

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Planning

Recently there have been a number of contentious planning applications to which the Society has objected.

Owlet House, Hathersage Road — alteration to barn to form dwelling. The objection was that this proposal created a new dwelling in the Green Belt contrary to the Council's stated policy.

Devonshire Arms, High Street — incorporation of stable into the main body of the pub, and internal alterations. This application envisaged moving the public right of way to the left of its present position as viewed from the front of the building and enclosing the existing covered parking to extend the dining area and create new kitchen and storage facilities. As this proposal involved the destruction of the historic stable adjoining the pub, it was agreed to object. However before the letter could be sent, approval had been given by the Council.

Undaunted, an approach was made to the Department of National Heritage to request the 'spot listing' of the building. The application was made on the basis that the Devonshire Arms (including outbuildings) was on the draft list of buildings to be given Grade 2 listing produced by English Heritage last year.

Happily the request for 'spot listing' has now been approved and this has the effect of nullifying the Council's grant of planning consent. The brewery must now resubmit its proposals and obtain listed building consent.

The society will continue to monitor developments at the Devonshire very closely and take whatever steps are necessary to prevent further destruction of attractive buildings in the heart of Dore.

Poynton Wood —erection of 22m high lattice mast with aerials. Numerous objections were made to this application

Refreshing Changes

It seems to be all change for our local public houses at the moment. The Hare & Hounds has been refurbished and is under new management, a planning application is lodged to extend the restaurant at the Devonshire Arms, Dore Moor Inn is being converted to a restaurant and Dore Junction is currently up for sale.

Further afield Kath & Phil took over at the Cricket Inn in January. The pub has been redecorated, has a new menu, along with traditional Sunday lunches, and live music Friday (Irish Folk Band) and Saturday (Jazz Band). Finally The Crown is now serving early evening meals from a sea food menu.



The old smithy behind the Devonshire Arms.

Dear Sir,

I thought you might like a photograph of the Old Smithy, which I hear is under threat from the brewery. I well remember Mr Stone the blacksmith shoeing a horse, the clouds of smoke when he fitted the shoe on the hoof held between his knees and the horse looking around, surprised but not hurt. It would be delightful to think this bit of Dore were to be saved but I suppose it will go the way of the cottages opposite which I used to live in on the High Street.

Ellen Fallows



January floods on Limb Lane.

Limb Lane Flooding

For a village on the side of a hill, Dore shouldn't expect flooding. This winter, as well as the intractable problems of 'rapids' down Savage Lane, Limb Lane was blocked by a flood. Many people (including council workman) were mystified as to its origins.

At times mud and debris covered 100yds of road, trapping the water. Old bottles, tipped years ago, pushed their way down the slope at the side of the road.

Perhaps the worst weekend was that of Dec 18/19. Warning signs floating on the deluge, reckless drivers and the darkness, all contributed to accidents. Ash House Lane became a busy thoroughfare! On the Monday, pumping equipment arrived and for those happy to jump the sandbanks, the road became passable.

Seeing the bank collapsed, and drain exposed, it was assumed that a field drainage pipe was broken. In fact a stream emerges below Ash House and should run under the sports field in a culvert. But a blockage above the field has caused a sizeable pond which overflowed. As no corrective action has been taken and rainfall remains high, the situation is still of concern.

Can you help

Used stamps - are being collected at P.C.Cason's electrical shop on Totley Rise, in order to raise funds for the charity Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, who train dogs to lead active and useful lives to the benefit of deaf people.

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The Rev. W. R. Gibson

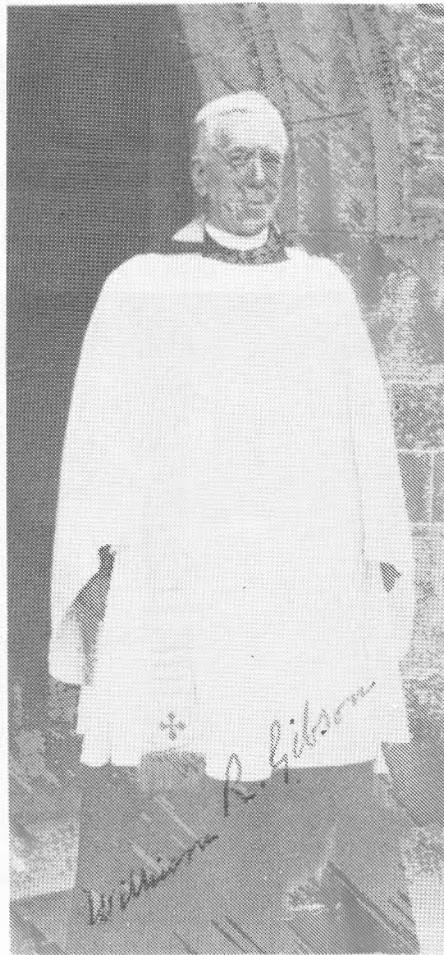
One of the best known and loved clergymen to hold office in the village was the Rev. W. R. Gibson who arrived at Dore in 1895 following the Rev. J. T. F. Aldred who had served the village for forty five years. The Rev. Gibson had been curate at Christ Church, Pitsmoor. Although he was such a popular vicar, he did upset some of the community on one occasion.

At the time of his arrival in the village, Dore was frequently referred to as a 'hamlet' and its inhabitants consisted of the good old yeomen from pure Derbyshire stock. Mr. Gibson and his charming wife soon made friends with them, for Derbyshire folk, once their habitual caution had been dispersed, made excellent friends. As the years went by, Sheffield continued to expand until there came the day when 'invaders' descended on the village in gradually increasing numbers and to all intents and purposes, Dore became a Sheffield suburb.

At the annual parochial Shrovetide tea and concert in 1925, the Rev. Gibson was very outspoken about the changing face of the population and expressed the view of the older residents that they did not like 'squatters' coming to live there. Dore had become a divided village and few of the people he knew on his arrival were left. The original Dore inhabitants had a great pride in their village and had sent their young men to fight and give their lives to save England. These views made the headlines in the Sheffield press and caused offence in some quarters.

The Rev. Gibson was born at Chapeltown, nr. Sheffield. His father died when he was ten years of age and as a boy he had learned Latin and Greek and had always had the desire to enter the ministry. Mr. Gibson had embarked on a commercial career in his father's business as a young man but gave up his commercial life when he was twenty six years of age. He studied at St. John's College, Highbury and was appointed chaplain to H.M.S. Worcester and H.M.S. Arethusa, he worked for many years among the sailors and soldiers doing excellent work. His headquarters were at Gravesend until he moved north to Pitsmoor.

He preached his first sermon in Dore Church in February 1895. During the thirty-six years when he was vicar, many alterations and improvements were made to the Church including a memorial chancel and clock, a new east window, a new organ,



The Rev. W. R. Gibson.

new heating apparatus, peal of bells, lych gate and reredos. He raised almost £6,000 on various objects, a considerable sum of money in those days. He also organised the building of the War Memorial which was unveiled in 1921. Mrs. Gibson organised and ran the Girls' Friendly Society.

In December 1930, Dore said farewell to its beloved vicar who was presented with a wallet containing £175 at a crowded meeting in the old school. The presentation was made by Mr. A. B. Richardson and the chair was occupied by Mr. J. Farnsworth who was supported by Mr. J. Stones (the local blacksmith who had been in the choir for over 50 years) and Mr. Sidney Speight the new school headmaster who had taken over from Mr. F. C. Bone.

At the close of the meeting, the choir conducted by Mr. Arthur Farnsworth, sang two carols which had been written by the famous Richard Furness one hundred years

previously.

