

DORE DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Limb Lane

In our last edition we covered the issues around the proposal to build a new secure and open unit for young offenders on the site of an existing open unit off Limb Lane. Unfortunately their has been much emotive talk since in the context of the recent local elections, leaving people confused as to what will or might happen at some future date.

All this places the Dore Village Society in a difficult position, as by constitution it is essentially non political. Our current understanding is that the old open unit has now closed and that proposals for an open unit adjacent to a new closed unit have been dropped. Plans for the new unit have been seen and discussed by the Dore Village Society committee, who have submitted an objection on strict planning grounds, essentially that the proposals are for substantially a new building in the Green Belt, out of keeping and scale with the surroundings.

Video

The Dore Village society has decided to make a video record of village events over the period of a year. As examples, the kinds of things we considered worth recording are the gala, the show, and the service of dedication for the two war memorials in May. We have decided to record village events rather than those of individual groups and societies because the task could become too large and unwieldy.

If anyone has any views on what should be recorded please contact me on 2368437. It is intended that such a recording will be kept as a visual record for future generations - and hopefully the video of Dore will be available for purchase!

Dore Motor Show

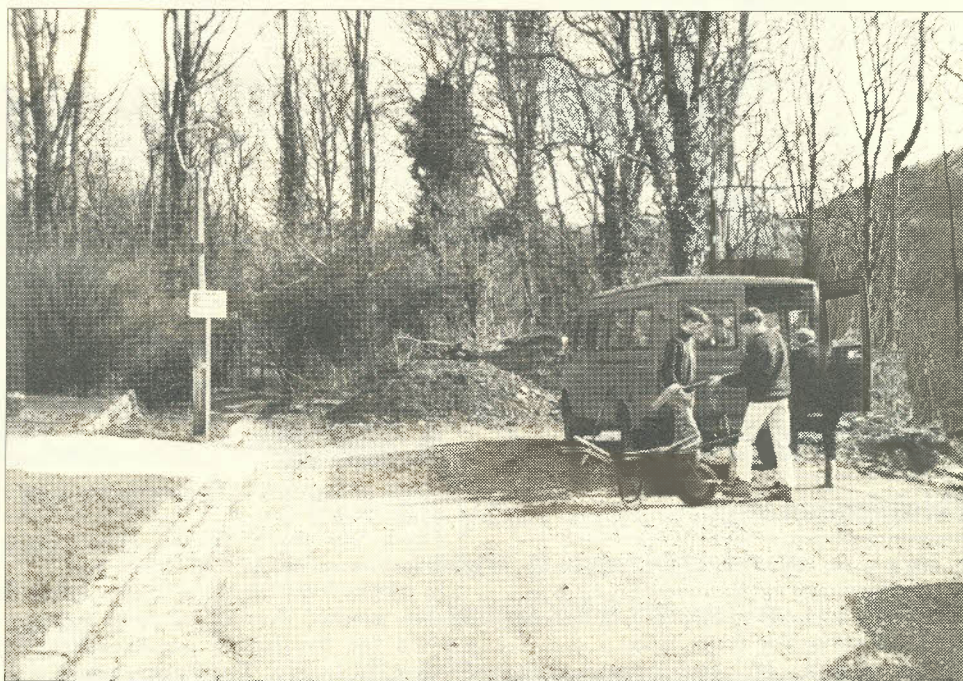
This year's Motor Show will be held on July 1st and 2nd from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. As usual the children will be playing a major role in organising the show.

We have three new dealerships on show this year and are hoping this will be the best show to date. There will be a craft fair, side shows and refreshments so it's a day for all the family to enjoy.

We will be liaising soon with the dealers to tie up any loose ends. Raffle tickets will be on sale again and parking will be at King Ecgbert's as usual.

We hope to see as many people as possible at the show this year so if you're looking for a good day out come along on either 1st or 2nd of July to Dore Junior School.

The Motor Show Committee



Dore Venture Scouts prepare to tackle Ryecroft Glen!

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

"Around Dore & Totley with a pen"

Illustrated talk by
Brian Edwards.

8.00pm 7th June 1994

Old Village School, Savage Lane

Dore Festival Week

Saturday 1 July – Sunday 9 July

As the Dore Scouts & Guides Gala is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year, it seemed a good opportunity to bring together local organisations who usually arrange events at this time of year, to form a Festival Week.

Those people contacted were enthusiastic and a full programme is planned with the Gala and Well Dressing as the finale to the week.

Support for the Festival Week and ideas for future years could mean that a Dore Festival is repeated as a regular feature of village life, just as the Gala Week-end has been for the past 40 years.

Details of the festival Week on the back page.

Dore Scouts Need You!

If you benefited from scouting or other youth organisation in your younger days and would now like to put something back into the local community generally, why not give us a hand by helping to decorate our Headquarters, do the odd repair, help us with the paperwork, help to raise funds, etc? If you would be interested in assisting with one of the Beaver, Cub or Scout Units, that would be particularly helpful.

The existing support group is hard pressed to keep everything running smoothly and we always need replacement leaders and assistants. You can help in any way that suits you best. There will be no regular commitment unless you want one, an hour or two now and then will be greatly appreciated.

We cannot offer you any money, but you will get satisfaction and enjoyment from helping young people. Interested? If it's in leadership telephone Geoff Cope on 235 0392. If you prefer a support role telephone George Elsdon on 236 0002.

Council Elections

Following the Local Elections on 4th May, Dore has a new councillor - Peter Fox of Abbeydale Park Rise.

The results were:

P Fox	Liberal Democrat	2538
J Harthman	Conservative	2393
R Pearce	Labour	1310

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Thickwood Lodge

High on the moors above Dore and Totley stands Thickwood Lodge, originally built by the Duke of Rutland as accommodation for one of his gamekeepers on Totley Moor.

The building bears a date stone of 1820 and is a grade II listed building. In recent years it has undergone a programme of repair and improvement which has retained the many interesting architectural features. Among these is the room at the top of the original tower which contains a crown beamed ceiling, believed to be the only one remaining in the area.

The Lodge commands views over Brown Edge and Totley Moss to the rear and towards Holmesfield and Northern Common. Behind the lodge runs a green track known as "Dukes Drive" which allowed carriages in the Dukes hunting parties from nearby Longshaw to gain access to the Moor.

The illustration shows the imposing tower with an L shaped stable in the foreground.

The Duke of Rutlands old gamekeepers lodge at Thickwood near Owl Bar.

There are many stories about the gamekeepers and poachers of Totley Moor.

In 1895, John Stone, a Totley horse breaker, poacher, wrestler and rough fighter applied for the job of gamekeeper at Thickwood Lodge. The Duke's agent is reported to have said, "Aren't you that confounded poacher?" Stone is said to have agreed and replied with the oft repeated "Set a thief to catch a thief." He got the job and kept it until his retirement.

G.H.B.Ward in the Clarion Ramblers Handbook of 1924/25 tells of a "fright healing" which once took place at Thickwood Lodge... "The gamekeeper, Henry Peat, had a daughter, a nice young girl far into her teens, who taken very ill and bedfast for 13 weeks was given up by everybody including the doctor. Her father, unfortunately, became very demented and it was unsafe for mother and daughter. All knives and firearms were removed and someone had to sleep with him. That doubtful task befell Mr Wragg, the

Owl Bar tollkeeper. However, an improvement came about and Mr Wragg went home.

