

A pile of dead leaves could be a home for hedgehogs which are one of the gardeners best friends, as they eat slugs and worms.

## Local Woodlands

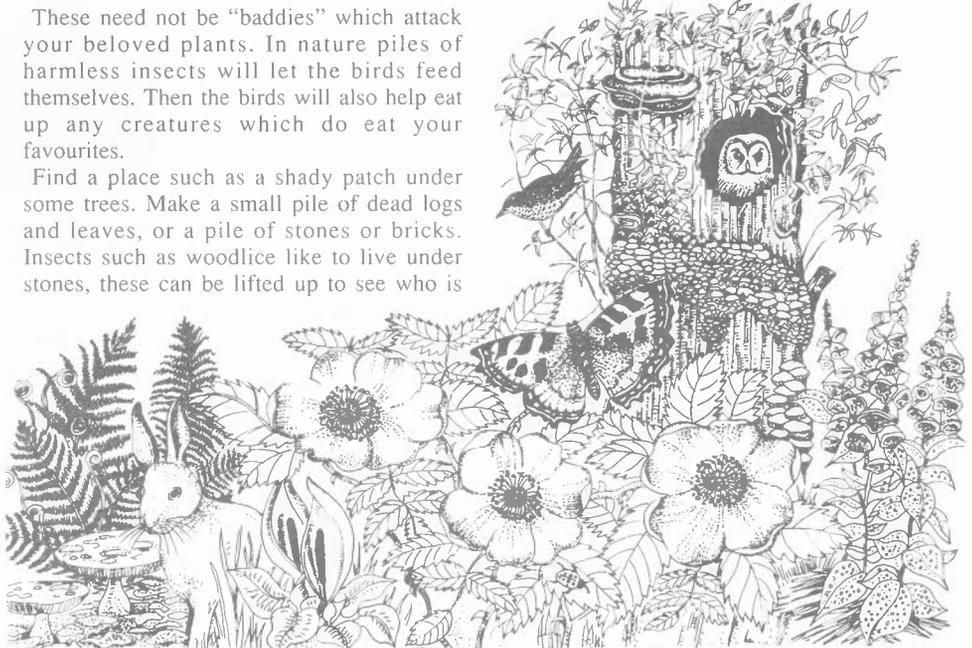
Sheffield has a fascinating diversity of woodlands, both old and new. These range from the truly 'ancient' Ecclesall woods, with its magnificent Oaks, Beeches and Sweet Chestnuts, to the recently developed, semi-natural Birch woodland around many of our moors and heaths. The wildlife and ecology of these woods is similarly diverse.

In the old oakwoods, with large, mature, trees, we find birds such as Treecreeper, Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Nuthatch. The so-called 'hanging' oakwoods of the upper western valleys, occasionally hold the Pied Flycatcher, and more commonly, Wood Warbler and Redstart. Open Birch areas with heathland attract Tree Pipits, Whinchat and perhaps Nightjar.

The woods are not only home for birds however, but a range of wildflowers, of insects, of mammals and plants such as ferns, mosses and liverworts. The mammals include the Fox and the sadly persecuted Badger. Our conifer plantations hold tiny relict populations of Red Squirrel.

The ecology of the woods revolves around a great cycle of decay and regeneration. This cycle occurs both yearly and also over much longer time-periods. Whatever the season however, there is a wealth of wildlife from simple algae and lichens, to decaying fungi and to massive trees. Human activity and management have helped to create our present woodland heritage. What we have left however, is only a tiny fragment of the original woodland cover of Sheffield (perhaps reduced from 95% of the land-surface, to 10%). Careful management and conservation are essential of any of these wildlife havens are to survive intact.

*Extract from Sheffield News, written by Sheffield City Councils Countryside Unit.*



## The Cobwebs Walks

This airy walk of about four miles is all over 1,000 feet above sea level and almost guaranteed to blow the cobwebs away!

It can be completed by most people in a couple of hours, but a great deal depends on weather conditions and on whether walkers are interested enough in their surroundings to 'stand and stare' from time to time. Use sensible footwear and remember the moors are always a pullover or cardigan colder than temperatures in our village.

Start from the place on Sheephill Road where a wooden gate with a peculiar iron handle gives access to Jumble Road and Houndkirk Moor. This gate is towards the southern end of Sheephill Road, so turn left at the top of Long Line. There are two or three small lay-bys shortly after passing the drive to "The Meadows", and the Jumble Road gate is on the right.

This Dore Enclosure road is actually a wide track leading up the moor, at first grassy then rather stony. There is a stream and also the bubbling Parkinson's Spring on the left, then the wide and well-known old Houndkirk turnpike road is reached and crossed. Follow the moorland track to have the conifers of Lady Canning's Plantation on the immediate right and the open moor on the left until the Ringinglow to Hathersage road is met.

