

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Nar Storth Hockey Team

Dore to Door has received an excellent response to the request for identification of team members.

The picture, reproduced in our Winter 1991 issue, shows:-

Back row, reading from left to right, Bessie Bagshaw, Lucy Hayes, Marjorie Frost, Elspeth Hayes, Marjorie Green and Clarrie Unwin. Front row – Joan Frost, Gertie Kelly, Freda Foulstone, Lillian (Buster) Swift and Marjorie Hayes.

Marjorie Hayes collaborated with Freda Foulstone – now with Mrs Critchlow and living in Bakewell in her 90's – to identify team members. She also informed us that she transferred to the Sheffield ladies hockey team during the war. Efforts to get the Nar Storth team "on its feet again" after the war failed and it folded about 1947.

Truda Bagshaw recognised her sister in law Bessie and Gertie Kelly.

E.R. Squire of Ecclesall gave us further information about her father's cousin, Letitia Marjorie Green. The latter had left a physical education course at Dartford college to train as a physiotherapist at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton. she worked for many years at the Children's Hospital in Sheffield before retiring to Stoney Middleton, where she died in 1978. She is remembered as having a "wonderful way with children".

Eric Evans of Bakewell and Mrs Wyn Stanley were also most helpful in recognising team members.

Thank you to all readers who contacted us.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY SPRING MEETING

Wednesday 15th April 92 8pm Old Village School

Speaker – Bob Warburton Illustrated talk on local wild life

All welcome

Dore Allotments

Given widespread concern over the possible development for housing of the Vicarage Lane site, the Dore Village Society wrote at the beginning of January to all the City's 86 councillors, to get their personal views on the principle of developing allotment land within the city. As we go to press only 13 have bothered to reply which tells us something about their personal efficiency, their attitude towards Dore, or perhaps illustrates a simple lack of common courtesy.

Some of the replies are little more than acknowledgements, promises to raise the matter with colleagues on the Planning Committee, explanations that as members of the Planning Committee they cannot comment and in one case that comment is inappropriate as they did not represent Dore Ward. Not surprisingly perhaps, support has been most forthcoming from Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors, especially those representing our ward.

The only clue to the possible outcome is

contained in a letter from Councillor Buckley, Chairman of the Planning & Economic Development Programme Committee. He states that "The use of the Limb Lane site for allotments is, in principle, an acceptable use for land in the Green Belt. However, as it stands the two applications still represent a transfer of open space to the Green Belt which is against City Council policy and the agents for the applicant are aware of this. If they wish to pursue this, it is now up to them to comply with the policies by providing alternative open space in the area or, in an area deficient in open space which would also comply with policy."

The Society's subsequent letter to the Council (see planning applications), raising the issue of possible maladministration around the handling of planning applications, asked that consideration of the latest application to develop the allotments be deferred until the issues it raised had been satisfactorily investigated. This is now with the City's Legal Department.

Totley Tunnel Centenary

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the opening of Totley Tunnel in 1893. Work started in 1888 with the two borings from Grindleford and Totley meeting under the moors in October 1892. A year later the railway opened for goods traffic and finally for passengers in May 1894.

It took hundreds of navvies, 132 tons of gelignite and some 30 million bricks to build the 3 1/2 mile tunnel. Building the tunnel not only left it's physical mark on Dore & Totley in the shape of railway cuttings, spoil heaps and air shafts, but it also had a significant social impact through the life style of the navvies and the subsequent population increase.

Both the Totley Residents Association and the Dore Village Society would like to organise some form of centenary celebrations in 1993 to mark the opening of the tunnel. If you have any material of interest on the building of the tunnel, pictures or items illustrating life 100 years ago, an interest in railways especially steam, or are game to help run centenary events, please contact John Baker on 369025 or Danny Barlow on 365063.





Old English Fayre 1936. Following the article in the last issue of Dore to Door, we have received some delightful photographs and a breakdown of the amounts raised for the Church Hall Building Fund. A total of £307..17..10 was made, £113..16..9 on Friday, June 9th and a further £194..1..1 on the Saturday. The plants and flowers were the most successful money raiser – producing a total of £62..14..3 with the fancy needlework providing £41..6..9 in second place. The picture, taken in the grounds of Dore Moor House, shows some of the helpers in historic fancy dress including Mrs John Steele Carr seated in the centre of the group, with Lillian Hartley standing behind her.

Letters

Dear Sir

Do you think perhaps the Village Society could use their influence to have some further speed restriction placed on the stretch of Dore Road between Rushley Drive and the corner of Vicarage Lane? Though I live in Dore Hall Croft I have a large window overlooking Dore Road and see cars coming down the road which (as a driver of some 60 years) I can see are travelling far too fast. After many weeks of complaining to the Corporation department concerned, we have at last managed to have the barrier at the bottom of the path between Dore Hall Croft and Dore Road repaired – but as this was damaged by a speeding car not so long ago, I feel it could happen again anytime and all our work will have been in vain. I regret to say that even the Police cars also travel too fast!

Kim Stokes (Mrs)

Dear Sir

The Teddy Bears have given a thumbs down to any pleasant picnic prospects in our own Bushey Wood.

No lessons have been learned from considerable efforts to wise up the naughty rubbish dumpers some time ago, when the brook was cleaned up.

Why not I say??? I would venture to say all know the habit is very anti-social. Many residents tell me how much they enjoyed playing in the splendid woods when they were children. Are today's and tomorrow's children to be denied the same pleasure? *Garden rubbish is still rubbish* and there are intelligent ways of dealing with it.

There is a cure for addicts of dumping over the fence, it is – clear up your area over the fence to compare with your side of the fence – throw down a table cloth and join the Teddy's – that's the way forward for us all with pleasure and a clear conscience.

B. James Bushey Wood Road

Dear Sir

As a resident of Abbeydale Park Rise from 1924 until 1950 I was delighted to receive the 1991 editions of "Dore to Door". I am sure my late father, Sydney Speight, will be remembered by your older readers as headmaster of the village school from 1924 until 1940, when he was appointed head of Pyebank School in the Pitsmoor area of Sheffield. Both my brother Bob and myself received our early 'grounding' at the school.

My first teacher in the infants class was a lovable lady called Miss Rhoda Dobbs who walked it every day from Dronfield Woodhouse in fair weather or foul, then it was Miss Polly Hodkin from Totley, followed by Miss Minnie Reynolds who travelled daily by train from North Wingfield and walked up Dore Road from the station. She was replaced by an athletic lady called Miss Grace Talbot who biked it from somewhere quite far afield – I'm not sure where. Finally to the top class where father ruled with a 'firm cane' and provided the springboard for further education at schools as remote as Dronfield and Chesterfield – quite a long way to travel in those days!

Dad was quite keen on the sporting side and I am sure older readers will remember PT in the school yard and on the village green and football on the field up Townhead Road. Who could forget the 'blood matches' against Totley School who were urged on by their headmaster, Mr Wood. My first love for Sheffield United was created at the village school because Dad managed to obtain a few complimentary tickets for Bramall Lane for several matches each season. needless to say that love still endures! Sadly, Dad died an early death in 1950 at the age of 58 and lies with my mother, who died even earlier when I was only 6 years old, in the village churchyard.

