# DORE 踳DOOR 

## Kings's Croft

The former sixth form centre, King's Croft, has been declared surplus to the requirements of the Education Committee and is due to be sold shortly by the Council. As a first step, a design guidance note has been produced by the Department of Land and Planning for prospective purchasers.

The note indicates that the site is designated by its former use as a Nonresidential Institution and a similar use would not require planning consent. Preferred alternative uses, identified in the guidance note, include Residential Institutions or Dwellinghouses. However, proposals for either Hotels/Hostels or Business would be considered, but would not automatically receive planning consent.

There is a presumption against any development which would increase significantly the flow of vehicular traffic to the building in view of the very narrow access which has limited scope for widening.

The Guidance note has been considered by the Village Society Committee which decided that any development should preserve the building in its setting and any new building be kept to an absolute minimum.

## Hare and Hounds Cigarette Fund

Following the article in the Spring issue of Dore to Door about the Hare and Hounds Cigarette Club Fund, Mrs Sylvia Farnsworth has kindly lent us some letters which were sent by the recipients of the Fund.

Most of the letters thank the senders for 10 -- or $£ 1$ cigarette money.

One is from L.A.C. Roebuck H. in Egypt and another from C. Marchall, has no address except for 22 Mess, but mentions that he is 1100 miles away from home and that beer costs 25 or 55 cents. The other letters are from England, Scotland and Wales.

The signatures on the letters will recall memories for older Dore residents - Vic Martin; G. Taylor; Eric Frith; J. G. Pycroft; A. A. Payne; Harold Betts; V. Dennison; Ronald Marsden; Bill Gregory; A. Shipstone; Bill Marshall; H. B. Dixon; K. M. Hodges and Ken Booker.

Most sent short notes of thanks while a few gave details of service life and feelings about the war.

The Cigarette Fund seems to have meant a lot to the recipients in reminding them that the thoughts of the folks at home were with them.

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## Abbeydale Hall Courses

A wide range of Community Education courses are once again on offer this Autumn at the Abbeydale Hall Community Education Centre.
Samples of these vary from modern languages to English Literature together with workshops on writing, local history and calligraphy, for the more energetic, keep fit together with ballet and tap are available whilst practical classes in floral art, cake decoration and cane and rush work.

Alternatively a wide range of study courses exists from music appreciation to philosophy and art appreciation to geology.

Three new courses are also on offer this Autumn: First Aid for All, Dried and Pressed Flowers and Herbs and Natural Healing.

Enrolment Details
All Local Education Authority Courses (LEA) enrol on: Monday 10 September at 2 pm (daytime courses only) at at 7 pm (evening courses only). All Workers Education Authority Courses (WEA) enrol on: Thursday 13 September at 2 pm (daytime courses only) and at 7.30 pm (evening courses only).
Brochures will be available form late August which distinguish the course provider and enquiries are always welcome at the Centre. Tel. 620244/372741

## Decision time for Church Hall

In mid-September members of the Parochial Church Council will be asked to vote once and for all on an issue which will affect the whole village: should the Church sell the Hall site for residential development or keep it as a continuing asset for both Church and Community?

If you have lived in Dore for more than four years you will have been aware of the continuing struggle to resolve this question Protracted negotiations between the Church authorities and a group of potential trustees elected by the Hall users have failed to resolve the legal problem of transferring Church property except at its full market value. This means that for the village to buy the hall from the Church, even in its present condition it would cost a prohibitive $£ 100,000$ - its likely value as a building site.

When the P.C.C. first considered selling the hall in 1986 it was seen as a financial liability. However, since the new pricing structure recommended by the Trustees has been implemented, it has begun to make a small profit: enough to make a start on much needed repairs.

At present the hall is used by the Church Social Committee, Mothers’ Union, Ladies Group, Townswomens Guild, Dramatic Society, Dore Male Voice Choir, Dancing \& Keep fit classes, Dore Gilbert \& Sullivan Society, Playschool, the Ikebana Group, Guides and Brownies - amongst others.

It the PCC decide to retain and manage the hall, they will not now be causing a drain on Church funds.

They will have the financial security of the site for the future and the use of the hall for both Church and village activities. If they decide to sell, the Church will profit in the short term, but the community will be the poorer for it. Which is it to be?

If you would like to help keep the Church Hall - particularly if you are a PCC member or Hall user - please contact the secretary of the Trustees on 366771 or write to her at 49 Rushley Drive, Dore, S 17 3EL.

## Cinema Organs

When silent films became popular in the 1920 s, it was the cinema organ with its rich variety of sounds, that provided the accompaniment. A talented organist could bring to life the flat, flickering black and white images on the silver screen. When sound was added to films, and the super cinemas of the 1930s were built, the organist often remained to provide entertainment in the interlude. Today, the sound of a Wurlitzer, Compton or Christie organ evokes immediate nostalgia for those bygone days.

Fred Turley of Kerwin Road has captured the past in his new book 'Mighty Music at the Movies.' He covers the history of the cinema organ and then takes you on a nostalgic trip around the now lost cinema organs of Sheffield and the men and women who used to play them.

