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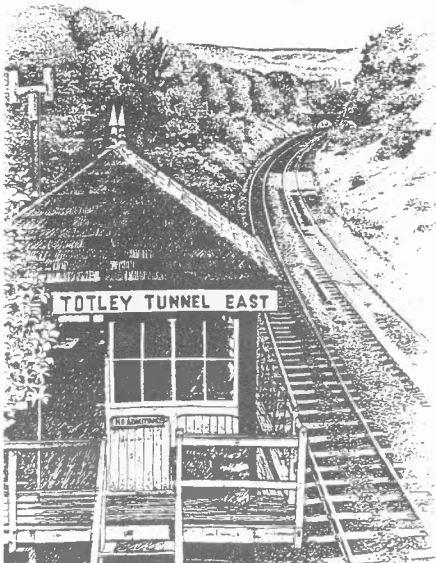
For some months Sheffield Health Authority has been considering the future provision of acute services for the people of Sheffield. In order to meet financial constraints and offer a service appropriate to the needs of the population, various options were considered. A proposal to close Nether Edge Hospital was announced. This was met with some dismay by those who have personally, or have family/friends, who benefited from the quality rehabilitation service offered in such pleasant surroundings. Some services will be relocated, albeit on a smaller scale and the resultant saving from the closure will allow for development of services in the Community.

New facilities to replace the ageing Jessop Hospital are required. The desirability of easy access to the Children's Hospital favour the Royal Hallamshire/Stonegrove site as an option.

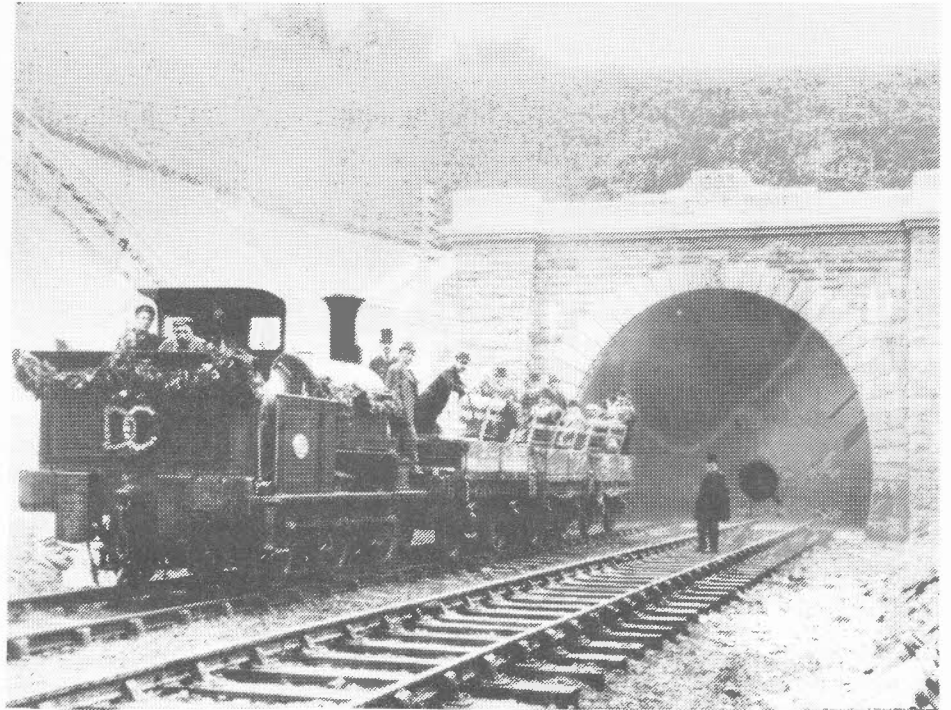
It is the future location of the Accident and Emergency services that should be of particular concern to the people of Dore. It is very easy to be emotional about the possibility of having a single site Accident and Emergency Department at the Northern General Hospital.

The big questions are:-

- Is it essential to opt for a single site provision?
- Can we be sure that the implications for the population in the south of the city have been fully researched?
- What will happen when patients need the skills of the neurosurgeons, ear, nose and throat specialists, ophthalmic surgery and



Brian Edwards.



Full steam ahead. Local dignitaries are shown Totley Tunnel shortly before its official opening to regular passenger traffic in 1894. Work on coordinating a celebration of the tunnel's opening is now well advanced with exhibitions, a fete and steam hauled trains planned.

experts in facial injuries — all based at the Royal Hallamshire?

- Has full consultation been made with other hospitals such as Chesterfield, which are more accessible to many Sheffield residents than Northern General.
- Is it logical that the more central hospital, currently dealing with 52,000 patients a year ie. 60% of all adult accidents, should be closed?
- Do you wish to travel to Northern General for all orthopaedic cases? A possible option has the potential of a major movement of services towards the north of the city.
- Are you convinced that it is necessary or right for the local population?

In September the decision will be made. There has been a lot of comment in the press and requests for input from the people of Sheffield. Please make this a meaningful consultation period. Ask the relevant questions before making up your mind what is right for Sheffield and for you.

Questions may be asked of the Chief Executive, Sheffield Health Authority, Westbrook House, Sheffield or the Community Health Council, Division Street, Sheffield. Comment may be passed to them and/or Irvine Patnick, House of Commons, London. Dore Village Society is keen to promote debate on the proposals and will be pleased to receive copies of any comments made to the above.

Please see the AGM agenda. Ed.

Council Elections

Following the Local Elections on 5th May, Dore has a new councillor - Colin Ross of Wyvern Gardens (Liberal Democrat). In his acceptance speech he committed himself to working hard for the interests of the people of Dore Ward over the next 4 years.

The results were :

C Ross	Liberal Democrat	3,292
J Harthman	Conservative	2,627
M King	Labour	1,248
J Baptie	Rec. & Services	124

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.00pm 25th May 1994

Old Village School, Savage Lane

followed by a speaker and discussion on the future of health services in this part of the City.

See Notice Board for further details.

The Earls and Dukes of Devonshire

This year sees the 300th anniversary of the granting of a Dukedom on 12th May 1694 to William Cavendish, fourth Earl of Devonshire, in return for helping to bring William and Mary to the English throne. Given the links with Dore, large parts of which once belonged to the Devonshire estates, we will look over the next four issues at the lives of successive Earls and Dukes of Devonshire from the 16 Century to the present day.

William, first Earl of Devonshire, 1552 — 1625

Why the first Earl adopted the county of Devon for his title could never be accounted for. William Cavendish was not in fact born to inherit the vast wealth which would bring him the title of Earl although it was fortunate for future generations that events unfolded as they did.

William was the second son of Sir William Cavendish and Bess of Hardwick. Bess's first husband, Robert Barlow, already 'sick of the Chronical Distemper' at the time of their teenage marriage, left her a childless widow whilst still very young and Bess was aged only about twenty when she married the twice-widowed Sir William Cavendish in 1574.

Sir William had earlier been well rewarded by Henry VIII for his role in securing monastic properties at the dissolution, not only being given a knighthood and the position of Treasurer of the king's chamber, but generous grants of former monastic land. He was to continue to receive royal favour — and more landed property — from Edward VI, retaining his office under both Edward and then Mary Tudor.

This wealth was all to be converted into Derbyshire property during his marriage to Bess, beginning with the purchase of the manor house of Chatsworth in 1549 for £600. The property was put into their joint names and Bess's ambitions to replace it with a magnificent new Chatsworth House ultimately left her husband in the serious position of having to explain to Queen Mary why £5,000 was missing from the accounts of



The tram terminus at Millhouses. This 0.8 acre site is now up for sale by SYPT.

the royal chamber.

In the event Bess herself with the problem when Sir William died in 1557 with the debt still unsettled. It was only her personal friendship with Elizabeth I which eventually enabled her to settle the matter, at a greatly reduced figure, without having to sell her beloved Chatsworth.

Meanwhile, this most eligible widow had quickly contracted another favourable, albeit affectionate, match. Her third husband was the wealthy Sir William St Loe. Bess brought six young Cavendish children to the marriage, all treated admirably by their otherwise childless step-father who also paid for the two oldest boys, Henry and William, to attend Eton. St Loe died in 1564 but three years later his step-children's future was assured beyond question when their mother took for her fourth husband George Talbot, sixth Earl of Shrewsbury.

Eventually this marriage ended in acrimony, yet when the Countess of Shrewsbury was widowed for the last time in 1590 she managed to keep the Shrewsbury wealth, making her the richest woman in England after the Queen. Bess was determined to settle the bulk of these assets on her son, William Cavendish. William has

often been written of as her favourite son but the fact is that his older brother, Henry, was such an unworthy heir that he and Bess had been estranged long before she died in 1608. Fortunately for the 'succession' Henry fathered only illegitimate children; his activities as 'the common bull of Derbyshire and Staffordshire' were common knowledge.