One night, however, Peat found a revolver and pointed it at his daughter. She was terrified and somehow, struggled out of bed in her nightdress and, although it was pitch dark, found her way to the main road and into Andrews (Mooredge) Farm 300 yards nearer Totley.

They took her in for the time being until her father was removed to Mickleover. Later on she returned to her mother at Thickwood Lodge and was "a complete cure and wonder to all who knew her". She was literally a dying girl who had been fright healed.

Have you noticed

Regular readers will know how I feel about buses. Large ugly things, uncomfortable to use, completely out of scale with their surroundings, and belching clouds of fumes over honest pedestrians and cyclists. Hardly "public" transport in the sense of fitting the community's needs. They never seem to run where or when you want, cause traffic jams whenever they stop and are rarely seen on their own.

There used to be a time when bus drivers were the best on the road and when car drivers respected them and gave them right of way. Now it's I'm the biggest, race you to the next stop, and I'm not letting anyone past while I take on passengers. We even have bus lanes, or more accurately no-go areas in the rush hour and parking zones out of it. Just watch the traffic in Millhouses for instance, avoiding the lane all day as if it was guarded by a brick wall.

If only we could go back to an organised reliable bus service and those friendly bus conductors. Are we really better off without them, or have we traded service and community for unemployment.

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32 Years ago

The picture on this page was taken about 32 years ago at one of the scout galas held then in the field at the bottom of Parkers Lane.

The bald headed gentleman in the foreground is Ernest Pendall who lived in the cottages next to the Devonshire opposite Mathers Butchers.

The seated lady in glasses is Mrs Ada Cook who for many years served the children their school dinners in what is now known as the Old School. The dinners arrived in containers already cooked but the only kitchen she had was part of the girls cloakroom. Hot water to wash the dishes was boiled in an old gas boiler which she had to fill from the cold tap over the stone sink. All the scrapes from the childrens meals she carried home in buckets to feed her pigs.

The young woman standing behind her is her daughter Mrs Lovie Hill-Pickford who many will know from the years she has spent at Abbeydale Gardens. Also in the picture are Bill Lavers dad Eric and Derek Atha (now deceased).

Jean Dean



Dore Scout Gala circ 1963

Farewell

Vera and George Taylor of Parker Lane have recently left Dore to live in Sussex by the sea. Their familiar faces will be sadly missed not least for the prodigious numbers of Dore to Door George delivered over the years. They asked us to pass on the following message to those of their many friends they were unable to contact direct.

"We wish to thank all our kind friends in Dore for making the past 13 years amongst the happiest of our lives. We shall take with us many happy memories never to be forgotten, and our new home is appropriately to be called "Dore Croft". Good Yorkers to everyone."

Dore to Door will continue to reach them in far away Sussex, as it can anyone living outside the village ie in greater Dore. All we need is the annual membership fee for the Dore Village Society and an address - subsequent membership renewal requests are also sent direct. If expatriates of Dore live abroad we are happy to supply copies of Dore to Door free, but ask that a local agent undertakes the mailing. Ed.

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Letters

Dear Sir

The two "new boys" Nick and Paul are pleasant and helpful at Greens General Store. My greenhouse leaked and was "air borne" too, but Nick soon fixed it and my dog has all his favourite biscuits now.

Good luck and thanks.

J. Sheppard

Dear Sir

I have just been up Blacka to look at the trees and had a short rest on the bench!

Nicholas and I both wish to thank the Dore Village Society for remembering Don in this way.

We hope that many others will take advantage of the bench and enjoy the view as much as Don used to.

Jean and Nick Dean

Dear Sir

Once again I put pen to paper re Dore Memories of long ago. Your No.30 Summer 93 is of interest. Memories of Dore, per Mr Alex Thorpe. I knew him well and his letter of the Blitz, Thursday evening. I was in town, working late in the office in the Wicker. The sirens went and we packed up and I went to the Moor Head bus stop to try and get a bus to Dore that went on to Bakewell. By then all the trams had stopped, but the bus came in and the driver and conductor chased us on, and he said he would not be back 'til the all clear.

My wife was worried as the bombs were dropping in the town by then. Our builder neighbour had built a shelter and we all went in, as time went on, we heard a bomb drop near, and the sound of glass breaking nearby. At 1pm the all clear came and we went home.

All our back windows were gone and it was a little bomb they had dropped at the back of the cottages up Brick House Lane. No body hurt at all. As Alex said, parts of the bomb were found, I saw the Hartley's bungalow and it was a mess.

Yes, Mrs Hartley was a great help with the Dramatic Society and Doctor Marshall was our doctor. Dr. Parsons' son lived at the White House in Dore. He was a doctor as well. Nurse Frith was well known and liked by all.

The corner shop in Dore was a focal point for kids. Sweets and ice cream being sought by

these children. I knew Mr Cyril Marshall and it was a sad loss when we heard he was lost at sea.

Just a further memory. The letter from F. A. Platts takes me back: My first wife and self lived with her parents at No.1 Newfield Lane. Mr & Mrs Platt rented the house from Mr Doncaster, who lived at Wag Wood, on Newfield Lane. A lovely house, built on the hillside, with extensive grounds going down to the bottom of Newfield Lane. In the summer they had an open day, for charity I recall. Mr Platt was chauffeur for Mr Doncaster and drove him daily to his work, Daniel Doncaster & Co., steel works, Penistone Road, and then collected him at night. After Mr. Doncaster retired they left Mr Platt on, but when he died Mr Platt lost his job.

We bought the house from Mrs Doncaster, who put it up for auction. As sitting tenants we did not expect her to do this. So I went and made a bid, £550. As it was tied up, no one else was interested.

So, that's my lot, as the old comedians used to say. Hoping you can make up some copy of this long epistle.

John. P. H. Buslin



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Abbeydale Wildlife Garden

Have you noticed that in some areas of Sheffield the common varieties of birds are becoming scarcer? The sparrows, blue tits etc., blackbirds, thrushes and starlings, all familiar to us in our gardens, need to be encouraged. Throughout the city, the Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership – S.W.A.P. – situated at the City Ecology Unit, opposite to Western Park Museum, has designated 21 bird feeding stations. Abbeydale Wildlife Garden, situated behind Abbeydale Hall, is one of these.

Earlier this year the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides of Dore made "Bird Puddings" and during the February half terms break, they took them down to the Garden. A "Star" photographer captured this on film.

To make the bird pudding we used wild bird food, black sunflower seeds and a few peanuts. These were all mixed together and to this was added melted lard and suet. We put this mixture into yoghurt and margarine pots, with a stick through the top of the pot, on which the birds could balance. In the base of each pot we had knotted a piece of string, so that they could be suspended upside down from a branch or bird table. Anything can be added to the pudding mixture e.g. bread, cake crumbs, bacon etc.

The belief has been that we should not feed the birds during the summer months but this thinking has altered now. Peanuts can be a danger to baby birds and are best broken up in the pudding mix, or fed through wire mesh. Most of the other ingredients are safe to the young ones. If anyone wishes to make bird pudding and take it to the Wildlife Garden, they are welcome to do so. Go right to the top of the Garden and hang it on the branches of the trees. Or encourage the birds in your own garden. Hopefully our area of Sheffield will once again be home to all those familiar varieties of birds.

Pamela Butterworth

Happy Memories

Last January I went to New Zealand on holiday, and this is what I wrote one day!