Aimed at the 'Man in the Street' rather than the organ fan, the book is on sale in most city major book shops for $£ 4.95$, or can be obtained direct from Fred at 24 Kerwin Road, SI7 3DH, tel: 365182.


## Memories of Dore

Mrs Irene Lonslow who still lives in Sheffield has kindly contributed the following memories and photograph of Overdale House to the Dore Collection.
The house that once stood in the area of land now known as Overdale Gardens was the home of a Mr. and Mrs. Richards who had been pawnbrokers in Sheffield during the 19 th century. It was a large house, approached by a long carriage drive leading from half way up Drury Lane, where the gate posts still stand with 'Overdale' inscribed on them. The ground attached to the house covered a fair acreage, boasting an orchard, large rose garden, kitchen garden, large lawn, summer house, greenhouses, stables and potting sheds. Also a field which stretched down Drury Lane along High Street (?) towards Totley fields, all of which has now been built on. This field was used as pasture land for the horses. There were also three houses at the entrance of the drive to Overdale, one was occupied by the Richards son, Edwin, who was a Doctor at Firvale Hospital, now the Northern General. Another was occupied by the 'Streets' but the third I cannot remember.

My father came to work as a groom/gardener to the Richards' family in the year 1907/1908. A house was built for him, adjacent to the large house and was known as Overdale Lodge. This house was double fronted with eight rooms, an orchard in front and large grounds at the back leading to the potting sheds, stables and through to the main garden.

I was born at Overdale Lodge in 1909, but due to the fact that my mother was very ill, I spent the first six months of my life with the Gibbons family, who were long standing friends of my parents from Belper and kept the Hare \& Hounds in Dore. Our family now consisted of my parents Walter and Emily Ford, my sisters Gertrude (14) Constance (7) and myself (Irene).

The horse and carriage driven by my father was well known in the village. Twice a week he drove to Cherry Tree Lane, Sharrow, to fetch Mrs. Richards' daughter, Mrs. Pilling, who always brought me a box of King George chocolates every week for which I had to endure the process of being
washed and combed to fetch. On one occasion the carriage was coming up Church Lane and I was playing in the farmyard facing the top of Church Lane (I believe the farm belonged to the Farnsworth family) when I spotted my father, stepped on the water trough to wave, and fell in. I was unceremoniously pulled out and taken back home to be dried.

My father was one of the first to grow a yellow tomato and Mrs. Richards was very proud that it had been produced in her greenhouses. My father grew flowers all the year round, he always wore a button hole, and I never went to Sunday School without a rose or buttonhole for the teacher, summer or winter. One Sunday I decided to go to the village shop, kept by Mr. Thorpe, to buy some sweets. Unfortunately when I got outside I bumped into my Sunday School teacher. Not wanting to be seen to be buying sweets on a Sunday I put them behind my back and walked with her along Church Lane. When we parted company I discovered that my sweet bag was empty, they had all fallen out on to the road.

Nursing sick dogs was one of my father's interests and it was not uncommon for us to have someone's ill dog. My sister Connie and I had to exercise them. By this time the First World War was pending, my father was asked to look after a dog for a Major who had been joined up. I took the dog a walk down the fields one morning, a farmer's dog attacked it and bit it severely in the neck, I was too young and frightened to stop it, but I have never forgotten the incident, I still remember it if I walk into Dore from the Totley Brook bus stop. It took some nursing but it lived. My father also broke-in horses and trained dogs to the gun. Connie and I also had many a job to do, one of which was to weed the 2 ft wide border either side of the drive up to Overdale.

Connie went to the village school and one or two occasions I followed her only to be sent home. Finally they got so tired of doing this that Mr. Bone the headmaster said I could stay, so I started school at the age of three.

Once a year, maypole dancing was held on the village green. It was a spectacular occasion, looked forward to by the children, the girls wore white needlework dresses. All the village took part in it.

Christmas was a time for Sunday School Prize Giving, also an apple, orange, spice pig and a new penny.

Now the First World War was on.
My father had been kicked in the chest whilst breaking in a horse and it was said that this had caused him to get cancer of the oesophagus (whether this is true or not I do not know) but he went to the Sheffield Infirmary for an operation. Whilst my mother visited him, a journey which could take the best part of a day, I was left in the care of a Miss Heywood, who lived in Drury Lane. In a house nearby lived her sister, Mrs. Merrill. My father died in Dore in September 1916 , a few days after the German Zepplins were heard over Sheffield, and was buried in Dore Churchyard next to the grave of a friend called Page.

We then had to leave Overdale to allow another gardener to take over so mother, Connie and I went to Brinkburn Grange Lodge. Gertie by this time was in service. I can remember walking down Bushey Wood Road, which was mostly all fields, carrying two galvanized buckets containing the remains of our belongings. I was only seven and it seemed very dark and eerie as we made our way through the fields past the cows, to our new home. We stayed at Brinkburn Grange Lodge until the end of the war when the previous occupier came back from the forces. Brinkburn Grange was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Laverick (Mr. Laverick was the Managing Director of Tinsley Park Colliery Co.)