Miss Nellie Flint, Miss Madge Farnsworth, Miss Grace Watkins, Mr. V. Mole and Mr. J. Stones entertained with a musical programme. The audience concluded by singing 'For he's a Jolly Good Fellow!', many left the schoolroom with tears in their eyes including many of the so called 'Squatters', all had been forgiven on this memorable night.

A. Thorpe

The above information was obtained from press cuttings kindly supplied by Mrs. Lorraine Evans, High Street, Dore.

Hare and Hounds

On 4 February refurbishment of the Hare and Hounds was completed and a small celebration held in the pub.

Welcoming guests, Ken Cooney, the manager, said that he was intending to create a pub with a traditional atmosphere which was clean, offered good beer and food and extended a warm welcome to customers.

Ken who has worked in the brewing industry for 30 years came from the Dore Moor Inn where he has been the manager for the last 6 years; prior to that he ran the Big Gun on the Wicker.

Ken believes that pubs like the Hare and Hounds had lost their way and relied too much on fruit machines, video juke boxes and the pool table. These appealed only to a narrow cross section of people in the community and this was reflected in the low turnover and declining number of customers at the Hare.

Ken has long been a supporter of a number of local groups including the village Society and is happy to accommodate committee meetings or other social gatherings, if you are interested, please ring him on 360754.

At present the draught beers include Worthington on hard pump but Ken plans to re-introduce draught Bass and possibly a guest beer from time to time.

Food will be available at lunchtime, early evening, up to 7.00pm and Judy Carlin will be responsible for catering. It is hoped to offer a varied menu at a reasonable price but if you have any special requirements Ken and his staff will always try to help. Since Ken and his partner John took over the pub around Christmas they have seen it transformed and their proven formula has resulted in much increased trade.

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Letter

Dear Sir

Did it really snow in September 1844?

I read with much interest the account of "A Dore Wedding — 1900" when Frances Mabel Marshall was married in Dore Church and the Rev W. R. Gibson officiated. Reference to the Marshall family has been made on several occasions, the family originally came from Totley as you have pointed out and my interest lies in the fact that my Grandmother on Mother's side was Alice Marshall, a member of the same family and born in Totley.

The late Mr. G. H. Ward, the well known historian, who lived in Moorwoods Lane, Totley recalled in his memoirs "A Stoney Ridge Toll Bar Wedding" which took place on 4th September, 1844. The wedding was between John Wragg and Mary Muscroft of Heeley. John Wragg lived with his bachelor brother, James, at the Stoney Ridge Toll Bar, Dore. The first entry of marriages in Dore Church after the records were transferred from Dronfield was of this wedding.

John Wragg unlike his brother James was very shy and did not want to see a lot of curiosity-mongering and skylarking at his wedding. He arranged with the Rev Richard Martin, an Irish clergyman (the first Vicar of Dore from 1844 to 1849 and curate-in-charge of the parish — then under Dronfield — from 1840) to mumble out the banns each week. John said that the parson did the job very successfully, for there were scarcely anybody in the church when the party turned

up, fully an hour late, and the Vicar and those present were shivering. The reason was that John had directed the bridal party of his bride and the best man to turn through the stile opposite Wing's Farm (the ruins by Dore and Totley station) and follow the footpath until they met him. They reached the stile alright but it was already ankle deep in the fast falling snow and they lost the track and had wandered about until John found them. However they were duly married and then plodded homewards, knee deep, up the road to Stoney Ridge Toll Bar. It was a cold reception for Mary in more ways than one for when James set his eyes on her, he walked out and went home to his parents who kept the toll bar at Owlter Bar.

There was half a cart wheel for a fender and not much furniture but the house was scrupulously clean. More than once a day Mary wished herself back at Sheffield. On the Sunday after the wedding, the Rev Martin appeared at Stoney Ridge to present the newly married couple with a bible and prayer book which was the custom in those days and in which records of births and deaths etc. were recorded. John offended the Vicar by saying it would have been better if he had brought a good pair of blankets.

Mary eventually settled down and history has it that never a couple up to their golden wedding and after, lived a more comfortable life. One of their sons, Fred, married Alice Marshall who I mentioned earlier, it's a strange old world isn't it! but I am still curious to know DID IT REALLY SNOW IN SEPTEMBER IN 1844?

One of my relatives still has the bible given by the Rev Martin.

A. Thorpe

More Music

Following an autumn concert by the Marylebone Trio, and a highly successful third Competitive Festival of Music in November, the Dore & Totley Community Arts Groups Spring Concert is on Tuesday 26 April. A Saxophone Quartet - ex students of the Royal Northern Music School, will be playing a good mix of popular and classical music to suit a wide range of tastes. Concert starts 7.30pm in Wessex Hall at King Egbert School. Tickets on sale at the door.

If you count yourself as a music lover and would like advance tickets and notice of forthcoming events, why not contact Margaret Spencer on 366212 or Ann Tilly on 360268.

Totley Tunnel Centenary

Preparations for celebrating the centenary of the opening of Totley Tunnel to passengers are now well advanced. It is hoped that there will be a wide range of events from steam trains to exhibitions and from talks to a carnival. The whole should stretch over a period starting from the Bank Holiday on 28-30 May and culminate at a carnival on the cricket field behind the Cricket Inn in July.

A telephone enquiry point is now available on 367021, and organisations wishing to be involved in the programme should contact this as soon as possible. There will shortly be an information display at Totley Library and the next edition of Dore to Door will carry a special feature on the tunnel.

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Volunteers Wanted!

The Cheshire Home Fete has been an annual event for a number of years and apart from being an enjoyable occasion brings in much needed funds for the home. As a non-profit making organisation we really need such events to raise funds.

In past years we have raised money for

- 1) Specialised beds
- 2) Special domestic equipment for the residents' use
- 3) Up-grading of the dining room and kitchen
- 4) Replacing bathrooms and toilets
- 5) Building of a new wing

This year it has been decided to hold a Cheshire Home Week (commencing on Saturday, 18th June) culminating in the Fete on the 25th June. Many different events will be held during this week. Obviously to make this a success, we need to expand our Fete Committee and are looking for new members with good ideas and one evening a month to spare. No particular skills are required but a willingness to help with the organising of the various events. If you do have a spare evening and would like to help, please telephone Mrs. Raven during office hours on 0742 369952.

Friends of Ecclesall Woods

A working group with this name has been formed, following meetings and discussions during the past year organised by the City Ecology Unit. It will operate under the guidance of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (Sheffield Members Group).

The preliminary meetings, involving at various times up to one hundred individuals, have attracted local residents and others with special interests and experience in the management of woodlands and in the study of natural history and archaeology.

Ecclesall Woods form part of the ancient woodlands of England. As well as being part of the lungs of the city, open for the enjoyment of all, they contain important remains, often no more than holes in the ground, of activities related to Sheffield's early industrial history, especially to that of the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

There are signs of deterioration, due to increased usage, of the major footpaths and bridle ways and also at some entrances to the woods. Repair work is needed, probably on



Dore Scouts, year unknown. Lent by Mildred Frith of Hathersage, formerly of Dore. The figure second from left is Nellie Flints brother Billy, the 4th figure is Dick Farnsworth, Father of Richard and John of Rycroft Farm. The boy next to the bugler is Douglas Frith, Mildreds brother and at one time landlord of the Devonshire Arms, Dore. It is believed to have been taken in the fields at the side of Old Hay Lane.

a continuing basis. There may also be needs for controlled maintenance to provide better environments for new trees to grow to maturity and to limit the spread of especially invasive plants, such as Himalayan Balsam.

