

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Dore Football Club

Jean Pearson of Leyfield Road reminds us of the link between the club and the Hare and Hounds. Her father, Frank Clark, landlord from 1929 to 1972, was instrumental in reviving the club between the wars. Frank Clark was Chairman and Sir Walter Benton Jones of Whirlow House, President.

The Club Committee held its meetings at the public house and a loft at the back was used as a changing room. Facilities were somewhat spartan, a hose pipe from the kitchen tap being used to fill tubs in the back yard for washing after the match. Jean remembers being forbidden to go through the doorway to disturb the young men. Mrs Clark provided gallon jugs of camp coffee after the match, not what was normally served at the Hare!

A further memory was of a 'needle' match against Totley held on Boxing Day. Due to a shortage of players, Frank Clark stood in as goalkeeper. He is remembered as standing nonchalantly in the goal mouth smoking a cigarette. On being asked to extinguish the cigarette, Mr Clark told the referee to concentrate on his own job!

## Letter

Dear Sir

I have read with great interest recent copies of the Dore to Door magazine. Life commenced for me at No. 7 Leyfield Road in 1926 — the house cost £400 built by Fred Ashby who lived in Brickhouse Lane. Reading Alan Speight's letter reminded me that my education started at the village school when his father Sydney was Headmaster. It was certainly law and order in those days. The reference to Anthony Shipstone amused me, I will remember him, he had a nickname 'Tickney' and if I am correct joined the Navy.

There is quite a lot of reference to Rycroft Farm where my interest in agriculture was instigated in the 30s. Jim Farnsworth was the Farmer but most of my tuition was from Dick his son. Dick could do anything on a farm and had a particular talent with sheepdogs.

Horses were the main source of power then and I well remember taking horses up to the blacksmith (Johnie Stones). His premises were behind the Devonshire Arms. Wet grains were used for feed — these were collected from Tennents Brewery by horse and cart — I would take a lead horse to the bottom of Dore Road to meet the load. The Horseman who lived in was paid 18 shillings a week. I can see Jim Farnsworth now paying Jim after milking on Saturday night. There were three horses, Prince, Boxer and



Dore football team supporters coaching the team outside the Hare and Hounds

Gypsy — Prince had amazing strength — such a good kind horse who gave years of good service. Reference is made to the steam thresher — I worked on this machine that was owned by Tommy Morgan from Barlow — it was an annual event and extremely hard work.

My father A. T. Watkins was for many years Church Warden in Dore and was also Skipper at the British Legion in Townhead Road.

On a recent visit to Sheffield I briefly called in the Village and was surprised to see how the Hare & Hounds had taken over a large slice of the village centre — my memory goes back to when Frank Clark was Landlord — a great character.

My best wishes to Alex Thorpe — his father Jack (Butcher) was a mainstay of the village — knew everyone and all that was happening. I noticed his shop had been taken over by the Hare and Hounds. I also send my regards to Alan Speight — his letters are most interesting.

*Gerald R. Watkins,  
Heighington, Lincoln.*

## Can you help?

**School Crossing Patrol Warden** - required mornings and afternoons outside the Hare & Hounds for children from Dore Infant, Junior, & King Ecgbert Schools. Ring Ann Anderson on 368497.

## Dore Show

This years show schedule is now on display on the Dore Village Society notice board, Devonshire Terrace. Copies are available from Greens on Causewayhead Road.

## Tribute to Syd Crowson

After a long and illustrious career in Scouting, Syd Crowson is to retire as Group Scout Leader in Dore after the 1993 Gala. Amongst those wishing to mark the occasion and to thank Syd for giving so generously of his time and energy to the young people of this community are Betty Brown who began the now established tradition of Well Dressing in Dore in 1959 with a tableau of a Boy Scout, and members of the Trefoil Guild (former Guide Leader in Dore).

On Tuesday, July 13th at 7.30 in the Church Hall we are organising an evening when Betty will show her slides of Well Dressing in Dore. The guests of honour will be Syd and Sheila Crowson. As well as demonstrating the well dressers' art, there are many slides of the early Galas and well dressings. We hope you will join us for a trip down Memory Lane.

Tickets will be £1.50 to include refreshments and will be on sale from Greens from the end of June, or from Rosemary Harrison, 39 Heather Lee Avenue, phone 620106. Proceeds will go to Dore Scouts.

## Anglo-Saxon Sheffield

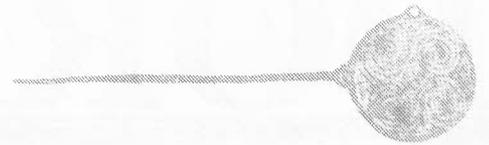
The period after the Roman withdrawal from Britain, usually set at AD 410 until the Norman Conquest, has proved difficult to investigate, basically due to a lack of available information in the area of North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. The survival of a few key archaeological and historical fragments must be used to illuminate an otherwise obscure period of history.

One of these key fragments is the Tribal Hidage, a document drawn up to assess the taxable value of Mercia in AD 650-700, it allows us to identify the **Pecsætān** - the Peak Dwellers. This group occupied the

northernmost zone of Mercia. The archaeological evidence for the group comes from the rich burial mounds concentrated in the White Peak area. The work of mid 19th century antiquarian Thomas Bateman revealed that these barrows contained inhumations accompanied by high quality grave goods, such as gold and garnet jewellery. The exceptional Benty Grange barrow contained the first example of an Anglo-Saxon helmet to be found in Britain.

The modern city of Sheffield lies on an ancient border zone between the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of Mercia and Northumbria. The name **Dore** expresses this geographical situation, the name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for 'gateway'. In AD 942 we know from historical sources that Dore lay on Mercia's northern border and was the gateway to Northumbria. The frontier was hotly contested as neighbouring Kingdom vied for supremacy. In 829 Egbert of Wessex conquered Mercia and did battle with the Northumbrians at Dore, the event is recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. A physical expression of the border may exist near Bradwell in the form of the linear earthwork known as the Grey Ditch. Excavation in 1992 by the Trent and Peak Archaeological Trust failed to date the monument securely, but the excavators have suggested a date around the 5th Century AD. The earthwork is similar to monuments like OFFA's Dyke in the Welsh Marches, which separates two kingdoms.

Within the boundary of modern Sheffield the most notable Anglo-Saxon find yet discovered is the carved shaft of a stone cross. Standing crosses may have formed a focus for Christian worship in communities which could not afford to build a church. The Sheffield cross has had a curious history. It was discovered at the beginning of the 19th century in the Park area of the city, one face was hollowed out for use as a hardening trough in a cutler's shop. The cross is decorated on the three remaining faces, the most distinctive showing a kneeling archer amongst coiled vines. The cross is dated to around 850 because of its similarity in style and decoration to Anglo-Saxon crosses at Bakewell, Eyam and Bradbourne in Derbyshire. The shaft may have formed part



Anglo Saxon disc headed pin from the Thorpe Salvin area.

of the Great Cross which stood near the Parish Church (now the Cathedral) and was pulled down in 1570 by order of Elizabeth I. The original cross shaft is now housed in the British Museum while a cast is exhibited at the City Museum, Weston Park.

From 830 onwards Viking raids affected the area and Danish rule was established in 886. This influence is evident from the Scandinavian style hog-back tombstone from Bakewell. The occupation did not however last long, Edward the Elder re-taking the area in 920.

The archaeological evidence for many of the historically recorded events is scant, although casual finds of Anglo-Saxon objects from the Sheffield area do exist. Copper alloy strap ends of the 9th and 10th centuries and an exceptional gilt bronze, disc headed pin (dated to the mid 8th century) have been recovered from Thorpe Salvin, east of Sheffield. All are on display at Sheffield City Museum.

It is only by using a large range of investigative methods that this elusive period can be clarified. We can only hope the discovery of more archaeological and historical fragments can aid us in this difficult process.

*Julien Parsons  
Assistant Keeper Antiquities*

## My School

Our school is about 27 years old and it has a big field where we play football and games. We have nice teachers and a lot of different things to do.

Every year we have a motor show run by the Y5 classes. We phone or write a letter to different car companies to ask them if they would like to come and put some of their cars on show.

We also get a chance to stay at Ned Nook or Thornbridge Hall. In 1992 my class went to Thornbridge Hall and did lots of interesting activities. We went on long walks. We went horse riding and down a mine. More children will be going this year.

For Red Nose day we raised a lot of money by dressing up in fancy dress. If we dressed up we had to pay a fine of about 10p or more. We also did that for Children In Need and raised a lot of money.

In 1992 we had a sponsored Joggathon, we raised over £1,000 for our school.

We also have a Sports Day in which we are put into groups of about seven and we are given a name of a country from around the world. Then we go outside and play games like rounders and cricket. Sometimes Mr Scholey sets up games that include water and things that wet you.