It was due to his large debts that Henry had to sell Chatsworth, with its valuable income from rents, to William. At least, too, Henry died in good time for his younger brother to take the family's vast fortune into his capable care.

William Cavendish was by now in his mid-sixties and married to his second wife, Elizabeth, by whom he had a son. His first wife, Anne, had borne him three sons and three daughters but of the former only his namesake, William, survived him.

The first family had lived at Hardwick during the later part of Bess's life but whilst William was by nature a modest and rather frugal man, deeply committed to his interests in Derbyshire, there were benefits to be gained from his social standing, his wealth, and not least his keen business acumen.

Shortly before he reached the age of thirty, William received a knighthood from Elizabeth I. Under James I, on the occasion of the christening of the Princess Sophia in May 1605, he was created Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke. In the intervening years he had acted as MP for Liverpool and for Newport, served as High Sheriff of Derbyshire, and was later appointed Knight of the Bath.

William, Lord Cavendish, was to receive something even more important to bequeath to his heirs — an earldom. On 2 August 1618 he was created Earl of Devonshire during a stay at the Bishop of Salisbury's palace with the king and his court, though the honour reputedly cost him £10,000. The following year he was named Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, official representative of the Crown with responsibility for the judiciary and militia in his home county.

Through all of these roles his first duties, as ever, were to his birthright and at his death, on 3 March 1625, a very healthy inheritance awaited his son and heir, another William Cavendish.

Julie Bunting

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Months of speculation were ended recently when bulldozers and demolition experts razed the changing rooms and other facilities.

The move followed the collapse of a controversial private scheme to redevelop the site proposed by Anglo Parks Ltd. Their plans envisaged the creation of paddling and boating pools as well as sports pitches.

The proposals attracted a great deal of local opposition and a 2,000 signature petition from residents concerned that the park would be sold off by the Council. However the Council has given assurances to the local community that their views will be taken into account in devising an environmental improvement scheme for the site.

If you have any views on the future of the area please write to Limpits Cottage, Dore, S17 3DT and we will ensure that they are passed on.



Millhouses Lido in its hey-day.

News in Brief

Sheffield Flood. To mark the 130th anniversary of the Sheffield Flood in 1864, Bishop's House museum is hosting an exhibition, posing such questions as, What went wrong? Why did the dam burst? What was it like for the survivors? What did the thousands of sightseers find to look at? The exhibition runs until October 16. Open Wednesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sundays 11am - 4.30pm.

Following the merger of David Law & Co with Stouts Solicitors to form the Law Partnership, Dore resident David Law has gone into semi-retirement, while retaining a

vital role as a consultant within the new organisation. In the meantime the new organisation, now able to offer a wide range of expertise through its 50 staff, has moved into new offices in the City Plaza, Pinfold Street.

Castleton Village Museum is open from 2pm to 5pm on Bank Holiday Weekends, Sundays in May and Sundays & Wednesdays in June & July. This small local history museum featuring village life through the ages, occupies what was once the Schoolroom of the Methodist Church and is run by members of the villages Historical Society. Groups can be accommodated by appointment on 0433 621622.

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.

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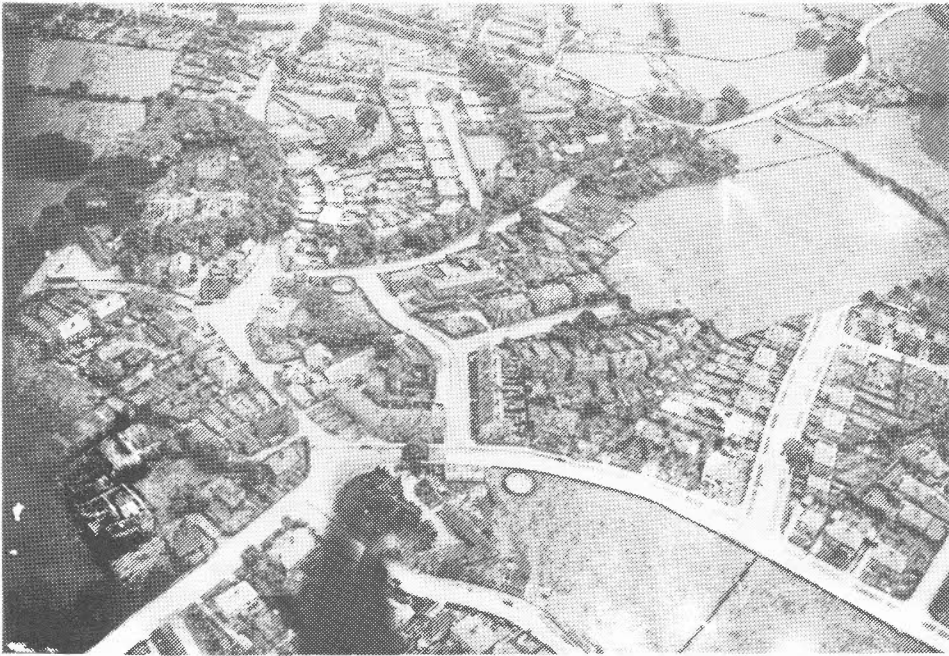
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Letters

Dear Sir

With reference to the letter from Bill Morton-Hall in the Spring issue, 1994 re balloons in Sheffield during the war. I was a WAAF officer at RAF Norton between 1941-1942, my duties being to care for the WAAF on balloon sites in Handsworth, Darnall and Attercliffe. For some of that time I was housed at The Knoll in Handsworth with another WAAF officer and 2 RAF officers. These balloon sites were manned entirely by WAAF and it is to them that many Sheffielders and steelworks were saved from enemy bombers. The balloons were used for the purpose of keeping the planes away from the industrial heart of the city, not to protect civilian suburbs. They were a splendid lot of women — tough, brave, uncomplaining and cheerful, doing a very dangerous job as the wind and steel hawser were lethal and many accidents occurred. We also had a terrible fire in a hanger when a balloon was being repaired and the hydrogen ignited. Many WAAF were badly burnt.

I never heard of balloon sites near Dore or sites manned by men!

Perhaps it is time to thank all these gallant women for undertaking a dirty and unenviable job that had no glamour.

Enid W. Burns

Dear Sir

There was a letter in the last edition of Dore to Door as to the whereabouts of Barrage Balloon sites. There was one at the top of Brocco Bank. It was in a field on the left hand side going up. It has now had new houses built on it. I remember it well as to get to the children's hospital in those days you had to walk up Brocco Bank from Hunters Bar.

I can remember many a night spent in the Anderson shelter we had buried in the back garden. Most people had these. Those who didn't were supposed to go into the shelters at the side of the Church Hall, which was used as changing rooms for football teams after the war. One night we were not in the shelter and this bomb came whistling down. It exploded less than 50 yards away in a field opposite our

cottage on Townhead Road. My mum had thrown us under the table for safety, but we did not even get a window broken. I also remember a German plane flying over our house, it was on fire and crashed on the moors on Sheephill Road. My dad and I went up to see it, but the soldiers on guard would not let us anywhere near it.

J. Taylor

Dear Sir

There is some talk of altering once again the dates of various public holidays. Many traditional holidays have disappeared or had their dates altered no doubt due to planners belief in tidiness, there are even some who claim we have too many 'days off'.

Before the last war as school children we had even more, not the nameless ones of today but each with a theme, for instance Blackberry Week in October, its reason being obvious.

We also had Empire Day which I believe was on the 25 May for I recall at school we chanted, 'The 25 May is Empire Day and if we don't have a holiday we will all run away'. Then came Empire Air Day when all RAF stations were open to the public.

There were also other occasions, not necessarily holidays but occasions which gave pleasure to many. Such was Queen Alexandra's Rose Day, held in June each year, when everyone bought an artificial wild rose to raise funds for the hospitals. This day was initiated in 1912 by King Edward VII's Danish born Queen Alexandra, to commemorate her first landing in England in June 1862.

A correspondent in a Sheffield paper recently brought to mind another activity — The Pageant. The writer recalled being a Knight to King Richard the Third, in a Pageant at Brammall Lane Football Ground in 1931 or 1932.

One of my contacts, a Canadian lady who attended Carvale Council School, remembers being dressed as a pilgrim going to the New World at Brammall Lane in 1935 or 1936, a prophecy which was fulfilled in 1946 when she married a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In July 1909 about 200 school children from Dore and Totley performed a pageant,

MOTOR SHOW Dore Junior School 21st & 22nd May 10.30am-17.00pm

Dore Junior School kids are accelerating into another wheel turning motor show with a drivers heaven of quality cars and top class dealers.