My mother then returned to Overdale as
housekeeper to Mrs. Richards, this caused our family to split up. Connie (17) went into lodgings at a house in Green Oaks and I went to live eventually with my mother's relatives at Tuxford, not to live in Sheffield again until I was fifteen.

My mother stayed at Overdale until Mrs. Richards died around 1925, when the grounds were taken over by other people until around 1967 when the main house and lodge was demolished and the land put up for sale. It made bold front page headlines in the "Star" OVERDALE SOLD FOR $£ 20,000$ (I think my memory is correct).

My mother visited Dore frequently until she died in February 1941. She had visited my father's grave after the blitz and had a cup of tea with my old school teacher, Miss Unwin, then she came home and collapsed. My sister, Connie, died in January 1984 and was also buried in Dore churchyard with my mother and father.

There are lots of names that came to mind, such as, Marsden, Taylor, Marshall who kept the grocery shop facing the church and eventually, I am told, built a bungalow on the field which belonged to Overdale. Hudson's who lived in the White Lodge and owned the art gallery on Norfolk Street. Mrs Hudson always spoke to me on my way to school and one year she gave me a Christmas party for my friends (but true to form on my way home I lost all my presents) and Deakins who I believe lived at the top of Totley fields. I do hope that although I have given it a lot of thought I have not put the wrong name to the wrong place.


## Litter in Dore

As reported in the last issue of Dore to Door a meeting had been arranged with David Morton, Assistant Director of Cleansing.

The meeting duly took place on 2nd July 1990 when Mr Morton walked around the centre of the village to see the problems of litter for himself.

He accepted that there was a significant problem and agreed to replace a number of the yellow "plant pot" bins with a new type which are of a larger capacity and are covered, which should help avoid litter being blown around the streets. He said that the work should be completed by October.

## Fruit Salad

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## Planning

At its July meeting the Committee decided to revise the Society's policy on dealing with planning applications. It is hoped that these changes will simplify and speed up the Society's response to planning applications and avoid charges of interfering in noncontentious matters. The new policy is as follows:

1. The Committee will only deal with planning applications.
a. within the Conservation Area
b. where a new building is proposed in Dore
c. where a change of use is proposed in Dore
d. where a proposal would have a wider impact on the community.
2. Other applications, including routine extensions to dwellings outside the Conservation Area, will only be reported to the Committee in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Planning Officer.
3. Local dwelling densities will be calculated to assist in making decisions on applications for new dwellings.
4. The Society will use the Peak Park Planning Board Building Design Guide when considering planning applications in the Conservation Area.
5. The Society will campaign for the implementation of this policy by the City Council.
6. The Society will publicise this policy, particularly to residents in the Conservation Area.

By adopting the Building Design Guide it is hoped to encourage high standards of work in the Conservation Area and avoid some of the erosion in the quality of buildings that has taken place over the last twenty years or so.

In a general sense the Committee is keen to encourage development of a high quality which it is believed not only improves the appearance of buildings but also adds to their value.


Design detail - Chimneys:
Chimneys were traditionally of coursted masonry of large block size and usually had some form of projecting or banding course to help throw rainwater clear of the bare of the stack.

## Picture Lending Service

The City Art Galleries operate a Picture Loan Scheme with over 1,000 original oils, watercolours, drawings, prints and high quality reproductions available for you to borrow to hang in your own home - and the collection is continually being extended. The range of works caters for all tastes - from oil paintings of Sheffield's "Golden Frame" and life drawings to pop graphics and contemporary work.

One ticket enables you to take out one picture at a time. You can exchange it after one week, but must return it after three months, unless you wish to renew it for an additional three months (maximum). So your ticket can provide you with a good range of pictures over the year. Initial selection is done from slides, but the final choice is made from original works. The pictures are packed in easy to handle folders.

The service is run from the Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 1 XZ. Telephone: 734782. Monday - to Thursday $10 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$, Friday $10 \mathrm{am}-4.30 \mathrm{pm}$, Saturday $10 \mathrm{am}-12.30 \mathrm{pm}$. Year's membership - $£ 8$.

Why not give the scheme a try? There's sure to be something just right for a space on your walls ... at home or even at work, maybe you know an office or a rest room that would get a lift from a picture or two. Why not think of Picture Lending as just the ticket for a birthday surprise or a Christmas present?

## Sonnenberg Sheffield News

Readers may be interested in further information concerning their Autumn meeting in Sheffield. An interesting programme has been devised and a warm welcome assured - details as follows:-

Sat. Oct 6th 1990
12.45 Official Greeting by the Lord and Lady Mayoress, which will be followed by: Buffet; Tombola; first hand reports on changes in Eastern Europe; discussion, questions and Members' Open Forum
Sunday Oct 7th
Walking-Talking Rail Excursion into Peak
District National Park (subject to demand)
Further information from:
Mr Barry Everley
Chair, Sonnenberg Association of Gt. Britain 259 Abbeydale Road South
Tel: 351048


Proportions:
Generally, the overall shape of traditional; buildings was horizontal and ground-hugging, frequently balanced by the vertical proportions of windows, doors and chimneys.