*By Julia Lundean Y5  
Dore Junior School*



The Sheffield cross shaft showing the kneeling archer.

## POSTCARD

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

I much enjoy DORE to DOOR and appreciate your photographs and articles on 'old Dore' and its people. I wondered if the enclosed photograph would be of any interest?

My family came to Dore in 1932 — my father having lost his job in the slump — and I think this photograph would have been taken in 1936 (though someone will doubtless correct me!). It is taken at the Vicarage of course and may have been a Sunday School party. The Rev. Saxilby-Kemp is there, Mrs. Kemp and son, David, and shows many of my contemporaries at Dore School. I can put names to a number of faces, and remember many faces without being able, correctly, to name them. Of the three girls on the second row I'm on the right with the lop-haired look (lost my hair-ribbon I expect!)

*Chris Robson (nee Chrissie Fallows)*



A Dore Sunday School Party in 1936?

## Can you help

**Volunteers Needed** – The Dore Open Door Club is a Tuesday luncheon club for the elderly, held at Dore Old School. It provides a very valuable service to the community. A rota system operates whereby each volunteer is called upon about 8 times a year. For cooks, this means a main course 4 times a year (as pairs of cooks alternate main and sweet courses).

Even if you could not offer help on a regular basis, but could act as a reserve, or could cover some of the summer holidays

(teenagers please note!), this would also be welcome. You might be invited to "sit in" on a meal, talk to the regulars, and see what is involved.

If you feel you could help in any of the following areas: **transport, washing up, cooking, hostessing**, please let us know:-

**Organiser:** Betty Young, 176 Dore Road, Tel: 364803

**Deputy:** Bessie Colley, Sycamore Farm, Tel: 365707

**The S.W. Area Sitting Service** – is a small registered charity working in the S.W. of the city. We have a team of volunteer sitters who will sit for a few hours a week

with an elderly dependant person to allow their carer a short break.

Caring for someone who is totally dependent on you can often be a 24 hour, 7 day a week job. The stresses are enormous, and our aim is to give carers a few hours for themselves. As the 'Care in the Community' Act comes into force we are becoming increasingly busy, and need to expand our pool of volunteers.

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## Memories of Dore

*Mrs Irene Lonslow has very kindly written her recollections of life at Brinkburn Lodge.*

The grounds of Brinkburn Grange are now a residential estate, but at the turn of the century the Grange was the residence of a Mr Laverick who was the Managing Director of Tinsley Park Colliery Company. It was a large house standing not too far back from the main road, with a small garden in front of the drive where snowdrops spelt out "BRINKBURN GRANGE"; there was also a lodge at the entrance to the drive, rather hidden from the road by a high wall.

There was a piece of land at the side of the Grange which was used as a kitchen garden, but the front of the house had two large lawns with flowered borders; on one lawn was a fountain, (which I believe was moved to a hotel on the outskirts of Sheffield), a path between the lawns led up to a fairly large dam with rowing boats on it.

During the First World War the gardener who lived at Brinkburn Lodge moved into Sheffield to work in an ammunitions factory. As I mentioned in a back number of Dore to Door, my mother, sister (Connie) and I were living at Overdale Lodge in Dore, which we had to leave due to the death of my father in 1916, so we went to the vacant Brinkburn Lodge, where my mother worked for Mr and Mrs Laverick, as housekeeper. Connie was also given a job in the offices of the Tinsley Park Colliery Company for the duration of the War.

A building close to Dore station, which I believe is now used as a Post Office sorting depot was a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers and Mr Laverick spent a great deal of time organising entertainment for the men, at which I was allowed to take part. Every Sunday he would go to the hospital to carve the meat, also he organised Concert Parties to come from Sheffield. Soldiers were allowed to come at their leisure to row on the dam, and my mother always had a cup of coffee for them.

One keen winter the dam was frozen for several days, a small section was roped off for me to bring my school pals to slide on, the remainder was open to the public for skating at a small charge. My sister, who was taught to skate by the soldiers, collected the money and enough was taken to buy thirteen beds, plus bedding for the convalescent hospital.

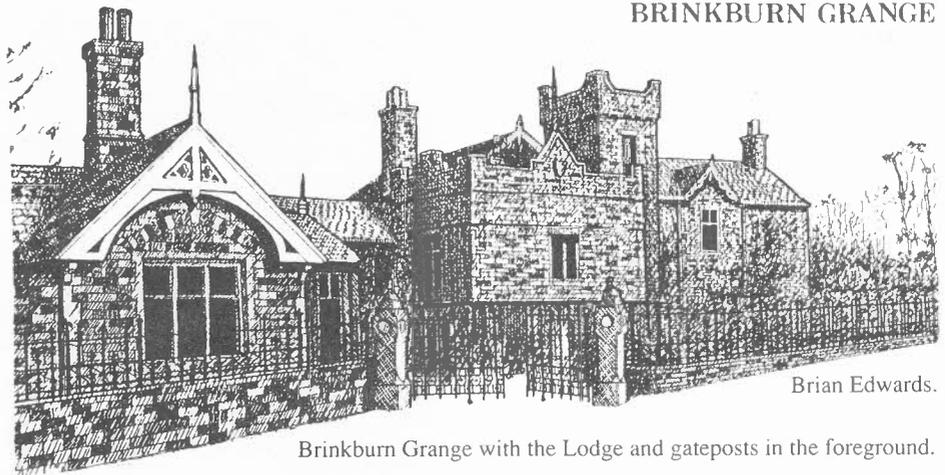
Once a month Mrs Laverick had a local ladies' meeting, held in one of her rooms. She provided light refreshments whilst



Brinkburn Grange viewed from the river.

Brian Edwards.

## BRINKBURN GRANGE



Brian Edwards.

Brinkburn Grange with the Lodge and gateposts in the foreground.

An illustration of the gateposts of Brinkburn Grange was featured in the Winter '87 edition of Dore to Door together with a brief history of the house which was built around 1883 and pulled down in 1938.

knitting socks and rolling bandages etc., for the soldiers at the hospital — during the school holidays I used to help. By this time I was knitting socks full swing, my sister turned the heel for me until I could do it myself, so between the monthly meetings at the Grange and Abbeydale School, which I now attended, I held the record for the most number of socks knitted, for which I received a special certificate.

One day Mr Laverick organised a Flag Day for the soldiers, I remember my mother doing my hair in ringlets and I was out at 7.00am collecting on the pavement from Brinkburn Grange to Dore Station, a very busy thoroughfare, as there were no cars, the tin got so full I had to keep taking it back to Mrs Laverick for it to be emptied. On Bank Holidays you could not see the pavement for crowds walking up from the station.

The grounds were now suffering from the lack of a gardener, so I was given the job of helping to weed, I was given a ha'penny for every pile of 100 pieces of groundsel I pulled out — thank goodness they were never counted!

On Christmas Day Mr Laverick engaged a brass band to come from Sheffield, I remember them standing round the fountain playing carols — soldiers came from the hospital to take part, hot toddies were taken out to them.

The Laverick's did not have any children so they included me in many things. Mr Laverick bought me my first box of paints to take to school, which I unfortunately left in

the train — they were very good to me and I enjoyed my couple of years there very much indeed.

Because of the high wall around the Lodge, it seemed to me very isolated, so I spent many hours at the entrance to the drive. A Mrs Bales(?), who lived in the alms houses at the bottom of Bushey Wood Road used to talk to me and gave me some black glass beads inset with a variety of sparkling colours threaded on a blue ribbon — I still have them.

Although I was only just eight when we went to Brinkburn Lodge, I had to go to Abbeydale School, and return, on my own, by train. With some pals, one of our favourite jaunts would be to get on the train at Heeley and go to Attercliffe station and then get the train back home — until we were stopped!

After the War the gardener returned to Brinkburn Lodge, and we were once again left without a home. Mrs Richards of Overdale, was now a widow so my mother went back to work for her as housekeeper and "lived in" until Mrs Richards died in the late twenties. My sister, who had to give up her job at Tinsley Park Colliery Company, due to the men coming back from the War, but now worked in the offices at Bassetts, lodged with friends and I went to relatives. I never made it to Abbeydale Grange, where I should have attended the very first year of its opening, but made frequent visits back to Overdale.

## Can you help

**Dore to Door** - lands on your door-mat each quarter thanks to a local volunteer deliverer. In all 3050 copies are counted out into some 40+ batches and distributed to the deliverers, each of whom has their own "round". On average each round covers 60-70 homes. Unusually in this day and age, Dore to Door is invariably welcomed, unlike most free mail, making delivery a pleasure and providing an opportunity to get to know some of your neighbours. Although all our rounds are currently covered we would welcome some more volunteers prepared to cover when people are ill or on holiday. Age is no bar - our oldest deliverer is 87 yrs old! So if you think you can help please ring Stella Wood on 366424 or John Baker on 369025.