Time does of course dim the memory but the names of some of the my schoolmates still come to mind – Alex Thorpe and brother Billy whose father ran the butcher's shop.

Phillip Swift and brother Teddy – still farming, I think, near Dore Moor. The Plumtrees who lived in the bottom cottage of the row opposite school – mother was school caretaker. Anthony Shipstone who lived in the same row but was late for school quite often! Betty Mycock who suffered terribly with chilblained fingers. All the Laver family – I think my first seat in the the infants class was next to Margaret Laver. Doris Middleton. Dorothy Wragg. The Fearnhough brothers from Townhead Road and a host of others who all helped to make my time at the village school a happy and memorable period of my life.

There I must close by wishing you and all the residents of your lovely village much health and happiness in 1992.

**Alan Speight
Cockermouth, Cumbria**

Ryecroft Reception Centre

The meeting of the local neighbourhood watch coordinators held on Wednesday, January 8th, 1992, was addressed by two senior social workers from the centre. The group was told of the difficulties experienced by the staff of the centre in dealing with youngsters in their care.

The centre on Limb Lane provides short term care for young offenders between 10 and 17 years of age. There are never more than 10 residents at any one time, all of these being boys. The children's problems are varied, some are very difficult, having rejected all adult authority. In the last year many of the residents have been detained for car related offences.

The role of the warden and staff is to guide their charges away from criminal activity and towards more worthwhile pursuits. Under the Children Act 1989 (which came into force on 14th October 1991), the staff do not have the power to restrain children by confining them to their rooms and even observing the room doors at night is considered unacceptable.

At 10.00pm the door to the centre is locked but the staff are powerless to stop the determined from departing through the windows.

There is no secure unit in South Yorkshire. All incidents related to Ryecroft residents are being monitored by the police.

Can you help?

Mickley Hall Cheshire Home – needs people on a voluntary basis to assist residents to eat at meal times. The main need is at 11.45 to 12.15 or alternatively at 4.45 to 5.15. If you feel you are able to help, please telephone the General Manager on Sheffield 369952 during office hours.

Sheffield's Child Helpline – was set up in 1985 to help local children who are suffering from abuse. Six years later they are now taking about 20 calls an evening from distressed youngsters.

Volunteers are responsible not only for the counselling on the Helpline but also for finding the funds to pay for the running of the office as well as the cost of the 'phone calls from the youngsters.

Can you help pay for the calls?

20p is all it costs for a short 3 minute call. Send all donations payable to Child Helpline, 40 Trippet Lane, Sheffield S1 4EL or Phone Sheffield 769696 for a promotion pack and sponsor form.

Planning Matters

New Powers for Planning Officers

From 1st February 1992 the City Council has delegated new powers to planning officers. The aim is to speed up the processing of routine and non-contentious planning applications, including the following:

- household extensions, garages etc.
- applications for up to three new dwellings
- substitution of dwelling types on a plot with planning consent
- advertisements (refuse or approve)
- minor alterations to approved applications
- small non-residential buildings of up to 350 sq. m. floorspace
- removal of dying or diseased trees and tree pruning in conservation areas (refuse or approve)
- approval of reserved matters for approved outline applications of up to 10 dwellings.

These arrangements mean that if no objections are received within the 21 day consultation period, a decision may be made immediately. It is vital that interested people strictly observe the closing dates for objections when writing to object. There will be no further opportunity to object or speak at Planning Committee meetings, once a decision by officers has been made.

This increase in delegated power is broadly welcomed by the Society, to the extent that it speeds up the processing of planning applications. However, there is some concern, and the operation of the new arrangements will be closely monitored to ensure that they do not

stifle debate on matters of legitimate public concern.

Local applications

Baslow Road, below Dysons Refractories Ltd. – An application to erect an agricultural machinery sales and repair depot on a green field site within the Green Belt. The Society objected and the application was refused by the Council on 11 December.

Long Line – Two applications were made for the erection of individual dwellings on Green Belt land on Long Line. The Society objected and both have now been refused by the Council.

Dore Allotments/Limb Lane – A fresh application has been made for outline consent to erect six dwellings on the allotments and relocate them to Green Belt land on Limb Lane, presently forming part of Ryecroft Farm. The Society and other objectors have repeated their objections and it is hoped that the Council will again refuse this application.

This application has been the subject of a letter from the Society to Pamela Gordon, Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council following concern over collusion between the developer and Council officers. As an example the submission of a detailed plan of the Limb Lane layout, drawn by an employee of the Recreation Department, as part of the planning application is worrying. A reply is awaited from the Chief Executive.

High Greave Farm – An application made in July last year to infill a ravine beside Whitelaw Lane was refused by the Council on 16 December 1991.

Dore & Totley Station

After some 40 years of Sheffield being on a railway backwater the direct London route via the Sheffield and Chesterfield line of the Midland Railway was opened in 1870. The first timetable listed ten through weekday trains from Sheffield to London with a fastest time of four hours and ten minutes. Dore and Totley did not however get their station until 1st February 1872, built at a cost of £1,354 15s on 2 acres of land purchased from the Duke of Devonshire.

The station was built across the original line of Twentywell Lane which crossed the Sheaf behind the present station before swinging right along the line of a stone wall still standing, to join the existing road higher up the hill. Twentywell Lane had been realigned in 1870 in front of the station to run along the line of what is now a footpath behind the modern day flats with its still standing road bridge over the Sheaf. It was not until the Manchester spur line was built that the bottom of Twentywell Lane was moved to its present position.

It was the building of the railway and station that led by the late 1870s to the development of Dore into a residential outpost of Sheffield, and present day Dore Road was specifically built across Duke of Devonshire land to link the village to the station. Now with the closure of its London line platform in recent years, the decline in railway usage and after serving as offices, the station is to find a new lease of life as a restaurant.



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Abbeydale Park

In 1919 the Abbeydale Park Estate came up for sale and was quickly purchased by the Sheffield Amateur Sports Club Ltd – a non-profit making organisation – to provide a 'home' for amateur sport in Sheffield. After considerable hard work on the old farm buildings (now almost gone) and draining and levelling, the ground was first used to play cricket on in 1921. Abbeydale Hall was purchased in 1920, together with its land, but later the Hall was sold, as converting it to a Clubhouse was too expensive. Gradually the Clubs became established at Abbeydale Park and by the time of the 1939-45 war it was in use for football, cricket, hockey, rugby, tennis and squash, together with Derbyshire using it as their County ground. (Dore was in Derbyshire).