Survey work is being planned to show the extent to which the woods are used and to plot the distribution of various tree species.

All these activities require time from volunteers but not a great deal of special knowledge. A few will require time plus a certain amount of muscle power. Specialist groups working with FEW will be carrying out detailed studies on the natural history and the archaeology of the woods. These groups also welcome volunteer helpers.

We are asking those who wish to become a member of FEW to register for an annual fee of £3 and we would like as many as possible to become involved in one or more of our programmes. Members will receive quarterly reports of FEW activities, be notified of meetings of interest and be entitled to comment on the direction of FEW programmes and to elect members of the steering committee at the AGM.

In the meantime, further information can be obtained from one or other of the following: Lorna Baker, 8 Thornsett Gardens, off Dore Road, Sheffield S17 3PP (369025); Harold Rawson, 17 Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL (366245);

A La Carte

If you're feeling down then give yourself and the family a treat with this delicious **Banoffee Pie**. Anyone who has a sweet tooth just can't resist it. We first tried this pie on holiday down near Shrewsbury — it has been a firm favourite of ours ever since. The beauty of it is, it is so quick and easy to make and is ideal for all occasions.

Pastry case: 9oz plain flour; 6oz margarine; 2 tbsps sugar; 1 egg yolk; 3 tbsps cold water.

Rub margarine into flour until it resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in sugar. Add egg yolk and water, mix until mixture is a soft dough.

Line a 9" flan dish with the pastry and bake for 15 mins. on gas no. 5.

Filling: 6oz margarine; 6oz granulated sugar; 14oz can condensed milk; 4 bananas; 1/2 pt double cream.

Melt margarine in a heavy bottomed pan over a low heat. Add sugar. Stir in condensed milk and boil for 5 mins (exactly) until golden, stirring constantly. Slice bananas and place in bottom of pastry case. Pour toffee over the top and leave to go cold. Whip cream and pipe over the top and decorate with slices of banana.

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Gardening in Retirement

When those fit enough to spend newly won time in their garden have collected the statutory gold watch and bade farewell to former envious colleagues, it soon becomes clear that, in the context of gardens, retirement is a myth. Women never do retire anyway, do they? In fact it is my experience that they also outdo men both in interest and effort in this noble art.

For men in particular then, as freshers on the brink of a 'third age' experience, this is the point when would-be converts must confront the inescapable fact that gardening means work!

Daunting though the prospect may seem, it doesn't have to be all work, nor continuing hard work. Nor should it be. On the contrary, its *raison d'être* is to provide physical and spiritual pleasure, not blisters and back-ache.

Unless looking after a garden has been routinely practiced, the relative novice would be well advised to take a few timely lessons to avoid the disappointment of learning too much by trial and error albeit now at a leisurely pace. Dare I suggest however, that retirement is no excuse to squander valuable time so a move towards some gentle planning could prove worthwhile.

Since individuals effectively assimilate new information in various ways, find yourself a medium to suit your style. Self learning by reading is perhaps the most accessible and popular but there may also be a local gardening club, vocational courses, talks by professionals and practiced specialists etc. Whichever is chosen, the

sooner practical application can be tried the better because, in the end, success in gardening is usually measured by visual results gained through a combination of technical knowledge and manual craft.

If more than simple maintenance is contemplated and the idea of a new garden fancied, detailed planning is essential for success. This is the time to assess personal resources, to get best advice and accurate costing.

It is not the time to give work of this exacting nature to casual unsolicited callers claiming expert knowledge in all matters relating to landscaping. Sadly it must be recognised that such 'chancers' probably outnumber bona fide professionals equipped with skills qualified for this specialised aspect of gardening.

A brief session with a suitably qualified consultant could provide to be an investment at this point to set a course of logical action within known budgets. Reassurance so gained usually increases the necessary confidence to help individuals make independent progress or at least to take informed decisions before hiring reliable help.

Think now for Spring/Summer action, and happy gardening in 1994.

Jim Kerr, gardening consultant, tel: 377081

News in brief

Ash House - on Limb Lane has been sold by the Council for £460,000 to an unknown purchaser and the Dore Village Society will be looking out for a planning application in

the near future. The adjacent house was sold for £68,000 for normal residential use.

Boundary Changes - original recommendations by the Boundary Commission to equalise constituency sizes in Sheffield by moving Dore Ward out of Hallam into Heeley have been amended, instead largely Liberal Nether Edge Ward is likely to transfer to Central.

History - enthusiasts can attend a workshop on understanding the use of archives, organised by Derbyshire Record Office at New Street Matlock, at 6pm on Thursdays, April 21 and May 12. To book phone 0629 58000.

Townhead Road toilets - are believed to be under offer as part of a package of properties, although no advertisement for interest seems to have been published. This move follows the Council granting itself planning permission for the retail use of the site.

Sheffield Museums - have organised two exhibitions for the first half of the year. "Censored" an exhibition of censored artwork - sculpture, woodwork & textiles etc - described as bold and brave, awesome and inspiring, and at some stage censored. Abbeydale Hamlet from 11 March to 29 August. "Science Discovery" a hands on and interactive displays exhibition, covering Physics, Chemistry, Engineering and Human Biology. Kelham Island from 20 March to August.

An antiques valuation day - in aid of KESA, will be held at The Old School on April 16. Tickets £3 include refreshments and one valuation by Vivienne Milburn from Henry Spencer & Sons.



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Letter

Dear Sir

I was pleased to see the photo of the Dore Football Club the team I supported as a boy. I can name most of them I think. Back row Ben Biggin, Jack Kent, Dick Wragg, Frank Cartwright, Duggie Walsh, Pat Frith. I am not sure of the next but George Stacey comes to mind. Chris Fearnough. Front row Frankie Rowe, Georgie Thorpe, don't know. Jock Swift, Stuart Eggo. The year late forties early fifties is as near as I can get. It was a good side and had some epic battles with Totley, Tideswell, and Stoney Middleton, who were all deadly rivals, especially Totley.

I also remember The Old Horse. It not only played in the pubs, it also played around the streets. I used to watch it at the cornershop, near the horse trough, which used to run water in those days, and the one on Devonshire Terrace Road did also.

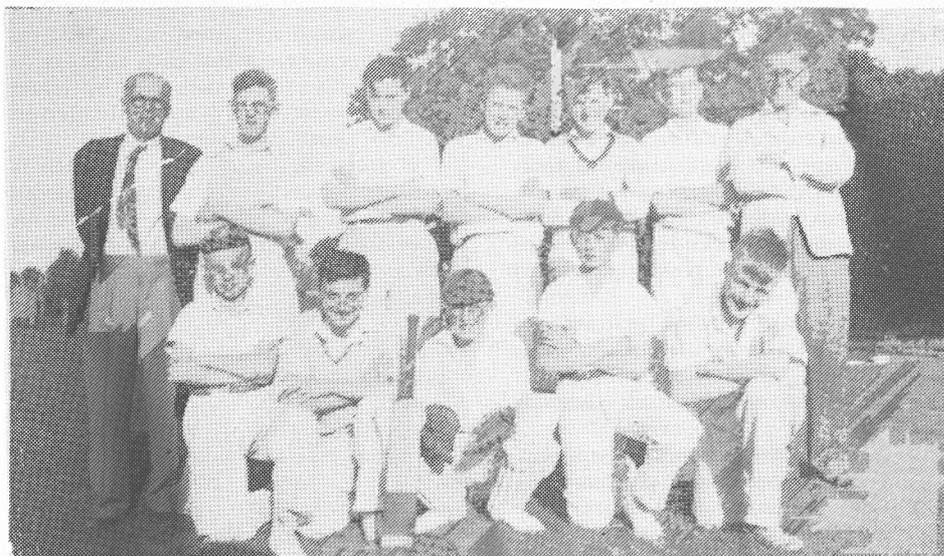
There are many memories I could write about. How many people remember Dore school teacher Mr. Clarke, headmaster, Miss Dobbs, Miss Palmer, Mrs. Watts and Miss Davies. Those of us who failed the 11 plus had the option of going to Hunters Bar School or Totley. I went to Totley, along with quite a few more, and if you had not got a bike you walked it, no ones parents had cars in those days.