## Crazy paving

The state of Sheffield's roads and pavements seem to be getting worse. Potholes in the road can cause considerable damage to cyclists and motorcyclists, while pedestrians are often in danger of tripping on uneven paving stones and tarmac.

Local councils have a duty to maintain roads and pavements in a safe condition and if you are injured as a result of their failure to do so, you are entitled to claim compensation. If you have a claim, act quickly before the hole is filled or someone else is injured.

Help is available from your local Citizens' Advice Bureau. Pedestrians can get a free advice leaflet on what to do by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Pedestrians Association, 27 Penrith Gardens, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS10 5LX.

## Sheffield Wildlife Action

SWAP, Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership, is a new partnership between Sheffield City Council, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the Countryside Commission. It is working along with Sheffield's many wildlife groups to conserve and promote nature throughout the Countryside.

### SWAP aims to:

Help people understand and learn about wildlife and nature conservation.

Ensure everyone can get to a wildlife area in Sheffield.

Look for funds and sponsorship for wildlife projects.

Exchange people's ideas, information and



View from Bradway Bank – a postcard dated June 11 1906. On the left is Devonshire Road, with Brinkburn Vale Road in the centre. To the right is Brinkburn Grange built in 1883 and demolished in 1938. In the foreground is the fish pond which had earlier been the dam for Bradway Mill.

resources.

Help existing conservation groups with their work and support new groups.

Help set up local nature reserves in the Sheffield district.

### SWAP can help you:

By putting you in touch with other local people who share your interest and concern for local wildlife.

By getting together to SWAP ideas.

By running local campaigns and projects which promote nature conservation.

By putting your ideas into action.

### You can help SWAP:

By coming along to wildlife events and inviting your friends and neighbours too.

By joining your local wildlife conservation group and giving it your active support.

By helping at the SWAP office with an event or on a project.

By running your own fundraising event to support wildlife conservation.

For further details contact: Sheffield City Ecology Unit, City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2PT. Tel. 768588 Dr Ian D. Rotherham or Lucy Heath.

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## Dore Infant School

Sessions for Rising 5 children have already begun for this term. These sessions are held every Thursday afternoon from 1.15-3.00 pm in school.

A Bookfair will be held in the school hall from 17.6.93 until 22.6.93 inclusive. A selection of books will be available to buy and order. Opening times will be displayed around school. Everyone welcome.

Work experience pupils from local comprehensive schools, will be working within our school throughout the summer term.

If any parent with a young child would like them to be put on to the pre-admission register, or to arrange a visit to school, please contact school on Sheffield 368690.

We thought you might like to hear the children's likes and dislikes about Dore Village. Here are extracts from their views:-

"I like Dore because the shops are quite good to visit"

"The view from the school playground is good"

"I like all the trees and the flowers"

"I like the recreation ground best it has lots of grass"

"I enjoy going to Beavers"

"I don't like people putting spray paint on the school or the park"

"I don't like it when people let their dogs mess up the grass or our playground"

"I think that the graffiti looks horrible on the walls and the signs. I don't think they would like it all over their walls"

Thanks to all the people in Dore who support our school events.



Dore cricket team early 1950s.

## Letter

Dear Sir

I have just read Trevor Biggins letter in the latest edition of Dore to Door. Although I no longer live in Dore, I am Dore born and bred, and my mother Millie, who is 88, still lives in the flats on Causeway Head Road. I moved away after serving in the Royal Navy. I too was one of those schoolboy supporters, not only did we go to away games in Jack Kent's lorry, we also went in the back of Bob Atkinson's shops Box vans, no seats or windows. We hadn't got a clue where we were going until we reached such exotic places as Stoney Middleton, Basou, Tideswell etc. Trevor forgot to mention two other greats, Frankie Roe and Stuart Eggo, one of the best wingers in the Hope Valley League. I seem to remember that he and George Thorpe played for the Hope Valley League side against a first division side.

We lads also ran both a football and cricket team. The cricket team was run by Mr & Mrs Nasseau who lived in the pre-fabs on Causeway Head Road, and we played both games in the recreation ground on Townhead Road. Our football strip was shirts which our mums had dyed green and we were called Dore Rovers.

I enclose photos of both teams, the players who Trevor mentioned are all on the front row of the football team, and I am 2nd from the right on the back row. The football photo was taken on the recreation ground in 1945 or thereabouts.

The cricket photo is on the steps at Parkhead cricket ground in the early 50s. By the way did you know that Dore once had a cricket team made up of players all with the name of Taylor, my mother has a photo of them.

There are lots of memories I could write about, such as the big bonfires we had at the top of Dury Lane to celebrate VE and VJ days, both organised by Mr Dick Lazenby. The threshing machine coming to Jack Greaves Sycamore farm and the whole back yard running alive with rats and mice from the corn stack, being killed by the waiting terriers. Wallie Arthur Frith droving his

cows from his farm on Church Lane to the recreation ground; we had to play both our football and cricket matches round the cow pats in those days.

John Taylor

## News in Brief

**Dore Methodist Church** – are launching "A Sunday School With A Difference" for children between the ages of 5 and 11. The group is to be called "The Young Explorers" and the objective is to encourage youngsters to follow Christian ideals in their day to day lives in a way that will be lively, interesting and relevant to them.

The first meeting of the Young Explorers is to be held at 10.30am on Sunday 5th September at the Dore Methodist Church. Please make a note to come along and find out more about this new venture, or phone "The Chief Explorer" Revd. Alan Dawson for advance information on 361490, or "The Leader of the Expedition" Mr David Bramah on 365653.

## 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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## Sheffield Cats Shelter

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In 1955 reports showed that 8500 cats and kittens had been rescued by the shelter since 1897 but most were destroyed because of lack of space. In 1986 approximately 400 cats went through the Shelter, but only 5 of those had to be destroyed. It is now the shelter's policy not to destroy any cat unless it is suffering from an untreatable condition.

The fortunes of the Shelter have fluctuated over recent years, but the problem of stray and unwanted cats and kittens continues to grow. For approximately ten months of the year the shelter has waiting lists of people who want to bring their local stray cat(s) in.

Fortunately more and more people are having their cat neutered which is beginning to have an effect of the stray and unwanted cat population. The problem is certainly not as bad as it was twenty years ago.

In addition to taking in and then finding new homes for stray cats, the Shelter also takes in boarders 365 days of the year. However no cat can be admitted for boarding unless they have current vaccination certificates for both cat flu and feline enteritis.

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Dore football team 1945.

For more information contact the SHEFFIELD CATS SHELTER, 1 Travis Place, Broomhall, Sheffield S10 2DB Tel: (0742) 724441

## Model railway exhibition

Sheffield Model Railway Society is holding its 6th Annual Exhibition on Saturday 10th July in the Old School, Dore. Layouts representing a cross-section of the hobby have been invited from a wide area and supporting trade stands will be in attendance. Peak Rail are bringing a display showing progress in restoring the Buxton-

Matlock line and their sales stand will offer a wide range of items, purchase of which will help to restore the line.

The exhibition will be open from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm and refreshments, for which we have a high reputation, will be available.

We look forward to greeting old and new friends at the exhibition and invite anyone interested in railway modelling to have a chat with a view to joining us. We would welcome your expertise and fellowship. Talk to us at the exhibition or call at our club room in the old School, Thursday evening from 7.30 pm. Please note that the club room will not be open during the exhibition, but will be at the Dore Show in September.



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## Mining Sites of Dore

Dore lies geologically on the oldest rocks of the Coal Measures just above the Millstone Grit, and these rocks contain several thin seams of coal, fireclay, and ganister. The local coals are in no way comparable to the thick productive seams of the eastern coalfields: the Silkstone, Parkgate and Barnsley, nevertheless several hundreds of thousands of tons have been won from below the village over the past centuries.

Records exist for six working collieries around Dore, the last of which did not close until 1946. In all cases these records include evidence of older mineworkings which took place long before the 1870s when the keeping of records became mandatory.

The outcrops of six seams of coal have been mapped entering our area from the Owl Bar direction, then passing in a wide arc to the west of the village, and swinging away eastwards through Ecclesall Woods towards Abbeydale. The lines of the outcrops undulate and dodge about as they become distorted by hills and stream valleys and by geological faulting; the seams themselves dip gently under the village getting deeper to the east. It is rarely possible to spot the coal outcrops now; occasionally a few inches of a brown rusty-looking coal or a collapsed old working will be seen in a builder's foundation trench.