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# Dore Show 1990 

Saturday 8th September, Old Village School, Savage Lane

September is Show time in Dore; following last year's success the fourth Show is upon us. As you will see from the class list there are. some 60 classes to choose from and there should be something of interest to everyone. Entertainment during the afternoon will be provided by Stannington Brass Band.

Do come along and see the results of other peoples efforts, or better still, enter your own exhibits.

The Old Village School will be open to receive exhibits from 9.00-10.30 a.m. on the morning of the Show, the entry fee is 25 p per exhibit.

Details of how to enter are shown overleaf.
The Show opens to the public at 2.00 p.m. admission 20 p for adults, 10 p for children.

The Village Society will have its stand where you can buy copies of old photographs of Dore as well as Society publications. If you want to join the Society or renew your subscription the people on the stand will be pleased to help. (Annual subscription is $£ 2.00$ per household).

At 7.30 p.m. a Grand Charity Auction of exhibits from the Show will be held in the Hare and Hounds with all proceeds going to the Dore Church, Riding for the Disabled, the Cheshire Home and Martin House Hospice. You therefore have a chance to help worthy causes and gain a bargain at the same time.

We are hoping for fine weather and look forward to seeing you.

## ABBEY LANE NURSERIES

Our long family connection with land below Ecclesall Woods is about to cease. For over 100 years we have earned our living growing plants and laying out gardens in this area.
Lack of space for lorries and tractors - not to mention customers! means that we have had to move to a new home.

We promise * it is not too far - just inside Derbyshire

* more parking space and easy access
* an expanding landscaping and garden maintenance service
* the same staff

Yet one more thing - Andrew Hill will change his title from manager to owner. Michael, his father, will assist as and when necessary.

## How to enter

To enter all classes except 29 and 30 , just come to the Old Village School between 9.00 and 10.30am on the day of the Show.
For classes 29 and 30 , write your name and address on a sealed envelope containing 25 p and leave it at Greens Home and Garden Supplies by noon on Saturday 1st September.

## Vegetable and Fruit Section

16 Pods of Runner Beans
23 Onions, dressed
31 Cabbage, any variety
41 vegetable Marrow
51 Lettuce
66 Tomatoes on a plate
72 Turnips or Swedes without tops
84 dessert Apples
94 Cooking Apples
Bradley Refrigeration Ltd John Clark, Dairyman

John Clark, Dairyman Greens Home and Garden Supplies Mrs E C Bownes Door Moor Inn
Shape Design

101 Cucumber
111 Cauliflower, leaves turned back
124 Beetroot
134 white Potatoes
The Tasty Plaice
44 red Potatoes
A. Owen \& Sons Ltd

## Floral Art Section

Judges: Mrs J. Sceats and Mrs A Hancock

25 A table decoration (max size 9") Abel Alarm Co. Ltd
26 "My Garden" an arrangement of flowers and foliage,
space allowed 24" Valerie of Dore
27 "Simplicity" an arrangement of 3 or 5 flowers and
foliage, space allowed 24" Valerie of Dore
28 "Anyone for Tea" an arrangement in a cup and
saucer, space allowed 24" Greens Home and
Garden Supplies

No artificial material may be used. Max height 3 ' with no more than 2 entries per class per person

## Garden Section

29 A local garden judged for appearance, flowers and layout Abbeydale Garden Centre
30 A local garden judged for produce, fruit and/or vegetables Abbeydale Garden Centre

Rules and The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the Ru from Greens Homes and Garde

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| Founders Cup | - | Awarded for outstanding exhibit of th |
| Skelton Cup | - | Awarded to the individual gaining ths |
| Society Cup | - | Awarded to the individual gaining ths |
| Midland Bank Shield - | Awarded to the winner of Class 58. |  |
| The names of the businesses and individuals who have donated prize |  |  |

## Programme eptember 1990

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4.30 Show closes. Exhibitors to remove any exhibits not to be included in the Auction.
7.30 Grand Charity Auction and Raffle Draw in the Hare and Hounds

## Domestic Section

Judge: Mr U Held

314 Afternoon Tea Scones with fruit
32 A Dundee Cake
33 A Victoria Sandwich
344 Jam and Lemon Curd Tarts
35 A Savoury Flan
36 A Covered Apple Pie
37 A plate of 6 biscuits, any variety
38 A Loaf of Bread
39 A presentation of Salad Door Moor Inn
Preserves Judge:
40 A jar of Strawberry Jam
Dore Moor Inn
41 A jar of Lemon Curd
42 A jar of Marmalade
Mr A Bentley, Fishmonger

43 A bottle of home made wine, dry red
Mitchell's Wine Merchants
44 A bottle of home made wine, sweet red
Mitchell's Wine Merchants
45 A bottle of home made wine, dry white
Mitchell's Wine Merchants
46 A bottle of home made wine, sweet white
Mitchell's Wine Merchants

## Regulations.

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## ARDS

e show.
most points overall in the vegetable, fruit and flower sections.
most points overall in the Domestic, handicraft and craft sections.
money or vouchers are shown in italics by the class they have sponsored

## Cash Prizes or vouchers will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize ${ }^{2} 3$
2nd Prize £2
3rd Prize $£ 1$