There used to be a fair that paid us a visit from time to time. It used to set up in a field which is now the car park for the Devonshire

The Dore bus only went as far as Ecclesall, we used to go for a ride on it many a night just to pass the time. The fare was 1/2d and 1/2d back. There was a major concern when they routed the bus through to Trippit Lane, a lot of people wanted it stopped, they thought that it would bring the town's rougher element to Dore.

A night out used to be a visit to the Greystones pictures, get someone to take us in if it was an 'A' film, and fish and chips for 6d from Chippie Holmes chipshop, which was opposite where the one is now. To pay for this I used to deliver meat on a butchers bike every Saturday morning for 2/6d.

My uncle had a shop next to where Rose Cottage used to be on (why was it allowed to be demolished) High Street. There were four shop units in blocks of two. My uncle's was



Dore Junior Cricket Club 1951.

Back row: Mr Wood, J Wood, P Belk, Nasseau, K Moor, G Hepworth, Mr Nasseau, front row: P Beal, A Crowson, T Blake, J Taylor, G Thorpe.

a bakers and confectioners, next was a butchers, a fruit shop and Henry Bells electrical shop, with a Cobblers shop in the back. Henry had a letter in the last issue of Dore to Door. I remember him very well. Dore also had its own bakery called Watchorn's, it was up the side of the Devonshire Arms on the rough road. It used to supply most of the shops in the area with bread, cakes, etc. I used to go up quite often with my uncle, the smell was delicious.

I enclose a photo of a school, or a Sunday School day trip to the seaside in the late forties. How many are still in the area I wonder. Also one of our cricket team in 1951.

J. Taylor

Have you noticed

The bad weather has seen a rash of holes appearing in local roads, often only filled when someone complains vigorously - please do. Yet there is sufficient money to virtually rebuild sections of Ecclesall Road that look perfectly good to me. Or is it a case of inflicting the SW of the City with disruption to compensate for a lack of Super Tram works. And talking of Super Tram why on earth was not an early spur run alongside the existing railway track to Dore Station? This

would have required little engineering work, eased the traffic on Abbeydale Road, and provided easy access from the SW to Meadowhall.

As for traffic jams, just think as you sit in them of the exhaust fumes and what they are doing for your health. Recent research has confirmed what some of us have long suspected, namely that diesel fumes are worse for the environment than those from the petrol engine - Nitrous Oxides and carcinogens in particular. Remember every time you see a black cloud from a bus or lorry that is your life they are shortening and report them on 0532 833589 as suggested in the last issue.

Finally it is nice to see a new stone roof going onto Lower Bents Farm, a Grade II listed building off Penny Lane. It is however a shame to see the deterioration of walls and banking on Old Hay Lane. If something is not done soon nobody will be able to afford it's eventual replacement.

Doremouse

Guided Walks in Totley

In April, Brian Edwards, author of 'Historic Drawings of Totley', 'The Totley Tunnel' and 'Sheffield and the Peak', will lead two half-day walks around Totley, explaining the history of the areas covered.

The first will cover Gillfield Wood, Totley Hall Lane, Butts Hill, Chapel Lane, Totley Bents, Strawberry Lee, Monneybrook and Lane Head.

The second will cover the water mills, from Avenue Farm following old Hay Brook via Totley Brook to Totley Rise and then to Beauchief.

The walkabouts will take place on Saturday mornings 9th and 16th of April. The cost, £7.00 for each, which includes a specially drawn aerial view of the walks covered, will be payable on booking.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Pam Edwards at Sheffield 620476, Tuesday to Saturday 9.00 to 5.30 or call in to Shape Design Shop near Dore Station.

The numbers of each walkabout will be limited to 25, so be sure to book your place as soon as possible.

If the weather is bad an alternative date will be offered.



A School (or Sunday School) trip to the seaside in the late forties. Do you recognise anybody?

Young People and Crime

Many agencies in Sheffield are involved in working with young people who offend, who are at risk of offending, and who are the victims of crime.

Given the increased public concern about crime and crime committed by young people, the main agencies with the responsibility of working with young offenders have devised a strategy intended to provide a systematic and practical response to all aspects of juvenile offending. Intervention aims to prevent or reduce the incidence of offending by young people and minimise the possibilities of young people becoming career offenders.

The 1990s seem a particularly difficult period for adolescents. Often they seem disillusioned by a lack of opportunity whilst being confronted by new temptations and routes into crime. At the same time there seems to be less assistance and support for teenagers and their parents.

Many young people offend—mostly this is minor in nature and short in duration. Most young people who do offend also seem to stay out of trouble once they reach adulthood, and for many a straight forward Police caution serves to stop them offending in future.

For young people who offend more regularly and more seriously the Local Authority and the Probation Service have the duty to advise the Courts about the most appropriate sentence. These can vary in severity and duration and can comprise of Orders which compel young people to do community service or to see specialist

workers who provide supervision for young people and give them clear advice and guidance about how to avoid offending, its consequence for them and its impact on victims. Ultimately for the most serious and persistent offenders the court has the power to sentence young people to prison, although this power is used sparingly and only when absolutely unavoidable.

Whatever the truth about the actual numbers of teenage offenders it is clear that there is no room for complacency about youth crime, as it has a profound effect on local communities and individual victims. Consequently Sheffield is developing a number of new initiatives to tackle special areas of concern. These include developing an intensive supervision project for young people on bail, and a specific programme for teenagers who commit sex offences. Sheffield is also examining the possibilities of devising a new scheme for very young persistent offenders. It is also participating in research into the links between drugs and crime, and communication skills and crime. All the agencies in the youth court are also dedicated to achieving an accurate picture of the extent of crime in the city.

Currently there is much talk about introducing longer and harsher sentences for young people who continue to offend, and of removing these teenagers to regional secure training centres. Such proposals may seem attractive and may even be justified in some cases, however in reality these centres will only ever cater for a small minority of offenders which means that local communities will still have to find ways of managing crime.

It remains our firm belief that this will

most effectively be done by providing services which help reduce young peoples tendency to commit crime by developing their sense of social responsibility and personal self-esteem, and by providing well targeted and appropriate sentences for our more troublesome teenagers.

In Sheffield we have witnessed greater inter agency work between Magistrates, Social Services, Probation, Police, Education and voluntary bodies. But there are no easy answers to the problems of crime. What stops one teenager offending won't necessarily work for another. The Community Safety Partnership is dedicated to ensuring that inter-agency co-operation is consolidated and effectively uses available resources for the benefit of the city and its young offenders.

*Sheffield Community Safety Partnership,
P O Box 95, Sheffield S1 1YX.*

Dore Show 1994

This years show will take place on the 10th September and follow a similar format to last year. The show schedule will be displayed on the Dore Village Society notice board later in the spring and available from Greens on Causewayhead Road.

Most of the classes will be the same as last year, but with a few minor changes and the addition of a class for decoupage. Photographers will wish to note that their classes are for any black & white photo 7"x 5" min, and a colour portrait or landscape again min 7"x 5".