(For a very readable account of the geology of this area, the Village Society's guidebook of walks "From Dore to Dore" has an excellent chapter by Paul Cutts.)

A seventh seam, and the oldest workable coal, is actually within the Millstone Grit and is named the Ringinglow Coal from the area in which it was most extensively mined. Around Dore itself it is missing due to the effect of faulting.

The oldest and therefore lowest in the sequence of coals here is the Pot Clay Seam, named for the several feet thickness of useful clay underneath the coal which itself is only a couple of inches thick. This was mined in the past from several shafts around the Doremoor Brick Works (now Fern Glen) and a nearby Tile Works on the Hathersage Road, certainly up to the 1870s.

Above the Pot Clay lies the Soft Bed Coal, not exploited here because of inferior quality, unlike elsewhere in Sheffield where it also had the name Coking Coal.

Some sixty feet higher appears the Clay Coal, only twelve inches thick but formerly much in demand for its underlying ganister. This is a high-silica material which was vital in the days of the developing Sheffield steel industry for making heat-proof crucibles. More than fifty shafts have been recorded above the Baslow Road where the Mooreedge Ganister Mine (now Dysons Refractories and commonly called Totley Brick Works) was still working in 1916 and later quarried the seam.

The Clay Coal outcrop could be followed northward to the Strawberry Lee Mine, abandoned in 1945, of which little can now be seen except disturbed ground above and below the small car park on Strawberry Lea Lane.

Further north again was the Dore Mine on Shorts Lane which had two working areas; the Bottom Pit which was reclaimed when the riding stables were built, and the Top Pit which can be identified by the rough ground

between Shorts Lane and the Redcar Brook bridge. Here the ganister was forty two feet deep. The mine was closed in 1946 at which time it was being worked by J.W. and E.J.Thorpe of the Devonshire Arms. Previously in 1923 Messrs Dysons appear to have been the operators.

The Clay Coal outcrop was once dug in the shallow valley north of High Greave; from there it runs north east to follow the Hathersage Road towards Whirlow.

Next above in the sequence is the Ganister Coal (the Halifax Hard Bed of districts further north). The seam generally has two feet of coal above a ganister bed: except to the west and southwest of Dore where the ganister is missing thus causing great confusion to the researcher. It appears to have been worked for the coal alone near its outcrop between Strawberry Lea Lane and Blacka Dyke by means of many bell pits and the occasional adit or horizontal entrance.



Cigarette card published 1916 showing a mine surveyor "dialling" bearings underground.

Another line of bell pits once marked ancient shallow Ganister Coal workings across what used to be fields between Knowle Green and Ash House. In the early 1940s the then Ministry of Fuel and Power became interested in opencasting this coal in the post war bid for quick fuel supplies (the Dash for Coal?); fortunately they discovered that the development of the Newfield Avenue estate had already begun so the ministry men departed.

The Ganister Coal outcropped in the banks of the valley to the east of Ash House on both sides of Limb lane and extensive workings took place here. Limb Lane Colliery was abandoned in 1927 and is now buried under the sports fields at the Ash House Lane-Limb Lane junction.

The Moss Coal and Ganister Mine extracted much of the seam from the south side of the valley under the northwest corner of the Rycroft Farm land. Abandoned in 1941 the mine's surface features were buried under rubble from the slum clearances of the 1970s, and the site now forms the Limb Lane Picnic Area.

The Moss Mine workings met those of the Dore Colliery to the south. The Dore Colliery was perhaps the major mine undertaking in the village, being a relatively deep mine worked solely from shafts and undermining most of the centre of Dore north of Dore Road. The working shaft was just off Causeway Head Road, 141 feet deep to the Ganister Coal, with several ventilation shafts under the Rushley Road-Avenue area. The Colliery ceased working in 1880. After the last war the surface was reclaimed and the land used for prefab housing. These were eventually replaced by the Rushley Road development.

Two more minor coal seams lie above the Ganister Coal in our area. The Forty Yards Coal was worked at Mooreedge for its underlying clay and ganister, its coal being only a few inches thick. Its outcrop across the village would have been sterilised by the expanding development of Dore before the market for ganister arrived.

Lastly, the Norton Coal, about a foot thick, was also dug at Mooreedge and along Moorwood Lane, and probably also along the base of the bank leading down to Rycroft Farm from Dore Road.

The colliery names recorded here represent the larger organised undertakings dating from the mid 1800s. Some were run by companies based outside Dore, such as Messrs Pickford Holland (Moss Mine), Messrs Webster and Co (Limb Lane) and Messrs J.J.Dyson of Stannington.

The actual mining of coal goes back long before the nineteenth century. Coal for use on the hearth would have been dug wherever its outcrop was exposed in stream valleys and would have been a valuable sideline for the tenant farmer; no doubt the landowner soon discovered a source of revenue in royalties. When the outcrop became undermined and unsafe, small shafts would be sunk from the surface to reach deeper coal. These shafts were "belled out" in the seam as far as possible until collapse became imminent. The shaft was then abandoned and another sunk close by, often throwing the spoil into the previous hole. Eventually a wide area of shallow coal would be exploited, leaving the ground pock-marked with these bell pits.

The use of pit props to maintain permanent roadways in the seam, and the sinking of extra shafts for ventilation, obviously required serious investment, so it was probably the wealthier landowner who first financed the more extensive mines. For example, there are records in 1736 of Lord Middleton of the Manor of Totley leasing the Totley Coal Mine (probably Strawberry Lee workings in the Ganister Coal) for a couple of years at a time to two miners John Nodder and John Fenton.

The area also has a connection with the Derbyshire lead mining industry. Totley Moor, in common with other high ground flanking the east side of the Pennines, has its Bole Hill, open to the southwesterly winds, where lead ore was smelted with charcoal in simple open hearths. Such sites, so far from

the lead mines of Derbyshire, became necessary as the timber and charcoal was exhausted in the Peak. Importantly, Totley Moor would have been on a major pack horse route for carrying the lead between the nearest Derwent crossing at Grindleford towards Bawtry or the River Don trading ports. Woodland was used up at such a rate by the charcoal burners - a smelter might consume an acre a week - that even Elizabeth the First decreed the felling of timber illegal for a time.

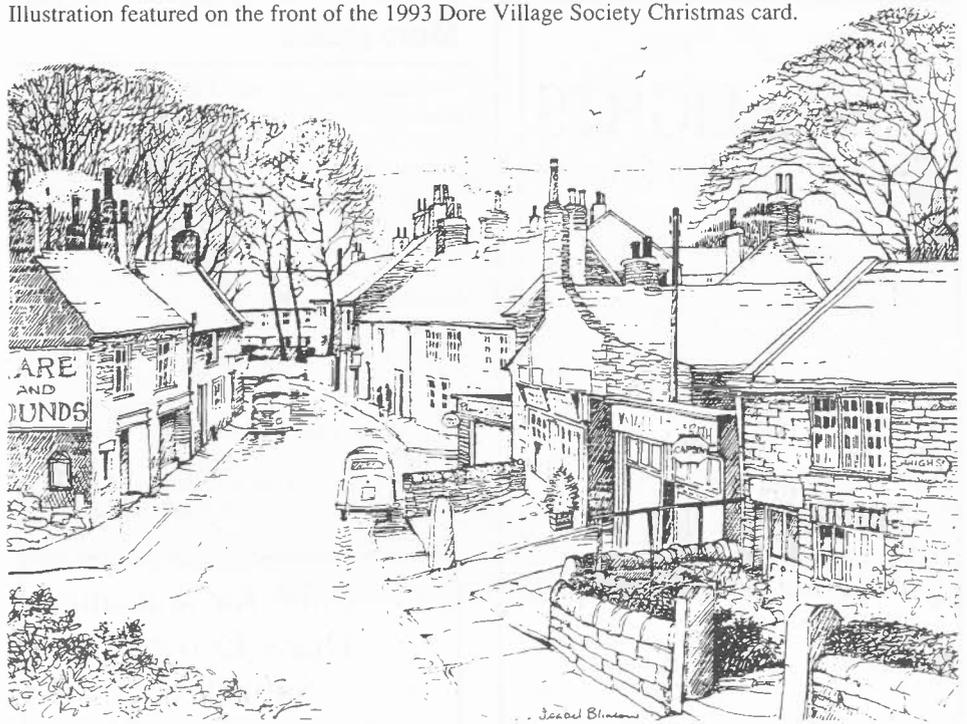
About 1550 the lead ore hearth, or blast furnace, was developed using bellows driven by a water wheel. The smelter sites then moved down into the valleys of the River Sheaf and its tributaries. The Old Hay smelter site is believed to date from 1585. Around 1737 this was converted to the new reverberatory process, or cupola, which was then a great technological advance and in particular used coal as a fuel instead of charcoal. Old Hay was conveniently near to the Strawberry Lee coal deposits. Much remains of this site since the water wheel continued to be a source of power well into the 1800s. A second cupola was built in Wag Wood, but little remains here.