## Handicraft Section

Judge: Mrs M Blackshaw

47 A hand knitted sweater, any size, recently completed The Tasty Plaice
48 A piece of embroidery, recently completed Mrs E Armitage
49 A piece of crocheted work, or tatting, recently completed

Dore Moor Inn
50 A garment, machine stitched allowed

## Craft Section

Judges: Mr N. Bevan and Mr. E. Gregory

51 A drawing or painting
52 A landscape photograph
53 A craft exhibit in wood
54 A craft exhibit in material other than wood
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55 A dressed doll, judged for dress

## Junior Classes

Judge: Mrs S Myers
56 A vegetable animal age, up to 8
Dore Delicatessen
57 A painting or drawing of an animal or person unmounted, age up to 8

Dore Service Station
58 A painting or drawing of an building or vehicle, age 9-14

Midland Bank PLC
59 A garden on a meat dish
Country Garden
60 An arrangement of wild flowers in an egg cup
Sandy's Comer Shop
61 A craft exhibit
Dore Moor Inn

Raffle Prizes Donated by:
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Generous financial support has also been received from many anonymous donors both individuals, businesses and members of the Dore Village Society Committee.


## Vegetable Plots

A new magazine for allotment owners has been produced by the city council's recreation department called The Full Trug, which gives help and advice on climate and soil-type problems, as well as keeping its readers informed of relevant issues and events.

The Leisure Garden Office of the Sheffield Recreation Dept also organises a programme of demonstrations and events designed with the vegetable grower in mind. there is even an annual competition to find the best allotments city wide. Displays and competition classes can be seen at the New Sheffield (Horticultural) Show, Norton Nursery, on 1 st and 2 nd September 11 am6 pm Sat, 10am-5pm Sun.

If you are interested in taking on an allotment, or in a copy of the magazine, contact Mr P Settle-Bamber at the allotment office on Sheffield 735356.

## Water Courses

Further to the recent correspondence between the Dore Village Society and the Yorkshire Water Authority, expressing concern at the loss of water supplies to the village wells, it was interesting to discover the priority that the water supplies to the village had at the time of the enclosure of the common land.

The following quotations are from the Dore Inclosure Award of 1809.
"And it was further enacted and provided that nothing in the now reciting act contained should extend or be construed to extend so as to affect the springs or water courses called Sparkinsons Spring and Sheep Hill Spring but the innhabitants within the said Manor of Dore should have and enjoy the benefit and advantage thereof in such and the like manner as if the now reciting Act had not been made."
"We have set out appointed and directed the several public and private roads, ways,

## Chatsworth Archives

We left Dore on a pleasant July morning to keep an appointment with the Archivist at Chatsworth. There was a dual purpose to our visit, firstly to discover any information about our own elderly cottage and secondly to seek material for articles for Dore to Door.
Having been given large 'visitor' labels to wear, we were led through a back door into the house. The first impressions were of darkness and a definitely "below stairs" feel. The corridor was lined with frameless pictures and pictureless frames, chairs, a rocking horse and numerous articles awaiting repair. We were told that Chatsworth is the centre for repairs for all the Duke of Devonshire's properties.

Eventually we entered a comparatively pleasant room containing a huge table and an assortment of chairs. The wall paper was of a vivid floral pattern, which would have been very intrusive in a room of lesser proportions. There was a beautiful wardrobe with a mirrored front and a wide range of metal cylinders containing either documents or canvases. In boxes, which were not for public view, was a collection of letters and manuscripts relating to the sister of the Duchess, Nancy Mitford, the novelist.

Prior to our visit we had been sent a list of the manuscripts relevant to Dore. The Archivist asked which documents were of interest to us. Our request resulted in the arrival of huge boxes containing bundles of documents. The earliest was dated 1338 and from the amount of dust on the parcels, it could have been lying there collecting grime for centuries.
A fascinating morning was spent, delving into old parchment adorned by seals. One seal in particular took my attention. It was in a circular tin, approximately five inches in diameter, which it almost completely filled. The Archivist explained that he was not enthusiastic to open these tins as one ancient example had revealed nothing but a powdery substance which spread itself about the carpet. We had not met our objectives when we left for a pleasant lunch in the stables. However the morning had passed quickly and produced much of interest - between the frequent washing of hands. The Archivist paid us regular visits to ensure that we had all that we required. He was a fund of information, explaining the purpose of several documents, brief translation of short
latin phrases and showing an interest in our studies.

Most of the afternoon was spent examining maps, loaned from the estate office. There were no maps of Dore for the period prior to 1800. However we did discover that our cottage had been in a row of three buildings, two of these having been demolished in the middle of the 19 th Century. Field names were much in evidence, as were the many mines and mills in the locality.

We concluded our day with a short visit to the house and gardens. This was a memorable day, full of interest. The staff could not have been more friendly or helpful. For more details of the information gleaned watch this space!

Liz and Andrew Bownes

## News in brief

Child Health Clinics - As antcipated in her letter in the Summer edition Maureen Haworth has now heard formally from the Sheffield Area Health Authority that the Child Health Clinics in Dore (held at the Church Hall) and Totley are to be suspended at the end of August with a view to closure. This decision is based on a diminishing need and the provision of a similar service by General Practitioners.