I am at present sitting in a large conservatory - I mean large: about 30 feet long - in a ranch style house in a vineyard on south island New Zealand. It is Saturday morning but to all of you it is about 10 PM on Friday January 26th, your weekend is about to start, it is cold and the days are short but here it is the middle of summer. Don't get too jealous though, yesterday there was a freak rainfall here, about 4 inches in 24 hours, after weeks of scorching sun. In the local paper the rain is said to be worth a million New Zealand dollars, but to Michael and Judy who own the vineyard where I am staying, although welcome in the short term to irrigate the land, the sun is the most important element required at this time of the year to ripen the grapes. During the summer the grapes need to be sprayed about once a fortnight to prevent a variety of diseases. Michael sprayed some of the grapes about four hours before the rain started and as a result there have been a lot of phone calls to decide whether the crop should be resprayed, an expensive and time consuming task. That's something I notice here - the phone calls, all local calls are free.



Dore Rainbows, Brownies and Guides delivering their "Bird Puddings" to Abbeydale Wildlife Garden.

This free phone service brings all your friends and neighbours into your home much more than it would in the UK. Friends ring up to remind you to put the wine in the fridge because they are just leaving and will arrive in half an hour. Mind you in this rural area where everyone is so scattered it is necessary to use the phone. In this district land is sold in twenty acre plots. My first impression of this country is of space. There's lots of it. Big houses in big gardens alongside wide empty roads.

But now to the nitty gritty of this article, it isn't just about my holidays but also about my attempts to find an equivalent to the Dore Village Society; and I've found one called the Friends of Renwick. Renwick is the nearest township to the estate. It was founded in about 1855. It was established for the workers on Dr. Renwick's estate, a local landowner. It is laid out in an American style with intersections, not a roundabout or traffic light in sight! Single storey wooden buildings, painted in pastel colours stand back in neat spacious gardens from the roads. In the early 1960s artefacts of Renwick's short history began to accumulate, and in 1967 a museum room attached to the small local library was officially opened. This museum room is open throughout the week, although only manned by volunteers on three days a week. The museum occupies the front section of the library, thus ensuring that all borrowers of books have a constant reminder of their past. Here the volunteers or Friends catalogue artefacts, keep local relevant press cuttings, assist researchers, issue a local newsletter, raise funds and more recently fight to save buildings that the local council considers no longer necessary. Up until a few years ago this tiny township had three churches: now two have been demolished to make way for new development; all a bit familiar isn't it. Still I felt encouraged that 11,500 miles away from Dore that I could find people who thought the same way as I. They care about their own locality, it is not very important in itself but it is their place and they want to preserve it and its history. Nationally large wild areas are well cared for but building preservation and

development is only just becoming a real issue in New Zealand.

The volunteer friends that I met when I dropped in last Tuesday were surprised and pleased to have an English visitor, I signed the visitors book and they gave me a copy of the history of the museum and library - a Friend's publication of course!

Sitting here writing this I keep raising my head and looking at the view whilst gathering my thoughts. In front of me there is a flower bed with heather growing in it, beyond that there is a wide lawn. When the wind is in the right direction the scent of the heather drifts in through the open window. At the bottom of the lawn rows of vines stretch away to the poplar trees that flank a lot of the estate and beyond the trees there are mist covered hills in the distance. I think the hills look more like mountains they are so big and rugged. In different lights these hills change colour today they are a deep violet but sometimes they are really pale blue. It is a little bit like sitting in heaven. Dore seems a very long way away!

Caroline Veal

Dore Junior School

The pupils at Dore Junior have enjoyed an interesting and exciting term. They have visited York, Manchester and even Meadowhall.

A visit from Denis Ashton's Stardome informed the pupils about outer space with an entertaining light show.

Another visitor has been a professional hockey coach who introduced the children to new hockey skills giving that game added impetus.

Later the Wileman Football Cup Final brought a visit from a Sunday Times reporter who wrote a most interesting article for the sports pages.

By the time you read this the V.E. Day celebrations will be over and we will have had a playground 'street party' complete with songs from that era.

The Y6s are now celebrating the return of summer by holding a cricket tournament.

Yet more luxury homes

Earlier this year we wrote to the Dept of National Heritage in a last ditch attempt to get Holt House, off Abbeydale Road spot-listed. Sadly the Department do not think it is of sufficient merit but we feel the City can ill afford to lose such a pretty house. Thousands of pounds have been spent on this historic building in recent years and up to fairly recently it was used for evening classes. The Council suddenly abandoned the building together with the nearby modern caretakers house, and two perfectly sound buildings have now been subjected to the usual round of vandalism and despoliation.

Plans have been submitted for demolition and replacement by eleven luxury homes. Was this the plan all along we might ask? Thus this lovely piece of our City's history is to follow the same fate as Broomcroft on Ecclesall Road South. Presented to the citizens of Sheffield in 1953 by Alderman Jowitt for use as a home for the elderly this impressive stone built house was demolished last year. If members drive past now they will observe that work has started on – yes you've guessed it – seven luxury homes.

On a brighter note, some recent good news is that English Heritage has added Norfolk Park to the National Register of Historic Parks and Gardens. Oakes Park and the Botanical Gardens are already on the list so we now boast three parks to the City's credit. Unfortunately the once beautiful conservatories in the Botanical Gardens are now very dilapidated and have become a lot worse since the tropical fish and exotic birds

were removed. Something must be done soon to find different uses for these listed buildings and restore them to their former glory.

Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society



Sally Beedham raising cash by mucking out the goats at Whirlow farm.

News from Whirlow Hall

The lambing season has gone well at Whirlow. Over 400 lambs have been born and many of the children who have visited the farm have experienced their first live birth! With the

onset of warmer weather, the cows, sheep and lambs have had the opportunity to go out into the fields after a winter indoors.

Richard, the farmer, is now busy planting the first of the new hedges which will act as field boundaries and wildlife corridors as part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. Included in this scheme are nearly 2km of new paths, open to the public. These will link with existing paths, creating, for example a circular trail into Whirlow Brook Park.

To celebrate the opening of these paths and the Diamond Jubilee of the Ramblers Association, Whirlow Hall Farm is opening its doors on the 2nd July from 11am until 3pm. There will be walks led by members of the RA for all abilities from couch potatoes and toddlers to city slickers and racing snakes. Bring your family and bring a picnic and enjoy some of Sheffield's most accessible and beautiful countryside.

Exchanging megabytes for mega-muck, Sally Beedham of computer company Gremlin Interactive, undertook a sponsored mucking out and raised over £300 for the farm's work with city children. You too, can help move mountains, by taking part in our giant sponsored muckathon on Sunday 21st May. This is, appropriately, Environment Week, and the farm is host to local environmental groups for the day. Come and learn about badgers, local wildlife or how you could branch out into organic gardening. The Farm is open from 11am - 3pm, Adults £1, Children 50p, Under 5's Free.

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Pictures of Dore: Can you identify the location of these standing stones? Answer on page 14.

Ryecroft Farm at War

With the papers full of articles marking the 50th anniversary of VE day and TV showing old black and white newsreel clips of the period, I had a look at some of my fathers farm diaries of the war years. The chief thing to note is that there's hardly any mention of the war. Farming was a reserved occupation and life went along more or less as normal. All the field work was done by horses. There were no electric motors in the buildings. Electricity had only been laid on 12 years earlier and was only used for electric light, and they'd still got the old hurricane lamps stored away if that failed.

Marketing arrangements were altered. Stock was taken to Wadsley Bridge assessment centre and prices fixed by agreement between farmer and butcher. Harold Savage represented the butchers and Jack Shepherd the farmers.