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Life at Dore Derbyshire approx 1919-1925

I wrote these notes at the suggestion of my nephew Richard Farnsworth of Ryecroft Farm, for inclusion in that excellent publication *Dore to Door*, and hope they will be of interest.

My family moved about 1919 from Chesterfield Road, Woodseats to a lovely stone house then called *Throstle Nest* which stood between Ryecroft Nurseries (long defunct) and Ryecroft Glen — about half way up Dore New Road and very much in the country — just what I wanted as an eleven year old lad.

The Glen and Ecclesall Woods belonged to Wilsons of Beauchief — famous Snuff Makers and great sportsmen, and were strictly preserved. There were 2 gamekeepers — one named Stratford (a great character) who lived in the Glen, and the other also lived in the wood, just opposite what is now known as Abbeyle Industrial Hamlet.

I often saw a dozen pheasants in our relatively small garden, and 2 dozen in a potato patch between the house and the wood. Stratford had the art of suddenly materialising like a ghost if one were misguided enough to stray from the footpath.

The Nurseries belonged to a Mr. Wright — a fine chap and evidently a first class gardener, because after I left the district he sold up and became head gardener to Dr. Temple, Archbishop of York; Temple duly became Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr. Wright went with him, and the last time I saw Wright he and his wife were living in a nice house in the grounds of Lambeth Palace, London. In his greenhouse at Dore, Mr. Wright had a vine which bore the most sumptuous Muscatel grapes!

Our house was on the edge of Ryecroft Farm, and every night winter and summer for years I walked across the fields to collect our evening supply of milk after watching the cows being hand milked. Once or twice a week, I also walked through the glen to the house of the Dixon family. Mr. Dixon had been chauffeur to a branch of the Wilson family living at the Moss, and later working in the little Gannister mine at the top of the Glen. Mr. Dixon's fowls laid the largest eggs in the district — all double yolks, and they were the object of my journey. I believe Winnie Dixon that was, the daughter, still lives there.



Dore Harmonica Band 1938.

I became very friendly with the youngest of the three Farnsworth sons, ie Harold Riding, known as Dick, who eventually married my younger sister Sylvia who still lives in the village.

A Sheffield architect named Whitaker who lived opposite Dore Station was a great naturalist and in particular ornithologist and was given free run of the woods by the Wilsons. He had probably the finest collection of British birds eggs in existence, all housed in beautifully made cabinets, and left this collection to Sheffield. When I last tried to see it I was told it was inaccessible — packed away in some remote cellar!

One thing sticks in my mind — there were Corncrakes in every field at Dore in those days — none at all now due to changes in farming methods. What a pity.

On August 12th each year I made my way to a suitable station near Butts on the ancient road which crosses Houndkirk Moor to Fox House and watched the grouse coming over by the hundred at high speed, not very many escaping the guns. Sir Charles Markham and party generally had the shoot.

During all my years at Dore I attended Dronfield Grammar School as a day boy and will always associate the two places. If one caught the 8.30am train at Dore one could be present at morning prayer at 9am. The Headmaster was Charles C. Baggaley, a fine teacher and a fine man. Fellow pupils included Jim Unwin and Vera Wilkins from Dore and Peggy Peat who lived near Fox House. Many others came from Totley, eg Allen Moorhouse, Herbert Crowther, Walter and Frank Jackson, and we all walked to

Dore station together. In the railway strike we enjoyed walking there and back to Dronfield following the route of Dronfield tunnel.

I was a member of Christ Church choir under Arthur Farnsworth for about four years, along with my great friends Arthur Robinson, Herbert Frith, Edwin Parkin and others. The men included Ted Thorpe and Dick Farnsworth, tenors and Jack Stone, the Blacksmith. Hubert Frith before he got polio was athletic and active and always bright and cheery.

All this idyll ended for me when my father decided to send me to Cologne in 1923 to serve a three year Engineering Apprenticeship, and all the family left Dore about 1925. I still love Dore village and think that over the years those responsible have maintained high standards. People living there should consider themselves most fortunate. What a wonderful centre it is for walking the incomparable moors, hills and dales — something old age now prevents me from doing.

Vincent Lawton, Crewkerne, Somerset

Letter

Dear Sir

Many of your readers may be surprised to hear that Dore Village once had a very competent harmonica band. They were members of the National Harmonica Song Band League and gave many concerts throughout Yorkshire and the Sheffield Region. Their best performance was in the National Contest at Leeds, when they gained 84 points out of 100. They practised every Monday night in the Dore Methodist Hall and their ages ranged from 16 years to 68 years. The band was unique in having so many lady players.

The enclosed photograph was taken in 1938, the band's activities were suspended at the outbreak of the war, unfortunately the band never reformed.

Back row — left to right, Bill Edwards, Leslie Jackson, John Bamford, Hubert Frith, Ernest Frost, Mr. Sinclair (?) Billy Thorpe, Henry Dash, Ronnie Marsden, Mr. Fallows. Front row — left to right, Ernest Heywood, Mr. Nunn, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Fallows, Joan Nunn, Mrs. Dash, Leslie Sinclair, Beatie Dash, Mrs. Sinclair, Mary Jackson, (Albert ?).

Peggy Thorpe

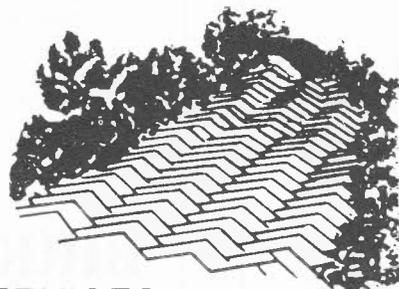
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Sheffield City Wildlife Trust aims to protect and improve the environment of our city for wildlife and people. The Trust was founded in 1985 and now has several hundred members in Sheffield. Our early achievements include the completion of Sheffield's Phase I habitat survey, which formed the basis of the city's Nature Conservation Strategy, and the creation of the award winning Sunnybank nature park on derelict land at the bottom of Ecclesall Road.

Much of our work is in partnership with others. We are currently working with Sheffield City Council on a major project to revitalise the city's neglected and vandalised parks. We plan to involve local residents, schools and community groups in deciding what landscapes they want in their parks. Often there is scope for a more varied landscape than the great sward of closely mown grass that is boring to look at and hostile to wildlife. If local people are involved, in our experience this does reduce vandalism.

As well as numerous volunteers, the Wildlife Trust has three staff. These include a landscape designer and a practical conservation manager. One of our current

projects is to transform the recreation ground at Foxhill into an ecology park. We have involved local schoolchildren in designing the park — some of their ideas were very ambitious. A small orchard has been planted and boulders are to be installed for seats and play. An old hedge is to be extended and native trees planted, leaving a grassed area for games.

We undertake wildlife landscaping consultancy work for local firms. We also advise other groups and individuals on local wildlife issues, campaign to protect threatened sites with wildlife value, and work with schools to increase environmental awareness.

The Trust is a partner in the largest voluntary organisation in the United Kingdom concerned with wildlife protection — the RSNC Wildlife Trusts Partnership. With a total of 250,000 members, it is a partnership of 48 Wildlife Trusts, 50 Urban Groups and WATCH (the junior wing), all joining forces for nature both locally and nationally.

If you would like to know more about Sheffield City Wildlife Trust, please contact us at 14-18 West Bar Green, Sheffield, S1 2DA, tel: 787863.