Telephone box - following our article in the Summer 89 edition we are pleased to note that the old style red telephone box in Causewayhead Road has been refurnished by British Telecomm rather than replaced by a modern version as once feared.

Congratulations - to Linda and Norman at the Hare and Hounds on their recent marriage.

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. |  |

## Putting Dore on the Map

Following our request for help in the last issue a team of volunteers have renovated the signpost at the junction of Limb Lane and Hathersage Road. The signpost, originally erected in 1933 by Derbyshire County Council, is made of a cast iron post with wooden arms and metal figures. It now boasts it's refurbishment by the Dore Village Society in gold lettering. Many thanks to Jim Thomson, Philip Evans and Mr \& Mrs. Dunlop.

Unlike probably any other village in the land, the Centre of Dore has no signposts. Long term residents of Dore, or collectors of old photographs, will recall that there used to be a signpost in front of Limpets cottage at the junction of High Street and Causewayhead Road. We would be interested to hear from anyone who can remember when it was removed and why, or what was detailed on its' arms. Perhaps it is time to put Dore back on the map by reinstating the signpost. If you think you could help with such a project - labour, materials or money, please contact John Baker on 369025

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Summer sale
$50 \%$ off verticals, $33 \%$ off venetians $25 \%$ off rollers, $25 \%$ off Austrian blinds and festoons

## Neun ta Dare John Purcell

## Gentlemens Hairdressing

Ladyspring Court adjacent to Dore \& Totley Station Abbeydale Road South Telephone 360959

## Dore Gala

"A huge success", a "wonderful weekend" Gala 1990 was certainly memorable, not least for the exceptionally good weather. Over the years it is hard to remember a Gala without some anxiety when looking to the skies. Insurance cover against rain has never been a viable option due to the high cost of such a policy and the definitive terms relating to the duration and amount of the precipitation. Only one well dressing service has been transferred to the church, when conditions on the Green made this necessary. The wet band of Scouts marched through the village draped in capes. Equally uncomfortable was the band, on that occasion from Frechville, who had been required to travel to and from Dore piled into the Dore Scouters' cars.

Dore Gala has grown from an impromtu fair held to celebrate the acquisition of the land for the building of the present hut. This was on November 5th, 1955. The bonfire was set alight to conclude the celebrations. An enthusiastic citizen, living in the prefabs, called the fire brigade. The apologetic firemen ringed the fire with water in response.

For many years the Gala was held on Parkers Fields, near the junction of Limb Lane and Rushley Road. However, in 1972, this venue was not available due to returfing. After enquiries about other fields in the area, the local authority was approached. The recreation ground was made available, with strict criteria as to which part could be used. There was some opposition from the local inhabitants who were concerned about the noise and possible vandalism to their property. Vandalism was only a serious problem during one sheep roast when the village was visited by the Shoreham Street Hells Angels.

The move to the recreation field was accompanied by many new developments. Teas were available on the field, to replace the excellent Strawberry teas provided by Mrs Jackson and friends in the Scout Headquarters. There have been a great variety of attractions. Not least the hot air balloon and the stream engine, which towed a cart of strawbales supporting an assortment of children aloft. The sale of goldfish was discontinued after a complaint led to a special debate of the City Council causing a ban of such a trade on Council land. "Bowl for a bunny" is most carefully supervised, no child being allowed to take a furry friend home without the approval of parents and a commitment to continuing care.

There has been a deliberate attempt to increase the carnival atmosphere of gala with a fancy dress element to the parade. Bunting around the village has also assisted in enhancing the atmosphere. At between $£ 5$ and $£ 6$ a strip the Scout Group would welcome assistance with any offers of sponsorship. They have spent $£ 150$ a year for the last two years, in addition to a considerable sum for the attractive banners.

The Gala used to be opened by local celebrities such as Lord Mayors, Chief Constables and local radio personalities. Bill Warrington's trailer was a mobile podium for many years. Apparently the Group's ambition to attract Joan Collins to open the

Gala has been unsuccessful!
The Group is grateful to the parents and friends who have given so much support over the years. The success of the well dressings including the introduction of the Guides proficient exhibits have all added to the sense of occasion. The bands have also enhanced the festive aura. The A.T.C. is another youth organisation which is now involved.

Next year the Gala weekend will coincide with the opening of the World Student Games - July 13th and 14th. No doubt the village will give the Scouts and Guides their usual support.

## Financing Dore to Door

As you are probably aware Dore to Door is distributed, free of charge, to 3,000 homes, businesses, schools and institutions in the area. The cost of production is usually partly offset by the sale of advertising space or sponsorship. We are therefore always on the look out for financial support.

We would be delighted to ear from anyone who is interested in assisting us in this way. If you wish to advertise or to have your name or that of your business included as a sponsor in this popular publication, please contact John Baker on Sheffield 369025.