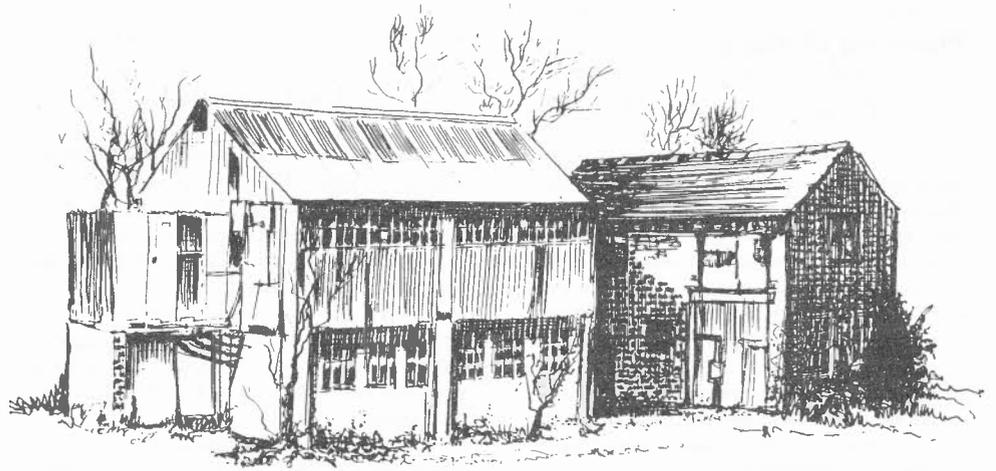
Although the original founder was Robert Hargreaves and a group of business men actively interested in sport, the financing of such a project was enormous. Considerable money had to be found each year – just for the Club's very existence and continuity, apart from providing changing pavilions for the players. In one of the old farm buildings a huge 20' diameter tub was used for the footballers even after the war.

The huge task of finance was instigated by Jack Shapley together with many members and for every August Bank Holiday week, Abbeydale Park was the venue for Sheffield's greatest gala – not the most welcome event for the neighbouring homes, where people went to bed with a gun under the pillow – and often used them too! The Wragg brothers at Ashfurlong Farm never went to bed that week, but still lost poultry and equipment. The 'Travellers' were a menace, but the Club raised the necessary finance and a 'proper' pavilion was built in 1938. Every member of the various Clubs is a member of the Pavilion Club which caters for the social activities as required by the various sections.

In 1939 the war started and several military units were billeted nearby and who had the overall right to practise manoeuvres anywhere. It wasn't long before they discovered the local inhabitants found them easier to track down than the Travellers, so the L.D.V. and eventually the Home Guard was formed and locally based at Abbeydale Hall, using the Club grounds for rifle and grenade practice.

The Sports Club raised quite a lot of money for clarity with many Sports Meetings but the ground maintenance was very limited and the football fields were kept "cut" by cows and the hockey and cricket areas by sheep from Ashfurlong Farm. The moving of animal droppings and marking of the lines was done by the players before play – amazing what people would do to preserve the sport they cherished – when they had to. Whatever had happened there was no way Hitler was going to have Abbeydale Park! Everything was re-conditioned or mended, clothes and equipment.

In 1945 when peace finally came, the Club started a Rifle Club, a Bowling Club and an Archers Club (The Bowling Club used the International Hockey ground – now 'plastic grass' – originally before money was raised to develop the present green). Gradually as these new sections were formed



Richard Moffatt

These two buildings were situated behind the Methodist Church. A drawing of the right hand building appeared in our Autumn 91 issue wrongly captioned.

The one on the left was originally built as a workshop with a timber first storey atop a brick ground floor. There was a large pit in the floor and an external wooden staircase. The building was used by Ashley, the builders and in the 1960s it was a store for the Scout Canoes. It was owned by the Methodist Church from 1963 and latterly the ground floor served as a garage. Strong winds in January 1991 destroyed the timber storey, rendering the building unsafe. It was recently demolished by the Voluntary Services organisation and the site levelled and landscaped.

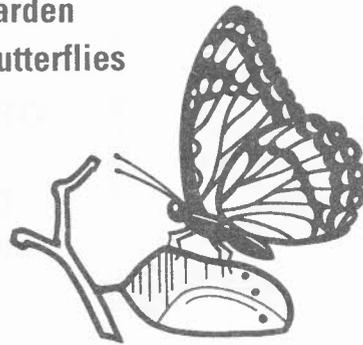
and with careful budgeting other sections became viable – the Table Tennis Section started in the cricket pavilion, then had their own building as more of the old farm buildings were demolished. Ashfurlong Farm ran into difficulties and sold up, with some of the land being purchased by the Sports Club and levelled to form a large area for the Bankers Club and a site for a Covered Club in an air balloon – the forerunner of the present permanent building of the Badminton Club.

The present Directors of the Sports Club now intend to start selling off the land for building – a process that is irreversible and was considered completely out of the

question in the past, yet now there is an explosion in sport participation and many other sports not catered for which would enhance Abbeydale even more – how about a teaching "Centre of Excellence" in the considerable off peak times? The potential of Abbeydale is enormous with ambitious foresight and preservation is a responsibility, as shown by Robert Hargreaves and Jack Shepley. Abbeydale Sports Club is in the Parish of Dore – it is our heritage and preservation is so important in our Farms, Village Halls, Old Buildings, Countryside and Sportsgrounds for future generations.

Jim Biggins

Garden Butterflies



If you have a garden, you may now be deciding what plants you want to grow this year. So while you're making plans, why not think about how you could attract more butterflies.

Butterflies will come to your garden if you plant the things they like. Nectar rich flowers in the sunniest spots are what you will need to plant. Try to choose a variety of plants that will flower through spring, summer and autumn, giving most attention to plants that flower in late summer, when there are the highest number of butterflies. For

example, the well named "Butterfly Bush" – *Buddleia davidii* has strongly scented flowers from July to September.

Generally butterflies prefer the more basic and old fashioned garden plants to the modern breeds. Some of the following plants in a warm sunny position will help you attract more butterflies:- Honesty, Bugle, Aubretia, Wallflowers, and yellow Alyssum in the spring; then for summer flowering, Sweet William, Red Vaeniam, Heliotrope and Marigolds. Some autumn favourites are Sedum Spectabile and Michaelmas Daisies.

Every butterfly was once a caterpillar. However, many caterpillars feed on common weeds. If you can spare a sunny area for nettles, perhaps at the end of the garden, you could attract Red Admirals, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell Butterflies to lay eggs. Peacock butterfly caterpillars are black, and then stay in groups at their early stages.

There is no need to worry about these caterpillars eating your favourite flowers and vegetables. It is only the well known cabbage whites that will do any damage. all the others can just add to the delight of your garden.

Toad Save

Over the past few years, on warm nights in early spring, bands of dedicated helpers have been patrolling the roads near toad breeding ponds, picking up toads and giving them a helping hand on their perilous way to their breeding ponds.

In the south of Derbyshire several sites where toads are at risk from being squashed by passing traffic have been identified and are being successfully patrolled. Records show that many toads are saved at each crossing point. However, there do not appear to be many toad crossing sites in the north of the county or Sheffield.

If you have seen any sites where toads appear to be getting killed trying to cross the road, do let the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust know. There may be sites where dedicated individuals are already beavering away rescuing toads – please let them know if you are aware of anyone doing this, as they may be able to help out with equipment and would like to know where these sites are and how many toads have been rescued at each. A sketch map of the road crossing showing the position of any adjacent ponds would be ideal.