Ros Stokes, Director

Townswomen's Guild

The Dore (evening) Townswomen's Guild invites you to come along as a Visitor on the second Wednesday of any month (except August and December) at 7.30 pm in the Old School, Dore. For a small charge of 40p (which includes refreshments) you can attend a meeting and hear one of the many interesting Speakers booked by our

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Sheila Redan

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Bridge over Old Hay Brook on Old Hay Lane. An illustration for Brian Edwards new book *Sheffield and the Peak*.

Sheffield Trades Historical Society

Dore is an agricultural village which has become an outer suburb of Sheffield. But take a second look at it. All around there are reminders of past industry. On the moors there are old quarries for building stone, roofing slates and grindstones. Lead ore was smelted at 'bole hills'. Ecclesall woods were once managed to produce charcoal in huge amounts, and they also contain many of the puzzling structures known as 'Q-holes'. Coal was mined at Ringinglow and at Strawberry Lee, where the refractory (heat resisting) stone called ganister was also produced.

There was once a lead cupola at Barber Fields, Ringinglow, and later a works producing coppers as a mordant (fixative) for dyeing textiles — there are few if any other places in Britain where you can see the remains of this early chemical industry. Along the Sheaf and the streams that feed it, water power was used to mill corn, and for other purposes including lead smelting (again), paper making, and grinding edge tools. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, built as a scythe works, has been preserved as a working site museum of this trade.

Of course the Dore area is not unusual in this. The towns, villages and rivers of South Yorkshire have a long and distinctive industrial history. Its origins lie in the stone, the timber, the water power, the iron ore and the coal of the area. From them Sheffield has developed an international reputation for steel, cutlery and edge tools, while coal, glass, engineering and many other industries have also flourished.

The Sheffield Trades Historical Society (STHS) was set up in 1933 to study the history of these industries and to preserve relics of them, from their tools and machinery to historic examples of their buildings.

During the 1930s it began a long and difficult campaign to save Abbeydale

Industrial Hamlet. This more than once brought it into conflict with the City Council. Only in the late 1950s was the Council for the Conservation of Sheffield Antiquities able to go ahead with the restoration of Abbeydale, which led to its opening to the public in 1970. The STHS also arranged demonstrations of grinding at Shepherd Wheel before the Second World War, and helped to see that it was kept as a museum.

In the 1950s the Society bought Wortley Top Forge, on the Upper Don north of Sheffield. This is a unique water powered heavy iron forge. It dates back to the early 17th century, and was used in the 19th century to forge wrought iron axles for railway wagons. It closed before the First World War and stood empty for forty years before the Society took it over. Its restoration has been a long and arduous task, undertaken latterly by a sister body, the South Yorkshire Trades Historical Trust. Society members work on its restoration, open it to the public on Sundays throughout the year, and arrange special steam weekends several times a year.

We have also preserved an early iron furnace and pumping engine house at Rockley south of Barnsley, which can be visited at any time.

Only a very few industrial monuments can be saved, and we think it is also important to keep a record of old industrial buildings, processes and activities before they disappear. The Society's Field Recording Group undertakes this, and provides a focus for research. The STHS plays an active part in planning and conservation activities as they affect historic industrial buildings, and has a representative on the City Council's Conservation Advisory Group.

We offer a varied winter lecture programme, which is open to the public, and summer visits for members, who also receive an annual magazine, 'The Cutting Edge'.

Our area of interest has spread beyond Sheffield and we are likely soon to change our name to the South Yorkshire Industrial

History Society.

The STHS has a membership of nearly 200. We are always glad to welcome new members, and we need a growing membership to support all these different activities. If you are interested in any aspect of what we are doing, we hope you will join us. Please contact me on 307693, or our Hon. Treasurer, Phyllis Lambe, on 344835, for a membership form or further information.

Derek Bayliss (Hon. President)

Lectures in Spring 1994:

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All lectures begin at 7.30pm and are held at the Health and Safety Executive Laboratories, Broad Lane, Sheffield.

Book Reviews

Sheffield and the Peak - Most people will be familiar with the local pen and ink sketches by Brian Edwards, frequently published in *Dore to Door* and the *Totley Independent*. Anyone interested in local history will also have seen his excellent illustrated books on "Historic Totley" & "Totley and the Tunnel".

Now Brian has published a new book covering local scenes and a wider area of the Peak District. With short explanatory captions the book also reproduces for the first time some of Brian's water colours. *Sheffield and the Peak* is a must, as a guide to interesting local scenes, a historical record or simply for those who admire his work. The book is available from "Shape" on Abbeydale Road.

Sheffield's Woodland Heritage - Sheffield has more ancient woodland within its boundaries than most cities and this book maps out thirty five of them (six in our area), describing their history, the origins of their names, management and uses since before the Domesday Book.

In mediaeval times woods like Ecclesall were a hive of activity, managed to ensure nothing was wasted, as trees were a valuable crop and the woods a source of forage, stone and building materials.

This revised and enlarged second edition, which contains descriptions of all the woodland crafts, is a must for woodland lovers or those interested in their historic role. Priced £3.95 it is available from the Abbeydale Hamlet and local bookshops.

Fine Old Sheffield - Researched and written by WEA students, who attended a Local History Workshop on the Abbeydale area, this book reproduces the drawings and notes of one Henry Tatton. He was born in 1861 and between 1920 and 1934 recorded in three scrap books all he could remember of the area from Totley to Nether Edge. Packed with drawings this is a must for anyone with an interest in local history. Priced £3.00 it is available from Greens on Causewayhead Road or Jimmy's on Abbeydale Road.

Letter

Dear Sir

Most people will have an idea as to the use of barrage balloons during World War Two, as a means of creating problems for attacking enemy aircraft.

These balloons were flown for the first time over the city in September of 1938 during the Czechoslovak crisis, by members of the RAF Auxiliary Air Force.

When war was declared some 70 balloon sites were located in the Sheffield area with training and maintenance facilities at No 16 Balloon Centre, Norton. The centre was controlled by No 33 Group RAF which eventually was located at Parkhead House, Sheffield.

The sites located in the Sheffield area were operated by three balloon squadrons, No 939 covering west Sheffield and presumably Dore was covered by this unit.

Does anyone recall balloon sites in this area? If you were around at this time you could hardly miss them for apart from the mechanical winch you would be confronted by a silver coloured monster 63ft by 61ft, when inflated, being handled by a crew of around 10 airmen each being paid the princely sum of 3 shillings per day all found. Those of us who walk around with heads high still could not miss them for there they would be, floating in the breeze at around 4 — 6,000 feet.

A number of pieces in the balloon site jigsaw are still missing from the Sheffield area, so I would be delighted to hear from anyone who has even the smallest fragment of information or even rumour, so that this

piece of history can be recorded before everyone forgets, and all dads and mums letters, papers and photographs of that era are thrown away.

Bill Morton-Hall

Dore Scouts

Dore Scouts Christmas Draw. Many thanks to everyone who supported the 1993 draw by either donating or buying tickets. Despite the winter weather, which limited the opportunities to sell tickets, the amount raised for Scout funds was £385, a very generous contribution from the local community in the circumstances.

A very belated thanks also to all those who contributed towards gifts for Syd Crowson, MBE, when he retired as Group Scout Leader after Gala last year. Syd received a cheque for £700 and several individual gifts from his many friends and admirers. Retired, but by no means inactive, Syd was made the first Honorary President of Dore Scouts in recognition of his past service and boundless enthusiasm for scouting. Geoff Cope succeeded Syd as Group Scout Leader.

Dore Scouts

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2nd May 1994

Dore Junior School News

We are pupils of Dore Junior School and we have written this article to tell you a little bit about the events that happen at our school.