Not much can now be seen of Dore's mining past, but the reader must be reminded that all old mineworkings are potentially dangerous to the unwary. I have therefore not been too specific about locations of the sites. However most of the evidence is actually on private land so the general public need not be alarmed.

*J.P. McCormick*

*(Paddy McCormick is a local churchwarden and mining engineer. Ed.)*

Illustration featured on the front of the 1993 Dore Village Society Christmas card.



## Cards and Notelets

Only 30 weeks to Christmas. Please don't leave your shopping until the last minute!

Following the success of last year's Christmas cards, the Village Society has commissioned Isabel Blincow to draw a second local scene for our 1993 card. This year the cards will show a view looking along High Street towards Church Lane. Cards will

be available at a cost of £1.50 for a pack of 5 at Dore Gala, Village Society events and Greens.

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Arrangements for this years Competitive Festival of Music are also well advanced. Taking place on Friday/Saturday 12th/13th November, it will have more classes this year including piano duets and electronic keyboard.

For details of both events contact Ann Tilly 360268 or Margaret Spencer 366212.

Deadline for Autumn  
Diary Entries  
Saturday  
7th August 1993

## Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden

Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden has been restored and is being managed by the Sheffield Conservation Volunteers and can now boast a number of different habitats for wildlife.

The woodland edge around the large pond and marsh area is home for many birds and the meadow area is ablaze with wild flowers in Spring and Summer.

The Guides are planning to develop the Nectar Garden which, when finished, will attract butterflies and other insects. The path has been improved to allow disabled access and increase the value of the Garden as a site for enjoyment and study.

All this is hidden behind Abbeydale Hall and all are welcome to use it.

Why not become a Friend of Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden?

It doesn't cost anything and all you'd be expected to do is spend a little time visiting the garden, introduce it to your friends, and if you have the time, to help out with occasional events there. (See the diary for events during June and August.)

If you are interested, or would like more details, you can contact the F.A.W.G. secretary on 350068 or The Ecology Unit, City Museum, Weston Park on 768588.

## A La Carte

This delicious dessert was devised by Uli when we were at the Swiss Chalet. It was a great favourite with all our customers. Although this dessert is particularly good in summer filled with seasonal soft fruit, lightly cooked gooseberries or rhubarb, it can also be served in winter filled with fruit salad, oranges or tinned fruit.

Fruit Custard Pavlova Serves 6 — 8

Not suitable for freezing.

Eat as soon as possible.

Prep. time: 15 mins

Baking time: 45 mins

Oven temp: Gas mark 2, Electric 100 C

Ingredients:

4 eggs No. 3

11oz caster sugar

3/4 pt milk

1 tbsp custard powder

fruit salad/soft fruit

Method for custard:

Mix in bowl 3oz sugar, 1 tbsp custard powder, 2 tbsp milk and 1 egg yolk. Bring milk to boil in pan. Pour over mixture, mix well and replace in pan, return to boil, stirring continuously.

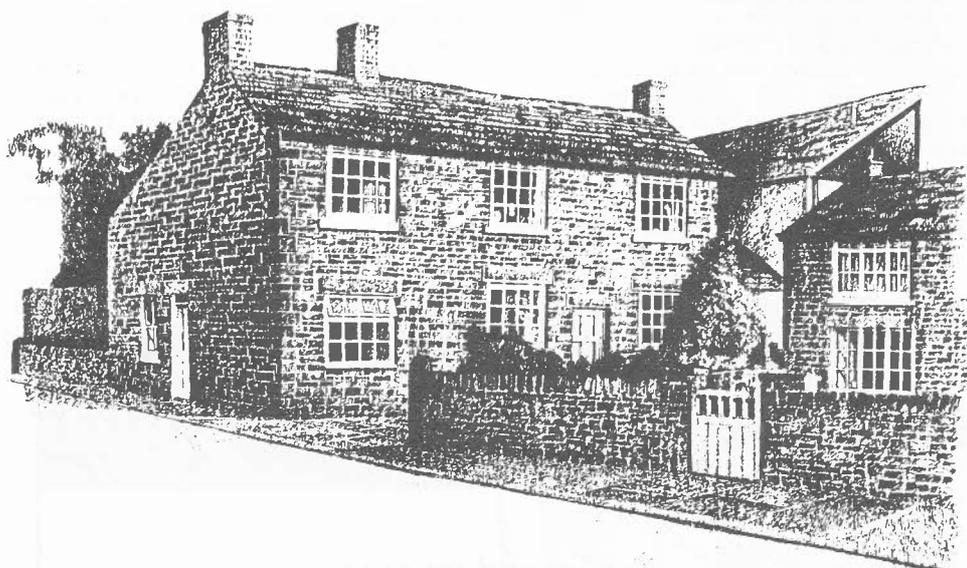
Put custard in 1" deep / 9" wide ovenproof dish. Stand an old cup upside-down in centre of custard. (Do not press down.)

Meringue:

Whisk 4 egg whites until stiff. Continue whisking, add 8oz sugar slowly. Arrange meringue around cup over custard, bake in centre of preheated oven for 45 mins. When baked, carefully remove cup and fill the centre with chosen fruit.

Unfortunately we do not produce this dessert at Dore Delicatessen as it does not transport successfully. However we do have a list of other delicious desserts and quiches which are prepared to order for a family meal or for entertaining.

Uli & Pat Held  
Dore Village Delicatessen



Farm Cottage, Townhead Road. Brian Edwards. Mentioned in our Winter 91 issue as the home of Fred Marshall, the building has seen a varied life as farm cottage, post office and bank.

## Young business success

Young businessman, Simon Swift who runs the Totley Coffee Shoppe and outside catering business has won the regional final of a national competition to find the best new business started by someone under 25 in the last twelve months.

The South Yorkshire final of the National Livewire Business Start Up Awards was held at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield, at which eight businesses faced a panel of judges from local industry, two of which were selected to progress to the next stage.

'The standard is getting better and better and the judges job is more and more difficult each year', said Livewire co-ordinator Martin Woge. The judges were so impressed with the entries that they made a special award of their own for one of the unlucky finalists.

Since Livewire started in 1982 it has helped 55,000 young people consider

starting their own business. Sponsored by Shell UK it offers financial aid and the chance to compete with other young would be entrepreneurs to gain experience and greater knowledge of each others problems.

The Totley Coffee Shoppe is now eleven months old, situated on Toley Rise, it serves a selection of specialist foods, including Pollards freshly ground coffee, Yvonne's fresh bread and patisserie, and a vast selection of jams, pickles, marmalades, mustards and dips from the Cottage Delight range. A small seating area at the rear of the Shoppe provides space for refreshment including morning coffee, lunch time snacks and afternoon tea.

The Shoppe and Coffee Shoppe now having established themselves, Simon is developing an outside catering business from the basement of the premises. The catering side is intended to form the main part of the business and it was this which the judging panel felt would see Simon on the road to success.

## New Walks

WHERE is Stump John or the Head Stone and the source of lead demanded in 1647 for the manufacture of bullets to be used by the Parliamentary army?

The answers can be found along routes taking in some of the most attractive country areas on the outskirts of Sheffield and included in a new walks pack from Yorkshire Water.

Developed with the help of the Countryside Commission, the walks pack details six particularly appealing routes around Yorkshire Water's reservoirs in the North Peak area of Pennine moorland.

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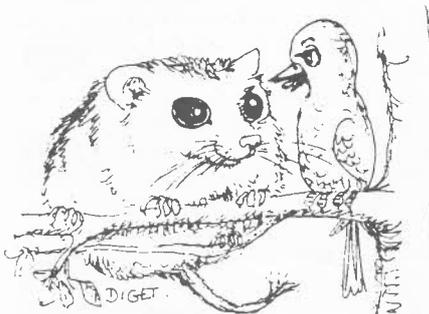
The walks cover the Redmires/Rivelin, Dale Dike, Agden, Broomhead/Morehall, Langsett and Royd Moor reservoir areas, which are located along the north - eastern edge of the Peak District national Park between Sheffield and Penistone.

Two of the routes cover 4.5 miles while the others are of 3.5 miles each. All are over easy terrain with a few steepish slopes and some steps.

Yorkshire Water now plans to extend the series with further walks packs taking in areas of the South Pennines and the

Yorkshire Dales.

• The Walks Pack - North Peak Area costs £2 and is available by post from Yorkshire Water, Castle Marketing Building, Exchange Street, Sheffield S1 1GB. Cheques/postal orders made payable to Yorkshire Water.