We always used to kill a couple of pigs in the winter and hang up the cured hams and bacon. Because of the food rationing system this had to be declared. Officials from the Town Hall would come and poke round the house to see if there was any unauthorised bacon around, but after a while grandmother realised they never went upstairs, so we usually had a few hams hanging in amongst the clothes in the wardrobe upstairs.

War agricultural committees were set up to advise farmers how to increase production, but they were fairly amateurish affairs. Douglas Bramall was on one and his only qualifications were that he was a feed rep. They allocated artificial fertilisers to each farm, something which then was hardly ever used, and sent nasty letters if the farmer was late using it. I don't know what happened if he couldn't pay.

During the Blitz a bomb fell in Ryecroft Glen just behind the cottage where we lived at the time. After the war a map was published showing where every bomb in Sheffield fell and it's marked on that, though it's not clear whether it went off. Maybe it's still there.

In 1955 the farm men were doing some repairs to a loose box roof and lying on the top of the ceiling boards, underneath the corrugated iron roof they found an incendiary bomb. It was about 2ft long and 5 inches diameter with 4 fins on one end. It had gone through the steel roof and come to rest on the boards underneath, and then the hole had been patched up without anyone noticing it.

The farm men started playing catch with it, and then wanted to saw it open, but mother took it off them saying it was dangerous and might go off. It was our sports day at Dore School, which was being held on the football field behind the Church Hall. Mother put the bomb in a basket and took it up to the sports day field to show me, I was eleven at the time. It was the only bomb I ever saw. After that she found two policemen and gave it them. They drove off with it in their car, between the two front seats. They had a more relaxed attitude to bombs in those days. *Richard Farnsworth*

Can you help

Dore & Totley Luncheon Club, at the United Reformed Church Totley Brook Road provides a day centre for some 16 elderly housebound people every Tuesday. Volunteers to prepare meals, serve, wash up or provide social activities are urgently needed. If you can help once in a while please phone 236 0872.

A model society

Tucked away off Abbeydale Road South, at the start of Ecclesall

Woods, is an outdoor model railway guaranteed to appeal to young and old alike. This summer it will be open to the public on Sundays from May 28th, but excluding the 11th & 25th June, 23rd July, 6th & 23 August.

Sheffield Society of Model & Experimental Engineers caters for every interest in miniature engineering, from live steam locomotives in every gauge from 7 1/4" downwards, through traction engines & steam rollers; model boats; electronics; to stationary engines and tool-making.

The club has its own spacious clubrooms where talks are given by visiting experts and club members have film and slide shows. Outside there are extensive grounds in a woodland setting with both raised and ground level miniature railway tracks, complete with steaming bays, turntable and station areas. There is also a comprehensive library and a wealth of experience and information which members are happy to pass on to others. New members are particularly welcome. For further information please ring the membership secretary, Eric Geesin on 230 6153.

Step Forward

The importance of nursery education is a recurring theme in the news these days. First Steps Nursery School took another step forward earlier this year with the opening of a new room at the Old School, Dore. First Steps are grateful to the Trustees of the Old School who have supported this development, an important village-based activity which mirrors the original use of the building.

Since the school was founded in 1989 it has grown steadily. It now operates for a full five days each week in term-time. With qualified teachers and a range of educational activities, the school now offers a friendly and effective start in education to even more local children.

The school is planning a series of open days this summer. During the week commencing 12 June – on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings – and the afternoon of 9 July, parents and new pupils are invited to see the facilities.

For those who are planning their child's early education, and who would like more information about the school and the open days, please telephone Lynne Stuart on 236 5712 or Margaret Peart on 236 8100. Or you can phone during school on 0836 663184.

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Omumb-Rombong Tree

If you haven't seen an omumb-rombong tree, hurry along to the Graves Art Gallery before 29th May.

The 2-4 year olds of Dore First Steps Nursery have made it. They also have on display:-

A frogspawn collage, Writing about bulbs (Chloe Sumner aged 4)

Monoprints (Nicholas Smith, 4)

Blot prints (Sophie Rawthorne and Sophie Shemwell, both 4)

Artists from King Egbert School whose work is displayed are:-

Neil Shooter (14) Taurus cartoons.

Holly Donson (12) The Mystery of Egypt.

Charlie Barber (12) Eye to Eye.

Liz Edwards (14) Portrait of Fozia.

Dan Brown (17) Strange Happenings.

James Dyson (17) Surrealist Schools.

Nicola Armytage (12) Wicker Chair.

Lucy Waddington (12) Madame Cezanne.

Chris Mountford (13) Still Life.

Louise Robinson (13) and Kathryn Brown (13)

Version of Van Gogh's Sunflowers. Eve Blakey (16) With Apologies to Cezanne.

Perhaps the most striking local paintings are the self portraits of the A level students:-

Simon Dorling (17) Rachel Vernon (17)

Jenni Neal (17) Naomi Peters (17) and Rachel Whittaker (17).

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G. Farnsworth



Dore village green well dressing on the Totley Tunnel theme.

Well Dressing Diary

The origin of Well Dressing in Derbyshire is lost in the annals of time. In the limestone area of the White Peak surface water will have always been in short supply, with villages and farming settlements dependent on water from springs or wells. It is likely then that older pagan customs around maintaining the supply of life giving water were carried forward into the more recent practise of annual thanksgiving services held at the well or spring, itself elaborately decorated for the occasion.

Over the last 40 years or so the custom has been revived in many villages or extended to those for which no earlier records exist. It has even spread beyond The Peak to the suburbs of Sheffield. Throughout the spring and summer a succession of villages now put on a colourful display often associated with a week of village festivities:

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27-30 Wirksworth

27- 2 Middleton By Youlgreave

27- 3 Monyash

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10-18 Ashford

22-28 Cowley Mission

24-29 Youlgreave

24-30 Rowsley

24-30 Litton

24- 1 Hope

24- 2 Bakewell

July

1- 9 Baslow

8-12 Pleasley

9-15 Dore

12-18 Buxton

13-15 Pilsley

14-23 Cutthorpe

15-22 Heath nr Chesterfield

15-22 Longstone

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The Earls and Dukes of Devonshire

The fifth in a series of articles

The First Duke of Devonshire (Part II: 1674-1707)

301 years ago this month William Cavendish, Fourth Earl of Devonshire, was created First Duke of Devonshire. Now in his mid-fifties he could look back on his life at that point with some satisfaction.

His relationship with William and Mary was, as might be expected, close. The matter of his unpaid debt to the exiled King James had been resolved: a committee of lords ruled that Devonshire's plea of peer's privilege had been wrongfully disallowed and, therefore, his committal had been illegal. The record of his conviction was deleted from the file of the exchequer and the promissory note was nullified - £30,000 was a huge sum, even to the house of Cavendish.

In fact the First Duke was spending on a vast scale, having embarked upon transforming Chatsworth House into the 'Palace of the Peak'. The work needed all his considerable income, which since 1690 had incorporated the Crown rights of the High Peak Hundred in addition to valuable lead mining rights around Castleton.

The creation of the new Chatsworth arguably owed as much to the input of the cultured Duke himself as to his architect, William Talman. Any new work which did not line up with expectations was undone and re-styled without regard to cost. For twenty years the Duke's enthusiasm never waned and the pace rarely slowed.

The building which arose from the old Elizabethan foundations presented redesigned south and east fronts and a new west front. The north was last to be finished. As can be seen from a 1699 illustration, the house then faced east - away from the village - rather than west as it does today. Two great painters were employed in the decoration of the magnificent rooms: the Italian Antonio Verrio who had worked at Windsor for Charles II, and the Versailles-inspired Frenchman, Louis Laguerre. Verrio's masterpieces are at their best in the chapel and on the ceiling of the State Dining Room. Laguerre also worked in the chapel but was solely responsible for the state apartments and the wonderful ceiling of the Painted Hall.