The eight kids on the motor show committee believe it is the only motor show run by kids, and as kids we know what families enjoy, it'll be a fantastic family outing for everybody. The show will not just be cars but a craft fair and a summer fair with competitions and raffles and it is hoping to be the best one yet.

representing the meeting of King Egbert and King Eanred in AD829, as seen through the eyes of Cenlac, thane of Dore. This pageant is quoted as having taken place in a field near Avenue Farm, organised and 'admirably done by a lady in the neighbourhood'.

Bill Morton-Hall

Dear Sir

In the spring Dore to Door magazine is a photograph of the late Rev. W.R. Gibson which I was very pleased to see. I learned a lot more than I already knew about Rev. Gibson. I used to deliver the morning paper at the Vicarage, after I had been to Dore Station to meet the paper train at 6.30am.

Then inside the back page is a heading which reads "The Dore Burial Scandal". The way I read it, it is putting blame on the Rev. Gibson. Nobody blames Rev Gibson while I am on this earth and I now will tell why.

My father in 1922 took on the jobs of Verger and Gravediggers knowing full well that I should be doing all the hard work. However, one day I was digging a new grave in the summer of 1929 and I was about eight feet down. I stuck the pick in to go a bit deeper and all at once water started to rush in from the other graves.

The smell was dreadful. My father said, "I will fetch a bucket and rope we shall have to bale it out." When he came back Rev Gibson came on the scene and he said to my father "What is that awful smell? and he looked down at me and said, "Young Sam come out at once".

My father put the ladder down and I climbed out and the Vicar said, "Both of you come with me", and he took us to the Hare and Hounds and bought us both a brandy each. I had never drunk any brandy before and I drank mine a bit too fast and my father told me to go home and get my dinner. I got home with some difficulty because I was staggering a bit, I tell you, but there were not too many cars about then.

When Rev Givson left Dore a lovely old custom went with him. When anybody passed away in those days the bell used to be tolled and I used to have it to do. I rang the tenor bell which was the biggest bell. I used to ring every minute for half an hour then pause for a minute, then rang quickly the dead persons age. In those day when there was a funeral in Dore everybody used to draw their blinds where ever the funeral would pass.

Sammy Thorpe

70th Anniversary

In 1924, twelve people joined together to form the Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Scenery. In 1927, the Association was asked by the newly created Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) to become their representative in the Peak District. Thus the local Branch of CPRE came into existence. Since that time there have been many changes and the boundaries of the Branch have been considerably extended until they now encompass not only the whole of the Peak District National Park but also include the Green Belts of Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley.

The Society owes much to those early pioneers whose vision, determination and perseverance has prevented large areas of our countryside from inappropriate development and helped to safeguard it for future generations to enjoy.

Our founder, the late Mrs. Ethel Haythornthwaite and her husband Lt. Colonel G. G. Haythornthwaite were instrumental in raising large sums of money to buy land in such well known places as Longshaw (near Fox House), The Winnats Pass and farmland in the Edale Valley. In order to safeguard this precious countryside the land was handed over to the National Trust for future management and safe keeping.

Since the beginning, our objectives, have been to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the country towns and villages within our area of operation. Despite the fact that there has been a great deal of planning legislation over the

years, not all of it has been effective in protecting our rural heritage and the need for CPRE to maintain its vigilance is as great now as it was 70 years ago.

CPRE is funded almost entirely by subscriptions, donations and legacies. It needs many more members if it is to help safeguard today's countryside for tomorrow.

For more information on activities and membership contact: Council for the Protection of Rural England, Sheffield, Peak District & South Yorkshire Branch, 22 Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield, S10 3EF. Tel: 0742 665822.

Dore Motor Show

As you know we are running a Motor Show again for the fourth year on 21-22 May.

This year we are hoping the show will be bigger and better, with 14 top dealerships at least. We are trying out a few new ideas, such as we have picked eight year sixes to be in the Dore Motor Show Committee. The committee have been working very hard to book in dealerships and sort out other exciting things for the day of the show.

Also we thought about advertising on a local radio. The committee took an interesting trip to Hallam FM recording studios. Then back at school all the year sixes made their advert and Hallam FM picked the most mind spinning advert. The year six's advert that was picked will be going down to Hallam FM to be recorded, so listen out a week before the show on Hallam FM.

The show is getting nearer and nearer and it is getting very exciting.

David Baddeley

Dore Village Society Annual General Meeting

This years meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May – for further details please see the box on the front page.

The meeting will receive the Chairman and Treasurer's report followed by the election of a new committee for the year. If you are interested in the work of the Society you may wish to join the committee, in which case please write to Dore Village Society, 8 Thornsett Gardens, Dore, Sheffield S17 by 18th May 1994.

The meeting will be followed by a speaker on the future of health services in this part of the city, in the light of the Health authority's plans for re-organising services in Sheffield. See article elsewhere in this issue.

Details of the speaker have not been finalised at the time of writing but both the Health Authority and Central Sheffield University Hospital have been invited. This should be an interesting and thought provoking meeting and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come along.

News in brief

Tracing your ancestors is just a little bit easier. Sheffield Archives now have the indexes to St. Catherine's House records (General Register Office). The indexes are available on microfiche and cover births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales from 1837-1983.

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Punch and Judy Show fans at the end of war celebrations on the cricket ground, Townhead Road.

Letter

Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending me the back issues of Dore to Door which I have found very interesting indeed, particularly as one of the letters from John Taylor was all about the era I remember. In fact John and most of the people mentioned were members of my class at Dore School.

One of the memories I have of the school was that when in Mrs. Watt's class which was the 11+ class, there was an old cast iron fire. This was one of the Romesse type, which needed feeding regularly with coke. Sometimes we would arrive at school to find it had gone out, another time it would have just been "stoked up" and the room would be full of smoke and fumes. Even so this classroom was considered to be the warmest in the school. I also remember trying to drink our 1/3 pint of milk through a straw when the milk was all but frozen solid.

I enclose some photos taken during the end of war celebrations. This was a Sports Day held on the cricket field at the top of Townhead Road. One of the photos shows the girls all lined up for the skipping race. They are Yvonne Sugden, Lillie Walters, Jill Mortimer, ?, Pat Thompson and ?, I think that was their names. In the background can be seen Maureen Wilks with her father and Mr. Thorpe, the local chimney sweep.

The second photo (reproduced on this page) shows everyone enjoying a Punch and Judy Show on the same day. For most of us it was the first time we had ever seen one. I am sure there are lots of faces on there which are recognisable. Some of the children came from old established members of Dore, Greaves, Fearnough, Denniff, Thorpe and Cook. There are others considered to be newcomers from The Meadway, High Trees and Townhead Road, ie. Wilks, Walker, Thompson, Walters, Biggin and Mortimer.

Re. Autumn 1993 p. 10. My father, Herbert Thompson also joined the war before it began in 1939, being in the Territorial Army, and rose to Lt. Colonel in R.E.M.E. He died in 1992, still living on High Trees.

Re. Spring 1994 p. 14: Empire Day. I am pretty sure that Frith's dairy was at the top of Townhead Road, not Causeway Head Road.

*Pat Lazenby (nee Thompson)
Otley, West Yorkshire.*

Hallamshire Buildings

The Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society was inaugurated in 1970 and is a registered charity. It covers an area including Sheffield, Rotherham, Chesterfield and Bakewell.

It exists to:

- protect our local architectural heritage
- promote interest in architecture and local history

It is needed because:

- our stock of historic buildings is diminishing rapidly
- buildings are left to decay until the cost of repairs becomes an excuse for demolition; it is usually possible to convert them to modern uses for less than the cost of new ones
- incongruous development often spoils the settings of historic buildings

It helps by:

- listing buildings of architectural and historic interest
- persuading the Department of the Environment to give official protection to buildings listed by the Society
- ensuring that the public's views are heard when the fate of these buildings is being decided
- collaborating with other amenity societies to conserve whatever is beautiful in our

Deadline for Autumn

Diary Events

Monday

8th August 1994

environment and to improve what is not.

For more details on meetings, excursions and membership contact the Hon. Secretary Mr. J.F.D. Allan on 364811.

The following are extracts from a recent Newsletter produced by the Society.

"At the time of writing this newsletter, Supertram is about to come into operation and members will remember that our last newsletter closed with the demolition of the Queens Road Tram sheds. Out with the old, in with the new! Work has already started here on the building of yet another retail park full of 'crinkly tin sheds' and one wonders just how many more of these monstrosities the city will be able to absorb; still someone must shop in them or they wouldn't keep building them.