If you are interested in helping rescue toads, even if you don't know of any sites near you, the Trust will try to give you a site to patrol. Toads are usually on the move in about early March and are most active just after dusk on warm still nights, and helping move toads usually involves being available on any suitable night over a period of a few weeks around early March. The Trust can be contacted on 0332 756610 during office hours.

News in brief

Sonnenberg Autumn Meeting – some 40 people from as far afield as Newcastle and Dorset attended the Sonnenberg Association of Great Britain Autumn meeting at Northern College Wentworth Castle. The weekend activities began with a buffet followed by a formal welcome from the Mayor of Barnsley. After hearing reports from Dr Kurt Neumann, formerly on the staff at Sonnenberg House, the U.K. and Eastern Europe, a tour of the house and grounds was provided. Twelve participants stayed over and enjoyed a conducted tour of Wortley Top Forge on Sunday morning.

Anyone interested in joining a local

group on a holiday conference, June 14th-21st in the beautiful Harz Mountains, Germany, at a model cost (ex. travel) of £79 should contact the Chair of S.A.G.B., Barry Everley at 259 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB. Tel. 351048.

Church Hall Appeal for cash to save The Church Hall, was made in November with a reminder in February and has had a fair amount of success so far. There are some 2,200 houses in the parish boundary and so far we have received a total of 85 donations raising £4,309 by 31st January 1992. We are aiming for £10,000 this year.

A manager is being appointed to look after the workings of the hall, using business plans, involving scheduling, marketing – increased use will bring increased income. We would like to thank the Houndkirk Moor Cub Pack, Blackamoor Cub Pack, The Dancing School, The Customers of the Delicatessen and everybody who has supported us so far especially the anonymous donors. Please continue to send donations to Mr. D. W. Kirk, The Appeal Fund Treasurer, 39 Old Hay Close, Dore or hand them to the Vicar or to the Church wardens, Paddy McCormick and Trevor Marshall.

Ash House – is to close in October as part of the Council's rationalisation and economy measures, eliminating the last of the non purpose-built OAP homes. Concern is already being expressed about possible future use of the site, and 'Friends of Ash House' are meeting on 26th February.

Mind, Body and Motor Car

Are you going abroad on holiday this year? Then learn a little of the language, know some first aid just in case, and put your car in order before you go.

Short basic 5 week holiday language courses will soon be available in French, German, Spanish, Italian and Greek together with Get Further in to French (a short course for those who already know the basics).

Holiday first aid and car maintenance courses will also be available as well as short courses in portraiture drawing and the social history of the 19th century.

Enrolment for all courses is on Tuesday 7th April, 7.30-8.30pm.

Please note that all courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers.

For any further information please contact Norton College, Abbeydale Hall Centre, Tel. 620244.

Horace Bacon – 100 not out

Horace Bacon, who lives in Victor Road, was 100 years of age on 12 February this year. In the last 24 years he has collected nearly £100,000 for Oxfam and more recently several thousand pounds for St Luke's Hospice. Everyone in Dore will want to send him their best wishes.

Dore to Door featured Horace in an article in 1989 but no apology is needed for including him again – we get very few opportunities to congratulate people on their 100th birthdays and on such magnificent achievements.

Our original article gave an account of his career but the main features will stand repetition – the 13th son of a Barnsley miner who himself went down the pit at the age of 14, left after 10 years with eye problems, earned degrees in Classics and Divinity and became a minister of religion. He worked in England and for some years in the USA, part of his time being spent in Chicago in the days of Prohibition and Al Capone. Returning to England he gained an external degree in law from London University and became a Social Sciences lecturer in the Extra Mural; Department of Sheffield University and at the end of the Second World War was seconded to the Foreign Office and lectured to troops and civilians in India and South East Asia.

It was his experience of abject poverty in Asia that led to his collecting for Oxfam which began in 1968 – at the age of 77!

He started collecting in Barnsley and continued when he moved to Dore in 1973, to live with his son and daughter in law. Since then he has covered a large area extending over Dore, Ecclesall, Millhouses and Beauchief. In latter years failing eyesight and advancing age have made him confine his activities to the Spring months but he is a familiar figure on the roads and his technique of getting six months contributions in one visit would be the envy of many a commercial organisation.

Horace keeps remarkably active, going into Sheffield by bus every day. He is now a Quaker and through that and his charity work he has numerous friends and can clearly hold his own with any of them with his lively mind, his interest in philosophy and history, but mainly through his interest in people.

Not many of the people for whom Horace has collected so strenuously over the years may see their 100th birthday. Thanks to him, however, they will have had a far better life and I am sure he will think that is sufficient reward.

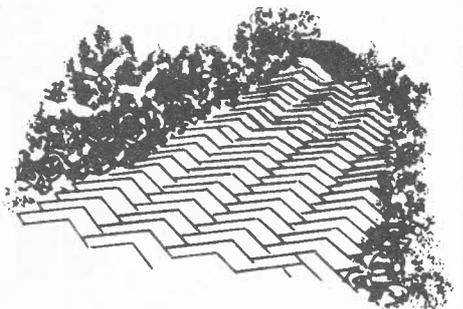
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Thomas Marshall and family

In the last issue of Dore to Door, reference was made in both the article on mining and in "Thomas Marshall and family" to the Barmote Court. This is to confirm that this court was concerned with mineral rights and not funeral rites. We apologise for the error in the Marshall article, which was due to a faulty transcription at the typesetters which was not identified on proof reading.

We have been very fortunate to receive further excellent mementoes of the Marshall's business from Thomas Marshall's great grandson Peter Bradley. Copies of advertising material show that Thomas Marshall won a bronze medal and other awards for his hams and bacon at the 1912 London Dairy Show. A note book showing purchases of pigs records that Marshall was buying up to 15 pigs each month between October and April each year. These weighed from 12 to 22 stones each at an average cost of 7/- per stone.

The entry for December 12th, 1911, shows the special purchase of two pigs, jointly weighing 42 stones 10 lbs, from His Majesty King George V and a 12 stone 6½lb pig from Prince Christian, all reared at Windsor. One pig valued at £15 died on the train journey. A subsequent entry on December 18th records the arrival of 4 pigs weighing a total of 75 stones 9lbs, purchased from the Sandringham Estate, with a value of £32. The illustration shows both sides of a business card used by Thomas Marshall.

Back Issues

We have a number of back issues of Dore to Door for sale with proceeds going towards Society funds. Copies back to Spring 1986 are available although we have more of some issues than others.

Individual copies are available at £1.50 or £5 for a complete year.

They will be sold on a first come first served basis – if you want any copies please ring 352107 in the early evening.

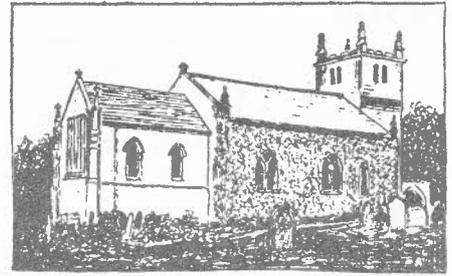
Cottages in Savage Lane opposite the old school.