Outstanding English artists were brought in too, their workmanship recognised by the Duke as supreme in their field. Work by Samuel Watson, the Heanor sculptor and woodcarver, was for some time mistakenly attributed to the great Grinling Gibbons. Fittings and appointments in the house were nothing short of luxurious; the Duke and Duchess had a marble bath with hot and cold running water as well as flushing water closets with marble bowls.

In the parkland, ambitious landscaping involved the removal of a hill to open up the southerly aspect, then a canal was constructed across the site. A stately formality was imposed on wild nature when it came to the gardens, laid out with avenues, parterres, a bowling green, fountains and the splendid cascade. The end result, as describe by the

present Duchess of Devonshire in her book *The House, A Portrait of Chatsworth* reflects "all that was best in the golden age of architecture".

EXTRAVAGANT AND INDEPENDENT

Throughout the years of his rebuilding of Chatsworth, the Duke continued to enjoy the London lifestyle, with an extravagance which for a time almost got out of hand. On one occasion £1,000 was spent on a masked ball and concert at Kensington. The Duke also gambled huge sums at the races and cock fights, yet he once spared £500 to give to Greenwich Hospital.

Politically he held on to his independent views, prepared to stand apart whenever he disagreed with official Whig policy. At least the pride which formerly led him into duels and arguments was now satisfied with redress at law. A number of lawsuits went his way in the 1690s, at least two arising from horse racing disputes and one concerning hunting rights in the Needwood Forest, of which he was Ranger.

After the death of Queen Mary, the King spent very little time in England and the Duke of Devonshire was one of three lords Justices who stood in to administer the kingdom. In 1702 on the accession of Queen Anne, to whom as a princess Devonshire had offered safety and hospitality at the height of the Glorious Revolution, he was confirmed in all his offices. He served as lord High Steward at the coronation. Although for a time unfounded rumours of treasonable inclinations put a strain on the royal trust, the Duchess of Devonshire remained in the Queen's close circle of friends.

BIRTH AND DEATH

The Duchess was a woman of tact and patience, qualities never attribute to her husband. She was also as virtuous as he was not, though well aware of his infidelities throughout their married life. The Duke had fathered a number of illegitimate children, the last at the age of sixty-five on a teenaged actress whom he had established in a property near his London home, Devonshire House in Piccadilly.

Four months after the birth, his paramour died. The Duke paid for her funeral and had his infant daughter brought to be cared for at Devonshire House. A codicil to his will left £10,000 to the child on her majority or marriage. The death of his young mistress greatly distressed the ageing Duke, already suffering painful and worsening bouts of illness. At Devonshire House on 18 August of the following year, 1707, he died of 'the stone and strangury'.

The body of the First Duke of Devonshire was conveyed in great state to the City and hence to Derby for burial at All Saints Church, now the Cathedral. Of his surviving legitimate children his namesake, William, succeeded to the title.

Julie Bunting

**Deadline for Autumn
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A La Carte

Summer is finally here once again and it's time to put away all those heavy roasting dishes, pots of dried herbs and pudding basins. May has always been the beginning of summers plenty, we can roll out the barbi, dust off the garden furniture and unwrap all our summer outdoor cooking gear.

Produce at its best over the next couple of months includes an abundance of soft fruits and salads, Pousin, Salmon and English goats cheese are said to be at there best in June, while beef, sardines, brill and plaice are at there peak during July and looking ahead to August we will enjoy melon, aubergine, courgette and leeks at there best with meats such as Lamb coming to the fore.

Herbs should be well on there way now, the best part any meal for me is to be able to use fresh herbs grown from my own garden. This year I've been successful with basil, chive, garlic chive, oregano, sage, bay, lemon verbena (wonderful fragrance!), dill, fennel and of course parsley. I've been careful this year not to place potted herbs, which have been enjoying life inside over the spring - into the open air too soon as we are still having some very frosty mornings which herbs do not tend to like, and which I have learnt to my cost!

Why not prepare yourself a classic salad using all that is fresh during this time of year. I've chosen a Greek salad and listed the traditional ingredients, but why not experiment with the same theme. In other words try using other combinations of salads, vegetables and herbs to find your own personal favourites.

Traditional Greek Salad

You will need:

- 1 Lettuce
- 2 Beefsteak tomatoes
- 1/2 sliced cucumber
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 14oz artichoke hearts, quartered (available fresh in June)
- 4oz stoned black olives
- 4oz Feta cheese, diced
- Cottage delight Salad dressing (From Totley Coffee Shoppe of course)
- Fresh oregano, Chervil and lemon to garnish

Method

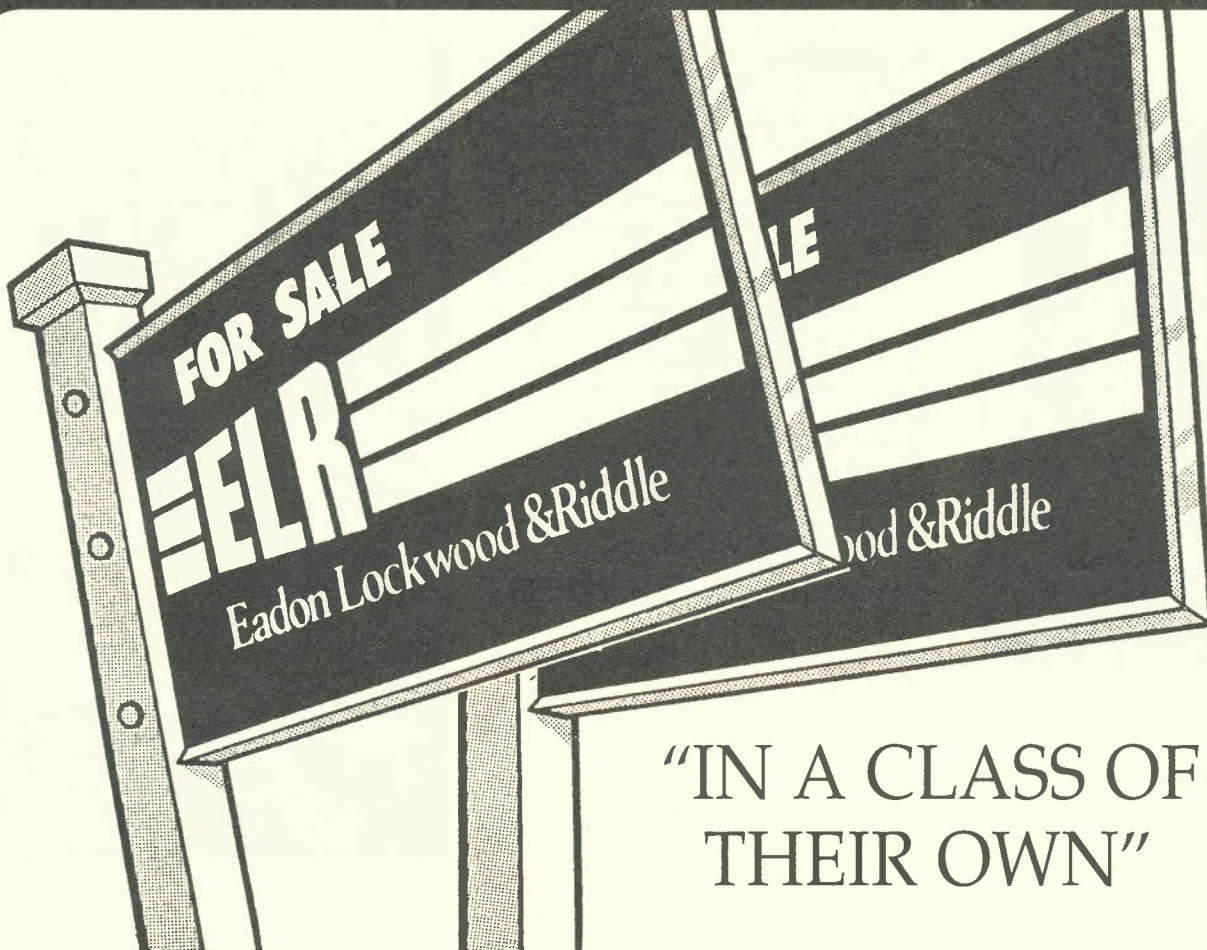
Pull the lettuce apart, wash in iced water and drain well. Pat dry and place in salad bowl. Add tomatoes, cucumber, onion, artichoke hearts, olives and Feta cheese to bowl. Sprinkle over the dressing and enjoy simply with a crusty baguette.