"Matters have not been helped by the sad closure of the Exchange Brewery at Lady's Bridge. Brewing has taken place here since the 1820's and there are some very important buildings on the site. We have it on good authority that the brewery was operating at a profit, but, as in this day and age, not enough profit. Thus another piece of Sheffield's history disappears together with 70 jobs.

Plans were discussed to turn the site into a brewing heritage and or training centre but I believe that these have fallen through. However, part of the area is to be designated a conservation area so hopefully the buildings at least will be preserved. One of these buildings is on the left hand side of Millsands, looking from Bridge Street which was originally called Under the Water. This building is part of the original firm of Vickers and Company before they moved to the large River Don Steel Works at Brightside. On the wall of the old building is a plaque showing the height the flood water reached in 1864 when the Dale Dyke Dam (Bradfield) burst, sending one hundred and fourteen million cubic feet of water down into Sheffield causing terrible damage. The workmen from Vickers climbed onto the roof to save themselves from drowning!"

"Another group of buildings of similar vintage in the middle of town are about to be re-furbished and many members may not even know of their existence. I refer to Leah's Yard, Cambridge Street which is a group of Little Mesters workshops tucked away behind the shops facing Cole Brothers main store."

"Members will remember the recent furore in the press regarding the replacement of the Goodwin Fountain in Fargate by a giant steam hammer from Kelham Island. The HHBS, along with most other people, objected strongly to this proposal and the Fountain is now to be restored to its former glory. I am sure that Sir Stuart Goodwin, who donated the fountain to the City of Sheffield in the 1960's would have been horrified at its removal after such a short period. Nothing seems to remain long in the Town Hall Square. First there was the Queen Victoria Jubilee Monolith, this was replaced by the Queen Victoria Memorial, after that came a mostly glass box in which policeman sat to work the traffic signals, then we had rock gardens and waterfalls and eventually the Goodwin Fountain."

"We are always pleased to see new faces at events and endeavour to keep the subjects as interesting and varied as possible. Why not come along and bring a guest or friend?"

Have you noticed

It must have been one of the wettest winters for many a year. But at last the "River Savage" has abated, the floods on Limb Lane dispersed and the woodland footpaths returned from a sea of mud. With a little sun it is easy to forget how bad things were, yet none of these problems have been solved.

Despite exploratory excavations on Savage Lane, the course of local drains is still not clear. Beyond the fact that one street light in front of the Old School has been removed, having been found to be embedded in the drain itself! Ash House has yet to change hands legally, leaving an impasse on who should repair the field drains. And members of FEW (there are far too few of them) struggle with voluntary labour to put right years of neglect in Ecclesall Woods.

Some things certainly seem to take a long time to resolve. Our vandalised toilets still await a new owner and what is the fate of the Devonshire Arms with the brewery's outstanding plans to drastically change it.

Even sadder is the apparent fate of Whirlow Wheel on the edge of Limb Lane playing fields and now used as a store. Once part of Sheffield's thriving early industry, it now seems destined to rot for the want of roof repairs. Out of sight and out of mind. The recreation department is strapped for funds, so tiles give way to tarpaulin and then the open sky. Surely old buildings such as this are too valuable a heritage to be allowed to become ruins.

Forget the old, bring on the new. What is it in man's nature that makes him destroy that which he loves. Most of us live in Dore for

choice, and many others in Sheffield would choose to do so. Yet the very place we love is changing for the worse almost every day, in some cases insidiously in others dramatically.

Who remembers the view across Abbeydale from Ashfurlong Road - now this oldest of English football fields has disappeared under a building site, and Water Lane - our own pack horse trail - is rapidly becoming little more than a gennel. New houses spring up in gardens crowding the urban landscape, roads deteriorate, garish signs abound. Surely we as a community should have a say on how our community evolves, not speculative builders or faceless bureaucrats. Dore belongs to us not Sheffield. If we don't fight for it, then like Sheffield's fashionable suburbs of the past it will disappear under a welter of development and change. In the absence of a Parish Council we can only look to the Dore Village Society. We all need to actively support them in their work!

Doremouse

Letter

Dear Sir

I am writing to say how ugly I think Dore has become with all the disgraceful graffiti strewn about the village.

I wonder if anyone has any suggestions as to what can be done to stop this from happening. I wonder too whether we might be able to organise a clean-up operation to smarten up our increasingly shabby and scruffy village?

John Marsh

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Totley Tunnel Centenary

This year sees the 100th anniversary of the opening of the tunnel to passenger transport, a construction achievement equivalent in its day to the Channel Tunnel.

Throughout the nineteenth century there were several plans to improve the link between the large industrial cities of Sheffield and Manchester by road, canal and railway. It was not until 1883 that the Dore and Chinley railway line was opened for goods traffic and June 1894 saw the first passengers cross the Pennines by this route.

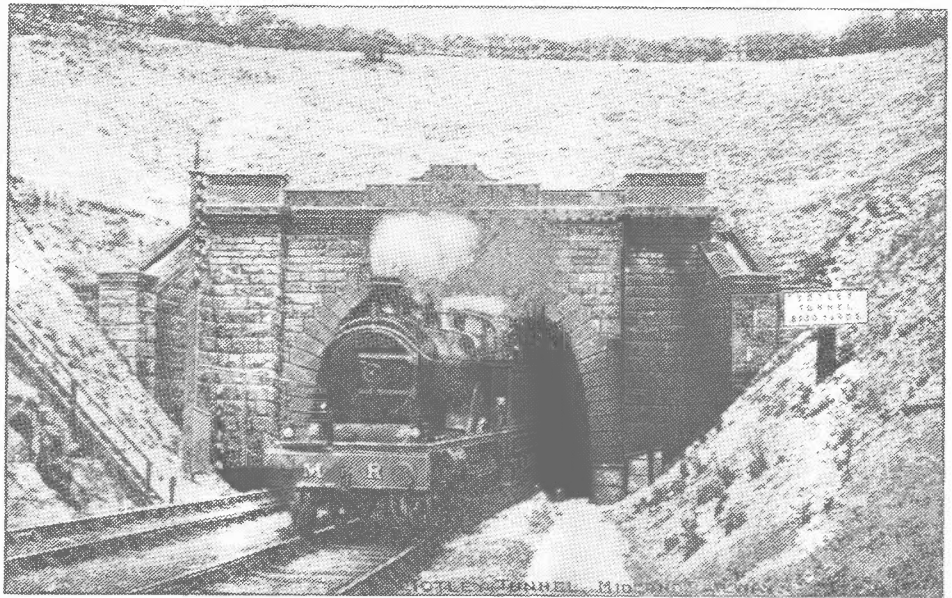
The greatest achievement of this railway was the construction, by Thomas Oliver of Horsham, of the Totley tunnel – 3 miles and 950 yards long. In October 1888, work began at both Totley and Grindleford. The line of the tunnel had been set out from three high points – Bradway Summit, the moor above the tunnel and on Sir William Hill, Grindleford. A line was laid out on the ground and small shafts were bored at intervals. The line and depth of the tunnel was established by suspending weighted wires, of known length, down shafts and by the use of a theodolite at the headings. The accuracy of this method was such that when the headings met, the centre line was only $4\frac{1}{2}$ " out of line horizontally and $2\frac{1}{4}$ " vertically.

Four permanent shafts were sunk within a mile of the Totley end. These were used both for ventilation and as a base for the excavation of the headings. The main problem was water, which flooded into the tunnel. In June 1889, 26,000 gallons of water were being pumped away each hour.

A contemporary report from the Manchester Guardian declared "every man seemed to possess the miraculous power of Moses, for whenever a rock was struck, water sprang out of it."

As the miners tunnelled, they were followed by bricklayers who arched the tunnel – the sides being lined with large blocks of stone with brick arches above. Many of the bricks used were produced locally at the Totley Moor works. By August 1889 boring was progressing at the rate of 18 yards each week.

Working conditions were poor, with lighting by tallow candles and always with the danger of great rushes of water. 163 tons of gelignite were used to blast away the rock, the waste material being hauled up above ground and dumped, covering large areas of what was Nether Bentley below the Crown Inn.



Totley Tunnel Centenary Commemorative post card published by Hedgerow Publishing and available from Dore Post Office, Jimmy Martin's and Abbeydale Hamlet.

Many labourers were brought in to help with the work. They arrived with their wives and families. Accommodation was provided in huts built around the shafts and many lodged in houses in the area. It was quite common for dozens of people to share a house and living conditions were generally disgusting. Many homes were without water, and raw sewage ran into the gardens. The crescent of shops on Totley Rise was then a row of houses – known as Bricky Row.

At Totley the incomers actually outnumbered the local residents. The navvies' fondness for drink, poaching and gambling – prize-fights and horse races were laid on at Owl Bar – boosted the local crime rate alarmingly, keeping the police and courts very busy. In their defence, it was acknowledged that working conditions were appalling; accidents were a common occurrence and it was difficult to keep enough labourers on the payroll. A working day was one of three 8-hour shifts and in mid-1889 the pay was 3s 2d per week.