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Savage Lane Cottages

Opposite the Hare and Hounds car park and the Old School stands a row of cottages. The date stone on the wall, dated 1782 with the letters R, U and E arranged as a triangle with the U at the apex. These initials are of the builder of the house, Robert Unwin and his wife Elizabeth of whom little more is known.

"The story of Methodism in Dore", written by John Dunstan, states that Robert and Elizabeth's son Robert was one of a group of eleven young Methodists in Dore, whose names appear on the Sheffield Circuit Membership roll in 1790. This group met at Nab Farm, the home of Thomas Lee.

The Dore Enclosure award of 1809 allotted Robert Unwin a piece of land on Door Moor but the Duke of Devonshire's map of 1827 shows him owning just the small area on Savage Lane of 13 perches or approximately 400 sq yards, containing three houses with gardens. The enclosure remains virtually unchanged to this day, with the area of garden lying from the end of the cottages towards the Village Green.

John Dunstan believed it likely that Robert Unwin was a shoemaker. It is likely that the shoemaking trade continued in these cottages, as four cottages, known as Cobblers Row appear in the 1871 census in entries between the Hare and Hounds and the School House. At the time of the 1881 census the cottages were known as Pryors Buildings and were still

occupied by the same families – Farnsworth, Fox, Sykes and Flint. Joseph Farnsworth appears as a shoemaker in both census returns. The other cottages were inhabited by a scythe grinder, a coal miner and a highway labourer and their families.

Within living memory the area was known as Wilson Hill. The second cottage down the hill was occupied by the Taylor family. Philip Taylor, the son of William Taylor, a farmer and scythesmith, moved to the cottage from the family home (now Gilleyfield Farm). Philip and his wife had six children, one dying in infancy. Margaret Jane was born in 1899 and spent all her 82 years in the same home.

Her daughter Win Skelton has fond memories of life in the cottage. Margaret Jane married Victor (Bert) Wallace, who was a ganister miner and also acted as a grave digger for his wife's uncle Farewell Taylor. In the 1930's the Shipstone family lived in the top cottage, then the Taylor/Wallace family, the Friths and the Plumtrees, who were followed into the bottom cottage by the Bishops.

Win and her husband Reg remember the charming cottage. The front door led into a very large living room, which was heavily beamed in oak. Hams hung from the ceiling, wrapped carefully in pillow cases to keep off the flies. Between the beams the ceiling was of wood, which was kept in good condition by the application of linseed oil. The walls were thick and soundproof with deep window sills. There was a Yorkshire range in the lounge, which was used for baking and kept the room cosy. In the corner was a built in cupboard.

Two steps led from the living room down into a small kitchen. There was an old copper heated by a fire, which was used for washing, stone flags on the floor, a stone sink and stone benches which were used for salting the ham.

Stairs led from the kitchen to a small bedroom, the size of the kitchen, and from this a door led to a very large bedroom, the size of the living room below. Toilet facilities were shared – and outside – two between the four cottages. A candle was used for night time knips and a hurricane lamp on frosty nights.

Win and Reg continued to live in the cottage for several years after their marriage. Victor Wallace kept pigs in Moseley's Yard, where the Hare and Hounds car park is now. They can remember Jack Greaves of Nab Farm killing pigs for Win's father. These were happy years, marred only by the early death of Victor Wallace aged 52. One of Win's memories is watching her father digging a grave by the light of a lantern.

Deadline for Summer
Diary Entries
Saturday
9th May 1992

Chatsworth revisited

120 years ago the Great Conservatory at Chatsworth was described as the finest in the kingdom by Llewellynn Jewitt, as indeed it must have been with its 70,000 square feet of glass and 40 miles of iron ribs. A forerunner to the Crystal Palace built in 1851, it was large enough for a wide carriage drive down its centre from which to view its stately palm trees and aquatic plants. Yet by the end of the First World War the plants were dead due to a lack of coal for heating and the gardening staff having been called to man the trenches in France.

The description of the conservatory appeared in a book on the house published in 1872 and now reprinted by Ashbourne Editions price £8.99, along with others on Haddon Hall and several local towns and villages. The descriptions and illustrations of the time have their own fascination, quite apart from the chance to find out what things were like a hundred years ago. For more information contact Ashbourne Editions, Sprinkwood, Clifton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1GL.

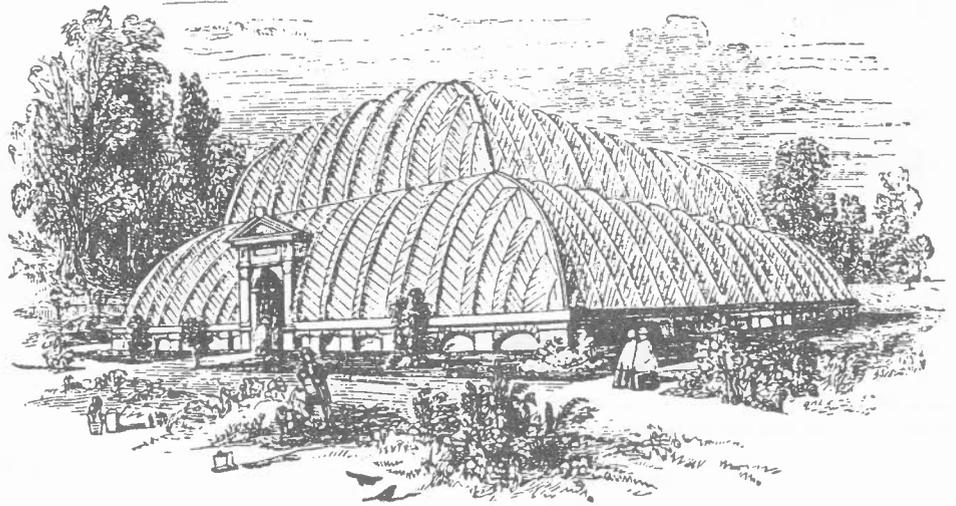
Tracing your family history

In the early part of the 19th century, Dore was a small Derbyshire village in the Parish of Dronfield and the records of baptism, marriage and burial for the inhabitants of Dore at that and earlier times appear in the parish registers for Dronfield that are now in the Derbyshire Record Office in Matlock. Such records of these events provide vital evidence to the increasing number of people now interested in tracing their ancestry and producing their family trees. It is quite feasible to do this yourself and many sources of information are available to all of us allowing us to trace the histories of our families back for many generations and over many decades. These notes are intended to help anyone about to take up this absorbing, rewarding and occasionally frustrating hobby.

Searching for your ancestors should begin with what you know. Consult your own family first, especially its elderly members and collect together any exciting family records such as certificates, letters, papers, diaries, photographs and perhaps a Family Bible. Next turn to the public records that are held in the various repositories including reference libraries, record offices, register offices and, possibly, churches. At this stage it may be helpful to join the family history society covering your area of interest.