Simon Swift

Totley Coffee Shoppe

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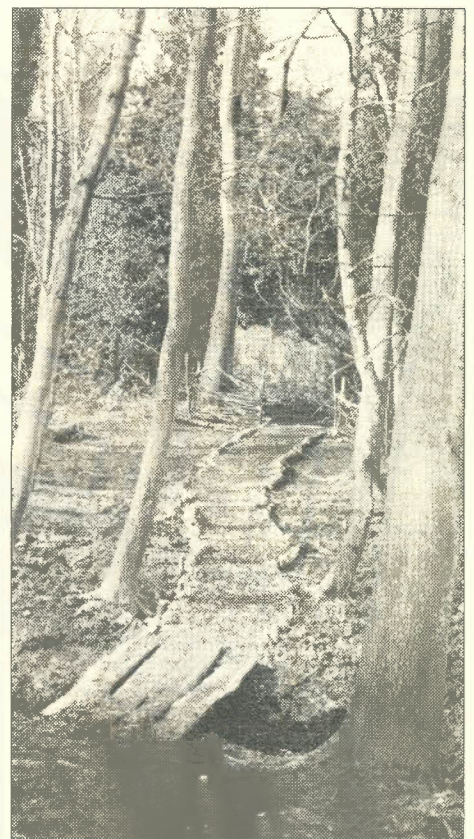


The wide mudway path below Ryecroft Glen.

No picnic!

If you go down in the woods, Ecclesall Woods that is, you may well get a surprise. Dore Venture Scouts have been beavering away improving the footpath at the Ryecroft Glen entrance to the woods, sponsored by the Dore Village Society. They have done an excellent job, laying a new surface across what had become a muddy wasteland, putting in new steps and a bridge over a ditch. Work should continue throughout the year to make the path weather proof, and to tackle two other bad patches near Limb Brook.

Last winter's wet weather has led to many new paths being created in the woods by walkers avoiding the mud and to extensive damage done by horse riders and cyclists leaving the bridleways. The Dore Village Society has recently donated Friends of Ecclesall Woods (FEW) £100 towards the cost of appropriate signs, for erection subject to agreement by the Rights of Way Unit at the Town Hall.



The same footpath after restoration by the Venture Scouts.

The Defeat of Diphtheria

An intriguing item caught my eye, in the Sheffield Independent for January 1st 1895. There was a one-line paragraph:

'Dr. Caley, medical superintendent of the Sheffield City Hospital, has obtained a supply of anti-toxin for the treatment of diphtheria'.

The Sheffield City Hospital was in fact the City Hospitals for Infectious Diseases, with premises at Winter Street and Lodge Moor.

This was an early use of the anti-toxin, it having been developed only 5 years previously by Emil Behring, a German doctor, the first to win the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

The disease was becoming a perennial source of anxiety and in 1895 a total of 122 cases were reported to the medical Officer of Health, of these, 53 cases resulted in death, a mortality rate of 43%. Given the severity of diphtheria it is surprising that only 20 sufferers were admitted to hospital, and one must assume that these would have been the most severe cases, or those coming from the worst family conditions. Of these 20, 5 died (a mortality rate of 25%), indicating that the chances of survival were probably greater if the patient was admitted to hospital. What is not known is how many of the 20 were treated with the anti-toxin.

In 1897 the medical superintendent's report stated that there had, in the past 5 years,

been 676 cases of diphtheria. 602 had been treated at home and 74 had been treated in hospital. Of the home cases 255 patients had died as against only 23 in hospital. The report states:

'It is interesting and satisfactory to note that in each of the last 5 years a lower (death) rate has obtained amongst hospital treated cases Apart from the public advantage gained by isolation in hospital, the advantage accruing to each individual sufferer in the diminished risk of death is by no means inconsiderable'.

From 1903 onwards Lodge Moor Hospital had an isolation block and additional wards and it became possible to treat a higher proportion of patients in hospital.

Diphtheria peaked in 1915, 1926 and in 1936 there were 2,000 notified cases resulting in 86 deaths. The immunisation campaign launched in 1941 safeguarded those children who had been immunised, but did not result in any sudden drop in the incidence of the disease, until the build-up of immunity in the community at large meant that epidemics became a thing of the past. Gradually the magic began to work and notifications began to decrease. There were no cases in 1950 and none in any succeeding year with the exception of 1952 and 1969.

*Mick Spick
Development Officer,
Sheffield Local Studies Library*

Local Violinist

Earlier this year Jameson Cooper, a violinist from Dore, was awarded a scholarship to continue his violin studies with internationally acclaimed teacher Dorothy DeLay, at the prestigious Aspen Music School during the 1995 summer.

Ms. DeLay has a string of top soloists to her name which includes Itzhaak Perlman, Nigel Kennedy, Midori, Cho-Liang Lin and Sarah Chang, to name but a few.

Since qualifying at the Royal Northern College of Music with a G.Mus. (Hons.) and the Professional Performance ~Diploma in 1994, Jameson has been studying with Ms. DeLay, Starling Professor of Violin at the Juilliard School, New York, and Wen Zhon Li, Professor of Violin at the Menuhin School and the RNCM.

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The garden, to the side and rear of the Victorian Manager's House at Abbeydale, is currently a wilderness of brambles, old roses, grass and other unidentified green things gone rampant. There is a great determination among the team at the Hamlet to transform this eyesore into an orderly display of colour and perfume. Once restored, the garden will provide a lasting and attractive feature in this popular venue.

Sponsorship and financial support has come from a variety of sources so far, with the main help from the Abbeydale Garden Company who are doing the garden design free of charge and providing plants, etc. at reduced price. Donations have also been received from the Beauchief Hotel, Yorkshire Water and Beaconside Junior School, Penrith, plus the proceeds of the Hamlet's general donations box will be used towards plants. The estimated cost of this project could well amount to several hundred pounds. Staff and volunteers have pledged their time for preparation and maintenance work, and further sponsors are being sought.

Anybody wishing to help can (a) make a donation to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, or (b) purchase a plant/bush/shrub of their choice from a list held at the Abbeydale Garden centre, or (c) contact staff at Abbeydale if they wish to help in a different way. All donations will receive acknowledgement.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Letters

Dear Sir

My friend, Mr Raymond Schofield of Christchurch, New Zealand, is wishing to find any of his family who may reside in the Dore/Sheffield area.