Not surprisingly, there were many complaints about the rough behaviour of the navvies. Drunkenness was common, much of the money earned being spent in the alehouses of Dore and Totley. The nomadic lifestyle of the navvies was not conducive to a good education or healthy practices.

There was a smallpox outbreak in 1893, which caused deaths amongst this group, who had not been vaccinated. There are 17 entries in the Register of Burials at Dore Church between March and July 1893, which have S.P. after the name. Of these eleven were

infants and children. Seven died at the Smallpox Hospital, Totley, which was sited at Green Oak.

Tales of those who drove Totley tunnel are still told by their descendants. The grandfather of Mrs Rosemary Lockie met and married a local girl after coming to find work with a gang of his mates when their jobs on the Severn tunnel came to an end. He was skilled in the use of explosives and in later years used to tell how he was one of the men who shook hands with those who made the final 'breakthrough' from the opposite, Dore, end of the tunnel. Lifelong resident Miss Amy Schofield, recalls a Welsh relative who brought his family to live in Hathersage. Nicknamed 'Jimmy the Whip', he became a foreman on the tunnel. When it was completed he took his family on to Clay Cross and found new work.

Totley and the Tunnel

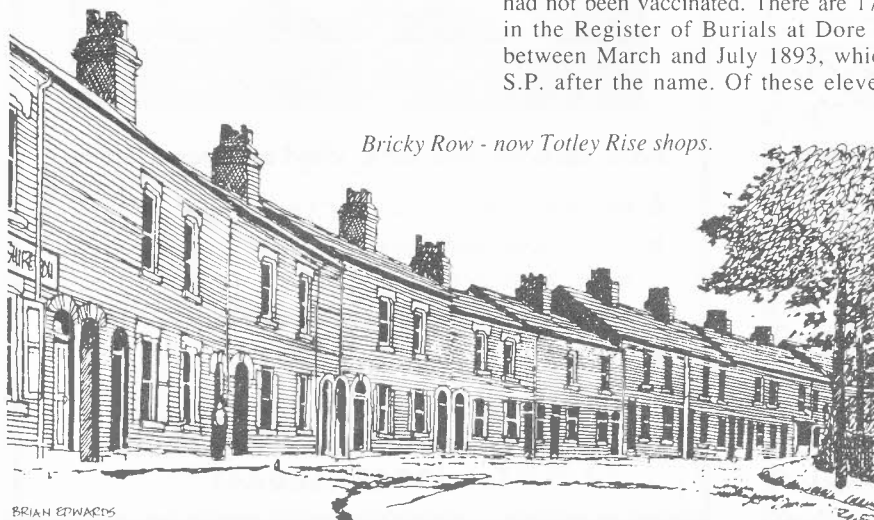
No article on the tunnel would be complete without reference to Brian Edwards's definitive book on the tunnel. In words, pictures, drawings and maps, this tells the fascinating human and engineering story about the building of the tunnel. A must for anyone interested in our local history, it is available from the Shape Design Shop on Abbeydale Road South.

Tunnel Top Walk

As part of the Totley Tunnel celebrations there will be a Spring Bank Holiday Monday walk following the line of the tunnel above ground.

Starting 9.15am at Dore Station, then by train to Grindleford, the free guided walk will take approximately 3 hours across the Longshaw Estate and Totley Moor, down Penny Lane and Totley Brook Road, back to Dore Station. In addition to the scenic route there will be an opportunity to see some of the local features resulting from the tunnel's construction.

For more details, including confirmation of timing, ring John Baker on Sheffield 369025.



Bricky Row - now Totley Rise shops.

Tunnel Centenary Events

Local events celebrating the centenary of the opening of Totley Tunnel are planned to stretch over a period beginning at the Bank Holiday on 28-30 May and culminating at a Carnival on the cricket field behind the Cricket Inn on 26 June. Some of the scheduled events are:

MAY

30 Walk along the line of the tunnel. See separate item.

JUNE

8 Talk on Totley Tunnel by Brian Edwards. 7pm Totley Library.

18-19 Exhibition commemorating the opening of the Dore & Chinley Line. All Saints Church Hall, Totley Hall Lane.

25 Fete in Edale. 12noon-4pm on the playing field. Steam roller, rides & Hathersage Band. Evening Barn Dance. Ring 0433 670226 for full weeks programme.

26 Steam train. Jubilee Class loco No 45596 "Bahamas". Leaves Man Victoria 9.15am arrives Sheffield 11am.

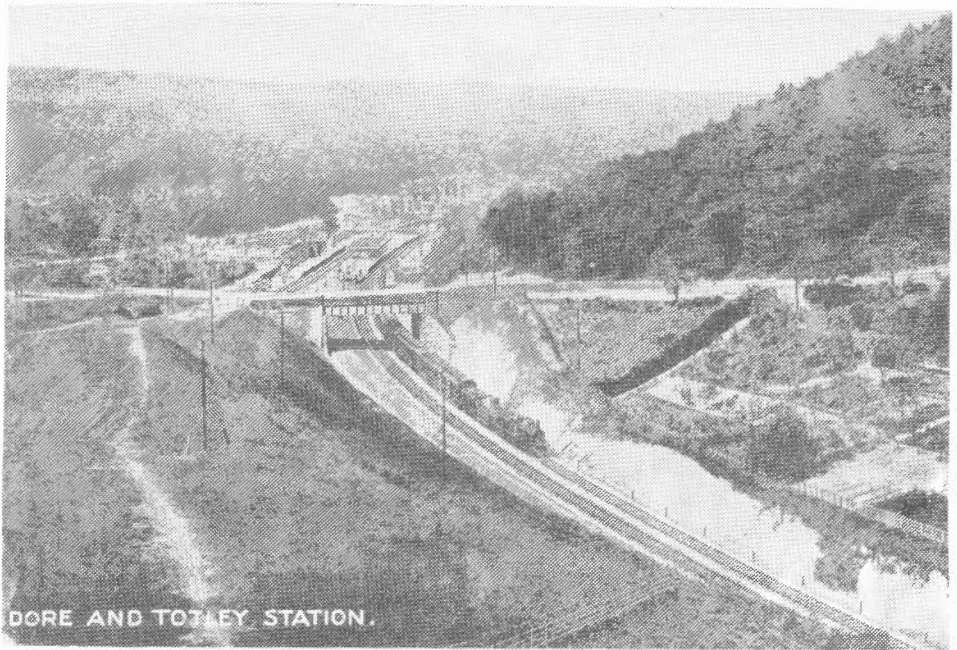
Leaves Sheffield 12.20 arrives Manchester 13.45.

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Leaves Sheffield 18.00 arrives Manchester 19.45. £15 single fare. Tickets from James Shuttleworth, Nether Hall Hathersage, S130 1BG. Tel 0433 650189.

26 Carnival event & Totley Sports day at the Cricket Inn and Totley Bents Field. See posters for details.

27 Talk - see 8th. 10am Holy Trinity Church Hall, Millhouses.



DORE AND TOTLEY STATION.

"An old postcard showing Dore station and the cutting on the Sheffield to Chesterfield line early this century. Note the double headed train."

Letters

Dear Sir

The Tunnel had a fascination for me as a schoolboy in Dore. Lying in bed on a frosty night one could hear the west-bound goods trains labouring up from Dore and Totley station towards the tunnel, gradually losing speed and taking longer and longer between each exhausted 'chuff' until finally the tunnel cut off all sounds of progress.

Then, in 1940, after enlisting in a young soldiers battalion at Doncaster, I found myself under canvas on Totley rifle range with duties which included guarding the tunnel. This was a night duty only and leaving that little guard hut on moonless nights meant stepping into the most absolute darkness I have ever known.

Probably the tunnel was never in much danger and our riskiest job was actually getting down the side of the cutting to track level with our load of gasmask, tin hat, greatcoat, rifle and the night's rations. The pleasantest part was the warm guard hut with a stove supplied with extra fuel by the traditional railway delivery method of coal thrown out by the goods train firemen just before the crew crouched down on their footplate smothered by smoke in the tunnel mouth.

J. A. Stevens
Ashead, Surrey

Dear Sir

We were especially interested in the piece about Totley tunnel as my father (b. 1875) worked in it, and suffered in consequence

from the cold, wet conditions contracting rheumatic fever. He was ill for many months, spending some time in the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.

Mother (b. 1881) told us that the railway line was officially opened by Queen Victoria. Her father, Henry Eyre, farmed land where the fields bordered the new railway, and she stood by the fence and watched the ceremonial train go by. "The Queen," she said, "sat bolt upright, without any expression on her face, completely disregarding anything the train was passing."