In England and Wales, civil registration began on 1 July 1837 and certificates of birth, marriage or death may be obtained from District Registrars at a cost of £5.50 each. It is necessary to supply names, locations and at least approximate dates for the events concerned. Where these details are not adequately known, indexes to the registers for the whole country are available at Saint Catherine's House, London. The indexes are arranged in quarterly volumes and do not give precise dates for the events but provide a reference enabling a certificate to be ordered. These indexes may be seen locally, as film copies, at the Family History Centre, Grenoside, Sheffield.

For relatives living 100 to 150 years ago, the Census Returns for the years 1841, 1851,



1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 may be consulted, either locally in the area of interest or at the Public Record Office, London. The entries list the members of each household, relationship, marital status, age, occupation and birthplace and consequently can be most helpful. The 1841 Census is less informative but still useful. Knowing the family address can assist because street indexes are normally provided for each of the Returns. However, name indexes also have been prepared for some local areas, for instance, in Sheffield they are available for the 1841, 1851 and 1871 Returns with the 1861 census partly done. A countrywide name index is in course of preparation for the 1881 Census.

For the period prior to civil registration and as far back as 1538 in some cases, parish registers may be consulted for details of baptism, marriage or burial. These registers are now usually deposited at local Record Offices rather than being held at parish churches and often they are available on film or microfiche. Alternative sources are Bishop's Transcripts which are contemporary manuscript copies of parish registers, some starting in the year 1598. An extremely useful finding aid is the International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) which lists baptisms and marriages extracted from parish registers for the whole country and abroad. The entries are listed alphabetically under surnames then chronologically under Christian names and are arranged by county. However, although more than 30 million names are included for Britain alone, the coverage is not 100% and, as with any secondary source, information found should be checked with the original register. Non-Conformist records are also available at the Public Record Office or at county record offices.

Much helpful information may be obtained from wills and those dating back to 1858 are held at Somerset House, London. There is free public access to yearly name indexes which themselves can be a useful source of information as the entries usually give brief details of each will. Small fees are payable either to see a copy of a will or to obtain a photocopy. District Probate Registries hold records back to 1935, wills before 1858 and as far back as 1383 were normally proved in an ecclesiastical court. The wills proved in local, minor courts are mostly kept in the appropriate Diocesan Office, often a County Record Office. Wills that were proved in the Archbishop's Court are to be found either at the Public Record Office, London or at the Borthwick Institute, York.

There are many other sources of information available to the family historian and some of the more important of these are electoral registers or burgess rolls, directories, newspapers, apprenticeship records, quarter session records, manorial records, cemetery registers, monumental inscriptions and various tax and other lists.

It is recommended that, when copying an entry that you have located, an exact copy should be made with the same spellings and abbreviations and without making your own abbreviations. Any gaps in the original records or in your search of them should be noted as should details of the source searched together with the date of your search. Remember that any index or transcript may contain errors so always check back to the original source.

As mentioned previously, a name index for the 1881 Census is being prepared and help is needed with transcription. The work is done at home using photocopies of the census returns and an instruction booklet and transcription forms are supplied. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Mrs M. Robson, telephone Rotherham (0709) 543829, for further details.

Some useful addresses:

Derbyshire Record Office, New Street, Matlock DE4 3AG (0629) 580000 Ext 7347.

Sheffield and District Family History Society. Enquiries with S.A.E. to the Membership Secretary, Miss A.Kendrick, 3 Roughwood Road, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3RE. Register Office, Surrey Place, Sheffield S1 1YA (0742) 735321.

General Register Office, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP (071) 242 0262.

The Sheffield Stake Family History Centre, Wheel Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield S30 3RN (0742) 453231.

Sheffield Archives, 523 Shoreham Street, Sheffield S1 4SP (0742) 734756.

Local Studies Library, Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 1XZ. (0742) 734753.

Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1LR (081) 876 3444.

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Newstead Road, Wakefield WF1 2DE (0924) 295982.

Principal Registry of the Family Division, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LP. 071 936 6000.

The Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, St Anthony's Hall, Peasholme Green, York YO1 2PW (0904) 642315.

F.F. Bownes

Dore and Totley Community Arts Group

The new Dore and Totley Arts Group has now been in existence for one year, and it seems a good time to review its achievements in that time, and to think about future plans.

The new group is a revival of a former group that flourished in the area for over 10 years after its founding in 1975, and the new committee is very grateful for the support and advice they received from the former committee. Previous highlights that may be remembered were concerts by the Grimethorpe Colliery Band and the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, and lecture-recitals by James Blades, the percussionist, and Fritz Spiegel.

We have held three events in our first year, all very different and all very well supported. Our first venture was to organise, at very short notice, the first Dore and Totley Competitive Music Festival, held at King Egbert School on June 28th last year. The event attracted 55 competitors from quite a wide area, and resulted in some excellent music and a very enjoyable day. The culmination was a short evening concert of the prize-winners in each class, and a trophy was presented to the overall winner by Mr David Fox of Fox's Music, who kindly sponsored the event. The second Dore and Totley Competitive Music Festival is to be held on Saturday April 11th, and any musician (child or adult) who wishes to enter should obtain an entry form from one of the committee members named below. Even if you do not wish to perform, anyone who is at all interested in music will find it thoroughly absorbing to listen to performers of all ages playing their

best, and to hear the comments of the adjudicators. The festival will be going on all day in the Wessex building of King Egbert School, and anyone is welcome to come in at any time for a small cost for the programme. In addition there will be a prize-winners concert in the evening from 6-7pm. This festival is actually the only one covering a range of musical instruments to be held within the city boundary, and we are hoping that it will, in time, build up to be a major annual event.

In addition to the music festival, we aim to organise a series of concerts, the venue again being King Egbert School. We are also keen, wherever possible, to organise some practical event, such as a music workshop, to link in with the concert, and our second and third events of the year illustrated this principle well. On October 15th last year we held our first concert, a recital by the distinguished Italian classical guitarist Stephano Grondona, a former pupil of Segovia, and just over a week beforehand we organised a classical guitar workshop. Most of the people who attended the workshop also came to the concert, joining a large appreciative audience, and we felt that the synergy between the two events had worked well.

Our second concert, a recital by the Wind Ensemble from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, is to be held on March 24th at 7.30pm. The programme will include Handel's well-known "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba", a Mozart Wind Octet, and music by Hummel and Waterhouse. Although there is no workshop associated with this event, the group are holding an open rehearsal at the school at 4pm, and this should be of particular interest to young people learning a wind

instrument.

At present the small organising committee has been formed in the main from interested parents of King Egbert School pupils, but we are keen to recruit members from a wider community base. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who has ideas from future events, which would encompass any of the arts and need not be restricted to music. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee, or in offering help in any way, especially with the music festival, should contact Ann Tilly (Secretary), 22 Laverdene Drive, S17 4HH (tel. 360268) or Margaret Spencer (Chairman), 24 Totley Brook Rd, S17 3QS (tel. 366212).

Old Ecclesall

The present day parish of Ecclesall is only part of a much older and larger Ecclesall which stretched from Limb Brook to today's city centre. It is hard to imagine now, what was an area of farms, small holdings and woodland that survived until Sheffield's expansion in the 18th and 19th centuries. Amid this rural setting early industry arose with quarrying, coal mining, lead smelting and metal working thriving at times, to create a rich tapestry of history to explore.