## Can You help?

Deliveries - some 40 volunteers help deliver each edition of Dore to Door. Although every road is covered at present we are always looking for people to act as reserve deliverers in the event of sickness etc. if you could spare $1 / 2 \mathrm{hr}$ every quarter and don't mind delivering different roads, we'd be pleased to hear from you. Just ring John Baker on 369025 or Stella Wood on 366424.
Volunteer visitors- Age Concern's visiting/befriending service, which offers regular visits to isolated dementia sufferers is co-ordinated by a member of staff from Age Concern Sheffield and based at the Alexandra Dementia Assessment Unit, Nether Edge Hospital. Suitable cases for visiting are exclusively selected from there by professional staff who know them well.

The aim of this scheme is to provide company and stimulation for elderly sufferers who live alone and would otherwise be largely isolated with their condition. Forgetfulness and confusion do accurately describe the main symptoms of the illness, and regular contact by volunteers can be of tremendous value and reassurance to sufferers who are often aware of their condition and sometimes frightened by it.

Age Concern Plan increase their team and are looking for new volunteers to join a five session preparation course. Knowledge about dementia, although useful, is not essential as there will be plenty of opportunity to learn. Enthusiasm, patience and a genuine desire to help are a good basis from which to begin. Members of the present small team are from varied backgrounds.
Further information can be obtained from Age Concern's offices at: 10 Carver Street, Sheffield, S1 4FS. Tel: 757964

## Letters

## Dear Sir

I wondered if Dore Village Society could act as a pressure group to try to rid our footpaths of 'dog dirt'. I am very upset by the state of the paths, particularly those around the schools. The footpath between Bushey Wood Road and Furniss Avenue seems to be a favourite dog toilet, particularly at each end of the path. Vicarage Lane is also a favourite dog haunt, especially between Dore Old School and the new school.

I have contacted the Environmental health Department of the council and was listened to very sympathetically but it appears there is very little we can do unless we permanently patrol the area and catch dogs, 'in the act.'
Parents and children are upset by all of this excrement and I wondered if the village society could publicise this problem and perhaps try to persuade the Council to help us combat it.

Helen Burgess

## Dore Collection

Following our appeal for helpers in the Summer issue of Dore to Door, a meeting was held to discuss the Dore Collection.

A system of indexing was agreed and by the time this issue appears a start will have been made on material we already have.

As is is impossible at this stage to anticipate the amount of material which will eventually form the collection, it is difficult to predict how much room will be needed

We would welcome any ideas you have on storing/displaying the collection or any other aspects of the project.
S.Wood. Tel: 366424

## Conserving Britains Bats

If this summers' hot weather has tempted you to sit outside in the evenings you may have been fortunate enough to witness the flitterings at dusk of a hunting bat. Bats are the only mammals that fly and there are nearly 1,000 species worldwide - almost a quarter of all known mammal species. In the tropics, bats are very diverse in appearance and behaviour, but in the UK there are just 15 small insect-eating species.

Like other mammals, bats have fur and suckle their young. Their wings are membranes of skin, supported by the forearms and elongated fingers, and extending down the sides of the body to the legs. Bats can see well, but hearing is their most highly developed sense. In the dark they emnit high frequency sounds and use the echoes to detect the details of their surroundings and their insect prey. All British bats feed on insects. One tiny pipistrelle can fit into a matchbox and weighs a little as and old 5 p piece, but may eat up to 3,500 tiny insects in a night. Some species eat relatively large, and hence fewer insects.

Bats usually begin breeding in their second year. They mate in autumn and winter, but females do not become pregnant until the spring. The single young is born in June or July in a maternity roost, which may attract females from an area of several hundred square kilometres. When the adults go out to feed they leave their flightless young in the roost. The baby bat is tended with great care by its mother, at three weeks

it can fly and after five weeks it is weaned. Bats can live for up to thirty years.

Bats use three main types of roost:
Buildings of all kinds and ages are most important in summer.

Cave-like places, including mines, cellars, lime-kilns, ice-houses and tunnels, are mostly used for hibernation.

Hollow trees are used throughout the year.

Each of our 15 bat species has its own preferred types of roost, which are chosen very carefully according to season, the weather and the bat's condition. The same site tends to be occupied by the same bats at the same time each year.

Few insects are available in winter, so bats put on extra weight during autumn and then hibernate. The human body works to maintain a temperature of about $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a heart rate of about 75 beats per minute; in flight the body temperature of a bat can reach $42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the heart rate 1,000 beats minute, but, after landing, its temperature can fall rapidly. The temperature of a hibernating bat may drop; to close to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and its pulse rate to
about 20 beats per minute, which helps to conserve energy. A bat may fly to feed on mild winter days and wakes to change its hibernation site for one with a more suitable temperature, particularly in very cold weather.

Two major problems facing the bat are loss of roost sites and reduction in food supply as a result of changing land use. The result has been a severe decline in bat numbers over recent years even amongst the most common species.

The Wildlife and countryside Act of 1981 gives special protection to bats because of their roosting requirements. Unless the Nature Conservancy Council has been consulted, it is an offence intentionally to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place that a bat uses for shelter or protection including houses and out-buildings, or to disturb a bat while it is occupying such a place.