His great grandfather was David Schofield, born 6 August 1809. His farm was Limpits Farm, Dore, Sheffield. The farm was also known as Halt Farm.

Mr Schofield's great grandmother was Elizabeth, born 14 August 1811. His grandfather, Henry Schofield, was born 23 February 1841. He left home for New Zealand on 9 November 1863. He married in New Zealand, returned to England, but did not prosper, and returned to New Zealand in 1876. Henry Schofield died in 1913.

Henry Schofield's sister, Mary, married James Marshall, and they owned Hall Lane Farm, Totley. Later letters from Mary came from 83 Grove Road, Millhouses. She died 9 April 1908 and was buried 13 April at Ecclesall Church.

Another sister, Hannah, married Heald Unwin and they lived at Totley Park Farm.

A bother, William, was born on 30 June 1849 and helped his father on the farm. He died 30 October 1912 and was buried at Fulwood. The last letter Mr Schofield has is from his son, Percy dated February 1913 and his address was still Limpits Farm, Dore.

I hope these notes are useful in finding members of Mr Schofield's family.

Cora Archer

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Both the memorials, that in the church brass engraved and that on the war memorial bronze cast, were expensive. Many people have kindly donated funds including £370 from the Church Social Committee and £300 from the Dore Village Society. If you would like to support this initiative cheques, made payable to Dore PCC, can be sent to the Vicar the Revd David Williams at 51 Vicarage Lane.

News in Brief

A memorial service will be held for Dorothy Amy Trott, former principal of Dore & Totley High School on Saturday 8th July, 10am at St John's Church, Abbeydale. All are welcome.

Eyam Museum, set up in a converted Methodist chapel just over a year ago, has won one of the first grants from the National Lottery's heritage fund. The money will be used to double the size of the 1665 plague exhibition and for a display of artifacts charting the history of the village since. Eyam village attracts over 150,000 visitors a year.

Budding archers can join a course for beginners on Monday evenings with Abbeydale Archers tel 01246 414872.

A concert by the Thorne Male Voice Choir in aid of Starter Packs for the Homeless is being sponsored by the United Reformed Church on June 22nd at 7.30pm. The "Packs" provide kits of new basic equipment such as bedding and utensils for Sheffield people who have been homeless but are now being housed. Tickets at £2.50 each including refreshments are available from Mr J Martin 236 2403.

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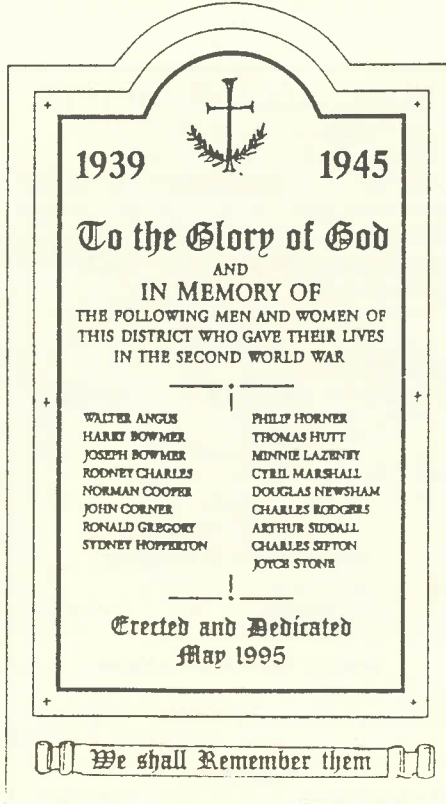
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Reluctant Caliver

In 1587 Ralph Barber of Dore was mustered for the Spanish Invasion. He was described as a Caliver (not to be confused with cavalier). The name was derived from caliver (or callio) which was a gun nearly 5 feet in length. It was lighter and shorter than a musket, fired more rapidly and was used without a rest (or support).

Three years earlier, during the war in Ireland, Queen Elizabeth herself requested "to have in good readyness with furnytures in that County of Derby the number of 200 fotemen" (footsoldiers). The furnyture she referred to was a 'flask, toucheboxe, laces and moulds' for use with the caliver.

An interesting letter sent on 2nd April by the Privy Council at Westminster in 1581 had requested that Derbyshire raise 150m soldiers for service in Ireland and send them to Chester by 15th April. Amusingly the letter was signed, believe it or not, "Yo'verie loving Frends".

Along with Ralph in 1587 were three men from Killamarsh and Totley (the three villages were then in the same manor). William Calton of Totley was also a caliver, Thomas Stone, a Musketeer and Raffe Bestowe was a pikeman who wore a corslett or breastplate. Others at the time might have carried a Bill, an axe blade of iron, sometime hooked or curved, at the end of a long staff.

To be or not to be?..

That is the question. The entertainment industry is one of the UK's biggest earners, and yet it is odd that talented and ambitious young people cannot get the same financial support to meet their training costs, as students of other subjects.

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Dore Show 1995

This year's show will have some 70 classes for Fruit & Vegetable produce, Flowers, Floral Art, Home Cooking, Wine, Crafts, Arts and Junior entries. Those wishing to make an early start on photographic entries will need to note that the class subjects for this year, min 7" x 5", are: Colour photograph of a Flower or Animal; Colour photograph of an Urban Landscape; and Any Black & White photograph.

If you have not already made a note of the date - Saturday 9th September, be sure to keep it free. Lets hope the weather is kind so we can all enjoy the brass band, morris men, side stalls and a bumper crop of entries to the classes.

The show schedule will shortly be available from Greens on Causewayhead Road.

Book Reviews

Mortimer Road the turnpike that failed - Mortimer Road was one of the few turnpike roads that not only failed financially, which was not uncommon, but also did not subsequently become part of the present day A and B road network. It's history is contained in the latest of a series of booklets on local Turnpike Trails written by Howard Smith.

Hans Winthrop Mortimer, squire of Bamford in the 1770's, conceived the idea of turnpiking the ancient Halifax Gate packhorse route between Derbyshire and the West Riding Woollen district. This turnpike followed a spectacular route from Grindleford Bridge to Penistone via Hathersage, Bamford, Ladybower, Moscar, Strines, Agden, Ewden

and Midhopstones.

The booklet enables the present day traveller to follow this dramatic route and provides a mass of historical information illustrated by drawings and sketch maps. Price £2.50.

Totley Rifle Range - "A full blooded dinner can be laid on, the caretakers wife being an admirable cook" is a reference to Mr & Mrs W Johnson, William having been Warden at Totley Rifle Range for nearly three decades until his death in 1949.

Another Johnson, Stephen, has now published "A Short History of the Rifle Range at Totley Sheffield", an excellent book particularly for shooters and local historians.

The range was constructed from 1900 on land formerly part of Totley Common. Apart from occasional criticism by concerned locals

and suggestions that shooting into the sun towards mist covered targets were not ideal conditions, the range has been very successful and certainly played a part in training soldiers for the "front".

I had not realised that, at one time, shots were fired over Baslow Road from a 1000 yard position on the bank near the trig point. It must have been a shock for passing motorists obsessed with the idea of a German attack, (hence the sentry positioned at the entrance to Totley Tunnel).

There are a number of interesting photographs and maps in the book but sadly no index and no address for author or publisher. You can however, buy it at Totley Library price £5, highly recommended as a contribution to our knowledge of Totley's past.