Joe Kirk
Yeovil

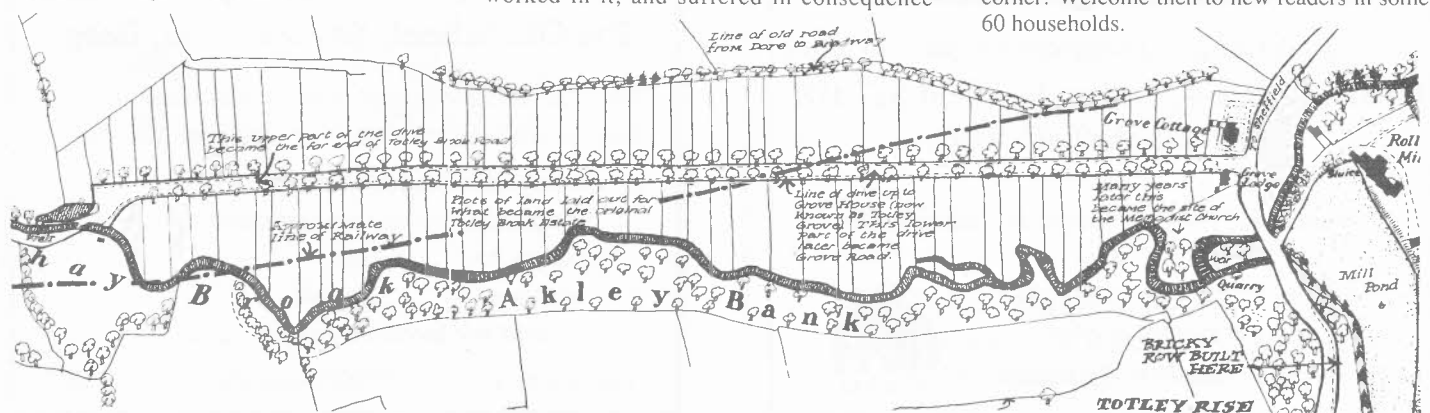
Lost corner of Dore

The building of the Dore to Chinley Line put paid to a 1876 scheme for a Totley Brook estate, laid out each side of the drive to Grove House (see map). The line of the railway cut across the drive leaving present day Grove Road and Grove Lodge (next to the Methodist Church) on one side and a realigned Totley Brook Road on the other. The few remaining stone houses on Grove Road and similar ones at the far end of Totley Brook Road, are the only reminders of the scheme.

The boundary of Dore being Old Hay Brook, the railway effectively cut off the corner of Dore incorporating Grove Road and its modern additions. To mark the centenary we aim to put right this injustice and extend the circulation of Dore to Door to this lost corner! Welcome then to new readers in some 60 households.



One of the typical peppertop tops to ventilation shafts on the tunnel.





Some fancy dress at the 1951 Scout Gala. Picture provided by Tom Wilson of Townhead Road - the young chap resplendent in a sailor's uniform in the foreground.

1994 Gala

As our thoughts start turning towards hot summer days and balmy evenings, we automatically think of Dore Gala. This year the date for your diary is the 9th and 10th July, when hopefully we will be blessed with good weather. My attempts at arranging this over the last couple of years have failed, so this year the task has been taken on by our new President, Syd Crowson MBE.

I have been associated with gala for the past nine years and it was a great privilege to be asked to replace John Giles as Chairman of the Gala Committee. John has devoted many long years to Scouting in Dore and I would personally like to thank him for the help and guidance he has given me in the past. However, I am hopeful we will continue to see John and his family at Gala, selling Pop and Crisps, for a few more years to come.

Dore Gala is one of the great local events of the year. It is attended by an estimated 2,500 people, who turn out come rain or shine, each year to support the youth movements, and hopefully enjoy themselves. For this we thank you, it makes all the hard work worthwhile. The present committee are striving to ensure that each year's event is better than the previous. We are all

committed to maintaining the right balance between enjoyment and fund raising. Although this is a major source of income for us, we feel that it is just as important to entertain the crowds as it is for them to donate to our coffers. You may be interested to know that it costs approaching £15,000 per year to run the Scout Group alone.

You will appreciate that putting on an event like the gala takes a terrific amount of man (and woman) power. Most of our help comes from people who are, or have been, associated with Scouting and Guiding in Dore. However, it occurs to me that others may also like to lend a hand either in some small way, or by running a stall. I regret however that due to restrictions imposed by the City Council, we are unable to allow the event to raise funds for other purposes, or for the sale of craftwork etc. All money raised must be for Scouting and Guiding.

My final appeal relates to transport. If anyone can lend us a large van, or small lorry (preferably covered), for the weekend it would be greatly appreciated and would save us the cost of hiring.

I hope you will all be able to join us on Gala Weekend to bask in the sunshine and enjoy yourselves. If anyone can offer any assistance please telephone me in the evenings on 350935.

Alan Robinson

Letter

Dear Sir

I was very pleased to receive your latest publication of "Dore to Door" via my old friend, Mr. Ron Dench of Rushley Road. I left Dore in 1981 to remarry and came to Essex to live. I lived at 1 Newfield Lane, and my neighbour at no. 3. Her husband died suddenly in March and in August the same year, my dear wife died suddenly. To cut this story short, in 1981 we both decided to get together. All her relatives were in Colchester, so I sold no. 1 and came to reside at the house my wife had bought. She got a good job and so we settled down and are very happy.

Now to Dore where I was born. We were twins, Ron and Jack, born near Dore Station. The Yorkshire and Derbyshire border was opposite our house, facing Ryecroft Glen. We later moved to Totley, then back to Bushey Wood Road, and later on to 26 Totley Brook Road. We were not "Dorites" in Totley, but moved about both villages.

I was in 3 choirs, St. Johns Abbeydale, then Dore Church, then Congregational on Totley Brook Road. I well remember Mr. Farnsworth, the Dore choirmaster. He ran a football team and I played on the Dore pitch with them.

Later on, I was Secretary of Dore Football team playing in the Hope Valley League. I was the Treasurer for Dore Football Club later on. Totley v Dore was always a special fixture. After all this, I became a referee in the Hope Valley League and passed in class to no. 2. All this I enjoyed, till I retired aged 50 from football.

I was well known as a local electrician, and did a lot of jobs around the village. Since going to Colchester, I have only been back to Dore twice and I found it not changed a lot, it keeps its village etc. as rural as possible.

Your Dore to Door is well named and is full of detail and news that I really liked, as it took me back over the years. I will let you into a secret. I am 84 now and still drive the car and keep well and fit, walking and dancing etc., alas, my twin brother passed away in 1982. I recall that he was a member of the Dore Dramatic Society for some time.

Some old "Dorites" may well remember the Bustin twins, as we were once known in the dim past.

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Women's Safety is an issue for all of us — men and women. However, it is often left off the agenda as solutions may not come easily or the issues are not thought to be important enough. Research has shown that crime statistics considerably underestimate crime against women, as many women do not report incidents through fear of not being believed or treated sensitively.

The booklet challenges some of the myths about Women's Safety, by providing some simple facts based on recent research:

- * When a woman is treated violently it is almost always by a man.
- * Women are more likely to be attacked in their own homes than on the streets.
- * Women are more likely to be attacked by someone they know than by a stranger.
- * Many women avoid going out after dark through fear of crime.

The booklet takes a refreshing approach to Women's Safety, by challenging the common view that in some way women themselves are to blame for violence or fear which they experience. It doesn't provide advice to

women about how to change *their* behaviour, starting from the position that women in their daily lives are already doing a great deal to protect themselves.

Instead, the booklet suggests practical ways in which those in positions of power and influence, such as planners, employers and the media, as well as men in general, can take action to make women's lives safer. Most of this action will also make everyone's communities safer. Suggestions included:

- * Factually accurate media coverage of crime, instead of stories that blame the victim and increase fear.
 - * Improved street lighting.
 - * Better lit and sited bus stops.
 - * Street planning which allows people to see ahead and around them and have choices of routes.
 - * Frequent, reliable and well publicised public transport services.
 - * Advice to men about how to be more aware of and sensitive to women's fears and rights.
 - * Above all, carrying out full consultation with women themselves about *their* needs and building these into Action Plans.
- Copies of the booklet are available from Crime Concern, telephone 0793 514596.

More Music

Following the Saxophone Quartet Concert in April the Dore & Totley Community Arts Group have arranged a Summer Concert with Buck's Fizz for Friday 1st July. Starting at 7.30pm, this will be an evening with the

popular Abbeydale Singers and a guest recorder soloist. Tickets on the door or from Margaret Spencer on 366212.