"BUT IF YOU WERE BORN + BRED IN TOTLEY HOW CAN YOU BE A DORE MOUSE?"

## Save that tree

As an inveterate tree lover I always enjoy this time of year, not just for the blossom on cultivated fruit and flowering trees, but for the variety of colours and shades in the new leaves and the way they enhance the distinctive shapes of our native trees.

Sad then to reflect upon the butchery committed by so called tree surgeons - look no further than the top of Dore Road for a recent example. Mutilation is often the word for the result, with the natural shape destroyed and if they survive the infections that often follow, we are left with distorted travesties

sprouting like hairbrushes. If someone came out of hospital or the hairdressers looking like that there would be an outcry, yet the tree surgeons carry on from disfiguration to disfiguration.

Trees and hedges can be things of great beauty from a distance and provide a vital softening to the urban landscape. Close up they can be a menace, cutting light, shedding leaves and branches or overgrowing footpaths. The obvious answer is to choose the right varieties for planting in the first place or not to allow new building too near mature trees.

For those facing the problem now - i) Don't leave it too late, the younger the tree or hedge the easier it is to keep it in shape. ii) Shop around for someone who can show you samples of their work, not the cheapest, and who knows about legal restrictions imposed by tree preservation orders or by Designated Conservation Area status. As for tree surgeons, how about a new name in keeping with what we want - "tree dresser" perhaps?

Enough of trees. What about the roads! At last Limb Lane and Savage Lane have received a much needed resurfacing, although in the former case we will no doubt pay the price of increased speeding - it is in the 30 mph limit.

I also read recently that the Government has issued new planning guidelines designed to discourage developers from making people ever more reliant on their cars. New homes, shops and workplaces must be planned and sited in ways which encourage people to reach them by public transport, bicycle or on foot. Sounds like villages are on the way back!

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## Memories of Dore

...concluding our extracts from a letter received from Mr Alex Thorpe.

You asked in your journal for wartime experiences. I recall on the night of the Sheffield Blitz I had gone to the youth club in Dore Chapel which was run by Mr Wilkes. My friend John Caisley (who qualified as a doctor) and walked home to Brickhouse Lane together where we both lived. It was a brilliant moonlit night and we stayed out in the open watching events unfold, we could hear the throbbing noise of the planes as they moved overhead and see the fires burning over Sheffield. We could see some of the German planes as they crossed in front of the moon. I remember some wardens coming up the road and advising us to take shelter. We had not been in the Anderson Shelter more than a few minutes when we heard a terrible whistling sound followed by a large explosion. The shelter shook and all the windows in the Lane were blown out and I remember there was soot everywhere inside the houses, for everyone had coal fires at that time. The cottages still bear the marks of the shrapnel. I had two greenhouses in the garden which Dad had bought me and the bomb had dropped between the two, parts of them were found in Newfield Lane and I reckon we had a lucky escape. My brother Bill, who took over my father's butchers shop after the war, had gone to the pictures at the 'Central' which was situated on 'Sheffield Moor' and we were horrified when we learned that 'The Moor' had been rased to the ground. Bill however had taken cover in a shelter which had escaped but we were not to know this until late in the following day. Bill joined the Air Force a few weeks later.

Some of our neighbours were convinced that the bomb which dropped in Brickhouse Lane was due to the reflection of the moon on my greenhouses but I do not think the German bomb aimer was as efficient as that. Further bombs dropped on the village, two dropped in Ryecroft glen and one dropped in Church Lane and demolished Hartley's bungalow where the family had a lucky escape but their dog was killed. Other bombs dropped across the land between Whitelow Lane and Blackamoor. I had just started work in Sheffield Town Hall when the Blitz occurred and as the transport system had just about been destroyed. I and a lot more walked to Sheffield and back for many weeks.

Mrs Hartley, whose bungalow was so badly damaged, was a very active member of the Dramatic Society and she starred in many of their excellent productions. Before the present Church Hall was built, there was in existence the old 'Choral Hall' and how well I remember the concerts organised by Mrs Bullos of Leyfield Road and dear old 'Nellie Flint' who lived in the cottages next to Turver's shop. The Choral Hall was a very popular place and the centre of all the village activities. It came into existence I believe by public subscription for the well known choral society (long before my time) for which the village had quite a bit of fame. I remember Dad telling me how good they were and I think were organised by Madam Heeley (Howard Evans' grandmother) who lived in Limpits Cottage.

My memories are endless but I would like to mention some of the characters who all have a tale to tell in their own right.

### Characters who used to visit the village but were not residents

The Cornet Man – he used to play his tunes around the village for a few coppers. He had lost a foot in the great war.

The Muffin Man – who used to sell his muffins and oatcakes.

'Shell Shocked Joe' – a character who it was said had been blown up in the great war, he walked from morn till dusk covering mile upon mile. He always walked through the village at an unbelievable pace. We once followed him but turned back at Ringinglow. The Button Man – he used to come round every week carrying a wooden case which was strapped to his front. The case had a glass top and lots of little drawers where he kept his different buttons, pins, elastic etc. I remember his case always fascinated me.

'Fishy Joe' – he used to sell fish from his baskets.

The Flower Man – he used to come all the way from Sheffield, carrying his boxes of flowers on his head.

Mr Bennet – used to visit the village from Dronfield selling carpets and lino and other household goods. He also sold paraffin for a large tank at the back of his van.

### Characters who lived locally

Arthur Morton – ran a greengrocery business by horse and cart from his premises in Vicarage Lane

Frankie Fisher – a simple character, hardly ever sober who eventually lived in the outbuildings of Frith's Farm opposite the Church. Poor Frankie was tormented by all the kids.

Ernest Jackson – the village bookie.

Bob Ashmore – the slaughterer who worked in the slaughterhouse in Vicarage Lane.

Nurse Jessop – brought most of us into this world, followed by Nurse Frith when Nurse Jessop retired.

Doctor Marshall, Doctor Parsons – both had their surgeries a mile or so from the village. If one felt a bit off colour and had to attend, the long walk there and back didn't help. Dr Parsons' son Eric qualified as a doctor and lived in the 'White' house at the corner of the Meadway and Causewayhead Road.

Cyril Marshall and his wife 'Winnie' kept the corner shop where we bought our sweets and pop. Winnie was a 'sweet' lady in more ways than one. Poor Cyril was a reservist and was the first Dore man to be called up in the second war. Alas Winnie never saw him again, he was drowned when his ship was torpedoed in the East.

Frank Drury (Brush) Albert and Billy Coates – all lived in their gipsy styled caravans in the village.

## Letters

Dear Sir,

Ref: "In Remembrance" item.

I wrote to the vicar on 19 December 1992 offering to subscribe to any memorial and giving some details of Dore people who died in World War Two, but perhaps the letter did not arrive or get passed on. You have probably heard already that Harry and Desmond from Wagwood were named Bowmer and both in the RAF. Desmond corresponded with my mother and visited her on his leaves, on the last of which he told my mother he had a premonition that he would not be back and had even broken off his engagement to a Miss Royle of the cutlery family.

H A. Bowmer	SGT RAF	2.8.40
Age 24, Accident in UK		
J.D. Bowmer	F/O RAF	Feb 1944
Missing		
A.N. Cooper	RAF	1944
Missing, last address was 449 Whirlowdale Road. Head choir boy about 1937-38 in Dore		
J.E.D. Corner	2nd LT REME	15.9.45
Died of disease. Home was in Dore Road just S of Vicarage Lane turning		
P.N. Horner	Cpl RE (not RM)	Sep 1941
Accident on troopship. Subject of the painting of "The Sower";		
C.R. Sifton	F/O RAF	5.1.45
Shot down over Hanover. Home was in Devonshire Rd. Attended Dore Church with parents.		

J A Stevens, Ashted, Surrey.

Another reader has provided more information on Rodney Charles:

Rodney was born and brought up in Sheffield, the only child of Edith and Fred Charles. He grew up to be an outstanding classical pianist and a brilliant scholar who went to Peterhouse, Cambridge in the mid 1930s to continue his education.

When the war started he left Cambridge and joined the R.A.F where he volunteered for flying duties. After taking part in many raids over Germany his plane was shot down, and he and his crew were all killed, Rodney being awarded a posthumous medal.

After the war his parents were able to visit his grave in the war cemetery in Soltau, Southern Germany.

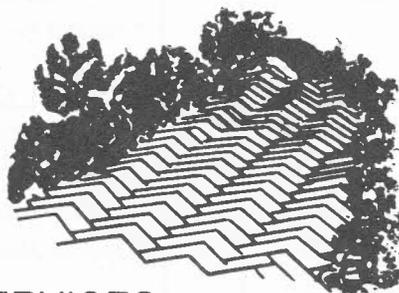
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Dear Sir,

I recently received from my brother, who lives in Furniss Avenue, a copy of your magazine No. 29 Spring 1993, and I have read it with great interest.