In her book "How they lived in old Ecclesall", Mary Bramhill looks at aspects of life in the area during the 17th and 18th centuries and at what we know about its houses, churches and families. The result is a 64 page insight into the period and of an area sharing much of its history with Dore. A must for anyone interested in local history, the book is published by Sheaf Publishing Ltd, tel 739067, price £2.95.

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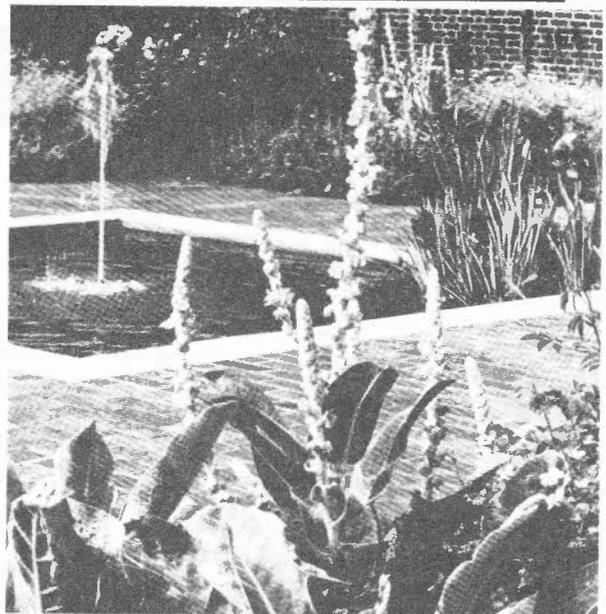
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The Two Cafés Walk

This 7 mile walk takes us along sections of the ancient and most direct route between Dore and Fulwood and returns by a slightly longer alternative. Since there are cafés at Whirlow Brook Park and at Forge Dam it has sometimes been called "The Two Cafés Walk". Allow a good half day to give time to "stand and stare" and to admire the wide views, if visibility permits. Start along Limb Lane and at Whirlow Bridge take the path following the "Round Walk Limb Valley" signpost. In about half a mile (10 to 15 minutes) note a stone bridge on your left brings the path from Whirlow Brook café down to meet your path at a "Round Walk Ringinglow" signpost. Follow this sign up the valley for only about 100 yards, then take a narrow path leading off right marked by a small, stout, wooden post. The way takes you up through Bole Hill Plantation, becoming quite steep as one nears the top. It is waymarked but easy to find and steps cut into the slope take you out of the wood and into fields.

Pass through a drystone field wall and immediately turn left alongside it for only 100 yards before turning sharp right to follow long straight field walls all the way gently down to the garden of Wigley "Farm". At the highest point pause to see the wide views, from The Wheelstones (Coach and Horses) on distant Derwent Edge across the southern parts of Yorkshire to Derbyshire and north Notts.

On reaching Wigley "Farm", cross Ringinglow Road and a little way up a signpost and stile shows the way into the Council playing fields. Go straight down the football fields (unless they are playing!) to a strong ladder stile in the stone wall at the bottom. Over this and down one field and arrive opposite the little old houses on Cottage Lane. This is known as Priest Hill and the paths you have followed from the Limb Valley were only re-opened in 1985 after a long campaign by The Ramblers' Association. They were closed illegally after the Ecclesall Enclosure of 1788 and one wonders how many paths in the country have ever been re-opened after almost two centuries. (For more details of this see "The Old Days in Dore" note 49, page 38).

Turn left along Cottage Lane for three minutes to reach the group of houses known anciently as Far Whiteley Wood Green at the

junction of Cottage Lane, Hangram Lane and Wood Cliffe. A footpath sign on the right indicates the way down the fields to Forge Dam and the river Porter. Those wishing to go up to Fulwood should cross the little river and go via Brookhouse Hill. I suggest you stay on the south side and along the lane to your left find Forge Dam Café which claims to be open every day of the year. Toilets are nearby – hopefully still open!

For the return journey retrace your steps from the café to near the river bridge but do not cross it. From the several ways hereabouts select the public bridleway (signposted) along Ivy Cottage Lane. This inclines to the right gently upwards with views towards the Porter Valley and Wire Mill Dam. It was called "Muddy Lane" by we boys in the '30s – and it was. In ten or fifteen minutes the metalled Common Lane is reached. Go up it for only 100 yards or so and turn in right at three large stone gateposts on to the public bridleway across Common Lane Open Space. This pleasant way leads to the old school in Cottage Lane and a signed path leads by the right hand side of the old building into a shelter belt of trees which soon brings one to Ringinglow Road again.

Turn left down this road, cross it, and just beyond the first house on the right enter a metalled drive (not signed) taking you to the changing rooms of Castle Dyke Council Playing Fields. Go round the building and straight up across the sports fields. Two groups of tall trees are on your skyline; aim for the left hand group to find a gate giving access to a wide track known as Coit Lane. Left along here and gently down to Whirlow Hall. Do not turn left on the lane towards Broad Elms, but go forward through a new metal gate by the Public Bridleway sign into Fenney Lane. Follow this very old packhorse holloway down to Whirlow Bridge and then to the café, or home.

Ray Bullen

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The objective of the Society is to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment and amenities within Dore, encourage a spirit of community and record its historic development.

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Wartime in Dore

On 9th January 1941, Michael Thornton aged 8 was a victim of two of the few bombs which fell on Dore during the second war.

It was about 9.00 p.m. and he was in the house, Ianford, on Old Hay Lane with Kathleen the maid when the two bombs struck. One destroyed the bedroom which he had just left, having been awakened by the sound of the aircraft, and one the kitchen, such was the force of the blast that the kitchen range was blown right across the room.

Michael remembers being thrown to the ground but luckily both he and the maid escaped serious injury. In total, nine bombs fell, the remaining seven causing large craters nearby.

As the House was rendered uninhabitable the family moved to one on The Meadway for two years until 1943. Ianford was not rebuilt until 1947 as a result of the shortages of materials and labour.

Michael believes that the plane has been hit by anti-aircraft fire while on a raid over heavy industrial targets in the east end of Sheffield and discharged its remaining load of bombs over Dore as it fled west.

What memories do you have of Dore during either the first or second wars?

King Egbert School Update

■ Pupils from the school will be involved in the South Yorkshire Opera company's forthcoming production of Carmen. SYO, of which the new music teacher Suzanne winter is an active member, will also be providing costumes for the next school production.

■ "Murder in the Music Hall" will be performed in Wessex Hall on the evenings of 31st March, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd April. Tickets will be available from the school.

■ Fourteen A level Art Students will be visiting Paris in April on a trip taken in conjunction with High Storrs. The students will visit among other places the Louvré, Palace of Versailles and the Pompidou Centre.

■ WIN TWO FREE TICKETS to "Murder in the Music Hall". Send your name and address and phone number together with your answers to the questions below to Stan Duke at the school by Monday 16th March. The winner will be drawn on 17th March from all correct answer received.