This term we have a Talent Assembly where we can perform plays, play instruments, show animals and lots of other things.

The Y5's are doing very well as far as football is concerned, perhaps it is because we have the Sheffield United football trainers to teach us skills. The Wileman Cup is also going well this season. The semi-finals are coming up and the draws will be soon. We have eight teams that battle it out to get to the grand final. The Queen usually comes but if she can't make it Mrs. Hayward steps in.

Our school does a lot of charity work. Some children from Year Five and Year Four organised a sale to raise money for the NSPCC. The children made lots of cakes and also collected books and old toys and other things to sell. At the end after both days of the sale they counted the money and were amazed to find that they had raised seventy-two pounds.

Some Y6's in Mrs. Addist's class are holding a sponsored car wash for National Children's Homes and so far they have raised about £12. Other Year 6's are raising money for the World Wildlife Fund For Nature.

Our school is quite musical, we have a choir and an orchestra. The choir has over eighty members both boys and girls. We are working for a concert which is in the summer.

by Naomi Allum, Susannah Corker, Sarah Bolsover, Ruth McKeochie, Rosanna Moore, Sarah Purchon, Gemma Wareham, Rachel Waite.



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Letters

Dear Sir

I recently unearthed two photographs which I think will be of interest to the older villagers. They were taken in the early thirties - one is of my late father, Sydney, who was Headmaster of the Village School from 1924 to 1940 and the other is of my brother Bob and myself.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and all the villagers much good health and happiness in 1994 and perhaps they (except the Blue and Whites) would like to join me in wishing Dave Bassett and The Blades much better luck in 1994!

Alan Speight

Sydney Speight was mentioned in letters published in our summer and Autumn 93 editions. Ed.



Bob and Alan Speight.



Sydney Speight, Headmaster of the Village School 1924 to 1940.

Dear Sir

Here are a few recollections of The Old Horse, following the article in your winter issue. We hope they will be of interest.

The Old Horse came from Dronfield on New Year's Day. Originally the five/six men and the pony's head walked to Dore calling at various places, on reaching Dore they called at several large houses on Dore Road before visiting the two pubs in the village.

They then called on The Mount, Causeway Head Road, every year from our moving in there in 1953 until the custom died out.

The song started at the door and the horse let in as described in the verse. They then continued to sing the rest of the song with one man under the black cloak attached to

the pony's head he would lift the head high chomping the jaws open/shut at the beginning when the horse was young, lowering it as it grew old eating the short grass etc. until finally he died and lay on the floor, before he rose the man nearest would kick his back-side and say 'ger'up Bob!' then the spirit would be revived by whisky and the collection box passed round.

The last port of call was the Dore Moor Inn for closing time and then a taxi home to Dronfield.

The men who performed the custom were ordinary working men who had carried on the tradition for many years, as they grew older and died so did the tradition, sometime in the mid seventies.

Sometime, perhaps late sixties/early seventies a professor from Sheffield University who was studying old customs and folklore asked if he could record the ritual which he did both on film (probably cine) and sound. So somewhere there is a record of him.

The only record we have of The Old Horse is a tape and a tooth that fell out, and of course many happy memories.

Should you trace the film or any other record we would be delighted to hear from you.

Lynne Bufton

P.S. Enclosed with this letter was an audio tape of a performance of The Old Horse. Many thanks.

The film referred to above is with the University of Sheffield and a video copy is to be obtained by the Village Society. Ed.

News in brief

St. John's, Abbeydale — have almost completed the extension of their Church Hall to form a new meeting room for the Church, and a hall extension appeal will be launched shortly. The hall itself is available for bookings and if anyone is interested please contact the hall Warden Mr. K. Jay on Sheffield 368612 for further details.

A display — of exhibits by local collectors is being planned for Saturday, 26th March in All Saints Church Hall between 10.30 a.m. — 3.30 p.m. Proceeds will be divided between Transport 17 (who will provide transport on the day) and the Church Hall Extension Fund.

The 85th Sheffield — St. John's Abbeydale Beavers and Cubs sections now have vacancies for anyone interested. For Beavers age 6-7, ring Ruth Charles on 362339 and for Cubs age 8-10, ring Sue Bridgers on 360097.

Police — are asking the public to take up the pen as the latest weapon in the fight against crime in Sheffield, and write to them at PO Box 999.

South Yorkshire Police have set up the PO box which will be provided free of charge by the Royal Mail for the first six months. The "drop us a line" service is not meant for situations where immediate action is needed. People with information on criminals and their activities are being asked to write it down and pop it in a post box. Letters will be collected daily and taken to West Bar police station where detectives will sift through the information. If anyone wants to remain anonymous, this will be respected.

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Dore Motor Show

Dore Motor Show has been held for the past three years and has become an established yearly attraction.

Preparations are already well under way for the 1994 motor show which will be held on the 21st and 22nd of May at Dore Junior School. Alongside the display of cars the school summer fair will be held, and the Porter football club will be running a craft fair

in the school hall. There will be many stalls to interest all the family. Why not put the date in your diary now!

by Clare Billings

Support for the visually impaired

It was on 13th May that we held the first meeting of what, at the time, we called, "The Support Group for those on the Partially Sighted and Blind Register."

Since then we have learned a lot more about visual impairment including the fact that only a quarter of people who are entitled to be registered are, in fact recorded.

Since then the group has met regularly and expanded both in numbers and scope, at the group's 6th meeting in November there were 15 people present and two active members were unable to come. Both friends and spouses of these with visual problems are welcome to the group. Anyone with any form of sight problems are welcome to join whether they are on the Register or not, and so the change of name.

We find exchanges of ideas on overcoming visual handicap of real value and the social communication of wider ideas and experience to be worthwhile.

We are also building up a 'Library' of various documents giving expert knowledge on the various aspects of visual impairments.

In all, these activities we have been greatly helped by The Royal Sheffield Institute for the Blind and especially Gill Kay, their home visitor for the area. But we feel that Mappin

Street is a long way from Totley and Dore and that our group is a local source of support and facilities.

Ann & David Caldwell, Tel. No. 366874.

King Egbert News

Headteacher Frank Abel retires at the end of this academic year. A good school always has a good head. It is Frank's leadership that has made King Egbert the good school it is. He will be missed. We wish him a very happy retirement.

This year's school production is special because it marks the final work of Frank Abel as producer. He is behind the Pardoner half of an unusual double bill — A Peach of a Pardoner — Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" and Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale".

Play dates are Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th March in Wessex Hall. Tickets are available from the school at £2.50 (adults), £1.50 (pupils/unwaged) and £7.00 for a family of four.

The Christmas Cracker was very successful. In addition to providing all who came with an excellent musical evening and the opportunity to buy those special Christmas presents from the many stalls, the sum of £350 was raised and distributed equally to the NSPCC and UNICEF.

Pupils at the school also raised £42 for the annual poppy appeal last November.

And pupils in the school have been involved in designing and making mobiles to hang in "sensory" rooms in which handicapped children are treated at Reigate Childrens Hospital.

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Contact Barry Everley on 351048.

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The Village Society aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment and amenities within Dore, encourage a spirit of community and record its historical development.

Our Work includes: **Dore to Door; Local Planning issues; Dore Show; Publications; Conservation; Dore Collection and Encouraging historical research.**

In addition we hold public meetings and give advice and assistance to residents on a whole range of matters of concern. Committee meetings are held monthly at which local issues are discussed. Naturally all these activities cost money; some like Dore to Door and the Show are partly self-financing, whilst others have to be paid for out of subscription income or donations. We also need to be prepared for "one-off" spending, on fighting planning appeals for example.