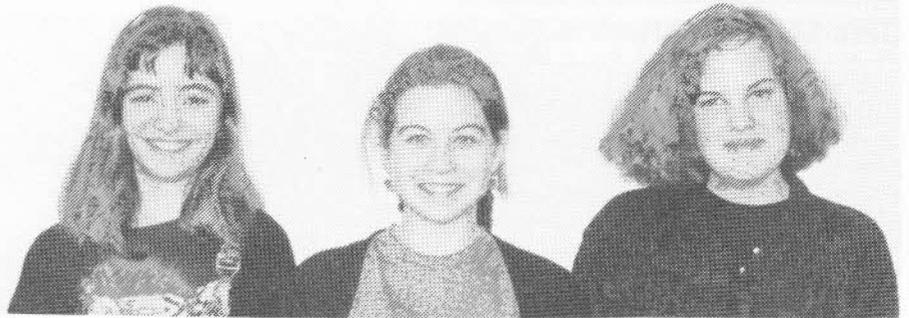
My brother and I were both at Dore School when Mr Bone was Headmaster, and we frequently visited Marshall's shop. Thomas Marshall was a school friend

The letter from Mary Linfoot, therefore, particularly caught my attention. I was in the Royal Navy during the 2nd World War and, aboard H.M.S. Dragon, a First World War Light Cruiser, arrived in Singapore just at the outbreak of the war with Japan. In fact, we were steaming between Sumatra and Malaysia towards Singapore when the Pearl Harbour attack took place.

When we berthed at the Naval Base, a river gunboat — H.M.S. Grasshopper — came alongside and a member of the crew came on board to pick up copies of signals they had missed whilst on patrol to the east of Singapore. I was Duty Signalman at the time and the crewman came to see me. We soon discovered that we were both from Dore — indeed, he was Cyril Marshall. We had a long talk and then he returned to Grasshopper, and she sailed that evening and we left to escort a convoy. When we returned we were sad to learn that Grasshopper was missing, presumed lost and nothing further was heard of her, so far as I am aware.

On returning home after the War, my wife and I visited the Corner Shop and met Mrs. Marshall — a sad occasion. I think I must have been the last person able to give her any news about her late husband.

*F. A. Platts, South Croyden, Surrey.*



Three Dore girls were prizewinners in all their classes, at the Chesterfield Musical Festival on April 23rd. They are, from left to right:- Nina Cockburn: Two 1st prizes for violin. Helen Laycock: Two 1st prizes for solo piano. Also first prize as accompanist to Nina in a duo class. Katherine Wareham — A 1st and 3rd prize for piano. Congratulations!

## Friends of Longshaw

The FOL are a group of ex-service men, who gather at 8.00pm on the second Monday of each month at the Norfolk Arms, Ringinglow.

The FOL have two main aims. Firstly they care for the welfare of each other. Secondly they try to keep alive the spirit of comradeship previously encountered in their service in H.M. Forces. In pursuit of their first aim, in addition to meeting socially, visits to sick members by individual Friends are made. The second aim is furthered by a short ritual of remembrance at the commencement of the monthly meeting. The Friends also take a leading role in the annual Service of Remembrance in November in conjunction with the Dore section of the Fellowship of Service.

A viable and lively Ladies section, which operates independently from the FOL,

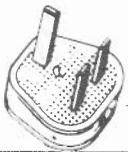
composed of the wives of Friends, can be relied upon to give a warm welcome to the wife of any new Friend.

The social activities of FOL include sing songs, an annual dinner, and whatever entertainment the Friends can devise. Apart from the direct cost of such events as the dinner, the only cost to Friends is a small annual subscription to cover the cost of the room hire, etc.

As the years roll on and opportunities of making new friendships by men of mature years grows smaller, possibly because of retirement, etc., membership of the FOL can satisfy a need we all have, of knowing and rubbing along with a group of like-minded people, with whom we can identify and share memories. If you qualify, by virtue of service in H.M. Forces, and would like to sample what the FOL has to offer, why not get in touch with the Secretary, E. W. Hunt, 361322.

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## Dore 1841 — 1891

In the last edition of Dore to Door, the article 'Centenary of a Growing City' examined the growth of Sheffield, the granting of incorporation in 1843 and the entitlement of City in 1893. What changes were taking place in Dore at this time? By examination of the census returns for the years 1841 to 1891, interesting social information can be obtained.

There was a small growth in the population from 1851 to 1871, with a large increase by 1881. Easier access and new developments were the main factors. Dore Station was opened in 1872, building was in progress on Abbeydale Road, Dore Road and the Totley Brook estate.

The average number of occupants per house varied little — 5 in 1841 and 4.8 in 1891. This did not indicate serious overcrowding but compares with an average of 2.35 for Sheffield in 1991. (The national figure for 1871 was 5.3.)

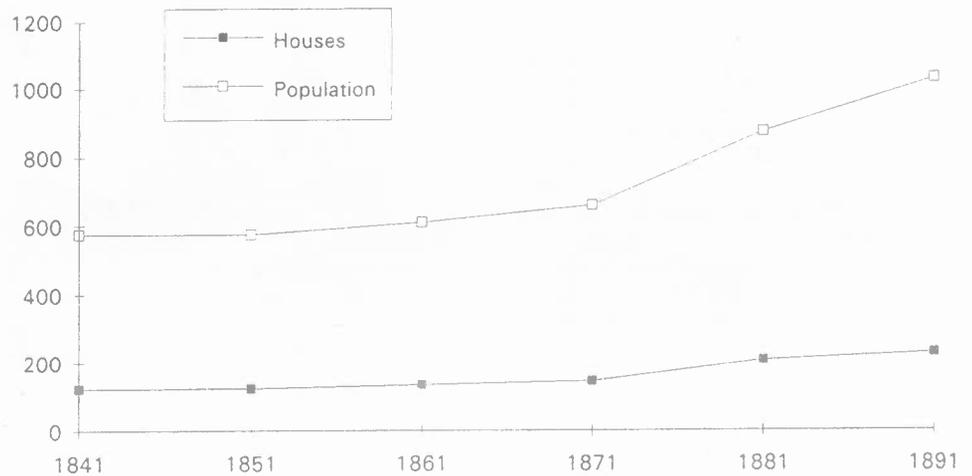
The age structure of the population in the 19th century was very different from that of Sheffield in 1991.

In 1841, 3.6% of the population was over 65 as compared with 17.9% in 1991. At the other end of the scale 57.8% were under 25 as compared with 31.8% in 1991. Significant advances in health care have greatly increased life expectancy. Although healthily situated above the pollution of industrial Sheffield, Dore workers were subject to lung disease and accidents related to the grinding trade. Infant mortality was high and young women lost their lives in childbirth. The Vital Statistics in Sheffield, published in 1843, gives life expectancy at birth for the city of Leeds as 19 and 27 for the working and middle classes respectively.

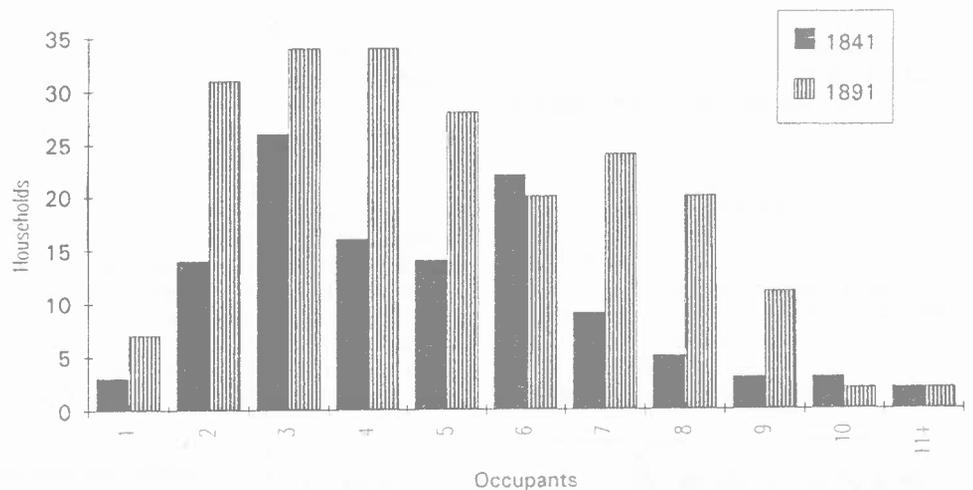
The occupations of the head of household as provided for the 1841 and 1891 census returns shows the following significant changes:-

This small sample of information obtained from census returns illustrates the movement away from a predominantly agricultural and tool making population towards an influx of professional and business people towards the end of the 19th century. The population was young by present day standards and living conditions above average for the period.