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Burglaris Disembowelis

Burglaris Disembowelis simply means planting impenetrable lethal prickles around your garden perimeters. Holly, rambling roses, gooseberry and many others will provide a painful deterrent for burglars.

Operation Burglaris Disembowelis is run by a Crime Prevention Officer in Saffron Walden. DC Jeff James has appeared on TV programmes promoting the idea and he wants names like 'Firethorn' and 'Berberis' to appear alongside other security names like Chubb and Yale etc.

"What we're saying is nothing new. Defensive planting has been around a long time. The Hague in Holland was named after a huge hedge that encircled and protected the city in the times of Henry VIII. Nobody is suggesting that these replace modern security systems but plants are another way of deterring criminals because they provide a physical barrier".

Another advocate is DC Andy Swain of West Midlands Police.

"If you look at the statistics it is quite clear that the most important areas to protect are the front, side and rear of any property – and this protection should start at the boundary. All too often the security provided by a boundary fence, hedge or wall is neglected, when in fact the boundary of any property is, quite literally, the first line of defence against the uninvited and unwanted visitor. Clearly it is wise to keep hedges and shrubs well clear of front doors to allow good natural surveillance to this area. However, access to the side or rear of premises should be restricted.

One way of making walls and fences difficult to scale is to add ornamental trellis to the top. This looks attractive and provides the perfect opportunity to train prickly climbing roses, which make the flimsy trellis even more hazardous for an intruder to climb. However, do make sure that these prickly plants do not hang over into a neighbouring property or the public highway, where they could cause injury."

It is also advisable to train spiky shrubs around drainpipes and window sills to discourage burglars from climbing. Roses for example when growth beneath ground floor windows can also make it difficult to even get close to the house.

Below are details of some useful plants to combat burglars:-

Pyracantha - 'Orange Glow' (Firethorn) - this has white flowers in June and orange/red berries. It has a thorny stem and grows to a height of 3-4 metres. It is suitable for North or East facing walls or as impenetrable hedging.

Berberis Thunbergii - 'Atropurpurea' (Purple Berberis) has rich purple foliage, thorny stem and is medium sized and deciduous. It will grow in any soil and sunny position.

Juniperus Horizontalis - 'Wiltonii' (Creeping Juniper) also known as 'Blue Rug'. It has a thorny stem and foliage.

Picea Pungens - 'Globosa' (Colorado Blue Spruce) has rigid branches, irregular dense blue spiky needles, is slow growing to a height of 1-1.25 metres.

Ilex Aquifolium - (English or common Holly) is a large shrub with dark green spiky leaves. There are large red berries on female plants only.

A selection of such plants that fit the bill are a much more attractive proposition around your garden than razor wire but are equally effective. The only drawback that I can see, is the length of time it takes for these plants to mature.

Reproduced from *Watchword*, the local neighbourhood watch newsletter.



Policemans Helmet

Policeman's Helmet?

Himalayan Balsam or Policeman's Helmet is a stunning annual flower up to 2m high. It was introduced to Britain by Victorian gardeners and deliberately released into the wild. Although it spread only slowly at first, in the last 50 years it has invaded large areas of countryside — both urban and rural. In some places it is now a serious weed and a threat to native flora. It usually occurs along rivers, streams and in damp woodland. The stunning banks of dense, leafy stems crowd together, bearing masses of snapdragon-like mauve flowers (or Policeman's Helmets). It then produces large seeds with an amazing spring-loaded catapult mechanism for dispersal.

What the City's Ecology Unit would like to know is when and where did you first see the Policeman's Helmet around Sheffield. The first record for the district was 1963, until the Unit recently received a record for the River Don, not far from Hillsborough of 1944/5. Is this our oldest record? When did it appear elsewhere? If you can remember, then Dr. Ian Rotherham of the Sheffield City Ecology Unit would like to hear from you on 0114 276 8588

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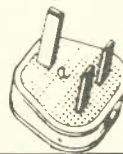
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MAY

- 20 **Open Day.** Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Garden.
- 20 **Spring Fair.** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 10am-12.30pm.
- 20 **Dream Auction.** King Egbert School, 8pm.
- 21 **Muckathon.** Whirlow Hall Farm, 11.00am-3.00pm. (See article)
- 22-19 **June Theatre Group Display,** Totley Library.
- 27-29 **May Fair.** Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Working Days & Fair. 10am to 5pm daily.

JUNE

- 3 **Birds of Twentywellsick & Ladies Spring Wood.** Yorkshire Wildlife Trust guided walk from Dore Station by Paul Medforth. 8.00am start.
- 3 **Antiques Fair.** St John's Scouts, Church Hall, 10am
- 4 **Vintage Car Rally.** Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. 10.00am-11.30am

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Old Village School, Savage Lane

- 12-17 **Play Week.** WIZZ KIDS pre school group, Abbeydale Sports Centre, Table Tennis Building, 9.00am-12.30pm each day. Free.
- 13 **Decorated Eggs.** Talk and demo on eggs from Druids to Faberge by Margaret Smith. Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45 pm. Visitors welcome.
- 14 **Liberal Councillors' Surgery.** Totley Library 5.30pm-7pm.
- 17-24 **Pentecost 95.** Local Church Festival, Green Oaks Park, Details from 236 7021.
- 22 **Visually Impaired Support Group.** 11am, 4 Grove Road, Totley.
- 22 **Thorne & District Male Voice Choir.** Dore & Totley United Reformed Church. 7.30pm. £2.30 incl refreshments. In aid of Starter Packs for the Homeless. Tickets from Jim Martin 236 2403.
- 24 **Barn Dance.** + pie & peas supper. King Egbert School, 7.30pm. Tickets from Sue Lee on 236 5190.
- 29 **Fun Day.** Totley Rise Methodist Playgroup. 9.30am-12.00noon. Bouncy castle, stalls, and much more - everybody welcome.

JULY

DORE FESTIVAL WEEK - see local posters for details

Saturday, 1st) **Dore Motor Show,** Dore Junior School.

Sunday, 2nd)

Tuesday 4th

Summer Concert. + Strawberries & Wine. King Egbert School. £2.50 adults, £1 children. Tickets from Sue Lee 236 5190.

Photographic Record of Dore Village. Dore Village Society, Old School.

44 Years of Amateur Dramatics. Talk by Brian Platts. Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45 pm. Visitors welcome.

Wednesday 5th

As You Like It. Scapegoat Theatre Company, village green.

Thursday 6th

Guided walk of local interest by Dore Village Society
An evening in Vienna. Concert by the Contrasts Chamber Ensemble.

6th to 9th

Flower Festival and exhibition on history of well dressing in Dore

Friday 7th

Summer Concert. Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society. Dore Church Hall. Tickets 236 4246.

Flower Festival - Thanksgiving Service.

Saturday 8th

Scout Gala & Well Dressing. See posters & programme. Parade starts 2.15pm. Gala 2.30pm.

Sunday 9th

Well Dressing Service. Village Green. 3pm.

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Liberal Councillors' Surgery. Totley Library 5.30pm-7pm.

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National Garden Scheme. Fanshawe Gate Hall, Holmesfield. 11am to 5pm. £1.

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Visually Impaired Support Group. 11am, 4 Grove Road, Totley.

AUGUST

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Woodland Adventure. (especially for kids). Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. 11.00am-3.00pm. Friends of Ecclesall Woods.

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Liberal Councillors' Surgery. Totley Library 5.30pm-7pm.

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Bats. Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. 2.00pm-11.00pm. Tel: 0114 276 8588.

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