Most counties have at least one local bat group. Sheffield bat group are actively involved in the study and conservation of local bats; in particular visiting roosts in buildings and offering advice to householders; erecting and monitoring bat boxes surveying feeding sites and hibernacula; the care of sick and injured bats; and research in to bat behaviour. They also organise education-lectures, demonstrations, publications, training courses and press campaigns.

To find out more about bats and how to help their conservation contact Sheffield Bat Group on 668487 or 879622.

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## Dore Infant School

We can now look back on another busy academic year for Dore Infant School.

The focus of our curriculum work has been Information technology, the integration of computer work in the curriculum, and Design and Technology.

Thanks to the generous support of our parents and friends we held very successful Autumn and Summer Fairs. Among other events was our Harvest Festival to which we invited patients from St. Luke's Day Unit and the Cheshire Home at Totley. Parents of our Y2 Children also joined us at the service. All the harvest gifts were shared between St. Luke's and the Cheshire Home.

In preparation for Christmas we held a Toy Service. Once again we had an excellent
response, and the toys collected were sent to the Overseas Aid Shop in Sheffield. At our Baby Service one of our parents, with her young baby, kindly joined us and talked to the children about the care of babies, and answered the children's questions. Our Christmas celebrations was based on the different Christmas traditions from around the world.

In early April we held an Open Day for all members of the community. Our displays included examples of the work we do in English, Mathematics, Science, Design and Technology and Information Technology. There was also a display about Pupils Records of Achievement and Experience.

In the Summer Term we had a taste of the World Student Games. This was the theme of the Y2's Assembly to mark the end of their
time in the Infant School. Through music and dance the children portrayed some of the events we shall see in 1991.

We have had many visitors in school this year, including pupils on work experience from King Ecgbert School and High Storrs School. Police officers have held Road Safety sessions and have talked to the parents and children about the dangers of going with strangers. We have also been pleased to host meetings for the Play Group leaders in this area.
I should like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us in so many different ways. If you would like to visit us and know more about what we do, please contact the school, tel 368690 . We shall be very happy to welcome you.

Mary Kitchin.

## Diary - Autumn 1990

## SEPT

1-2 New Sheffield Show. Norton Nurseries. Ilam-6pm Sat. 10am-5pm Sun.
4 Games Night. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church. 7.45pm

8 Dore Show. Old Village School. 2pm.
10 Keep Fit Enrolement - see Sept 18
11 Learning for Leisure. University of the third age. 10.30-12.30 Collegiate Crescent. Tel: 98790985
12 B.B.C. Radio Sheffield. Dore (E) T.G. Old School
13 Ladies Keep Fit. United Reform Church. Totley Brook Road. Every Thursday 7.30 to 9 pm .
18 Keep Fit Mornings with Pam Denniff. Abbeydale Hall (Norton College). First Session. Enrol on Mon. Sept 10 at 2 pm . Enquiries 585364.
18 Gym and Tonic with Mrs C. Wilson. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm
22 Caribbean Evening Cheshire Home Mickley Lane
29 Supper - plus surprise 'house' entertainment. Dore Scouts. Tickets - phone 362910
28 Jazz Concert \& Barbecue Cheshire Home Mickley Lane

## OCT

2 Healthy Family Fare. Mrs B. Massey. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church. 7.45pm
6-7 Sonnenberg Autumn Meeting. (see news item)
9 AGM. King Ecgberts School Association
10 Lyceum Theatre Restoration. Dore (E) T.G. Old School, Dore
11 Silent Auction Cheshire Home Mickley Lane. Items may be brought.
12 Sponsored Walk in aid of School Funds. King Ecgberts School, Parents, Friends, Pets \& Children - Tel: 369931
16 The Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund. Dr. B.A. Maguire. Sister B. Hutchcroft. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm.

16-18 Open Days King Ecgbert School.
24 AGM. Dore Village Society, 8 pm . Old Village School
27 Small Mammal Survey. 9am, Whirlow Park Cafe Car Park. A survey in the Limb Valley organised by Sheffield City Museums.
30 L for Leather. Mrs P. Morris. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church. 7.45 pm .

NOV
12-24 Photography Display (mainly landscapes) Mr Gordon Rawlins. Totley Library.
13 Sponsored Knit-in. In aid of MacMillan Fund and Mother Theresa. Tuesday Group. Methodist Church. 7.45 pm .
14 Innocent on the Broads. Mr N. Oxley. Dore (E) T.G. Old School. Dore.
24 Jumble Sale. King Ecgberts School Association
27 Talk on Eyam. Mr J Harwood. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church. 745pm.

Every Saturday - Coffee is served at Dore Methodist Church School room. Everybody welcome. 10am to 12 noon.

Every Saturday (unless advised). Venture Scout Car Wash. Scout H.Q. Rushley Road. 10am to 12 noon (and coffee) $£ 1$.

Second Saturday each month. Scout Waste Paper Collection. Recreation Ground Car Park. Townhead Road.

Bottle Bank Collection. Scout H.Q.
For your events in the Diary for December, January, February please phone Stella Wood on 366424 or send details to 87 Abbeydale Rise by November 5th.

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