Go across this road and over the stile

opposite to follow the obvious footpath going forward to the low crest of Brown Edge. The old quarry heaps on Brown Edge Moor are now covered with heather and rough grass and thin tracks, but The Cobwebs Walk (that is my name for this outing) is waymarked by an arrow indicating half-right and then, in a short hundred yards, another indicating sharp left. Follow left along the vestiges of an old quarry road through a gap between heather-covered spoil heaps to a grey metal seven-barred gate and stile in the stone wall down on the right. From here a good farm track leads to, and through Brown Edge Farm. Passing through the premises, the farmhouse is on the right as the way leads out across a field to Fulwood Lane. Whilst on this stretch notice, if visibility is good, the Derwent and Bradfield moorlands ahead to the left, with the TV mast at Emley Moor near Huddersfield slightly left as the lane is approached. Towards the right, across Sheffield and much of the south of Yorkshire, are the power stations far beyond Doncaster.

On reaching Fulwood Lane, turn right and walk gently down a trod in the wide grass verge, passing a single house on the left to almost immediately ascend a stile in the wall on the right, where Greenhouse Lane meets Fulwood Lane. There is a clear path through three fields from here until a stile giving re-entry to Brown Edge Moor is gained. From

the stile incline half-right towards a waymark visible some 250 yards away.

This post is the point reached already on the outward journey, and the return to Sheephill Road is over the same route, crossing Ringinglow Road and the old Houndkirk turnpike as before. Therefore disregard the direction arrow on the waymark post and go straight ahead one hundred yards to the second waymark on the crest, from where the way home can be seen, with the Ox Stones silhouetted on the near horizon.

The way back is either level going or downhill, with interesting views if clear over north Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire towards the power stations on the river Trent.

The sections of this walk along Jumble Road and beside Lady Canning's Plantation (which was known in the Dore Enclosure as Oxstone Dale Road, but locally as Sod Bank or Sod Walk from the banks of turf which pre-dated the introduction of grouse-shooting butts) are included in Walk 10 of 'From Dore to Dore, Some Local Walks' edited by Betty Young and Elizabeth Garland and published by the Dore Village Society. This booklet, although requiring slight revision, is the best footpath guide any Dore resident could have in their library or, better still, in their rucksack.

Roy Bullen.

## Diary - Summer 1990

### JUNE

- 11-16 **Craft Fair and Demonstrations.** Totley Library (see article or enquire at library for details: 363067)
- 12 **Child help line:** Janet Betts. Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group. Methodist Hall 7.45pm.
- 13 **Holistic Health and Healing:** Pamela Hampton Dore (E) T.G. Old School.
- 13 **Rev. Michael Brown B.D. Methodist Womens Fellowship** 2p.m.
- 17 **Methodist Church Anniversary** followed by Church Picnic 10.30a.m.
- 23 **Garden Party** Cheshire Home Mickley Lane 2pm.
- 23 **Summer Fair.** Dore Parents Association. Dore Junior School. 2pm.
- 27 **Outing** Methodist Women's Fellowship 2pm.
- 28 **Foster's Bakery.** Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group..

### JULY

- 10 **Walk and Supper.** Dore Methodist Church. Tuesday Group.
- 11 **30th Birthday Party.** Dore (E) T.G. Dore Masonic Hall.
- 14 **Scout Gala and Well Dressing.** See posters and programmes. Parade starts 2.15pm. Gala 2.30pm.
- 15 **Well Dressing Service.** Village Green 3pm. Cream Teas will be served afterwards in the Methodist School Room.

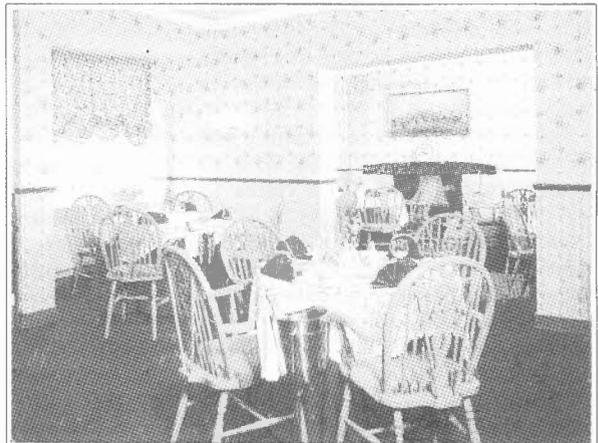
Every Saturday (unless advised) venture scouts car wash service and coffee £1 Scout HQ 10am. to 12noon

Second Saturday each month Waste paper collection (Scouts) Recreation Ground 9.30am. to 11.30am.

(June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th)  
Bottle Bank collection. Scout HQ Rushley Road.

Diary entries for September, October and November should reach Stella Wood by August 7th. Phone 366424.

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