Questions:

1. Who hosted "The Good Old Days" on television?

2. A music hall duo were Flanagan and ____.

3. Name a TV and stage comedian, devotee of the Music Hall, who recently had tax problems.

■ The King Egbert School Association are organising an adult quiz on Friday 13th March in Wessex Hall. Teams wishing to enter should contact the School on 369931.

■ Funds recently raised for charity by the school include:

Poppy Fund	£25
Children in Need	£60
(from 2 Year 7 forms)	
Help the Aged	£1100
(sponsored work out)	
Family Service Unit	£250
(from the "Christmas Cracker")	

Dore Show 1992

Provisional Class List

Vegetable and Fruit Section.....

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| 1 6 pods of runner beans | 6 6 tomatoes on a plate | 11 4 beetroot |
| 2 3 onions, dressed | 7 2 turnips or swedes without tops | 12 4 white potatoes |
| 3 1 cabbage, any variety | 8 4 dessert apples | 13 4 red potatoes |
| 4 1 vegetable marrow | 9 4 cooking apples | 14 A tray of mixed vegetables including salad |
| 5 1 lettuce | 10 1 cucumber | |

Flower Section.....

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| 15 5 dahlias, cactus variety | 19 3 chrysanthemums, incurved or reflexed (same variety) | 22 A vase of hardy perennial flowers |
| 16 5 dahlias, decorative variety | 20 A vase of spray chrysanthemums | 23 1 plant in a pot (max size 6") |
| 17 A vase of mixed dahlias arranged to effect | 21 6 roses, any container | 24 A vase of annuals |
| 18 3 gladioli | | 25 A vase of heathers |

Floral Art Section.....

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| 26 September Garden. An exhibit of fresh garden plant material. Space allowed 2'6" | 28 Travels. An exhibit depicting a country. Any natural plant material allowed. space allowed 2'6" |
| 27 Fascinating Foliage. An Exhibit of fresh foliage, with or without wood. Space allowed 2'6" | 29 Sea Shell. An exhibit using a shell as a container. Any natural plant material allowed. Max size 9" |

Domestic Section.....

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| 30 4 butterfly buns | 34 A Lemon Meringue pie 8" | 38 A loaf of bread |
| 31 4 afternoon-tea Scones with fruit | 35 A savoury flan 8-9" ring | 39 A jar of raspberry jam |
| 32 A Dundee Cake | 36 An apple pie on a plate | 40 A jar of marmalade |
| 33 A Victoria Sandwich | 37 A plate of biscuits, any variety | 41 A decorated cake |
| | | 42 A Victoria Sandwich - gentlemen only |

Wine Section.....

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| 43 A bottle of home made wine, dry red | 45 A bottle of home made wine, dry white |
| 44 A bottle of home made wine, sweet red | 46 A bottle of home made wine, sweet white |

Textile Craft Section.....

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| 47 A hand knitted adult garment | 49 A piece of crochet work, tatting or macrame | 51 An exhibit from a kit |
| 48 An original piece of embroidery | 50 A machine knitted garment any size | 52 A soft toy |

Visual Arts Section.....

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| 53 A water colour painting | 56 Black & White photograph - a figure in an environment | 58 A piece of sculpture |
| 54 An oil painting | 57 Colour photograph - a landscape | 59 A craft exhibit in any material |
| 55 A drawing any medium | | |

Junior Section.....

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| 60 A vegetable animal | 63 A painting or drawing age 9 to 14 | 66 A craft exhibit age up to 8 |
| 61 A painting or drawing of a house age up to 5 | 64 A miniature garden | 67 A craft exhibit age 9 to 14 |
| 62 A painting or drawing of an animal or person age 5 to 8 | 65 An arrangement of flowers in an egg cup | 68 3 decorated buns or biscuits, age up to 14 |

Diary – Spring 1992

MARCH

- 3 **Annual Dinner.** Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church.
4 **Commencement of United Lent Services** with Christ Church Dore, every Wednesday until Easter.
11 **Councillors' Advice Surgery.** Dore Ward. Totley Library 5.30-6.30pm.
11 **A.G.M.** Dore E.T.G. Old School 7.30pm.
13 **Quiz Night.** King Egbert School Assn. Main Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets 369931.
16 **Malaysia & Thailand** – slide show by Stella Joyce, Totley Residents Association, Totley Library. 7.45pm.
17 **Costumes for S.Y.O.** Mrs Felicity White. Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Schoolroom 7.45pm.
18-21 **Dead Ringer** by Charles Ross. United Reform Church Hall, Totley Brook Road. For tickets tel. 364440 or call at Martin's shop Abbeydale Road.
21 **Jumble Sale.** Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church 2pm. In aid of Dorcas Club.
24 **Concert.** Royal Northern Wind Ensemble. Dore and Totley Community Arts Group, Main Hall, King Egbert's School 7.30pm. Tickets 366212 or 360268.
28 **Jumble Sale.** King Egbert's School Assn. Main Building 2pm.
29 **Mothering Sunday** Dore Methodist Church 10.30am.
31 **Our New Minister.** Rev. A. Dawson, Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm.
31– **Murder in the Music Hall,** a musical thriller. King Egbert School. Tickets 369931 daytime, 369025 evenings.
3 Apr

APRIL

- 5 **Home Missions Service** led by Sister Anne Eleanor, Dore Methodist Church. 10.30am.
8 **Councillors' Advice Surgery.** Dore Ward. Totley Library 5.30-6.30pm.
11 **Competitive Music Festival.** Dore & Totley Community Arts Group. King Egbert School. 9am – 5pm. Winners concert 6pm.
13 **Crystal Glass** –Talk by Danny Barlow. Totley Residents Association, Totley Library. 7.45pm.
14 **Meadowhall Shopping Complex.** Talk by a representative, Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm.
15 **Spring Meeting,** Dore Village Society 8pm. Old Village School. Illustrated talk by Bob Warburton on local wildlife.
17 **Good Friday Service.** Dore Methodist Church 10.30am.
19 **Easter Day Service.** Dore Methodist Church 10.30am.
24-25 **Art Exhibition** Dore Art Group, Old Village School, 10.30-8pm Fri, 10-5pm Sat.
27 **AGM** Totley Residents Association, Totley Library. 7.30pm. 29 **A.G.M.** Dore Methodist Church 7.30pm
28- **Iolanthe.** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society. University Drama
2 May Studios, Glossop Road. Tickets 362299.

MAY

- 1-2 **Painting Exhibition** Abbeydale Art Group, St John's Church Hall. 10.30-8pm Fri, 10-5.30pm Sat.
4 **May Day Ramble** led by Roy Bullen. Dore Methodist Church 10.30am.
5 **Visit to Holdsworth's Chocolates,** Bakewell. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm.
13 **Councillors' Advice Surgery** Dore Ward. Totley Library 5.30-6.30pm.
18 **Railways & Photographs.** Talk by D. Benson, Vicar of All Saints Church, Totley Residents Association. Totley Library 7.45pm.
19 **American Square Dancing** led by Mr F. Rowland. Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm.

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To pensioners with trolleys and to Mums with tots in tow
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