Letter

Dear Sir,

May I thank everyone who contributed to my retirement celebrations and the generosity of the gifts received.

I am indebted to George, and my friends in the leader team for the events arranged to make 1993 a milestone in my scouting service.

All leader warrants in the Scout Association terminate on attaining senior citizenship. I have now with pleasure handed over the baton of responsibility to Geoff my successor, who, together with the leader team will maintain the 267th influence here in Dore in future years.

In my non-executive capacity as Hon. President, an opportunity arises which I do appreciate, to continue service. I will help Geoff with our obligations "to build and maintain a good relationship with the groups immediate community".

Please do remember that occasionally the plans of a **hard pressed team** of volunteers do not always match our high standards but collectively we seek to influence young people in the principles of our law and promise with dedication. With pride and emotion, I wish the scouting and guiding family every success in the future.

Syd Crowson

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Dore Sunday School 1932 – From left to right:- Back Row: Mr Watkins, Peggy Clark Winnie Wallace ? ?. 4th Row: Doreen Groom, Ronnie Marsden, Eric Roebuck, Godfrey Taylor, Cecil Hattersley, Teddy Swift, Henry Hancock, Tommy Taylor, Geo Thorpe, Stuart Farnsworth ?. 3rd Row: ? Mary Coates, ? Bessie Brookes, Lorraine Aire, Betty Green, Dorothy Wragg, Winnie Coates, Hilda Mycock, Rev Kemp, 2nd Row: David Kemp, Mrs Kempt, Charlie Cook, Gerald Watkins, Alan Bingham, John Caisley, Ken Hattersley, Phil Swift, Betty Wallace, Alan Pete, Howard Clark. Sitting: Alec Thorpe, Hazel Gill, Joyce Taylor ? Joyce Caisley, Joan Greaves, ? Nancy Roebuck, Jean Clark, Ronald Bloomer, Helen Green. ?.

Collegiate Cricket

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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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Dore & Totley Tennis Club

Dore & Totley Tennis Club was founded about 1910 and joined the Sheffield & District L.T.A. in 1912. This makes it one of the oldest clubs still in existence in the area.

Originally there were twelve grass courts with an address given as Busheywood Road, but over the years for a variety of reasons these have gradually decreased in number until today we have three shale courts and a pleasant stone and brick built club house.

We are only a small club numberwise with slightly over thirty members, but are without doubt, one of the happiest clubs anywhere. In spite of our small size, we are a very active club. Club nights are Monday and Wednesday evenings. We enter Mens and Mixed Teams in the Sheffield and District leagues and Ladies and Mixed teams in the Sheffield Parks leagues. During the winter we enter teams in the Evian Winter leagues. During the winter season we have a weekly block booking of courts at both the Graves Tennis Centre and Abbeyle Tennis Club indoor courts.

Throughout the summer season we hold a number of social events including American Tournaments, Barbecues and a Treasure Hunt. Also a Christmas indoor fun tournament.

New members are always welcome at the club, and we cater for all standards.

I started by saying that we were founded in about 1910. The uncertainty of this date is due to the fact that over the years, the original minute books have gone missing. We would very much like to find these old records, and if anyone knows of their whereabouts, we would be grateful if they would contact us.

Any pre-war members who have any interesting information might like to contact the club Secretary.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact either : **Mr. N. Plowes, Hon. Secretary, Telephone 0742 363166 or Mrs R Uttley Telephone 0742 365953.**

Frank Abel

The end of the summer term marks the end of an era at the school when Frank Abel retires as Head Teacher.

Frank joined the school as Head during 1982 succeeding Miss Helen Rawlings. He started his working life in manufacturing working in Canada where he graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1960.

During his time at King Egbert School he has seen many changes — most externally imposed by changes in national policy. He describes as revolutionary the Local Management of Schools (LMS) initiative which gave much greater powers to governors and resulted in a huge increase in his workload and that of his senior management team. LMS presented all within the education system with a steep learning curve as they came to terms with new responsibilities and relationships. Frank sees this change as a development process for the school which although it had little impact on the pupils educational development it did ensure that resources were used more effectively.

The change which did have a dramatic impact on pupils and teachers was the introduction of the National Curriculum.

Frank has experienced many rewarding relationships during his time at the school and these have been a satisfying part of the job but he recognises that the character of the school has changed since he started. He has seen a change in the ethos of the school which he attributes to the co-operative endeavour of all involved. When he joined the school he recalls some problems with discipline which have now reduced owing to the development of both teachers and pupils. He is proud to have been part of this process. Frank Abel's principal regrets are the external imposition of standards and the inadequacy of the budget. He recognises that the head of a school now needs well developed managerial skills as well as strength as a teacher but he has always retained same teaching commitment throughout his headship.

“Juggling resources, governors... and staff” in building a team Frank regards as something of an achievement, as well as his school productions which he sees as a great educational experience. He believes that staging a play or musical encourages team work esprit de corps and a real sense of achievement.

Frank Abel is retiring while he is still fit and active and intends to develop his stage production and acting skills in addition to devoting more time to the organisations of which he was unable to be as active as he would have liked including the British Humanist Association and the Labour Party.

Can you help?

St John's Church Abbeyle need Brownie Guiders to commence in September, as the present two leaders are resigning in July. An extremely rewarding pastime, so please help and contact Doreen Plumridge on 350269.

The Linden Ensemble, who meet at Bromwich Road Chapel every Thursday are looking for more Tenors and Basses. Their repertoire includes songs from shows, light classical and religious pieces. Contact Barbara Rusby on 365695.

Environment Weeks

14th-31st May 1994

Sheffield's Environment Week has the largest programme of events in the country, so much so that once again it has been necessary to extend the week into a fortnight! The programme contains over 100 events organised by numerous groups throughout the City. These events are designed to raise awareness and with such a wide range of topics and activities to choose from, there should be something to interest everyone. The following is a selection of local items.

Saturday 14th May

8 am - 10 am Early Morning Bird Song Walk

RSPB walk through Padley Woods. Meet at Grindleford Station car park (SK 251 788). Contact J Robinson 348472.

Sunday 15th May

9.30 am - all day Day of Practical Conservation Work

Sheffield Conservation Volunteers work day at Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden. Bring warm clothes, stout footwear, waterproofs and a packed lunch. Tools, hot drinks and biscuits provided. Contact A Bodell 322654.

10am - 1 pm Woodland Birds

A walk with Sorby Natural History Society through Ecclesall Woods to look at woodland birds. Meet at Beauchief Corner (junction of

Abbeydale Road South and Abbey Lane). Contact J Singleton 660630.

1.30 pm - 4 pm Brockside

A talk by the South Yorkshire Badger Group about the work of the group including sett protection and construction and the task of rebuilding the South Yorkshire badger population. Whirlow Hall, Whirlow Brook Park. Contact D Swift 555790.

Wednesday 18th May

6.45 pm Around the Heart of Beauchief

A walk with the Beauchief Environmental Group of about 2 miles through ancient woodland, starting with a look inside Beauchief Abbey. Meet at the Abbey. Contact C Behagg 745719.

7 pm Birds of Blackmoor

An evening stroll with the Sorby Natural History Society to observe the birdlife of the moor. Meet at the car park opposite Blackmoor. Contact B Langrish 365751.

Friday 20th May

10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm Display of Machinery Used in Woodland Management

National Trust working demonstration of machines used to convert conifer thinnings to useful materials. Held at Longshaw Estate, Woodcroft car park B6055. Contact S Grimes 0433 631757.

6 pm - 8 pm Nature Trail and Quiz

An evening for all the family with an

illustrated treasure hunt. Meet the Friends of Abbeydale Wildlife Garden at the Garden, Abbeydale Hall. Contact L Bilby 361086.

Saturday 21st May

10 am - 5 pm Open Day at Mayfield Environmental Centre

David Lane, S10. A day of displays of children's work and stalls, refreshments available. Stone dressing demonstration by a local craftsman from 2 pm. Contact J Walker 303119.

Sunday 29th May

9.30 am 11 mile Walk

Join the Ramblers Association. Starts from Fox House and takes in Houndkirk Road, Redmires, Crawshaw, Wet Shaw and Low Bradfield. Contact A Manton 751424.

10.30 am - 3 pm Wildflower Walk on Longshaw

National Trust warden guided walk of the Estate looking at wildflowers and their conservation. Meet at the Woodcroft Car Park B6055, 100m from Fox House Inn. Contact S Grimes 0433 631757.

Dore Show 1994

This year's show schedule is now on display on the Dore Village Society notice board, Devonshire Terrace and copies are available from Greens on Causeway Head Road. In the meantime make a note in your diaries for Saturday 10th September 1994. Be sure to come along and enjoy a real village activity or better still try your hand at entering for some of the classes.