These are all worthwhile activities carried out by individuals concerned about Dore; and we hope everyone will feel that £2 per person per year is a reasonable subscription to the work of the Society. Joining the Society does not mean that you have to attend meetings or otherwise take part in our activities - that is entirely up to you. What it does mean is that you value our work and wish to see it continue.

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Empire Day

The photograph on this page has been lent by Miss Mildred Frith of Hathersage. Mildred and sister Alice were milk ladies in Dore and district for many years and lived with their parents at the top of Causeway Head Road in what was then a shop and dairy, until well after the end of the World War II.

The lad with the bike is Mildred's brother Douglas who was for many years, with his wife Eva was landlord of the Devonshire Arms in Dore.

The two little girls on the middle at the front row are Mary Jackson and Mary Thorpe. Mary Thorpe will be well remembered as the lady on the petrol pumps at Dore Service Station.

Next to her is her brother Sam another well known Dore local and next to him Thomas Marshall who for many years kept the grocers shop on Church Lane.

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The Dore Burial Scandal

At 3.30pm on Saturday, September 1912, a funeral party arrived at Dore Church for the burial of Matthew Ward. Ward, a bachelor, had lived alone in a small cottage at Totley Bents. He was a farm labourer who had died at the age of 50.

On arrival at the church, the party found no Vicar and no grave. The coffin was placed in the church until the Vicar, the Reverend William Gibson, was summoned from a sports field in another part of the village. The local sexton and a helper were requested to dig the grave. Unfortunately the grave was found to be too small for the coffin and the mourners were required to wait again until the opening was enlarged.

This succession of blunders was recorded in the local press, causing increasing high emotion. The morning copy of the Independent of September 30th carried a letter under the heading 'Burial Scandal at Dore'. J. E. Moulding, Clerk to the Ecclesall Bierlow Union Offices (Guardians of the Poor Law) responded in the later edition 'Lest it should be thought that the relieving officer is in any way to blame'. He enclosed copy of a report by the officer, with which he wished to associate himself.

The report stated that 'on 26th September Mrs. Eliza Wilson (sister) and Mr. Elijah Ward (nephew) made application at the Union Offices for assistance to bury Matthew Ward. An order for a coffin and hearse was given on Mr. Senior of Lansdowne Road, also an order for a grave on the Sexton of Dore Church. The applicants were asked when they were going

to have the funeral, and they stated they had not then arranged with their friends. They were given the orders and were told that when they had arranged among themselves, to take the order to the sexton at Dore, also to let him know the time of the funeral, and also acquaint Mr. Senior with the day and time for burial. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Ward undertook to find bearers and make all arrangements. Mr. Elijah Ward admits that he sent the order to the sexton at Dore without giving him any time or date (although he states that he knew very well he should have done so). He stated that the Sexton knew that Ward was dead and should be buried. The Sexton received the order on Friday morning and saw the Vicar, who would not let him dig a grave. The Sexton again saw the Vicar on Friday evening, but the Vicar would not let him do anything until he heard further about it. The Sexton could do nothing without the Vicar's instructions. Neither the relatives nor friends blame the Union authorities. The Vicar of Dore could have avoided the difficulty either by telephoning or allowing the grave to be dug'.

On October 24th, a letter signed 'Multum in Parvo' was published in the Telegraph and Star. This stimulated J. E. Moulding to respond. He felt that the ratepayers in the Ecclesall Union would be interested to know whether the letter contained correct

statements. 'He questioned the identity of 'Multum in Parvo' — 'he no doubt has a good reason for hiding his identity, so that I do not propose to quarrel with his apparent want of courage in not disclosing himself'.

'Multum in Parvo' had blamed the officials for entrusting an 'ignorant and illiterate' man with the duty of walking from Norton to Dore with the burial order addressed to the Sexton. Moulding's response was that 'the so called ignorant and illiterate relative had served seven years in the Army and that he can read and write and has a better education than thousands of Sheffield citizens who are every day entrusted with similar obligations to that which ought to have been performed by Elijah Ward'.

Moulding was also embarrassed by the reaction to his criticism of the Vicar. 'What I did was to report to my Board commenting upon the statements made by the Vicar, which were either advisedly made or were ignorantly made, but which in any event were inaccurate. I cannot help thinking, sir, that the attack upon the Guardians and their officers is purely a malicious one, which cannot in the smallest particulars be supported by fact'.

The editor of the Telegraph and Star ended the series of correspondence with the footnote [Now that Mr. Moulding has replied to the letter of 'Multum in Parvo' the matter must stop, so far as we are concerned. We do not think a newspaper controversy would do any good. We may state our own view which is that Mr. Moulding's very loyal defence of the officers is quite justified. It has been accepted by the Guardians and this should be enough. Ed.]

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20 March - August **Kelham Island Exhibition** on "Science Discovery"

FEBRUARY

- 22 **Old Sheffield.** Mr Willis. Methodist Tuesday Group, 7.45pm.
23 **Councillors' Surgery.** Totley Library 5.30pm-6.30pm.
26 **Book Sale.** Second hand books, tapes and cassettes. KESA. St Johns Abbeydale. 10am-2pm

MARCH

- 9 **Nearly New Sale of Children's Items.** Totley Rise Church Play Group. Church Hall 8pm-9pm 25p Tel 360878.
9 **AGM.** Dore (E)TG. Old School 7.30pm.
11 **Concert. Sheffield Music Club.** Shirley House, Psalter Lane 7.30pm Tel 304435.
11-13 **Working Days.** Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.
12 **Elijah by Mendelssohn.** John Wade Singers, St John's Church, Abbeydale Road.
14 **Talk.** Totley Residents Assn, Totley Library, 7.45pm.
15-18 **A Peach of a Pardoner.** (see article) King Ecgbert School 7.30 pm.
21 **Abbydale Hall Wildlife.** Talk, Totley Library, 7.45pm.
26 **Local collections.** Display of exhibits. All Saints Church Hall. 10.30am - 3.30pm.
28 **Transport 17 AGM.** Totley Library, 7.45pm.
30 **Councillors' Surgery.** Totley Library 5.30pm-6.30pm.

APRIL

- 8-9 **Annual Art Exhibition.** Dore Art Group. Old School. 10.30-8pm Friday, 10.30-5pm Saturday. Free admission.
11-23 **Holidays Exhibition.** South Yorkshire Passenger Executive, Totley Library.
13 **My investiture.** Syd Crowson MBE. Dore(E)TG. Old School 7.30pm.
12-16 **The Gondoliers.** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society., University Drama Studio, Glossop Road. 7.30pm + Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Tickets 365251.
16 **Antiques valuation day.** Vivienne Milburn from Henry Spencer & Sons. KESA. The Old School 10-12noon.
16 **Spring Fair.** RSPCA St Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Road. 11.30 start. Tel 727542.
18 **Totley Residents AGM & Talk.** Totley Library, 7.45pm.
26 **Concert:** Saxophone Quartet Dore & Totley Community Arts Group, King Ecgbert School, Wessex Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets on the door or tel 366212 or 360268.
27 **Councillors' Surgery.** Totley Library 5.30pm-6.30pm. 30 Dore Male Voice Choir. Concert in Brighthouse Yorkshire. Tel 350431 for details.
30 **Table Top Sale.** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 10am to 12.30pm.

MAY

- 11 **Mrs Verity Weston.** From cradle to grave. Dore(E)TG Old School 7.30pm.
16 **Totley Residents Talk.** Totley Library, 7.45pm.
14-30 **Sheffield Environment Fortnight.**
21-22 **Motor Show.** Dore Junior School.
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