Graph to illustrate the growth of Dore 1841 - 1891



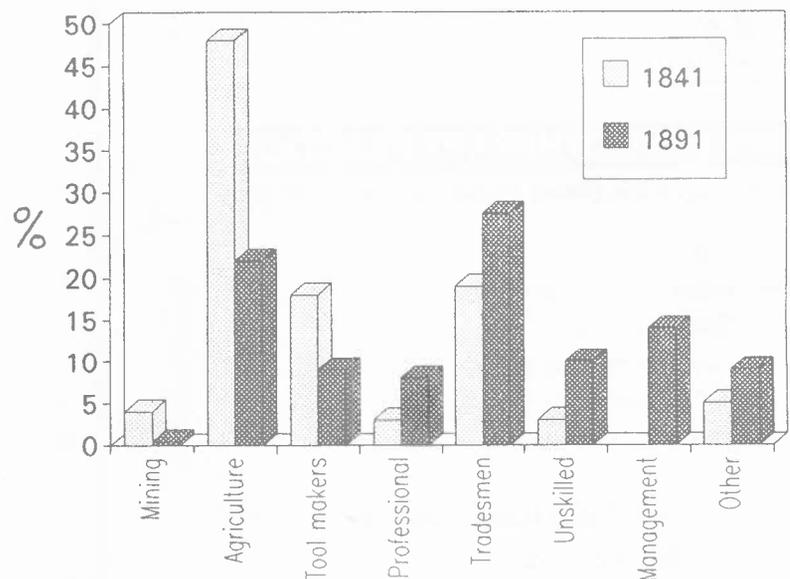
Comparison of household sizes, Dore 1841/91



Age range	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Dore 1841	10.8	11.2	13.6	22.2	12.2	11.5	10.4	4.5	1.8	1.6	0.2
Sheffield 1991	6.3	5.8	5.4	14.3	15.1	13.1	11.7	10.4	10.2	6.3	1.4

Table to compare the age structure of the population - Dore 1841 and Sheffield 1991 as %.

Occupations of heads of household in Dore 1841 and 1891



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### News in brief

**Abbydale Art Group** - annual exhibition this year will be held at the Village Hall Baslow on Saturday 5th June from 10.30am to 8pm and Sunday 6th from 10am to 6pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

**Church hall appeal fund** - raised £685 from the March Craft Fair, but several further projects still need funding. Enquiries and offers of help please to Rosemary Harrison Tel 620106.

**Thanks** — to the Staff at Kutz Hair Salon for keeping the area in front of their shop free of litter and for making a delightful little garden to brighten up the village.

Other shop owners and staff have also helped the village by pressing for bins and clearing their own frontages. We can all help make the village a tidier place by not dropping litter in the first place and using the bins provided.

**Totley Library** — have a glass display case kindly donated by Precision Cameras, Totley Rise. They would like it to be used by individuals or groups to exhibit their hobbies/crafts etc. such as needlework, sculpture, jewellery etc. Bookings will last for two weeks. If you are interested phone Totley Library 363067.

**An exhibition** — to mark the 250th anniversary of the invention of Old Sheffield Plate by Thomas Boulsover is being held at the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet until November 8 1993. It tells the history and development of Old Sheffield Plate and its importance to the city and the world.

The exhibition shows examples of plate and modern adaptations of the process, including its application to the Spitfire aircraft in the Second World War.

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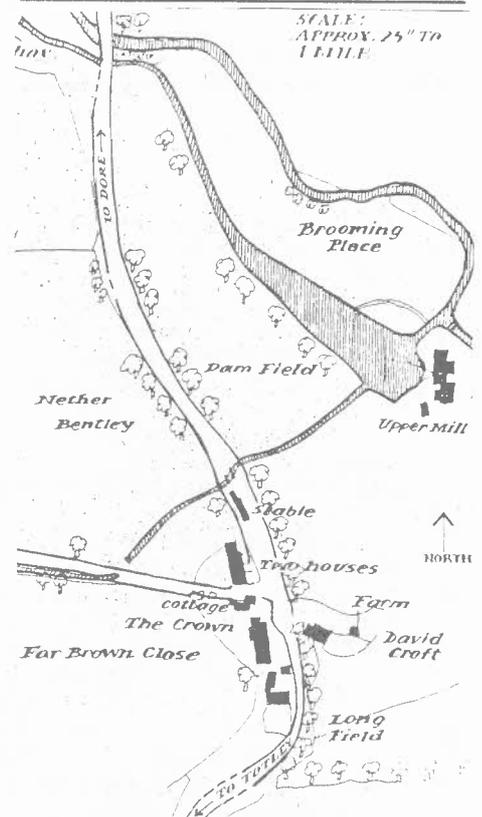
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### Hillfoot Hamlet



In our last edition we wrote about Hillfoot Hamlet at the junction of Penny Lane and Hillfoot Road. This map by Brian Edwards shows where the Mill dam, cottage and farm mentioned in the article used to stand.



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## Diary – Summer 1993

### MAY

- 22-23 **Motor Show** Dore Junior School.  
 22-23 **Art Exhibition.** The Chapel, Whirlow Grange Conference Centre. 10am-4.30pm including water colour demonstration by Pauline Shearstone.  
 30-31 **Centenary Show** Endcliffe Park.

### JUNE

- 2 **Pond Dip and Picnic.** Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden 11am.  
 5-6 **Exhibition.** Abbeydale Art Group, Village Hall, Baslow – see News in Brief.  
 6 **Open Day.** Traditional Heritage Museum, 605 Ecclesall Road.  
 7 **Totley Tenants Association.** AGM Totley Library 7.30pm.  
 7-12 **Craft Fair and Demonstrations.** Totley Library.  
 8 **Reflexology.** Mrs J. Levick. Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm.  
 8 **Macmillan Nursing.** Mrs Bernie Hutchcroft. Church Ladies Group, Church Hall 7.45pm.  
 9 **Thirty three years in catering.** Mrs Nellie Senior, Dore (E)TG Old School 7.30pm.  
 11 **Bring and Buy.** Old School 7pm, 124th Sheffield Guides.  
 12 **Garden Party.** St Luke's Hospice.  
 12 **Mozart/Steel Concert.** Sheffield Bach Society. Sheffield Cathedral 7.30pm. Tel. 362186.  
 14-25 **Display.** South-West Area Sitting service.  
 16 **Evening Ramble.** Christ Church Dore Social Committee. Tel. 363252.  
 20 **Open Day.** Walks, displays, children's activities, conservation groups, etc. Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden. 11am-4.30pm.  
 22 **Yorkshire Water Board.** Talk and film. Mr J. Howe, Tuesday Group. Methodist Hall. 7.45pm.  
 22 **Treasure Hunt.** Christ Church Ladies Group, Church Hall. 7.45pm.  
 22 **Book Fair Week.** Dore Junior School.  
 23 **Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.** Totley Library 7.30pm.  
 25 **Quiz Night.** Dore Junior School.  
 26 to July 23 **Water colour paintings.** Display. Totley Library.  
 26-27 **Sheffield Marathon** comes to Dore  
 29 **Music Concert.** Dore Junior School.  
 30 **Councillors Surgery.** 5 to 6pm Totley Library.

### JULY

- 2 **Summer Concert.** Dore & Totley Community Arts Group. King Ecgbert School. Tickets 366212.  
 6 **Walk and Supper.** Tuesday Group Methodist Church.  
 6 **Children's Clothes and Toys.** 1860-1914. Talk and display. Mr R Young. Christ Church Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45pm.  
 9 **Great Sheffield Art Show.** Octagon Centre.  
 10 **Scout Gala and Well Dressing.** See posters and programme. Parade starts 2.15pm. Gala 2.30pm.  
 10 **Model Railway Exhibition.** Dore Old School, Sheffield Model Railway Society.  
 10 **Summer Concert.** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Church Hall 7.45pm £2. Tickets 364246.  
 11 **Well Dressing Service.** Village Green. 3pm.  
 13 **Walk.** Christ Church Ladies Group.  
 13 **Well Dressings of Dore.** Church Hall. 7.30pm £1.50. Tel. 620106 – see Syd Crouson article.  
 14 **Birthday Evening.** Dore (E)TG Old School. 7.30pm.  
 28 **Councillors' Surgery.** Totley Library 5-6pm.

### AUGUST

- 2 **The Bat Roadshow** with Derek Whiteley. Abbeydale Wildlife Garden. 8pm.

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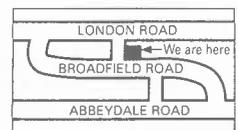
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