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Millhouse Animal Sanctuary

May I draw the attention of Dore residents to the Millhouse Animal Sanctuary, which is situated on Mayfield Road in Fulwood. As its name implies, it is a refuge for animals (mostly farm stock, but many varieties are there!) which have been ill-treated, abandoned, or — in many cases — rescued from slaughter. It has been in existence for thirty years, attaining Registered Charity status in 1982.

Although it works alongside the RSPCA, it does not have that organisation's resources in terms of publicity budgets. Also its policy is that every penny received in contributions is spent on the animals which, although laudable, has not helped the Sanctuary's cause in terms of public awareness of its existence and work.

The Sanctuary is in dire straits financially (although an Open Day on April 10 raised enough to give a stay of execution for one month) and its future is seriously threatened. Its running costs are £5000 per month — 500 companies/individuals pledging £10 per month would cover this.

The Sanctuary is open to the public every day and is run by Pat Hartley, Jane Wright and Angela Harrison. If any reader would like to help, either financially or with fund-raising ideas, they should contact Angela Harrison on Sheffield 697027. The Sanctuary is open to the public every day.

A piece of writing from Dostoevsky's 'Brothers Karamazov' seems relevant; you may care to read it:

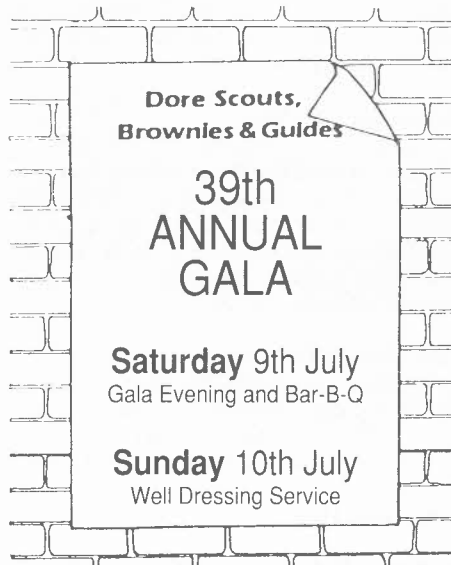
"Love the animals;

God has given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled.

Don't trouble it; don't harrass them; don't deprive them of their happiness.
Don't work against God's intent."

Karen Hart

Supporter of Millhouse Animal Sanctuary



Dore Infant School

This term we have a total of 187 children in school. Please could parents with children approaching the age of 5, ensure that their names are registered at school by 31st march 1995, at the latest.

Last term some of our children had a most enjoyable visit to the Eureka Museum, Halifax (once we had negotiated the Sheffield

roadworks). This term our children are working on topics covering Water, the Local Environment, Mini-Beasts, Colour and Changes.

We would like to get in touch with any people in the village who perhaps attend the 'Old School' and/or any person who would be willing to share their memories and experiences of school life in the 1920's/1930's with our Year 2 children. Please contact school on 368690 if you think you can help.

Forthcoming event — 15/6/94-21/6/94 inclusive, the school will be holding a Book-fair in the school hall. Details of opening times will be displayed around school. Anybody wishing to visit the school will be welcome.

Sheffield Marathon 1994

Unfortunately the route of this years marathon will not be passing through Dore on June 19th. Last year the route was changed to avoid the extensive disruption caused by the work on supertam. On a brilliant hot, sunny day Dore Village took on a carnival atmosphere. There were barbeques, tables of drinks outside the Hare and Hounds and Devonshire Arms and a good natured crowd to cheer the runners as they passed. The fairy complete with moustache and wand raised the loudest cheer.

The runners found the course strenuous, the long pull up Furniss Avenue being less than popular. Although there was considerable disruption to traffic and the timing of church services was altered, the event was an enjoyable addition to the social calendar of the Village.

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Letters

Dear Sir "Elliotts of Whirlow"

The photograph shows my Great Grandfather Elliott who worked for a family "Furness" at Whirlow in the late 19th century.

I feel that the photograph was taken about 1875. What then of my connection? My grandfather Arthur Roberts, born in Worksop, North Notts, went to Dore as a 'butcher's boy' to Denniffs around 1908 and met my Grandmother who was one of five Elliott children. My Grandmother was Edith Annie, the others being Florence, Ethel, Harry and Robert (not in age order). I have many fond memories of the area dating late 1940's early 50's, when as a young child I spent my long summer holidays there. It seemed like perpetual summertime! I have other photos and facts which I will 'pen' in a later edition of Dore to Door.

Philip E. Dunn, Doncaster

Dear Sir

Since last in contact with you I have undertaken some family research in the PRO Census records and put some more flesh on the bones of the family connection with Dore. On my grandmothers side (Green) we are well documented back to Great Great Grandfather George, an early farmer at Dore Moor Inn and mentioned in an article in "Dore to Door" in 1992.

My Great Grandfather Joseph Longstaff first appears in Dore resident at Rose Cottage, Limpits Hill in 1890. What I did not previously appreciate was that his in laws, Edward and Elizabeth Gillatt, listed as farmer, lived nearby at Oak House farm, Moorside. I



Mr Dunn's Grandfather Elliott believed to have been photographed in 1875.

would be interested to learn if your records show the locality of this farm relative to landmarks of today.

J. M. Longstaff

Dear Sir,

My brother, Syd, kindly sent me a copy of the Spring Issue of 'Dore to Door' as it featured a photograph of the Dore Junior Cricket Club 1951 of which I was a member.

Regarding the Sunday School trip photograph to the left hand bottom corner, there are a number of faces which I recognize. Of the older children I recognize: extreme right, 'Kitty' Fisher; second from right, Maureen Wilkes (elder sister of Margaret

Wilkes, who used to live on Heather Lea Avenue); third from right, Jimmy Martin, whose family took over the Newsagents at Totley Brook (bottom of Devonshire Road); fourth from right, this may be 'Tubby' Moore, who was one of the children who lived in the 'prefabs' immediately after the war;

Fifth from right, this may be Graham Nassan; two boys on left, I suspect these may be the Marshall boys, one was called Jo; the older girl, resting her arms on the rail, was Mary Martin, Jimmy Martin's elder sister.

I look forward to further 'nostalgia trips'.

*Alan Crowson
Moreton-in-Marsh.*

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Diary – Summer 1994

To - 29 August. **Abbeyle Hamlet Exhibition** entitled "Censored".
July & August. **Abbeyle Hamlet**. The Huntsman Trail.
24 July - 18 Sept. **Kelham Island Exhibition** "Hands on Science"

MAY

- 14 **Table Top Sale**. Totley Library, 9.30-12noon.
- 14-30 **Sheffield Environment** Fortnight.
- 16 **Bess of Hardwick**. Talk by Mrs Nancy Yeomans Totley Library, 7.45pm. Tickets free from Library.
- 16-21 **Environment Week** Display. Totley Library.
- 17 **Open Evening**. 85th Scout Group St John's 7pm.
- 19 **Concert**. Dronfield Parish Choir in aid of National Children's Homes. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 7.45pm. Tickets-367763.
- 20 **Treasure Hunt**. Abbeyle Wildlife Garden 6pm-8pm.
- 21 **May Market**. Dore Methodist Church Hall. 10am-12noon.
- 21-22 **Motor Show**. Dore Junior School.
- 23 **Clarins Make-up demonstration**. 10.30am Totley Library.
- 25 **Health Services in Sheffield**. Talk & Dore Village Society AGM. 8pm Old School. See editorial.
- 28 **Totley Tunnel Centenary Display**. Throughout June. Totley Library.

JUNE

- 6-18 **Railway & Transport Exhibition**. SYPTE. Totley Library.
- 8 **The true secrets of magic**. Mr Hamilton Kaye. Dore(E)TG Old School 7.45pm.
- 11 **Garden Party & Fayre**. CPRE. Abbeyle Hall 2pm-5pm.
- 11-19 **Craft Fair**. 30 craft demonstrations. Abbeyle Hamlet.
- 19 **Sheffield Marathon**.
- 25 **Jumble Sale**. World Soc for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church. 2pm Tel 364501.
- 26 **National Music Day Event**. Abbeyle Hamlet.

JULY

- 1 **Summer Concert**. Abbeyle Singers. Dore & Totley Community Arts Group. 7.30pm King Ecgbert School. Tickets 366212.
- 8 **Summer Concert**. Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society. Dore Church Hall. Tickets 364246
- 9 **Scout Gala & Well Dressing**. See posters & programme. Parade starts 2.15pm. Gala 2.30pm.
- 10 **Well Dressing Service**. Village Green. 3pm.
- 13 **Birthday evening**. Dore(E)TG, Old School 7.45pm.

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